



PRESIDENT

Timothy W. Sherry

March 5, 2015

VICE PRESIDENT

Kevin Hess

To the Madison Parks Commission,

SECRETARY

R. Richard Wagner

Olbrich Botanical Society requests permission to close the Garden during regular public hours of operation for these special fundraising events:

TREASURER

Jennifer Curliss

Rhapsody in Bloom

Saturday, June 20, 2015

Closed to the public - 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. – All day

PAST PRESIDENT

Janet P. Loewi

GLEAM, Art in a New Light – NEW!

Exhibition Dates: August 28 – October 31, 2015

DIRECTORS

Fred Anderson

Carolyn Gilb

Julie Herfel

Dan Lauffer

Erin Ogden

Tricia Perkins

Susan Derse Phillips

Michelle Taschek

Mike Whaley

William F. White

Project Summary: People have always been fascinated with the concept of light; the beauty and mystique of a bonfire, the way decorative holiday lighting washes away winter blues, or how a ray of sunlight (or lack thereof) can affect how an environment feels and is perceived. This fall, Olbrich Botanical Society is piloting GLEAM, Art in New Light, an outdoor exhibition featuring 6 site specific sculptural art installations, created by regional artists using light as a major component.

EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS

David Ahrens

Kevin Briski

Laurel Neverdahl

Marsha Rummel

Emanuel Scarbrough

Roberta Sladky

Sue Thering

The Gardens' attendance peaks during the spring/summer season as a local attraction and tourist destination. The mystery and curiosity of illuminated outdoor art installations will attract a new and all inclusive demographic of visitors to the outdoor gardens during the off season. Because Olbrich Botanical Society is a non-profit organization that provides approximately half of the 3 million annual operating budget for Olbrich Botanical Gardens, GLEAM is also structured as a fundraising event through ticketed sales for the opening reception and admissions during evening viewing hours.

ADVISORS TO THE BOARD

Dennis Birke

Jack Bolz

Jt Covelli

Sandy Dolister

Elizabeth Ogren Erickson

Edith Lawrence-Hilliard

Jeff Levy

Dale Mathwich

Dan Matson

Jerry Minnich

Susan Stein

Barbara Tensfeldt

Paul Williams

Wednesdays – Fridays

Friday, August 28 – September 30

Request to close the Gardens two hours early – closing at 6 pm. versus 8 p.m. to prepare for evening viewing of the exhibition where admission is applied

Thank you for your consideration, please feel free to direct any questions to Missy Jeanne, Special Events Manager, 608-246-5616 / mjeanne@cityofmadison.com.

