



*Landa  
Gardens  
Conservancy*

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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*Standing, l-r:* Ben Swaney, Joannah Pickett, Cece Griffin, Rebecca Nathan, Daniela Serna, Celina Montoya, Landa Library Director Kiyanna Stephens, Lynn Boyd;  
*Not pictured:* Vicki Boyce, Colleen Casey, Kelli Cubeta, Heather De Rojas, Mark Garcia, Jody Lutz, Ana Montoya, Whitney Schones, Melanie Thomas, Gene Williams, Claudio Zeballos

I am so thankful for how our community has responded to this gem we call the Landa Gardens! This year was one of our most successful because of your financial support. The hundreds of families, kids and adults who enjoy the grounds thank you too!

And a huge gracias to the Board of the Landa Gardens Conservancy. We have fun together and we work hard. It's amazing how Mr. Landa's legacy of a garden and playground surrounding his former home beautifies our neighborhood and encourages us to be outdoors!

—MIKE BACON

*Landa Gardens Conservancy, Board Chair 2018*




Landa Branch Library is a more beautiful place thanks to the Landa Gardens Conservancy. Their partnership is essential to the preservation of Landa's beautiful, outdoor space that attracts so many to enjoy it. We extend a special thank you for the new faux bois furniture that has provided more places for families and individuals to spend time comfortably enjoying the gardens. Your thoughtful contributions and support have helped us create a welcoming community gathering place that is essential to the San Antonio Public Library's mission.

—RAMIRO S. SALAZAR

*San Antonio Public Library, Director*

# 2018 MAINTENANCE HIGHLIGHTS



Tree  
lighting  
maintenance  
completed

Garage  
renovated with  
volunteer, Sam  
Riggs

Cleared scrub  
trees and trimmed  
trees in back by  
pavilion and put  
down new sod

Bald  
Cypress  
tree planted in  
honor of Landa  
founders

Planted  
natives on  
Shook near  
fence line

Climbing  
wall  
enhancement to  
small playground  
completed

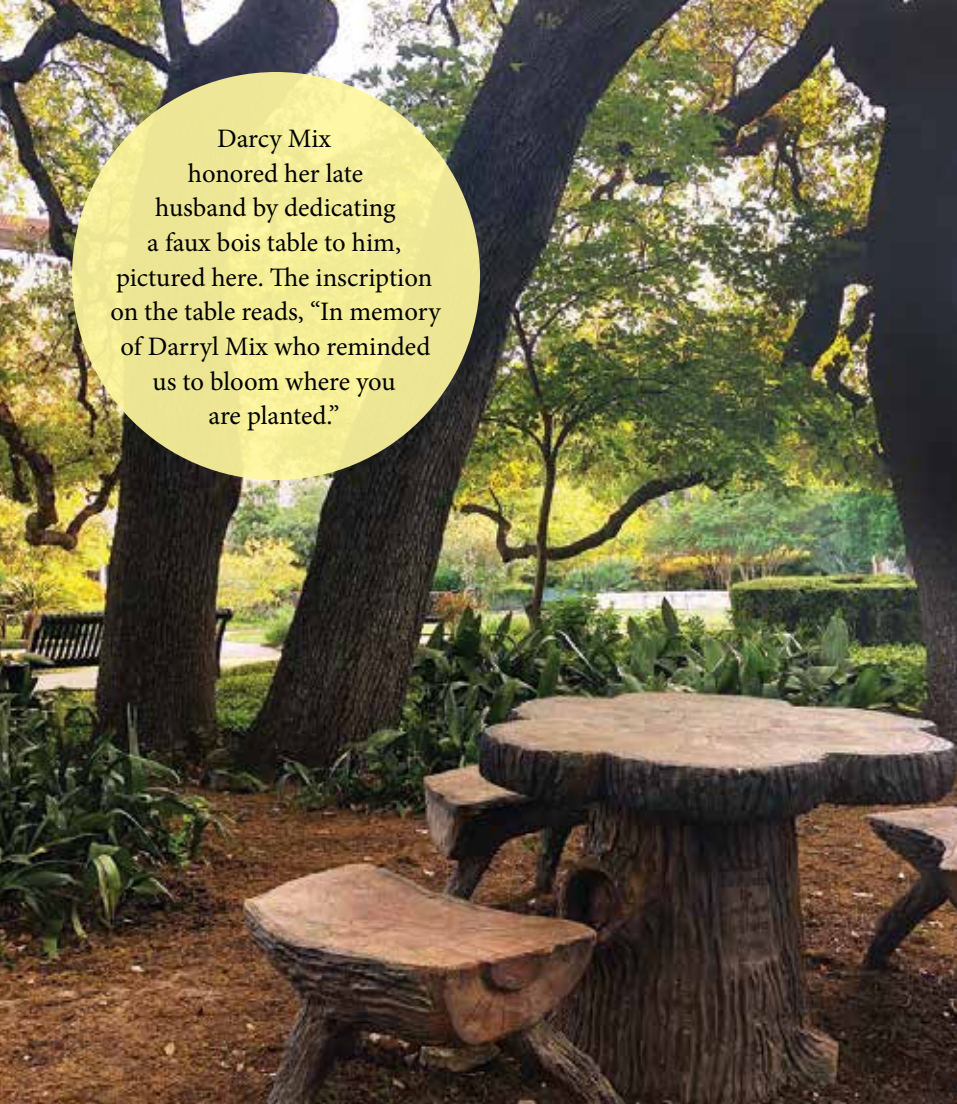
Removed  
tree  
leaning against  
neighbor's  
fence

SAWS  
irrigation  
audit  
completed

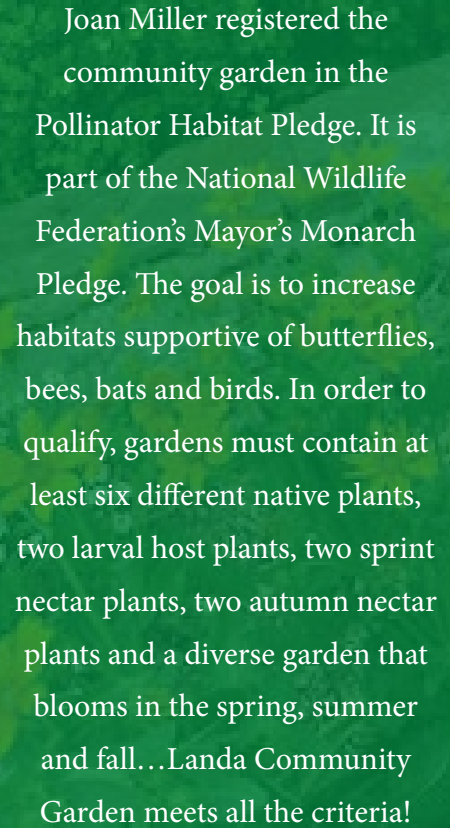
New  
irrigation  
controller  
installed

Installed  
new electrical  
service to front  
and back for  
events





Darcy Mix honored her late husband by dedicating a faux bois table to him, pictured here. The inscription on the table reads, "In memory of Darryl Mix who reminded us to bloom where you are planted."



Joan Miller registered the community garden in the Pollinator Habitat Pledge. It is part of the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch Pledge. The goal is to increase habitats supportive of butterflies, bees, bats and birds. In order to qualify, gardens must contain at least six different native plants, two larval host plants, two spring nectar plants, two autumn nectar plants and a diverse garden that blooms in the spring, summer and fall...Landa Community Garden meets all the criteria!

# MAY MONTH



May Month events are free and open to the entire community in order to raise awareness for the Landa Gardens Conservancy and its mission.

May Month 2018 was jam-packed! Familiar entertainers such as Miss Anastasia, San Antonio Plastic Bricks, Inc., and the Magik Theater came back, plus many more: Children's Ballet of San Antonio, Spare Parts, the McNay Art Museum, the Literacy Caravan of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, Stargazer Wellness, the San Antonio Zoo, the DoSeum, and John MacLaren, the Science Guy. We experienced huge success with our first outdoor events: JoyRide Cycling + Fitness and Slab Cinema Outdoor Movie...almost 300 people enjoyed the big screen outdoors!

New in 2018 were several food and drink vendors including Girl Scouts, Lily's Cookies, Gracie's Ice Cream, Top Notch Diner, The Good Kind, and Steel City Pops.

The Monte Vista Historical Association joined the Conservancy to host the Third Thursday event to celebrate our 10th anniversary. Many past founders of LGC were in attendance.

May Month event co-chairs, Daniela Serna and Melanie Thomas would especially like to thank our faithful Title Sponsor, Presidio Title and all others that generously donated to make all of the events possible, including: Andeavor, Daniela and Antonio Serna IV, Melanie and Robert Thomas, Jill Torbert and Vincent Johnson, Julie and Damon Van Zandt, Brian Callahan of RBC Wealth Management, Cubeta + Clarke Law Firm, Sally and Bob Sohn, Dr. Antonio Serna of San Antonio Gastroenterology Associates, P.A. and SuperGoop.

May Month is lovingly coordinated by many generous volunteers, sponsors, community non-profit participants, and local businesses...we hope you'll join us May 2019 to support the mission of the Landa Gardens Conservancy!



# LANDA NIGHTS CHIAROSCURO SEPTEMBER 27, 2018





Remarkable weather and an unforgettable sunset added to the festive mood for the record number of supporters attending the annual Landa Gardens Conservancy gala fundraiser, Landa Nights CHIAROSCURO, September 27, 2018, on the grounds of the Landa Gardens. Co-Chairs Colleen Casey, Ana Montoya, and their enthusiastic committee organized the elegant theme, seated and catered dinner, and evening's entertainment, including numerous unique silent auction packages, and live bidding on original signed photographs by accomplished San Antonio photographer, Robert Maxham. Colorful, kinetic light projections illuminated the delectable cuisine, cocktails, and wines served and enjoyed by the guests, with a lively musical accompaniment by local jazz legends, The Aaron Prado Quartet. A special presentation honored the "Founding Mothers" of Landa Gardens Conservancy: Veronica Escobedo, Jill Torbert, and Ann Van Pelt, whose clarity of vision and dedication resulted in the neighborhood jewel we cherish as our shared venue to relax, reflect, play, and enjoy nature. All proceeds from this successful event benefit the maintenance of the grounds, playground, walking paths, seating areas, pavilion, and community gardens at Landa Gardens.



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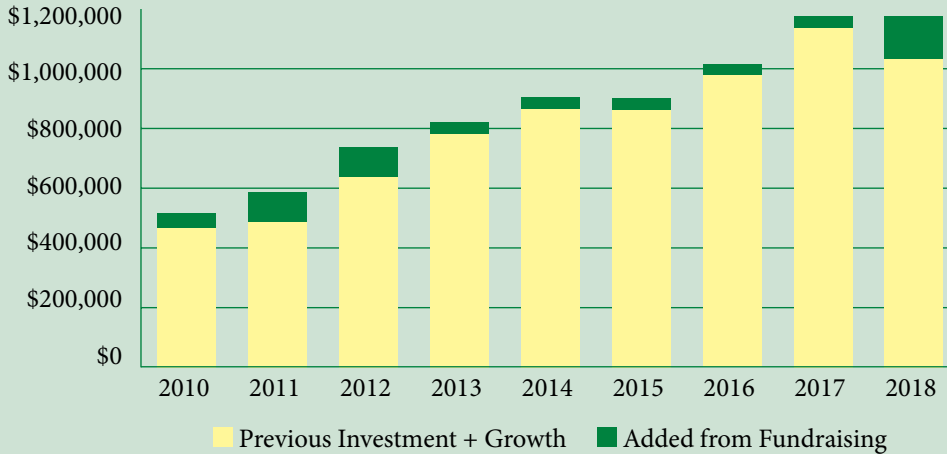
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## ENDOWMENT GROWTH

*A record \$100,000 added to the endowment in 2018!*



Landa Gardens Conservancy is a nonprofit 501 c (3) organization that beautifies and maintains the grounds at Landa Library, a branch of the San Antonio Public Library.

The Library and gardens are located at 233 Bushnell, the corner of Shook Ave. and Bushnell. For more information, email us at [info@LandaGardens.org](mailto:info@LandaGardens.org) and visit our website, [landagardens.org](http://landagardens.org).

## 2018 SUPPORT & REVENUE

Special Events Net Income	\$110,299
Other Contributions	\$35,500
<i>Faux Bois Table Initiative</i>	
Board Contributions	\$26,607
City of San Antonio	\$15,000
Donor Contributions	\$28,381
Grants	\$8,207
<b>TOTAL Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$223,994</b>

## 2018 EXPENSES

Routine Maintenance	\$39,667
Grounds Improvements	\$27,936
Administrative	\$24,045
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>	<b>\$91,648</b>

**NET OPERATING INCOME**     \$132,346

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