

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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**A** For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning **OCT 1, 2019** and ending **SEP 30, 2020**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable:  <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY</b> Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>900 WASHINGTON STREET</b> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>WELLESLEY, MA 02482</b> <b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>JAMES HEARSUM</b> <b>SAME AS C ABOVE</b>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>04-2104714</b> <b>E</b> Telephone number <b>(617) 933-4933</b> <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>1,601,719.</b> <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
<b>J</b> Website: ▶ <b>WWW.MASSHORT.ORG</b>		
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1829</b> <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>MA</b>

**Part I Summary**

<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>FOUNDED IN 1829, THE MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY IS DEDICATED TO ENCOURAGING THE</b>	
<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.	
<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b> 16
<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b> 16
<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b> 31
<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b> 270
<b>7a</b>	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b> 8,958.
<b>7b</b>	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	<b>7b</b> -3,503.
<b>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>8</b> 406,878. 717,711.
<b>9</b>	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>9</b> 1,074,648. 571,784.
<b>10</b>	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>10</b> 74,660. 57,817.
<b>11</b>	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>11</b> 241,478. 241,236.
<b>12</b>	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>12</b> 1,797,664. 1,588,548.
<b>13</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<b>13</b> 0. 0.
<b>14</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<b>14</b> 0. 0.
<b>15</b>	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>15</b> 811,573. 761,620.
<b>16a</b>	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<b>16a</b> 0. 0.
<b>16b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>177,492.</b>	
<b>17</b>	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<b>17</b> 1,051,916. 801,518.
<b>18</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>18</b> 1,863,489. 1,563,138.
<b>19</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>19</b> -65,825. 25,410.
<b>20</b>	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>20</b> 5,722,531. 5,927,658.
<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>21</b> 585,396. 761,080.
<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>22</b> 5,137,135. 5,166,578.

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer <b>JAMES HEARSUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b> Type or print name and title	Date _____		
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>MAUREEN L. SULLIVAN, CPA</b>	Preparer's signature <b>MAUREEN L. SULLIVAN,</b>	Date <b>06/14/21</b>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN <b>P00296843</b>
	Firm's name ▶ <b>SMITH, SULLIVAN &amp; BROWN, P.C.</b>	Firm's EIN ▶ <b>43-1985162</b>		
	Firm's address ▶ <b>80 FLANDERS ROAD - SUITE #200 WESTBOROUGH, MA 01581</b>	Phone no. (508) <b>871-7178</b>		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  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:
FOUNDED IN 1829, THE MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY IS DEDICATED TO ENCOURAGING THE SCIENCE AND PRACTICE OF HORTICULTURE AND DEVELOPING THE PUBLIC'S ENJOYMENT, APPRECIATION, AND UNDERSTANDING OF PLANTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

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 \$ 1,089,882. including grants of \$ 0. ) (Revenue \$ 562,826. )
THE GARDENS AT ELM BANK:

MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (MHS) IS LOCATED ON 36 ACRES IN THE HISTORIC ELM BANK RESERVATION. ELM BANK IS ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES FOR ITS MANOR HOUSE, DESIGNED BY CARRERE AND HASTINGS, THE ARCHITECTS WHO DESIGNED THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY; ITS ORIGINAL OWNER, BENJAMIN CHENEY, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF AMERICAN EXPRESS; AND THE LANDSCAPES CREATED BY THE OLMSTED BROTHERS FIRM IN THE EARLY 1900S.

WITH 17 ACRES UNDER CULTIVATION, THE GARDENS AT ELM BANK OFFER ADULTS AND CHILDREN FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE, ENJOY

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 1,089,882.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> .....	X	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?</i> .....	X	
<b>3</b> Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>5</b> Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>6</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>7</b> Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> .....	X	
<b>9</b> Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> .....	X	
<b>11</b> If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> .....	X	
<b>b</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> .....		X
<b>c</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> .....		X
<b>d</b> Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> .....	X	
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> .....	X	
<b>f</b> Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> .....	X	
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> .....	X	
<b>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> .....		X
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> .....		X
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? .....		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i> .....		X
<b>15</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i> .....		X
<b>16</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i> .....		X
<b>17</b> Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> .....	X	
<b>19</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? .....		
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> .....		X

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

		Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions, for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in lines 28a or 28b? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	X	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	X	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1		X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note:</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

**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

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		

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 16 regarding employee counts, tax filings, foreign accounts, 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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent		
<b>2</b>	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
<b>3</b>	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
<b>6</b>	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
<b>7a</b>	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?		X
<b>7b</b>	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>8a</b>	The governing body?	X	
<b>8b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
<b>9</b>	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		X

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

		Yes	No
<b>10a</b>	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
<b>10b</b>	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?		
<b>11a</b>	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
<b>11b</b>	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
<b>12a</b>	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
<b>12b</b>	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
<b>12c</b>	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	X	
<b>13</b>	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
<b>14</b>	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
<b>15</b>	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?		
<b>15a</b>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
<b>15b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization	X	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
<b>16a</b>	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
<b>16b</b>	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 **MA**
- 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.  
 Own website  Another's website  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 **JENNIFER JONES - (617) 933-4981**  
**900 WASHINGTON STREET, WELLESLEY, MA 02482**

**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 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 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) 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 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)	(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			
(1) MARK AHRONIAN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(2) ROBERT SMITH TREASURER	5.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(3) WAYNE MEZITT CHAIR	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(4) DR BARBARA MILLEN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(5) ALLEN E. ERICKSON BOARD MEMBER	10.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(6) LYNNE K. BOWER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(7) JULIA O'BRIEN BOARD MEMBER	10.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) SUSAN S. MOONEY BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) LISA HADDAD CLERK	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(10) FINLEY PERRY BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(11) DARROL ROBERTS BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(12) GRETTEL ANSPACH BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(13) GRAHAM LUCE BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(14) SUZANNE B. MCCANCE BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(15) KENNETH PETERS BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(16) HELEN R STRIEDER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(17) SUZANNE MAAS FORMER INTERIM EXEC. DIR.	1.00			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)	(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			
(18) JAMES HEARSUM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00			X				0.	0.	4,523.
<b>1b Subtotal</b>								0.	0.	4,523.
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>								0.	0.	0.
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								0.	0.	4,523.

**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 **0**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
<b>4</b> 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
<b>5</b> 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
NONE		

**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 **0**



**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	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns .....	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues .....	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events .....	<b>1c</b>	17,750.				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations .....	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) .....	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above ...	<b>1f</b>	699,961.				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	<b>1g</b>	\$ 30,521.				
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f .....		717,711.				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2 a</b> MEMBERSHIP REVENUE	Business Code					
		611600	266,180.	266,180.			
	<b>b</b> FACILITIES RENTALS	531390	190,089.	190,089.			
	<b>c</b> EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND	611600	106,557.	106,557.			
	<b>d</b> COMMISSIONS	722320	8,958.		8,958.		
	<b>e</b> _____						
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue .....						
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f .....		571,784.					
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) .....		14,576.			14,576.	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds .....						
	<b>5</b> Royalties .....						
	<b>6 a</b> Gross rents .....	(i) Real	122,151.				
		(ii) Personal					
		<b>6b</b> Less: rental expenses ...	0.				
	<b>6c</b> Rental income or (loss)	122,151.					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) .....		122,151.			122,151.	
	<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	43,241.				
		(ii) Other					
		<b>7b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses .....	0.				
	<b>7c</b> Gain or (loss) .....	43,241.					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) .....		43,241.			43,241.	
<b>8 a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 17,750. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 .....		130,404.					
	<b>8b</b> Less: direct expenses .....	13,171.					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events .....		117,233.			117,233.	
<b>9 a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 .....							
	<b>9b</b> Less: direct expenses .....						
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities .....						
<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .....							
	<b>10b</b> Less: cost of goods sold .....						
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory .....						
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	<b>11 a</b> MISCELLANEOUS	Business Code					
		900099	1,852.	1,852.			
	<b>b</b> _____						
	<b>c</b> _____						
	<b>d</b> All other revenue .....						
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d .....		1,852.					
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions .....		1,588,548.	564,678.	8,958.	297,201.		

**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

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	81,042.	40,521.	24,313.	16,208.
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	557,196.	387,124.	101,089.	68,983.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	6,476.	4,458.	1,200.	818.
9 Other employee benefits	55,367.	32,997.	16,224.	6,146.
10 Payroll taxes	61,539.	41,308.	12,046.	8,185.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management	57,430.	22,972.	22,972.	11,486.
b Legal	2,886.		2,886.	
c Accounting	21,600.		21,600.	
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.)	63,734.	34,448.	12,794.	16,492.
12 Advertising and promotion	20,188.	20,188.		
13 Office expenses	76,387.	27,410.	39,350.	9,627.
14 Information technology	35,738.	23,989.	6,995.	4,754.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	123,909.	118,978.	3,698.	1,233.
17 Travel	15,459.	11,755.	3,416.	288.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	209,291.	200,919.	6,279.	2,093.
23 Insurance	72,436.	61,559.	8,892.	1,985.
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 <b>PROGRAM MATERIALS AND E</b>	55,910.	55,910.		
b <b>DONATED GOODS</b>	30,521.		1,327.	29,194.
c <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	10,683.		10,683.	
d <b>MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES</b>	5,346.	5,346.		
e All other expenses				
25 <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	1,563,138.	1,089,882.	295,764.	177,492.
26 <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here  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
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	639,950.	<b>1</b>	913,992.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....	44,253.	<b>2</b>	222,762.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....		<b>3</b>	21,100.
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....	8,000.	<b>4</b>	2,656.
	<b>5</b> 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 .....		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) .....		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	5,331.	<b>9</b>	0.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b> 7,552,074.		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b> 4,799,373.	2,906,552.	<b>10c</b> 2,752,701.
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....	1,303,169.	<b>11</b>	1,195,366.
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	815,276.	<b>15</b>	819,081.
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) .....	5,722,531.	<b>16</b>	5,927,658.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	79,577.	<b>17</b>	58,655.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....	448,363.	<b>19</b>	488,386.
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> 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 .....		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....	53,306.	<b>23</b>	42,205.
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>24</b>	10,000.
	<b>25</b> 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 .....	4,150.	<b>25</b>	161,834.
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	585,396.	<b>26</b>	761,080.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions .....	3,565,902.	<b>27</b>	3,582,975.
	<b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions .....	1,571,233.	<b>28</b>	1,583,603.
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	<b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		<b>29</b>	
	<b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....	5,137,135.	<b>32</b>	5,166,578.
<b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....	5,722,531.	<b>33</b>	5,927,658.	

**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	1,588,548.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,563,138.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	25,410.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	5,137,135.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	8,477.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	-8,249.
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	3,805.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	5,166,578.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
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:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
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:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	X	
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 Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
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		

Form 990 (2019)

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

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](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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**2019**

Open to Public Inspection

<b>Name of the organization</b> <b>MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY</b>	<b>Employer identification number</b> <b>04-2104714</b>
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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 or 990-EZ).)
- 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 in 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		
<b>Total</b>						

**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) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....	658,602.	566,298.	624,437.	406,878.	717,711.	2973926.
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 .....	658,602.	566,298.	624,437.	406,878.	717,711.	2973926.
<b>5</b> 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) .....						243,803.
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						2730123.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 .....	658,602.	566,298.	624,437.	406,878.	717,711.	2973926.
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources .....	114,025.	109,619.	137,020.	147,299.	136,727.	644,690.
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....	14,915.	21,482.	31,477.	18,761.	8,958.	95,593.
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....	9,651.	8,549.	16,579.	1,350.	1,852.	37,981.
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						3752190.
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) .....					12	4,889,812.
<b>13 First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> .....						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2019 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) .....	<b>14</b>	72.76 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 .....	<b>15</b>	75.42 %
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test - 2019.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b 33 1/3% support test - 2018.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2019.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2018.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>18 Private foundation.</b> 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) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....						
<b>2</b> 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 .....						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 .....						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 .....						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .....						
<b>b</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 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b .....						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 .....						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources .....						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b .....						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

**14 First five 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**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2019 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2019 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2019.** 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 - 2018.** 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 in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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>		
<b>2</b> 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>		
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
<b>b</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>		
<b>c</b> 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>		
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
<b>b</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>		
<b>c</b> 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>		
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) 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>b Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b> 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>		
<b>7</b> 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 or 990-EZ).</i>		
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
<b>9a</b> 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>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in 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>		
<b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined in 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>		
<b>10a</b> 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 10b below.</i>		
<b>b</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)

	Yes	No
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
<b>b</b> A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
<b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
<b>2</b> 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? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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)? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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?		
<b>2</b> 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? If "No," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
<b>3</b> By reason of the relationship described in (2), 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? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		

**Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations**

<b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete <b>line 2</b> below.		
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete <b>line 3</b> below.		
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in <b>Part VI</b> how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
<b>2</b> Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
<b>a</b> Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in <b>Part VI</b> identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.	Yes	No
<b>b</b> Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
<b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>b</b> Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> the role played by the organization in this regard.		

**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.

<b>Section A - Adjusted Net Income</b>		(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	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

<b>Section B - Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(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	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in <b>Part VI</b> ):		
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 1-1/2% 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 .035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

<b>Section C - Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 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	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> 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
<b>1</b> Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
<b>3</b> Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
<b>4</b> Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
<b>5</b> Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
<b>6</b> Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	
<b>7 Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	
<b>8</b> Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	
<b>9</b> Distributable amount for 2019 from Section C, line 6	
<b>10</b> Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2019	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2019
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2019 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2019 (reasonable cause required- explain in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2019			
<b>a</b> From 2014			
<b>b</b> From 2015			
<b>c</b> From 2016			
<b>d</b> From 2017			
<b>e</b> From 2018			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2019 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2014 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2019 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2019 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2019, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2019. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>7 Excess distributions carryover to 2020.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b> Excess from 2015			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2016			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2017			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2018			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2019			

**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 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE**

2015 AMOUNT: \$ 9,651.

2016 AMOUNT: \$ 8,549.

2017 AMOUNT: \$ 16,579.

2018 AMOUNT: \$ 1,350.

2019 AMOUNT: \$ 1,852.

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.

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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 questions about property control and private benefit.

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, number of easements, acreage, and expenses, and questions about monitoring and reporting.

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 questions about reporting art and historical treasures.

**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 on 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	1,352,896.	1,374,699.	1,270,082.	1,181,257.	1,129,145.
b Contributions	35,000.				
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	57,954.	25,583.	116,308.	102,669.	62,251.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	22,248.	47,386.	11,691.	13,844.	10,139.
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	1,423,602.	1,352,896.	1,374,699.	1,270,082.	1,181,257.

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  .00 %
  - b Permanent endowment  100.00 %
  - c Term endowment  .00 %
- 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                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (ii) Related organizations                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
- 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				
c Leasehold improvements		6,699,440.	4,079,527.	2,619,913.
d Equipment		852,634.	719,846.	132,788.
e Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				2,752,701.

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

**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) COLLECTIONS AND RARE BOOKS	633,289.
(2) BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN REMAINDER TRUST	125,717.
(3) BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN PERPETUAL TRUST	60,075.
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	819,081.

**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) SECURITY DEPOSITS	3,900.
(3) CONDITIONAL GRANT ADVANCE	157,934.
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	161,834.

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	1,699,611.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	8,477.	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	107,030.	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	3,805.	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		119,312.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3		1,580,299.
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	8,249.	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		8,249.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5		1,588,548.

**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	1,670,168.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	107,030.	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		107,030.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3		1,563,138.
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		1,563,138.

**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 4:**

THE ORGANIZATION POSSESSES A COLLECTION OF RARE BOOKS WHICH WERE ACQUIRED THROUGH PURCHASES AND CONTRIBUTIONS. THE COLLECTION OF OVER 750 BOOKS ARE HELD FOR EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

**PART X, LINE 2:**

**TAX POSITION:**

THE ORGANIZATION CURRENTLY EVALUATES ALL TAX POSITIONS, AND MAKES A DETERMINATION REGARDING THE LIKELIHOOD OF THOSE POSITIONS BEING UPHELD UNDER REVIEW. THE PRIMARY TAX POSITIONS MADE BY THE ORGANIZATION ARE THE EXISTENCE OF UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME TAX AND THE ORGANIZATION'S STATUS



**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

AS A TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. FOR THE YEARS PRESENTED, THE ORGANIZATION HAS NOT RECOGNIZED ANY TAX BENEFITS OR LOSS CONTINGENCIES FOR UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS BASED ON THIS EVALUATION.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

CHANGE IN VALUE OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN TRUSTS 3,805.

**SCHEDULE G**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**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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**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  Mail solicitations
- b  Internet and email solicitations
- c  Phone solicitations
- d  In-person solicitations
- e  Solicitation of non-government grants
- f  Solicitation of government grants
- g  Special fundraising events

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			
<b>Total</b> .....						

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))
		FESTIVAL OF TREES (event type)	(event type)	NONE (total number)	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	144,077.		144,077.
	2	Less: Contributions	17,750.		17,750.
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	126,327.		126,327.
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Noncash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs			
	7	Food and beverages			
	8	Entertainment			
	9	Other direct expenses	12,746.		12,746.
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)			12,746.
11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)			113,581.	

**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	Gross revenue			
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes			
	3	Noncash prizes			
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses			
	6	Volunteer labor	<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 | <b>13a</b> | % |
| b An outside facility         | <b>13b</b> | % |
- 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.

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**SCHEDULE L**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Transactions With Interested Persons**

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▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.

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**Part I Excess Benefit Transactions** (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and section 501(c)(29) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1 (a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
			Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Total .....						▶ \$ _____						

**Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance

**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
SUZANNE MAAS	INTERIM EXECUTIVE D	57,430.	MHS PAID LE		X

**Part V Supplemental Information.**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

SCH L, PART IV, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING INTERESTED PERSONS:

(A) NAME OF PERSON: SUZANNE MAAS

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ORGANIZATION DURING THE TAX YEAR

(C) AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION \$ 57,430.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: MHS PAID LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS LLC FOR INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY SUZANNE MAAS WHO IS A PARTNER AT LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS LLC.

(E) SHARING OF ORGANIZATION REVENUES? = NO

**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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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 ( PROGRAM & FUN )	X	4	30,521.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 IV, 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 three 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.

Lined area for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

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

SCIENCE AND PRACTICE OF HORTICULTURE AND DEVELOPING THE PUBLIC'S  
ENJOYMENT, APPRECIATION, AND UNDERSTANDING OF PLANTS AND THE  
ENVIRONMENT.

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

AND LEARN ABOUT PLANTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT. THE CAMPUS OFFERS A VARIETY  
OF BEAUTIFUL GARDENS INCLUDING THE HISTORIC ITALIANATE GARDEN DESIGNED  
BY THE OLMSTED BROTHERS, THE NEW ENGLAND TRIAL GARDEN THAT TESTS PLANT  
VARIETIES FOR HARDINESS IN OUR ZONE, THE WHIMSICAL WEEZIE'S GARDEN FOR  
CHILDREN, THE BRESSINGHAM GARDEN THAT DEMONSTRATES PERENNIAL PLANTS FOR  
THE NEW ENGLAND GARDEN, AND THE SEED-TO-TABLE VEGETABLE GARDEN, WHICH  
OFFERS HANDS-ON-LEARNING IN THE RAISED VEGETABLE GARDEN BEDS AND  
PROVIDES TWO FRESH PRODUCE FOR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES. SEVERAL PLANT  
SOCIETIES AND GARDEN CLUBS HAVE ALSO INSTALLED PERMANENT DEMONSTRATION  
AND DISPLAY GARDENS.

MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY IS OPEN YEAR ROUND FOR CLASSES,  
WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA HELD IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING ,THE HUNNEWELL  
CARRIAGE HOUSE, AND THE PUTNAM BUILDING WITH WET LAB AND GREENHOUSES.  
THE GARDENS AT ELM BANK ARE OPEN FOR GARDEN VISITORS, APRIL THROUGH  
OCTOBER, DAILY, FROM 10 A.M. TO 7 P. M. MEMBER ENTRY IS FREE AND OTHER  
VISITORS PAY ADMISSION.

FUNCTION BUSINESS:

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THE GARDENS AT ELM BANK ALSO PROVIDE AN EVENT VENUE THAT SUPPORTS MASS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S MISSION THROUGH RENTALS OF ITS FACILITIES AND GROUNDS. OVER 16,000 GUESTS TYPICALLY PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS THAT HELP TO INTRODUCE THE PUBLIC TO HORTICULTURE AND OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDENS AND GROUNDS. IN 2020 THIS WAS SUBJECT TO A ONE TIME REDUCTION IN VOLUME DUE TO COVID-19.

EDUCATION:

ADULT EDUCATION: ADULT EDUCATION INCLUDES A SELECTION OF HORTICULTURAL/GARDENING/ENVIRONMENTAL LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS TO EDUCATE ADULTS, SUCH AS SCHOOL GARDEN EDUCATOR WORKSHOPS; YEAR-ROUND CLASSES IN HORTICULTURE, LANDSCAPE DESIGN, AND BOTANY TO NAME A FEW, FOR THE NOVICE TO EXPERT; PERENNIAL PLANT SYMPOSIUM; GARDEN TOURS; AND VOLUNTEER GARDENING TRAINING. WHILE REDUCED, MUCH PROGRAMMING WAS MOVED ONLINE.

YOUTH EDUCATION: MHS'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH FOCUS ON THE SCIENCE OF GROWING PLANTS, HEALTHY NUTRITION, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT. THE PLANTMOBILE IS A TRAVELING PLANT SCIENCE WORKSHOP THAT PROVIDES EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-8. A MEMBER OF THE MASS HORT EDUCATIONAL STAFF WILL COME TO YOUR CLASSROOM TO PRESENT EACH PROGRAM. OUR EMPHASIS IS ON HANDS-ON INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP ACTIVITIES. OUR PROGRAM IS BASED ON THE MASSACHUSETTS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FRAMEWORKS, STEM. EACH WORKSHOP IS DESIGNED TO DELIVER A POSITIVE AND UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCE TO STUDENTS. ADDITIONALLY, PROGRAMMING FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AT MASS HORT TAKES PLACE DURING THE SEASON IN WEEZIE'S GARDEN FOR

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LIBRARY:

MASS HORT'S HORTICULTURAL LIBRARY IS THE OLDEST HORTICULTURAL LIBRARY IN THE COUNTRY AND IS RENOWNED FOR ITS COLLECTION OF BOOKS RELATED TO EARLY AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE, AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN. THE CIRCULATING LIBRARY IS COMPRISED OF OVER 20,000 BOOKS AND 5,000 RARE BOOKS AND A MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION STORED OFFSITE WITH THE WILLIAM B. MEYER COMPANY.

MHS LIBRARY COLLECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE TO ONLINE TO STUDENTS, SCHOLARS, WRITERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. VISITING THE DIGITAL COMMONWEALTH SITE, ONE CAN FIND THE LINCOLN COLLECTION AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.DIGITALCOMMONWEALTH.ORG/COLLECTIONS/COMMONWEALTH:Z890S405M](https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/collections/commonwealth:z890s405m)

AS WELL AS OUR COLLECTION OF BOTANICAL PRINTS DATING FROM 1620 TO 1969 AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.DIGITALCOMMONWEALTH.ORG/COLLECTIONS/COMMONWEALTH:K930HM897](https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/collections/commonwealth:k930hm897)

MEMBERSHIP:

MEMBERSHIP IN THE MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY PROVIDES ACCESS TO INFORMATION, LEARNING AND HORTICULTURAL EXPERIENCES, WHILE SUPPORTING AMERICA'S OLDEST HORTICULTURAL INSTITUTION. MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE FREE ADMISSION TO THE GARDEN AT ELM BANK, OUR HEADQUARTERS IN WELLESLEY/DOVER, MA, AS WELL AS A MONTHLY ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER, THE LEAFLET, BORROWING PRIVILEGES AT OUR CIRCULATING LIBRARY, DISCOUNTS TO OUR HORTICULTURAL LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS, A \$25

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GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM TWO NURSERIES, FREE/DISCOUNTS ADMISSION TO GARDENS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WITH THE AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY RECIPROCAL PROGRAM, AND DISCOUNTS AT OVER SEVENTY OF OUR GREEN PARTNER NURSERIES.

SPRING FLOWER SHOW: MASS HORT AT THE FLOWER SHOW

MHS RUNS THE AMATEUR COMPETITIONS (BRANDED MASS HORT AT THE FLOWER SHOW) AT THE BOSTON FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW THAT IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY PARAGON GROUP. MASS HORT MANAGES THE SHOW'S AMATEUR COMPETITIONS IN DESIGN AND HORTICULTURE, INCLUDING FLORAL DESIGN, AMATEUR HORTICULTURE, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND MINIATURE GARDENS. IT'S A 135-YEAR TRADITION FOR MASS HORT AND OUR LARGEST HORTICULTURE OUTREACH EFFORT, WITH OVER 65,000 PEOPLE VISITING THE SHOW, ANNUALLY. IN 2020 MHS WITHDREW FROM THE FLOWER SHOW TO PROTECT STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS.

HONORARY MEDALS HORTICULTURAL AWARDS:

AT THE TURN OF THE 20TH CENTURY, MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY BEGAN THE PRACTICE OF CONFERRING HONORARY MEDALS ON THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS IT REGARDED AS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTORS TO THE ART AND SCIENCE OF HORTICULTURE. THIS 118 YEAR OLD TRADITION HONORS EXCELLENCE IN HORTICULTURE. OVER TEN AWARDEES RECEIVE VARIOUS MEDALS: GEORGE ROBERT WHITE MEDAL OF HONOR, JACKSON DAWSON MEMORIAL AWARD, THOMAS ROLAND MEDAL, AND GOLD AND SILVER MEDALS. ALTHOUGH 2020 AWARDS HAVE BEEN MADE, THE 2020 PROGRAM WAS DEFERRED TO 2021.

THE FESTIVAL OF TREES:

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MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S FESTIVAL OF TREES IS NOT ONLY AN IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER, IT IS ONE OF THE MOST FESTIVE OCCASIONS AT THE GARDENS AT ELM BANK.

FROM THE DAY FOLLOWING THANKSGIVING THROUGH DECEMBER, WE DISPLAY OVER 60 BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED TREES, WHICH ARE RAFFLED OFF ON DECEMBER 23. DURING THE FESTIVAL, VISITORS PURCHASE TICKETS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN THE TREE(S) OF THEIR CHOICE. IT'S FUN, AND FOR MANY IT HAS BECOME A FAMILY TRADITION.

WHILE THE BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED TREES ARE THE CENTERPIECE OF THE EVENT, THE FESTIVAL OF TREES ALSO INCLUDES GARDEN LIGHTS, VISITS FROM SANTA, HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDES, THE SNOW VILLAGE MODEL RAILROAD DISPLAY, AND A FIRE PIT WITH S'MORES. OVER 7,500 GUESTS VISITED THE FESTIVAL.

OUTREACH AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

ARTS ON THE GREEN, GARDENERS' FAIR, AND HARVEST CELEBRATION FUNDRAISERS WERE NOT HELD IN 2020.

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

THE FORM 990 IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD VIA FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEES PRIOR TO ITS FILING. THE FORM 990 IS THEN AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S PRESIDENT.

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

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REQUIRES AN ANNUAL DECLARATION FROM ALL TRUSTEES AND

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SENIOR MANAGEMENT AS TO THE EXISTENCE AND DISCLOSURE OF ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. THE TRUSTEES SIGN A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS ARE DISCUSSED BY THE DIS-INTERESTED TRUSTEES, WHILE THE PARTY IN POTENTIAL CONFLICT IS REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE ROOM. BOARD MEETING MINUTES WILL DOCUMENT THE DISCUSSION AND DECISION MAKING PROCESS. IN THE EVENT OF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT, PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN COMPETITIVE BIDS AND DILIGENCE ON FAIR MARKET VALUE WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

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

MHS'S EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM IS ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THROUGH ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A COMPETITIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR THE KEY EXECUTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE COMMITTEE MEETS AS NEEDED TO REVIEW THE COMPENSATION PROGRAM AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANY CHANGES TO THE BOARD, AS APPROPRIATE. A PERFORMANCE EVALUATION IS CONDUCTED AND REVIEWED EACH YEAR AND IS INTENDED TO ENSURE THAT THE COMPENSATION PROGRAM FALLS WITHIN A REASONABLE RANGE OF COMPETITIVE PRACTICES FOR COMPARABLE POSITIONS AMONG SIMILARLY SITUATED ORGANIZATIONS. FOLLOWING THIS REVIEW, THE COMMITTEE REVIEWS AND APPROVES, FOR SELECTED KEY EXECUTIVES, BASE SALARIES AND ANNUAL INCENTIVE OPPORTUNITY ADJUSTMENTS, AND OBJECTIVES AND GOALS FORTH-UPCOMING YEAR'S ANNUAL INCENTIVE PLAN. THE COMMITTEE REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDS TO THE BOARD SALARY APPROVAL AND INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR SELECTED KEY SENIOR STAFF.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AVAILABLE IN THE TRUSTEES AND OVERSEERS MANUAL LOCATED AT THE ELM BANK OFFICES. FORM 1023 AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. FORM 990 AVAILABLE ON GUIDESTAR. FORM 990, FINANCIAL

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STATEMENTS AND FORM PC AVAILABLE ON MASSACHUSETTS ATTORNEY GENERAL WESITE.

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

CHANGE IN VALUE OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN TRUSTS	3,805.
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# Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

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▶ **File a separate application for each return.**  
▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form8868](http://www.irs.gov/Form8868) for the latest information.**

**Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 to request a 6-month automatic extension of time to file any of the forms listed below with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, for which an extension request must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits](http://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits).

**Automatic 6-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed).

All corporations required to file an income tax return other than Form 990-T (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

<b>Type or print</b>	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. <b>MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY</b>	Taxpayer identification number (TIN) <b>04-2104714</b>
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>900 WASHINGTON STREET</b>	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>WELLESLEY, MA 02482</b>	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 0 | 1

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

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- The books are in the care of ▶ **900 WASHINGTON STREET - WELLESLEY, MA 02482**  
Telephone No. ▶ **(617) 933-4981** Fax No. ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_. If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box  and attach a list with the names and TINs of all members the extension is for.

**1** I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until **AUGUST 16, 2021**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:  
 ▶  calendar year \_\_\_\_\_ or  
 ▶  tax year beginning **OCT 1, 2019**, and ending **SEP 30, 2020**.

**2** If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  
 Change in accounting period

<b>3a</b> If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	<b>3a</b>	\$	0.
<b>b</b> If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	<b>3b</b>	\$	0.
<b>c Balance due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	<b>3c</b>	\$	0.

**Caution:** If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.