



2019 HIGHLIGHTS

LEAF LOCAL ECOLOGY & AGRICULTURE FREMONT

LEAF EARTH DAY 2019

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATION TO EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITY ON PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES, REDUCING PLASTIC POLLUTION & REGENERATIVE GARDENING

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SPRING SEEDLINGS AND LOCAL HONEY SALES • OVER 22 BOOTHS ON GARDENING AND THE ENVIRONMENT • MAKER ACTIVITIES AND GAMES FOR KIDS • LIVE MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE DAY • FOOD TRUCKS AND HANDCRAFTED ICE CREAM

SUNDAY APRIL 28

LEAF CENTER CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL PARK 36501 NILES BLVD 10 AM ~ 3 PM



Volunteers donated over 1500 hours producing 2500 lbs of local fresh pesticide-free fruits and veggies

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GARDEN MAKER CLASSES

SUMMER 2019

NATIVE BEE HIVE

- Learn about native bees from Honey, Natives, and Beyond, a team of dedicated students.
- Customize and take home a native bee hive made of recycled cans

Saturday, June 15 from 10:30 AM - 12 PM
\$5 non-member / \$0 member

STONE GARDEN APIARY TOUR

- Includes a short intro to bees and beehives, honey tasting for all, and beekeeper books for kids
- You'll get to gear up in bee suits to tour the apiary and hold a frame full of bees

Tours held May 5 & 18 from 1 - 2:30 PM and June 1, June 22, & July 13 from 11 AM - 12:30 PM
Limit of 6 per tour - \$25 non-member / \$15 member

BASIC SEWING 101

- Includes three demos by our seamstress on basic mending techniques: patching, hemming, and sewing on buttons
- Make and take home a garden tool holder from recycled jeans

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 1 - 2:30 PM
\$5 non-member / \$0 member

HONEY HARVESTING

- Includes a short demonstration on honey harvesting
- Process and take home your own half pint jar of honey from a honeycomb

SUNDAY AUGUST 11 11AM - 12:30 PM
Limit of 8 - \$25 non-member / \$15 member

BEESWAX WRAPS

- Includes a short tour of the apiary from the safety of our lab house and a demo on making beeswax wraps
- Make and take home two beeswax wraps

Saturday, September 7 from 1 - 2:30 PM
Limit of 8 - \$25 non-member / \$15 member

Please email ElaineFremontLeaf@gmail.com for more info and to register for classes.

All classes take place at LEAF C.R. Stone Garden, located at 55 Mowry Ave near Mission Blvd, behind the Mission Valley Vet Clinic.

Instagram: @fremontleaf Facebook: www.facebook.com/fremontleaf

5 NEW Garden Maker Classes

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LEAF SEEDLINGS for SALE

Over 1000 sold

LEAF Earth Day over 1000 guests and volunteers

SEED SWAP

Saturday, September 28, 1-3 PM

LEAF's First Swap



Over 850 students attended our educational events

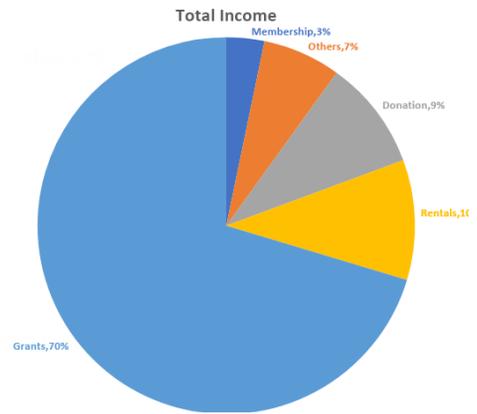
Thanks for making 2019 the best year ever!

2019 Financial Statement



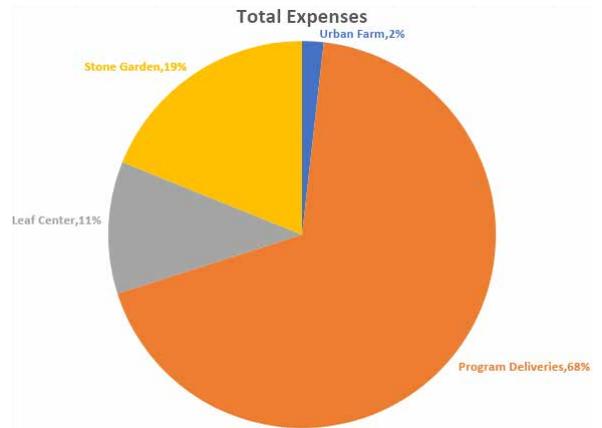
INCOME

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| Donations | \$6,763 |
| Grants | \$50,550 |
| Membership | \$2,340 |
| Planter Rentals | \$7,392 |
| Other | \$4,805 |
| Total | \$71,851 |



EXPENSES

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| LEAF Center | \$3,600 |
| C. R. Stone Garden | \$6,157 |
| Urban Farm | \$583 |
| Program Delivery | \$22,262 |
| Overhead | \$0 |
| Total | \$32,602 |



NET INCOME \$39,249

Growing Food

LEAF is a non-profit organization whose members and volunteers believe in growing healthy food without pesticides or genetic modification. We do this by nurturing the soil that helps keep our plants productive and free of disease.

Members grow their own food in rented planters in LEAF's community garden, the LEAF Center. At the LEAF C.R. Stone Garden, volunteers grow food for the TCV Food Bank, giving low income people access to sustainably grown food.

We share our gardening knowledge through free monthly workshops and fee-based classes. In particular, we believe in educating youth in our gardens through field trips, workshops, and mentoring high school students, Girl and Boy Scouts.



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2019 Accomplishments



We grew our community involvement

- LEAF Earth Day celebration grew from over 700 to over 1,000 participants.
- We held a record number of events - 54. That averages one per week!
- Newsletter readership grew by 11% and had a higher-than-industry-average open rate of 34%.
- We had our first school community event when students and parents from BASIS Independent Fremont school volunteered to work at Stone Garden.
- Our new website, created by Code Hobbits, launched in April. We also started a blog in July.

We grew our partnerships

- We held 18 workshops at Fremont Main and Centerville libraries with a total attendance of 485. Our December maker event drew the largest attendance the library has ever had, with over 200 participants.
- Our collaboration with StopWaste grew even stronger with six workshops, plus they continued the four-year soil testing program, participated in our LEAF Earth Day and awarded us a \$5,000 grant.
- We also received grant awards from Patagonia, Corning, Eden Health District, Alameda County Resource Conservation District and four local family foundations: the Schwemm and Thomas Family Foundations, Strong Foundation, and Mary Crocker Trust.
- StopWaste began soil testing at LEAF's C.R. Stone Garden plus awarded funding towards our education programs.



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Plans for the Next Decade



Where will we go in our second decade? We'll continue to expand our sites and increase our engagement in addressing the climate crisis while continuing to work in food justice by donating to TCV Food Bank.

LEAF founded Fremont's first public community garden in Niles. There are four other districts in Fremont, plus Newark, Union City and Sunol, whose residents could benefit from having a community garden.

LEAF has become a nexus for beekeeping in Fremont, and we will continue to support local beekeepers and train new ones on behalf of the struggling honeybee population.

You'll see LEAF's visibility increasing as we build environmental resilience to climate change through our partnerships and education. The Board is well aware that time is critical and is planning projects to ramp up our involvement. We'll be looking to you, the LEAF community, to help bring these to fruition. Stay posted!



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Sharing knowledge and spreading awareness were key components of our successes in 2019. We depend on you to keep this momentum going in 2020 by sharing this knowledge with others, and to help us grow in 2020 by renewing your membership, encouraging others to participate and join, and donating at FremontLEAF.org.

Letter from the President

With your support and dedication, LEAF has reached a turning point, growing in all our program areas and making a significant impact in the community. People are reaching out to us about the things we champion and care about.

Thanks to you - LEAF members, volunteers and supporters - we continue growing. We've strengthened our partnerships and built new ones. Our educational program has grown as well. Last year we hosted 54 workshops, classes and field trips.

In 10 years, LEAF has established itself as the local center for regenerative agricultural practices, growing food, beekeeping and supporting local ecology. I can't help but look towards exciting new opportunities in 2020 and beyond.

None of this would be possible without your support. You show up to volunteer in our gardens and assist with behind-the-scenes activities needed to run a nonprofit. Thank you for your generosity and making LEAF the nurturing, environmentally and socially responsive place it is. How can we not dream big, with so much energy, facing the new decade together?

Mia Mora
LEAF President

