

IMPACT REPORT 2025

Right now, somewhere in our Garden, a child is marveling at a colorful bloom. A family is discovering music growing out of the ground in our Harmony Garden. A volunteer is removing invasive species, making space for native plants to thrive.

These moments happen every week. We need your help to keep them happening.

The past few years have brought real growth — the new Chumash Heritage Garden, an enhanced Children's Garden, upgraded infrastructure including new picnic patios, botanical sculptures, and expanding programs like the Faerie Festival and Nature Lights. Most importantly, we've moved from recovery closer to financial stability. None of it happened without this community.

Here's something not everyone knows: we receive no funding from the County or Parks system. Every plant, every free family day, every staff member — all of it depends on people like you.

Operating costs don't pause between seasons. **A gift this summer goes directly to keeping the Garden open, staffed, and thriving.**

It takes a community to make a garden grow. Thank you for being part of ours.



Janine Stillman

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Executive Director, SLO Botanical Garden

P.S. — Studies show that P.S. lines are among the most-read parts of any letter, so here's what we most want you to know: a gift of any amount — \$10, \$50, \$500 — goes directly to work in the Garden. Donate online at slobg.org or return the enclosed envelope.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ping Tsao, President - Tamara Blett - Karl Collins - Bern Singesen - Eve Vigil

2023

Established Chumash Garden
Renovated Play Meadow in
Children's Garden
Expanded Gift Shop
Added Picnic Patio
Added *SLO Bouquet Sculpture*
& *Hearts of Gold Fountain*

Plus First Faerie Festival



2024

Added Sundial Garden
Refreshed Firesafe Garden
(new plantings) and added Sculpture
Replaced Interpretive Signs
Upgraded Nursery Fencing

Plus First Lady Bug Release Day &
Boo-Tanical Garden Party
Monthly Nature Sundays begin



2025

Added Kinetic Sculpture & Stage
in Children's Garden
Replaced Nursery Shade Cloth
Upgraded Interpretive Signs in
Children's Garden
Replaced Plant ID signs in Display Garden
Planted an expanded Zoo Garden
Remodeled Rock Wall Patio
& added 2nd Picnic Patio
Rebuilt Picnic Bench & added Shade Structure
Improved Parking Lot across from Garden



OUR PATH FORWARD

Improve the
Physical Garden

Deliver Excellent
Educational
Programs

Increase
Volunteer
Engagement

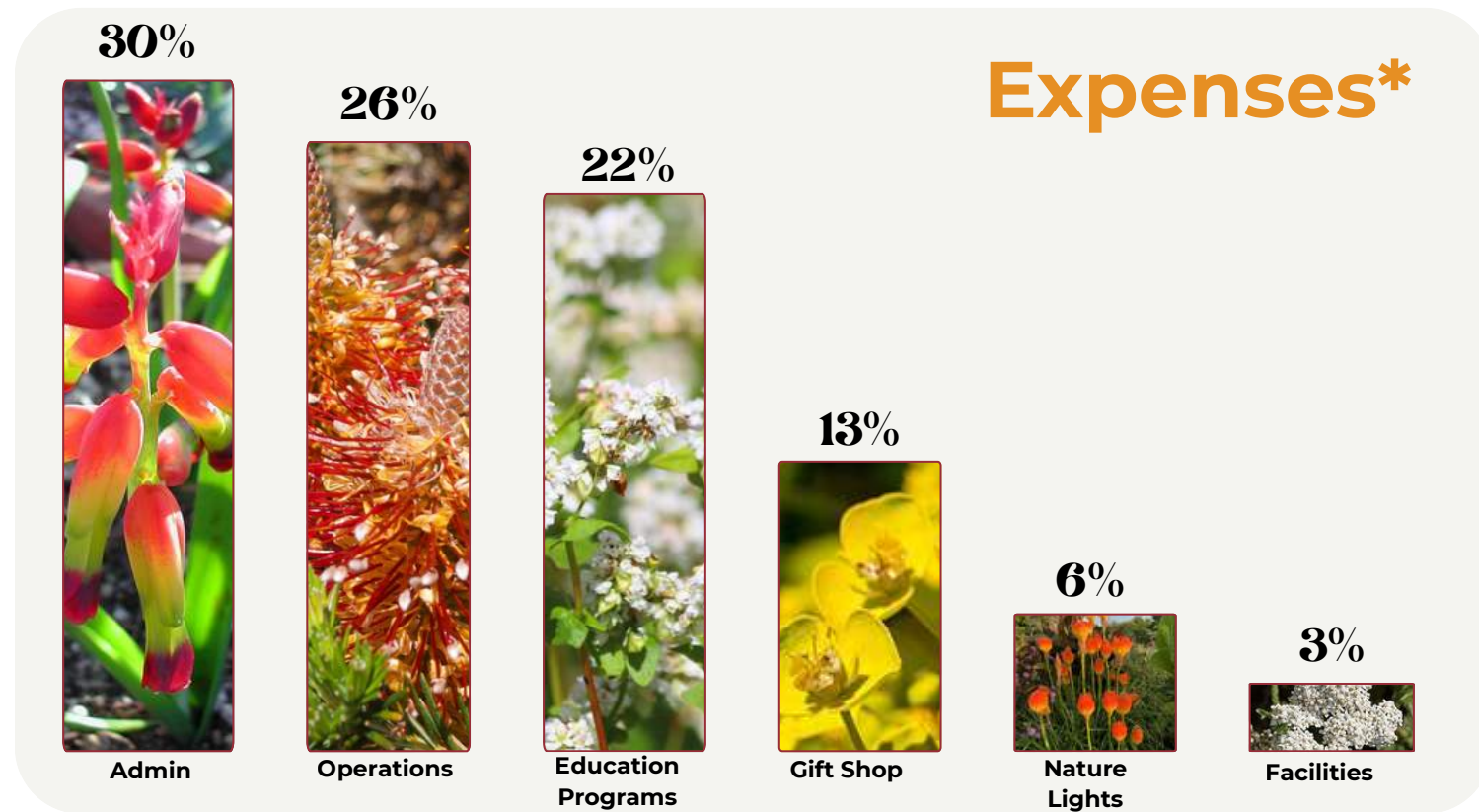
Deliver
high-quality,
well
supported
events

Admin Operations Education Programs Gift Shop Nature Lights Facilities

2025 FINANCIALS (\$633,500)



Note: The Garden receives no funding from County Parks & Recreation or San Luis Obispo City or County Government.

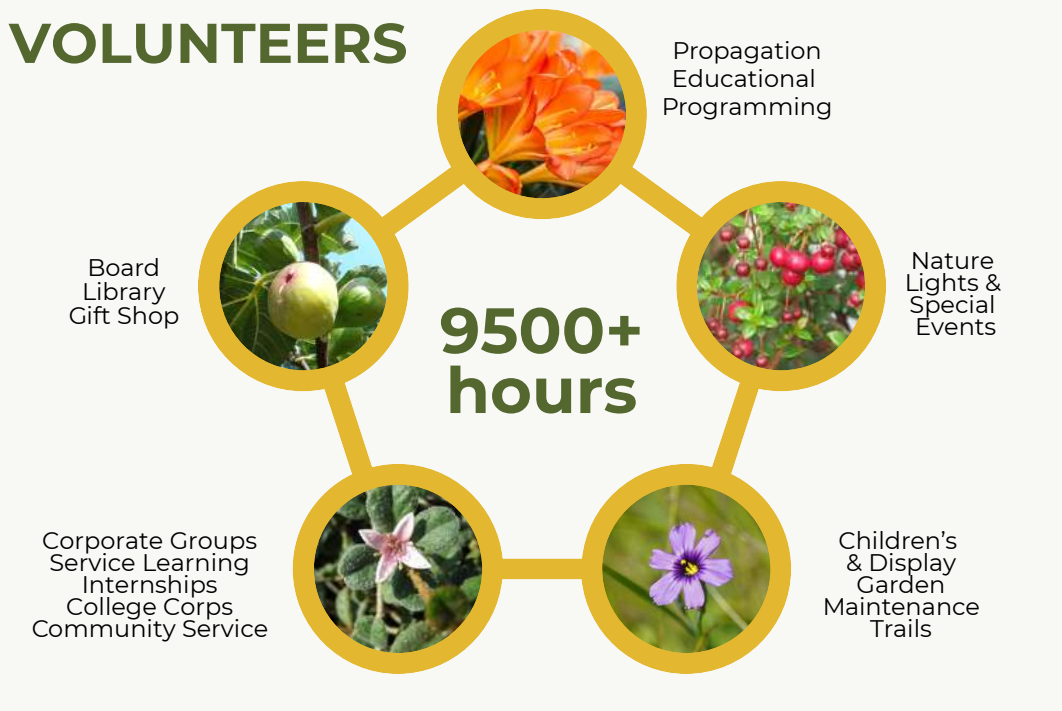


*Expenses include allocation for staff salaries



A sneak peek at our new Garden Guide map!

VOLUNTEERS



Experience

30k

Visitors

Including: Free Days: 4700+
Nature Nights: 5500+
School Tours: 2300+

Education

50+

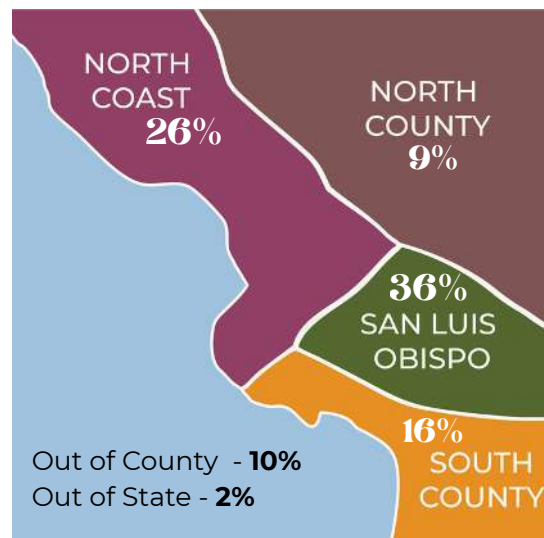
Events & Programs

Become a member

Your support as a member sustains the Garden and gets you great benefits..



OUR MEMBERS



Conservation

150+

CA Natives Planted