

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

Form 990

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
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2023
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A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning OCT 1, 2023 and ending SEP 30, 2024

B Check if applicable: C Name of organization: DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, INC. D Employer identification number: 86-0136925
E Telephone number: 480-941-1225
G Gross receipts \$: 28,813,472.
H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?
H(b) Are all subordinates included?
I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3)
J Website: WWW.DBG.ORG
K Form of organization: Corporation
L Year of formation: 1937
M State of legal domicile: AZ

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 1-7a Activities & Governance, 8-12 Revenue, 13-19 Expenses, 20-22 Net Assets or Fund Balances.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here: Signature of officer MARGARET BURKE, CFOO
Date
Paid: Print/Type preparer's name AMY A. O'LOUGHLIN, Preparer's signature AMY A. O'LOUGHLIN, Date 02/14/25, PTIN P00869687
Preparer Use Only: Firm's name CBIZ ADVISORS, LLC, Firm's EIN 34-1884125, Firm's address 4722 N 24TH ST, STE 300, PHOENIX, AZ 85016, Phone no. 602-264-6835

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions [X] Yes [] No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: THE GARDEN'S COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY IS TO ADVANCE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION, RESEARCH, EXHIBITION AND CONSERVATION OF DESERT PLANTS OF THE WORLD WITH EMPHASIS ON THE SONORAN DESERT. WE WILL ENSURE THAT THE GARDEN IS ALWAYS A COMPELLING ATTRACTION THAT BRINGS TO LIFE THE MANY

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [] Yes [X] No If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 16,951,119. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 15,163,809.) HORTICULTURE - PROPAGATING & MAINTAINING A LIVING PLANT COLLECTION OF OVER 50,000 DESERT PLANTS WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THOSE INHABITING THE SONORAN DESERT, MANY OF WHICH ARE ENDANGERED SPECIES. THIS PROGRAM ALSO WORKS TO PRESERVE DESERT PLANT LIFE OUTSIDE OF ITS COLLECTION BY EDUCATING THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE BEAUTY, VARIETY AND FRAGILITY OF DESERT PLANT LIFE BY DISPLAYING AND INTERPRETING ITS COLLECTION FOR THE PUBLIC AT ITS GARDEN IN PHOENIX, AZ WHICH IN THE CURRENT YEAR ATTRACTED OVER 520,000 VISITORS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

EDUCATION - PROVIDES PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN, ADULTS, AND EDUCATORS THAT PROMOTE GREATER ENJOYMENT, UNDERSTANDING AND STEWARDSHIP OF THE SONORAN DESERT. CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING AT THE DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 16,951,119.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational status, lobbying, and financial reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 covering various organizational requirements.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c regarding Form 1096 and backup withholding rules.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Includes questions 2a through 17 regarding employee counts, tax returns, gross income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members... 1b Enter the number of voting members included... 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship... 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties... 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents... 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets... 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders... 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body... 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body... 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 11b Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions. 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed AL, AK, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. [X] Own website [] Another's website [X] Upon request [] Other (explain on Schedule O)
19 Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
MARGARET BURKE, CFOO - 480-941-1225
1201 N GALVIN PARKWAY, PHOENIX, AZ 85008

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) KENNETH SCHUTZ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00			X			486,947.	0.	30,110.	
(2) MARGARET BURKE CHIEF FINANCIAL & OPERATING OFFICER	40.00			X			253,310.	0.	43,346.	
(3) MIKE REMEDI CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	40.00				X		222,876.	0.	29,034.	
(4) KIMBERLIE MCCUE CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICER	40.00				X		182,762.	0.	36,027.	
(5) ELAINE MCGINN CHIEF EXPERIENCE OFFICER	40.00				X		193,413.	0.	21,918.	
(6) TINA WILSON SR DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE	40.00				X		159,851.	0.	20,260.	
(7) JAMES GENTILE SR DIRECTOR IT (TERM 11/15/23)	40.00				X		150,300.	0.	15,667.	
(8) AMANDA BURKE VICE PRESIDENT	5.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(9) AMY FLOOD IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	5.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(10) ANN EWEN TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(11) ANN STANTON VICE PRESIDENT	5.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(12) BARRY K. FINGERHUT TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(13) BILL RUBIN TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(14) BRUCE MACDONOUGH TREASURER	5.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(15) CHRIS KLINE TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(16) DAN PEREZ TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(17) DAVID MARTINEZ III TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) DIANA GREGORY TRUSTEE	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) EDGARDO RIVERA TRUSTEE	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) GERI MINGURA TRUSTEE	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) HAROLD C. DORENBECHER PRESIDENT	10.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(22) JAMEY WETMORE TRUSTEE	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(23) JAN LEWIS TRUSTEE	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(24) JANE JOZOFF TRUSTEE	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(25) JOE COLIANNI TRUSTEE	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(26) JOETTE SCHMIDT TRUSTEE	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
1b Subtotal								1,649,459.	0.	196,362.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								1,649,459.	0.	196,362.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization 18

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	X	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
180 DEGREES 4955 N 7TH AVE, PHOENIX, AZ 85013	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS RELATED TO	5,649,521.
KITCHELL PEREZ LLC, 4450 N 12TH STREET SUITE 234, PHOENIX, AZ 85014	CONSTRUCTION AND WORK PERFORMED RELATED	1,261,748.
MASTERCORP COMMERCIA SERVICES P O BOX 440126, NASHVILLE, TN 37214	OUTSIDE JANITORIAL SERVICES	350,608.
LANE TERRALEVER, 645 E MISSOURI AVE SUITE 400, PHOENIX, AZ 85012	MARKETING	159,522.
LAUNCH PM 8715 E CAMELBACK RD, SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251	PROJECT MANAGEMENT FEES RELATED TO HAZEL	142,364.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization 23

SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)										
(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(27) JOHN BURNSIDE TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(28) JULIE WILLIAMS TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(29) KATE BAKER TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(30) KATHLEEN TADDEI TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(31) KATHY MUNSON TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(32) LAURA A. LO BIANCO SECRETARY	5.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(33) LINDA ELLIOTT TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(34) LINDA NORQUIST TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(35) LORI A. HIGUERA TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(36) LUIS AVILA TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(37) MARK LANDY TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(38) MARTIN HARVIER TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(39) MARY HOVDEN TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(40) MELANIE STUCKENBERG TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(41) PAUL J. MOUNTAIN TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(42) QUINTIN BOYCE TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(43) REA MAYER TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(44) REBECCA AILES-FINE TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(45) ROBERT S. REDER TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(46) SARA SCHAEFER TRUSTEE	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
Total to Part VII, Section A, line 1c										

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees <i>(continued)</i>										
(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(47) SCOTT BURDICK TRUSTEE	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(48) SHELLEY COHN TRUSTEE	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(49) THOMAS R. JONES TRUSTEE	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(50) TIMOTHY LONG TRUSTEE	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(51) URSULA GANGADEAN TRUSTEE	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Total to Part VII, Section A, line 1c										

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
			Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b	1,470,540.			
	c	Fundraising events	1c	284,650.			
	d	Related organizations	1d	731,417.			
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	693,707.			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	6,026,745.			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 132,990.			
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		9,207,059.			
	Program Service Revenue	2 a	ADMISSIONS	Business Code			
			900099	9,398,033.	9,398,033.		
b		MEMBERSHIP DUES	900099	2,266,966.	2,266,966.		
c		GROUP SERVICES	900099	627,922.	627,922.		
d		EDUCATIONAL CLASSES	611600	120,350.	120,350.		
e							
f		All other program service revenue					
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f		12,413,271.			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		425,202.		425,202.	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5	Royalties					
	6 a	Gross rents	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b				
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c				
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
				457,985.			
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b	0.	261,765.		
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c	457,985.	-261,765.		
d	Net gain or (loss)		196,220.		196,220.		
8 a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 284,650. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18						
		8a	3,044,227.				
		8b	1,372,915.				
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		1,671,312.		1,671,312.		
9 a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19						
		9a					
		9b					
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10 a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances						
		10a	3,250,964.				
		10b	515,190.				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		2,735,774.	2,735,774.			
Miscellaneous Revenue	11 a	OTHER INCOME	Business Code				
			900099	14,764.	14,764.		
	b						
	c						
	d	All other revenue					
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		14,764.				
12	Total revenue. See instructions		26,663,602.	15,163,809.	0.	2,292,734.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX X

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 ...				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	816,297.	599,429.	78,514.	138,354.
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	11,128,767.	8,176,370.	1,077,825.	1,874,572.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	412,136.	295,039.	39,620.	77,477.
9 Other employee benefits	1,136,813.	849,909.	95,906.	190,998.
10 Payroll taxes	887,507.	659,193.	72,516.	155,798.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal	44,077.		44,077.	
c Accounting	51,488.		51,488.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	2,503,703.	1,573,891.	47,542.	882,270.
12 Advertising and promotion	591,969.	514,375.	38,734.	38,860.
13 Office expenses	1,050,922.	726,687.	26,658.	297,577.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	492,540.	328,418.	13,264.	150,858.
17 Travel	329,689.	168,369.	106,215.	55,105.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials ...				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	23,827.		23,827.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,409,683.	1,212,328.	140,968.	56,387.
23 Insurance	362,268.	311,550.	36,227.	14,491.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <u>MERCHANT AND PERMIT FEE</u>	595,155.	71,048.	517,458.	6,649.
b <u>HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE</u>	475,243.	309,911.	43,706.	121,626.
c <u>REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE</u>	369,351.	324,197.	32,253.	12,901.
d <u>UTILITIES</u>	322,438.	275,398.	28,954.	18,086.
e All other expenses _____	633,098.	555,007.	24,634.	53,457.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	23,636,971.	16,951,119.	2,540,386.	4,145,466.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	8,541,839.	1	9,977,926.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	8,098,660.	2	3,971,321.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	5,318,917.	3	2,758,412.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	171,495.	4	165,208.
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	36,167.	8	24,821.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	1,609,752.	9	1,753,788.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 55,786,238.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 26,100,355.	22,766,609.	10c 29,685,883.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	11,559,290.	11	11,313,411.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	892,396.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets	233,858.	14	1,360,858.
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	16,819,218.	15	19,949,903.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	75,155,805.	16	81,853,927.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,789,391.	17	3,358,581.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	2,650,522.	19	2,503,763.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	738,755.	24	631,124.
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	291,605.	25	158,249.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	6,470,273.	26	6,651,717.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	37,355,570.	27	40,461,293.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	31,329,962.	28	34,740,917.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	68,685,532.	32	75,202,210.
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	75,155,805.	33	81,853,927.	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	26,663,602.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	23,636,971.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	3,026,631.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	68,685,532.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	426,772.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	3,063,275.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	75,202,210.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

Form **990** (2023)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization <p style="text-align: center;">DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, INC.</p>	Employer identification number <p style="text-align: center;">86-0136925</p>
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	7,105,439.	7,884,947.	14,268,300.	9,327,927.	9,207,059.	47,793,672.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	7,105,439.	7,884,947.	14,268,300.	9,327,927.	9,207,059.	47,793,672.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						5,766,607.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						42,027,065.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	7,105,439.	7,884,947.	14,268,300.	9,327,927.	9,207,059.	47,793,672.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	22,671.	352.	11,203.	212,576.	425,202.	672,004.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)					14,764.	14,764.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						48,480,440.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	83,369,936.
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2023 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	86.69 %
15 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	89.30 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2023. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test - 2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge ...						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources ...						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2023 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2023 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2023. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 11: Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons? Sub-rows 11a, 11b, 11c.

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? Row 2: Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization?

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)?

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided? Row 2: Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? Row 3: By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year?

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions). Sub-rows a, b, c. Row 2: Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below. Sub-rows a, b. Row 3: Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below. Sub-rows a, b.

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (*explain in Part VI*). **See instructions.**
 All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - <i>provide details in Part VI</i>)	5
6	Other distributions (<i>describe in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	6
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (<i>provide details in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2023	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2023
1 Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reasonable cause required - <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023			
a From 2018			
b From 2019			
c From 2020			
d From 2021			
e From 2022			
f Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2023 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2023. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2024. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2019			
b Excess from 2020			
c Excess from 2021			
d Excess from 2022			
e Excess from 2023			

Schedule A (Form 990) 2023

Part VI Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information.
 (See instructions.)

SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION FOR OTHER INCOME:

OTHER INCOME

2023 AMOUNT: \$ 14,764.

Schedule B
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.
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2023

Name of the organization

DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, INC.

Employer identification number

86-0136925

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000; or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990) (2023)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 1,058,938.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 500,329.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 275,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 257,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 250,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 200,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 166,667.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 152,525.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 150,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 150,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
11	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 731,417.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this info. once.) \$ _____
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. Attach to Form 990.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization: DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, INC. Employer identification number: 86-0136925

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate value of contributions, grants, and end of year, and two yes/no questions about donor property and grant fund usage.

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include purpose of easements, total number and acreage, number of easements on historic structures, and monitoring expenses.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include whether the organization elected to report art collections and the revenue/assets included.

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Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply).
- a Public exhibition
 - b Scholarly research
 - c Preservation for future generations
 - d Loan or exchange program
 - e Other _____
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	16,085,445.	14,906,516.	19,127,527.	16,798,399.	16,398,168.
b Contributions	24,610.	15,855.	34,111.	69,668.	20,916.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	3,627,515.	1,896,955.	-3,539,058.	2,941,702.	1,130,296.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	736,816.	733,881.	716,064.	682,242.	750,981.
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	19,000,754.	16,085,445.	14,906,516.	19,127,527.	16,798,399.

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____%
 - b Permanent endowment 100 _____%
 - c Term endowment _____%
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations? | | X |
| (ii) Related organizations? | X | |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? <input type="checkbox"/> | X | |
- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings		21,540,055.	9,464,324.	12,075,731.
c Leasehold improvements		20,268,051.	13,156,982.	7,111,069.
d Equipment		3,413,243.	2,947,727.	465,516.
e Other		10,564,889.	531,322.	10,033,567.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				29,685,883.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B))		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 13, col. (B))		

Part IX Other Assets

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) CASH SURRENDER VALUE OF LIFE INSURANCE	24,820.
(2) BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN NET ASSETS OF DBG FOUNDATION	19,587,955.
(3) RIGHT-OF-USE OPERATING LEASE ASSET	337,128.
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B))	19,949,903.

Part X Other Liabilities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) ANNUITY PAYMENT LIABILITY	21,121.
(3) RIGHT-OF-USE OPERATING LEASE LIABILITY	137,128.
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))	158,249.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ...

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	31,093,041.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	426,772.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	677,627.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	261,765.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,366,164.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	29,726,877.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	-3,063,275.
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	-3,063,275.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	26,663,602.

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	24,314,598.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	677,627.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	677,627.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	23,636,971.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	23,636,971.

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART III, LINE 1A:

COLLECTIONS INCLUDE THE GARDEN'S LIBRARY AND LIVING PLANT COLLECTION,

WHICH ARE ON DISPLAY FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THESE COLLECTION ITEMS ARE

NOT CAPITALIZED BY THE GARDEN. THE GARDEN'S LIBRARY CONSISTS OF OVER 500

BOTANICAL PERIODICALS AND OVER 8,879 RARE BOOKS, INCLUDING FLORISTIC,

ECOLOGICAL AND HORTICULTURAL WORKS THAT RELATE TO THE DESERTS OF THE

WORLD. THE LIBRARY ALSO INCLUDES MATERIALS ON BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION,

PLANT TAXONOMY AND NOMENCLATURE, EDIBLE AND USEFUL PLANTS, RARE AND

ENDANGERED PLANTS, AND DESERT ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION. THE HERBARIUM

COLLECTION IS AVAILABLE FOR USE BY STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, AND RESEARCHERS

GLOBALLY. BASED ON AN INDEPENDENT STUDY CONDUCTED IN 2005 BY AN ADVISOR

FROM ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, A VALUE OF \$20 WAS ESTIMATED FOR EACH

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

UNPROCESSED HERBARIUM SPECIMEN AND A VALUE OF \$35 WAS ESTIMATED FOR EACH PROCESSED HERBARIUM SPECIMEN. ADJUSTING THESE AMOUNTS IN 2024 FOR THE ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ("CPI"), THE GARDEN ESTIMATED THAT THE VALUE OF EACH UNPROCESSED SPECIMEN IS APPROXIMATELY \$31 AND THE PROCESSED SPECIMEN VALUE IS APPROXIMATELY \$54, FOR AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF HERBARIUM SPECIMENS IN THE APPROXIMATE VALUE OF \$5,710,000. IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRACTICE FOLLOWED BY MANY GARDENS, SPECIMENS CONTRIBUTED TO THE GARDEN ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ACCOMPANYING CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. COSTS OF PURCHASING COLLECTION ITEMS ARE INCLUDED AS A CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS IN PROGRAM EXPENSE IN THE ACCOMPANYING CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS. THE GARDEN'S POLICY IS TO NOT DISPOSE OR OTHERWISE SELL COLLECTION ITEMS, HOWEVER SHOULD SUCH NEED ARISE, THE GARDEN'S POLICY IS TO USE THE PROCEED FROM DEACCESSIONED COLLECTION ITEMS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW COLLECTION ITEMS AND/OR THE DIRECT CARE OF EXISTING COLLECTIONS. THE GARDEN DEFINES DIRECT CARE AS AN INVESTMENT THAT ENHANCES THE LIFE, USEFULNESS, OR QUALITY OF A GARDEN'S COLLECTIONS. DURING THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023, PURCHASED ACQUISITIONS AND DE-ACCESSIONS OF COLLECTION ITEMS WERE NOT SIGNIFICANT.

PART III, LINE 4:

COLLECTIONS INCLUDE THE GARDEN'S LIBRARY AND LIVING PLANT COLLECTION, WHICH ARE ON DISPLAY FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THESE COLLECTION ITEMS ARE NOT CAPITALIZED BY THE GARDEN. THE GARDEN'S LIBRARY CONSISTS OF OVER 500 BOTANICAL PERIODICALS AND OVER 8,879 RARE BOOKS, INCLUDING FLORISTIC, ECOLOGICAL AND HORTICULTURAL WORKS THAT RELATE TO THE DESERTS OF THE WORLD. THE LIBRARY ALSO INCLUDES MATERIALS ON BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION, PLANT TAXONOMY AND NOMENCLATURE, EDIBLE AND USEFUL PLANTS, RARE AND

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

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GLOBALLY. BASED ON AN INDEPENDENT STUDY CONDUCTED IN 2005 BY AN ADVISOR
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UNPROCESSED HERBARIUM SPECIMEN AND A VALUE OF \$35 WAS ESTIMATED FOR EACH
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OF EACH UNPROCESSED SPECIMEN IS APPROXIMATELY \$31 AND THE PROCESSED
SPECIMEN VALUE IS APPROXIMATELY \$54, FOR AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF HERBARIUM
SPECIMENS IN THE APPROXIMATE VALUE OF \$5,710,000. IN CONFORMITY WITH THE
PRACTICE FOLLOWED BY MANY GARDENS, SPECIMENS CONTRIBUTED TO THE GARDEN ARE
NOT INCLUDED IN THE ACCOMPANYING CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. COSTS
OF PURCHASING COLLECTION ITEMS ARE INCLUDED AS A CHANGE IN NET ASSETS
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS IN PROGRAM EXPENSE IN THE ACCOMPANYING
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS. THE
GARDEN'S POLICY IS TO NOT DISPOSE OR OTHERWISE SELL COLLECTION ITEMS,
HOWEVER SHOULD SUCH NEED ARISE, THE GARDEN'S POLICY IS TO USE THE PROCEED
FROM DEACCESSIONED COLLECTION ITEMS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW COLLECTION
ITEMS AND/OR THE DIRECT CARE OF EXISTING COLLECTIONS. THE GARDEN DEFINES
DIRECT CARE AS AN INVESTMENT THAT ENHANCES THE LIFE, USEFULNESS, OR
QUALITY OF A GARDEN'S COLLECTIONS. DURING THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,
2024 AND 2023, PURCHASED ACQUISITIONS AND DE-ACCESSIONS OF COLLECTION
ITEMS WERE NOT SIGNIFICANT.

PART V, LINE 4:

THE GARDEN'S ENDOWMENT CONSISTS OF FUNDS ESTABLISHED FOR THE FUTURE
PROSPERITY OF THE GARDEN. THE ENDOWMENT INCLUDES ONLY DONOR-RESTRICTED
ENDOWMENT FUNDS - HELD IN PERPETUITY. IT IS HELD AND ADMINISTERED BY

Schedule D (Form 990) 2023

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN FOUNDATION, A RELATED SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION.

PART X, LINE 2:

DBG AND THE FOUNDATION QUALIFY AS TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS UNDER SECTION

501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ("IRC") AND, ACCORDINGLY, THERE IS

NO PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES. IN ADDITION, DBG AND THE FOUNDATION QUALIFY

FOR THE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 170 OF THE IRC AND

HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE NOT PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS.

DBG AGAVE IS A DISREGARDED ENTITY FOR TAX PURPOSES. INCOME DETERMINED TO

BE UNRELATED BUSINESS TAXABLE INCOME WOULD BE TAXABLE.

DBG AND THE FOUNDATION FILE INFORMATION RETURNS IN THE U.S. FEDERAL

JURISDICTION AND IN CERTAIN STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WHEN THERE IS

TAXABLE INCOME. AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, U.S. FEDERAL INFORMATION RETURNS

FOR YEARS ENDED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 AND STATE RETURNS FOR YEARS

ENDED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 WERE CLOSED TO ASSESSMENT. INTEREST AND

PENALTIES, IF ANY, ARE ACCRUED AS A COMPONENT OF ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

WHEN ASSESSED.

THE GARDEN ACCOUNTS FOR UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE

PROVISIONS OF FASB ASC 740, INCOME TAXES BY APPLYING A

MORE-LIKELY-THAN-NOT THRESHOLD TO THE RECOGNITION AND DE-RECOGNITION OF

UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS IN EARNINGS IN THE YEAR OF SUCH CHANGE. THE GARDEN

EVALUATES POTENTIAL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS, IF ANY, ON A CONTINUAL BASIS

THROUGH REVIEW OF THEIR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, REVIEW OF THEIR REGULAR

TAX FILINGS, AND DISCUSSIONS WITH OUTSIDE EXPERTS. THE GARDEN HAS

IDENTIFIED ITS STATUS AS AN EXEMPT ORGANIZATION AS A TAX POSITION;

HOWEVER, THE GARDEN HAS DETERMINED THAT SUCH TAX POSITION DOES NOT RESULT

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

IN AN UNCERTAINTY THAT REQUIRES RECOGNITION.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

GAIN/LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT 261,765.

PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

CHANGE IN BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN NET ASSETS OF DBG
FOUNDATION -3,063,275.

**SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

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Name of the organization DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, INC.	Employer identification number 86-0136925
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Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

- 1 For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- 2 For grantmakers.** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.
- 3 Activities per Region.** (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in the region	(d) Activities conducted in the region (by type) (such as, fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in the region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region
EUROPE	0		AUTHOR FOR BOOK FEATURED IN DBG BOOK CLUB	REIMBURSED AUTHOR'S TRAVEL EXPENSES TO PARTICIPATE IN DBG BOOK CLUB	1,885.
AUSTRALIA	0		CONTRACTED SERVICES	REIMBURSED AUTHOR TRAVEL EXPENSES TO PARTICIPATE IN DBG BOOK CLUB	935.
3 a Subtotal	0	0			2,820.
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0.
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			2,820.

Part II **Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)

- 2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of noncash assistance	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see the Instructions for Form 926)* Yes No

- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see the Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; don't file with Form 990)* Yes No

- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations (see the Instructions for Form 5471)* Yes No

- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see the Instructions for Form 8621)* Yes No

- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see the Instructions for Form 8865)* Yes No

- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see the Instructions for Form 5713; don't file with Form 990)* Yes No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information. See instructions.

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE G
(Form 990)**

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, INC.	Employer identification number 86-0136925
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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

a <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations	e <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants
b <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations	f <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants
c <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations	g <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events
d <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations	
- 2 a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No
- b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
Total						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))	
		LUMINARIA (event type)	DINNER IN THE DESERT (event type)	3 (total number)		
Revenue	1	1,692,052.	817,814.	819,011.	3,328,877.	
	2	0.	170,750.	113,900.	284,650.	
	3	1,692,052.	647,064.	705,111.	3,044,227.	
Direct Expenses	4					
	5					
	6					
	7					
	8					
	9	466,802.	319,465.	586,648.	1,372,915.	
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				1,372,915.
	11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				1,671,312.

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))	
Revenue	1					
	2					
Direct Expenses	3					
	4					
	5					
	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8	Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain: _____

11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility	13a	_____ %
b An outside facility	13b	_____ %

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name _____

Address _____

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party \$ _____

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name _____

Address _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name _____

Gaming manager compensation \$ _____

Description of services provided _____

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See instructions.

Part IV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
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Name of the organization

DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, INC.

Employer identification number

86-0136925

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b** Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1b		
2		
4a		X
4b	X	
4c		X
5a		X
5b		X
6a		X
6b		X
7	X	
8		X
9		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2023

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note: The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) KENNETH SCHUTZ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	(i)	486,947.	0.	0.	16,500.	13,610.	517,057.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(2) MARGARET BURKE CHIEF FINANCIAL & OPERATING OFFICER	(i)	253,310.	0.	0.	13,337.	30,009.	296,656.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(3) MIKE REMEDI CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	(i)	222,876.	0.	0.	10,500.	18,534.	251,910.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(4) KIMBERLIE MCCUE CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICER	(i)	182,762.	0.	0.	9,728.	26,299.	218,789.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(5) ELAINE MCGINN CHIEF EXPERIENCE OFFICER	(i)	193,413.	0.	0.	9,728.	12,190.	215,331.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(6) TINA WILSON SR DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE	(i)	159,851.	0.	0.	8,050.	12,210.	180,111.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(7) JAMES GENTILE SR DIRECTOR IT (TERM 11/15/23)	(i)	150,300.	0.	0.	4,577.	11,090.	165,967.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
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	(i)							
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	(i)							
	(ii)							

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

PART I, LINE 4B:

THE GARDEN HAS A 457(B) NON-QUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION RETIREMENT PLAN

(THE "NON-QUALIFIED 457(B) PLAN") COVERING THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

THE NON-QUALIFIED 457(B) PLAN PROVIDES FOR EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS. AN

EMPLOYEE IS 100% VESTED IN ANY ELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NON-QUALIFIED

457(B) PLAN, PLUS ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OR LOSSES. AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

AND 2023, WHILE THE GARDEN HAS SET ASIDE APPROXIMATELY \$299,000 AND

\$231,000, RESPECTIVELY, IN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT (REPRESENTING ACCUMULATED

PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS, PLUS EARNINGS THEREON), THESE FUNDS REMAIN

AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL CREDITORS OF THE GARDEN.

PART I, LINE 7:

INCENTIVES ARE EARNED WHEN MEETING ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS AND ARE APPROVED BY

MANAGEMENT.

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization: **DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, INC.**
Employer identification number: **86-0136925**

Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded				
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other (<u>PLANTS/TREES/SU</u>)	X	16	88,601. FMV	
26 Other (_____)				
27 Other (_____)				
28 Other (_____)				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part V, Donee Acknowledgement **29**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least 3 years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?	X	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?	X	
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

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Part II **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE M, LINE 32B:

THE ORGANIZATION USES A BROKER TO SELL NON-CASH STOCK CONTRIBUTIONS.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
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Employer identification number

86-0136925

FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

EXHIBITION AND CONSERVATION OF DESERT PLANTS OF THE WORLD WITH EMPHASIS

ON THE SONORAN DESERT. WE WILL ENSURE THAT THE GARDEN IS ALWAYS A

COMPELLING ATTRACTION THAT BRINGS TO LIFE THE MANY WONDERS OF THE

DESERT.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

WONDERS OF THE DESERT.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PROMOTES A SCIENTIFICALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY LITERATE COMMUNITY

THROUGH HANDS-ON, NATURE-BASED LEARNING, AND GARDEN STAFF AND

RESOURCES. THESE PLACE-BASED EXPERIENCES INSPIRE A CONNECTION TO THE

UNIQUE WONDERS OF THE SONORAN DESERT, ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION OF THE

NATURAL WORLD, AND IGNITE A LIFE-LONG APPRECIATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

INFORMAL PROGRAMS SPAN THE AGES OF INFANTS TO TEENAGERS ALONGSIDE THEIR

CAREGIVERS THROUGH INQUIRY-BASED INVESTIGATIONS THAT INCORPORATE ART,

SCIENCE, MUSIC, AND MUCH MORE.

IN FY2024, CACTUS CLUBHOUSE OPENED IN THE FALL THURSDAY-SUNDAY,

9:00AM-3:30PM AND REMAINED OPEN THROUGH MAY 12, 2024. THROUGH FY2024,

THE CLUBHOUSE ENGAGED WITH 17,551 VISITORS, INCLUDING ALMOST 9,000

CHILDREN. CACTUS CLUBHOUSE ADMISSION WAS INCLUDED WITH GARDEN ADMISSION

AND MEMBERSHIP. AN ADDITIONAL 3,800 VISITORS ENGAGED WITH THE

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION TEAM ON COMMUNITY DAYS AT NO CHARGE. THESE

PROGRAMS WERE HELD IN THE BINNS PAVILION AND INCLUDED PARTNERSHIPS WITH

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OTHER COMMUNITY-WIDE ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS AZ ROOTS AND SHOOTS, TEMPE PUBLIC LIBRARY, PHOENIX HERPETOLOGICAL SANCTUARY, AND MORE. THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEPARTMENT RAN ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EVENTS DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE PLANTS AND PEOPLE OF THE SONORAN DESERT FESTIVAL AND STRANGE GARDEN EVENT IN THE FALL, AND LUMINARIA PROGRAMMING IN DECEMBER. DBG-LED FIELD TRIPS REMAINED CANCELLED THROUGH FY24, BUT SCHOOLS WERE ABLE TO VISIT THE GARDEN FOR SELF-GUIDED TOURS, WITH OVER 500 STUDENTS AND CHAPERONES PARTICIPATING. AT THE SAME TIME, THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEPARTMENT WORKED WITH FOUR NEIGHBORING TITLE I SCHOOLS TO REDESIGN OUR GUIDED FIELD TRIP PROGRAM AND CREATE A CURRICULUM FOR THIRD GRADE STUDENTS THAT WAS DISTRIBUTED IN MAY 2024. ALMOST 300 STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THESE GUIDED FIELD TRIP VISITS IN FALL 2024. SUMMER CAMP CAME BACK FOR THE SECOND YEAR POST-COVID, WITH 89 CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN CAMP SESSIONS OVER 5 WEEKS IN JUNE AND JULY. ALSO RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE SPRING AND SUMMER WAS A WEEKLY STORYTIME ACTIVITY IN THE CLUBHOUSE. THE BOOKS AND ACTIVITIES WERE CENTERED AROUND THEMES SPECIFIC TO THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF THE SONORAN DESERT AND ENGAGED 450 CHILDREN AND CAREGIVERS OVER FIVE MONTHS. DURING THE PEAK SPRING SEASON, STORY TIME ATTENDANCE OFTEN REACHED MAXIMUM CAPACITY IN THE CLUBHOUSE. THE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION TEAM ALSO PARTNERED WITH MANY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS SERVING UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN TO PROVIDE A DAY OF ENGAGEMENT AT THE GARDEN. ADMISSION WAS FREE UNDER THE CAECOM COMMUNITY PASS PROGRAM, AND ACTIVITIES WERE DEVELOPED AND FACILITATED BY DBG STAFF. ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDED: ATABEY OUTDOORS, BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, FREE ARTS FOR ABUSED CHILDREN OF ARIZONA, ASU'S MIGRATORY STUDENT SUMMER ACADEMY, AND MORE. THESE FACILITATED ACTIVITIES HELPED ENRICH THE LIVES OF OVER 350 CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6:

ANY PERSON, FIRM, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION OR OTHER ORGANIZATION SHALL BE
 ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CORPORATION. SUCH PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS
 MAY BECOME MEMBERS BY PAYING DUES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A:

AT EACH ANNUAL MEETING, MEMBERS SHALL ELECT THAT PORTION OF THE BOARD OF
 TRUSTEES WHOSE TERMS HAVE EXPIRED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

THE REVIEW OF FORM 990 IS DELEGATED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, A SUB-GROUP OF
 THE BOARD. THE COMPLETED 990 IS DISTRIBUTED TO THE FULL BOARD BEFORE
 FILING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS ARE SIGNED UPON ACCEPTANCE TO THE BOARD, AND
 RETURN OF FORMS IS TRACKED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR. ALL BOARD
 MEMBERS SIGN THE FORMS ANNUALLY.

NO CONTRACT OR OTHER TRANSACTION BETWEEN THE CORPORATION AND ONE OR MORE OF
 ITS TRUSTEES OR OFFICERS, OR BETWEEN THE CORPORATION AND ANY OTHER
 CORPORATION, FIRM, ASSOCIATION OR ENTITY IN WHICH A TRUSTEE OR OFFICER OF
 THE CORPORATION IS A TRUSTEE OR OFFICER OR IS FINANCIALLY INTERESTED, SHALL
 BE EITHER VOID OR VOIDABLE BECAUSE OF SUCH RELATIONSHIP OR INTEREST OR
 BECAUSE SUCH TRUSTEES OR OFFICERS ARE PRESENT AT OR PARTICIPATE IN THE
 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR A COMMITTEE THEREOF WHICH AUTHORIZES,
 APPROVES OR RATIFIES SUCH CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION, OR BECAUSE HIS OR HER OR

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THEIR VOTES ARE COUNTED FOR SUCH PURPOSE, IF:

(1) THE FACT OF SUCH RELATIONSHIP OR INTEREST AND THE FACTS AS TO THE CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION ARE DISCLOSED OR KNOWN TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR COMMITTEE WHICH AUTHORIZES, APPROVES OR RATIFIES THE CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION BY A VOTE OR CONSENT SUFFICIENT FOR THE PURPOSE WITHOUT COUNTING THE VOTES OR CONSENTS OF SUCH INTERESTED TRUSTEES OR OFFICERS; OR

(2) THE FACT OF SUCH RELATIONSHIP OR INTEREST AND THE FACTS AS TO THE CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION ARE DISCLOSED OR KNOWN TO THE MEMBERS ENTITLED TO VOTE AND THEY AUTHORIZE, APPROVE OR RATIFY SUCH CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION BY VOTE OR WRITTEN CONSENT; OR

(3) THE CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION IS FAIR AND REASONABLE TO THE CORPORATION AT THE TIME THE CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION IS AUTHORIZED, APPROVED OR RATIFIED, IN THE LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES KNOWN TO THOSE ENTITLED TO VOTE THEREON AT THAT TIME.

INTERESTED TRUSTEES MAY BE COUNTED IN DETERMINING THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR A COMMITTEE THEREOF WHICH AUTHORIZES, APPROVES OR RATIFIES SUCH CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

THE PROCESS FOR DETERMINING COMPENSATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS PERFORMED ANNUALLY BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, A COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND A NON-BOARD MEMBER WHO SERVES AS A HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTANT. THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE USES COMPARABLE DATA TO DETERMINE COMPENSATION BY CONTACTING OTHER NON-PROFITS OF EQUAL SIZE, USING TOOLS SUCH AS GUIDESTAR AND OTHER PERSONNEL BASED WEB SITES, AND ALSO BY REVIEWING THE FORM 990 OF COMPARABLE ORGANIZATIONS. THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR INCLUDED AN UPDATED COMPENSATION STUDY.

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THE DETERMINATION OF COMPENSATION FOR OTHER OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES OF THE GARDEN IS PART OF THE ANNUAL BUDGETING PROCESS. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN COMPENSATION ARE HIGHLIGHTED AND REVIEWED THROUGH ANNUAL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTING.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:
AL, AK, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NV, NH, NJ, NM
NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:
THE ORGANIZATION'S ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, BY-LAWS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST. IN ADDITION, THE GARDEN POSTS ITS FORM 990 AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO ITS WEBSITE WWW.DBG.ORG, AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING. ANNUAL REPORTS ARE FILED WITH AZ CORPORATION COMMISSION, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEB.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, OTHER FEES:

OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	1,573,891.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	47,542.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	882,270.
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,503,703.
TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A	2,503,703.

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:

CHANGE IN BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN NET ASSETS OF DBG

FOUNDATION	3,063,275.
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**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
Attach to Form 990.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
DBG AGAVE, LLC 1201 N. GALVIN PKWY PHOENIX, AZ 85008	RECEIVING AND HOLDING CONTRIBUTED INTERESTS IN REAL ESTATE.	ARIZONA			DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, INC.

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN FOUNDATION - 26-3305761, 1201 N. GALVIN PKWY, PHOENIX, AZ 85008	TO MANAGE ENDOWMENT FUNDS FOR THE DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN.	ARIZONA	501(C)(3)	LINE 12A, I	DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, INC.		X

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note: Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

	Yes	No
a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity		X
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)		X
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	X	
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)		X
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)		X
f Dividends from related organization(s)		X
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)		X
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)		X
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)		X
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)		X
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)		X
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)		X
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)		X
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	X	
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	X	
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses		X
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	X	
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)		X
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)		X

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners sec. 501(c)(3) orgs.?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Dispropor- tionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part VII Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.

Multiple horizontal lines provided for entering supplemental information.