

# Friends of Madrona Marsh Nature Center and Preserve 2020 Annual Report

It was an unusual year. The Nature Center closed in March due to the Coronavirus. The Preserve opened and closed with varying restrictions. We experienced staff and friends moving on including Melissa Loebel Manager, Naturalist who left for a new position, Lauren Ellis left to attend veterinary school. Vincent Lloyd and Donna Wendel left the Friends Board of Directors.



State Assembly Representative  
Al Muratsuchi with Bill Arrowsmith observed  
safety precautions while visiting the Preserve and  
Nature Center.

The Preserve offered a respite for over 10,000  
visitors in 2020. The Preserve was a place of  
peace, and calm, a place to breathe and walk and  
sigh and let it go.

Cindy Reid and her crew; Ken Reid,  
Jessica Mercado and Suzan Hubert  
kept Friday Fun going for young  
children on Zoom.  
January –March 379 Children and  
adults attended in person classes.  
May-December 392 families logged  
into Zoom classes.



**The Board welcomes new member Lance Hill. Lance can frequently be found on the Preserve carrying a large camera. Lance will be handling Website liaison and Social Media for the Friends. Please read his bio in the January Marsh Mailing.**

## **EDUCATION:** Virtual Tour and California Earth Science Standards

There were few Docent Tours however, Docents, Celina Henderson, Cindy Reid, Dave Jamison and Suzan Hubert, completed a **Virtual Tour** of the Nature Center, Native Gardens and Preserve. Funded by Arconic and filmed by Millennials Digital this video replicates an actual docent led, student tour. This tour, unlike in person tours, covers one year of seasonal change. The Virtual Tour is available on YouTube.

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Madrona Marsh  
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# The Numbers of 2020

*Quite different from previous years*

## GIFT SHOP

Our Friends operated Gift Shop generated an income of \$1,864 during the weeks it was open in 2020. Please pay a visit when we reopen as manager Bobbie Snyder has taken the time to restock inventory with some fun and interesting new merchandise.

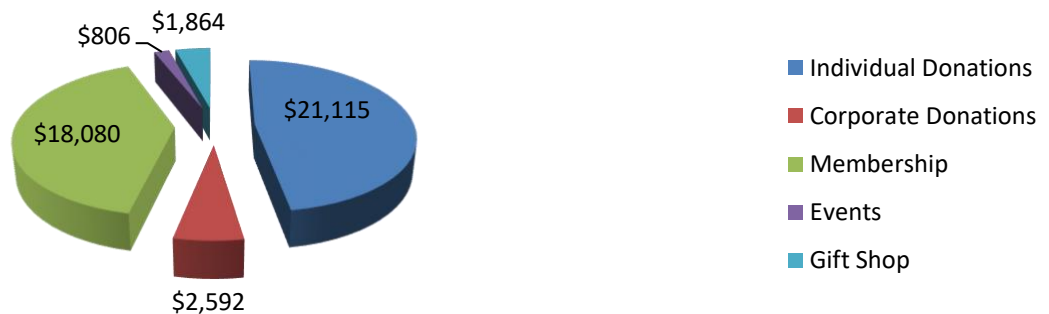
## FUNDRAISING and DONATIONS

Friends worked with the City Ambassadors hosting visitors at the front gate to offer informational copies to all visitors. We are very grateful to our generous visitors who donated to the Friends during their visit. The Friends are specifically grateful to Bill and Fran Arrowsmith who donated \$5000 to replace the pump in the BioFilter.

## PARTNERSHIPS

The South Bay Marriott continued to support the Friends with sales of Madrona Burgers. Our new partner SkyOne Credit Union contributed \$7580 to our membership income by signing up many new members

### 2020 INCOME



### 2020 EXPENSES



**It is with gratitude we honor the volunteers and staff who kept the Preserve open during this difficult year. The animals and plants of the Preserve are deeply grateful to all those generous donors who contribute to the Friends and supported restoration and maintenance.**