

Friends of Burlington Gardens 2006 Annual Report

Fulfilling Our Mission

Dear Friends,

Like nature's wheel, which seems to spin us so quickly through the growing season, Friends of Burlington Gardens moved ahead productively in 2006. While continuing to cultivate our most deeply rooted programs, we started fresh with the planting and emergence of new seeds for the future. It has been an exciting year!



Perhaps the best example of our growth is the Vermont Community Garden Network, which now links gardeners in 70 Vermont towns and serves as a model for the nation. As a grassroots organization, Friends of Burlington Gardens is thrilled to see the enthusiasm of new partners around the state, and proud to be able to guide the process by providing technical support and mini-grants for a diversity of dynamic garden projects.

While spreading our wings to reach across Vermont, we continued to stay grounded in Burlington's community and neighborhood gardens. On a summer visit to the Sara Holbrook Garden Day Camp, I was struck by the pride of our young, budding gardeners as they showed me lush beds of herbs, flowers, and vegetables. Though at times the children struggled to capture words to describe their feelings, their infectious enthusiasm filled me with hope for the future.

As board president, I feel both humbled and energized by the mission that Friends of Burlington Gardens has set out to accomplish, which is reflected in four primary goals for 2007:

- increasing public access in Vermont to community gardens and community gardening resources
- developing outreach, education, and service-learning programs promoting the sustainability of community gardens;
- ensuring that youth, seniors, and limited income residents have equal access to gardening opportunities; and
- fostering public awareness and support for community gardening through advocacy, activism, and networking

By contributing to FBG's mission, I hope that you can see yourself as a partner in accomplishing these goals. With your support, I'm confident that together we can help Vermont become a better and even more beautiful place to live.

Linda Berlin
Board President, Friends of Burlington Gardens

Major Goals Achieved

Gardens Created

- Through mini-grant support secured by FBG, twenty-two new community and school gardens were established statewide.
- FBG worked with Sara Holbrook Center Garden day campers to design and paint a colorful vegetable garden mural.
- The Community Teaching Garden expanded at Ethan Allen Homestead; 23 gardeners completed the 20-week program.
- With assistance from FBG and community volunteers, each of Burlington's public schools is now involved in gardening.

Gardens Enhanced

- Collaborating with Gardener's Supply and 15 nonprofit partners, FBG coordinated the first Vermont Community and School Garden Conference, held February 4, 2006. More than 100 people from 50 Vermont communities attended.
- Through the Vermont Community Garden Network, FBG awarded \$10,000 in mini-grants to help 46 community and school gardens statewide purchase compost, top soil, water systems, fencing, tool sheds, bulletin boards, and raised beds.

Gardens Preserved

- The Burlington City Council passed an easement to preserve the Tommy Thompson Community Garden in perpetuity.
- FBG developed VT-GARDEN-NET, a free statewide list serv which has grown to 250 members in 70 communities.
- Feature articles on community gardening appeared in *Vermont Life* magazine, *Vermont Maturity*, *Planning Commissioners Journal*, the *Burlington Free Press*, and *Seven Days*. FBG's garden column appeared monthly in three local newspapers.



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Annual Report

Statement of Financial Position 2006 Program Year 12/1/2005—11/30/2006

Operating Revenues

Grants & Awards	57,303.34
Contributions	19,850.75
Sales & Events	8,219.25
Projects & Services	5,650.53
Interest and rebates	1,309.00

Total Revenues 92,332.87

Operating Expenses

Staffing, benefits	47,993.17
Projects, Programs	19,136.15
Office lease pd. through 10/07	4,500.00
FICA/Medicare Match	3,338.76
Equipment, Supplies	2,505.99
Insurance	1,406.00
Printing, Photocopies	1,183.39
Postage	993.88
Sales, Events	908.72
Mileage	606.50
Phone, Internet, Utilities	500.41
Fees, Dues, Services	465.98
Volunteer Support	393.65

Total Expenses 83,932.60

Balance Sheet

Beginning balance 12/01/05	1,601.03
Net Income 12/1/05—11/30/06	8,400.27
Ending balance 11/30/06	10,001.30

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