

Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



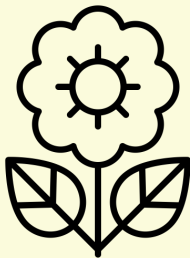
LEAF First Time Events in 2018



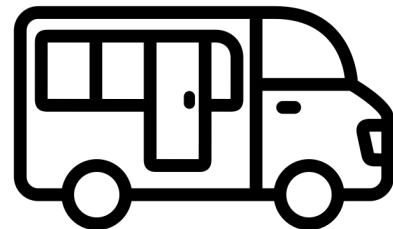
LEAF Garden Science Class Series for kids at Fremont Centerville Library



Regenerative farming practices at C.R. Stone Garden accelerated carbon sequestration 50 times more quickly than doing nothing would have, per StopWaste's soil study.



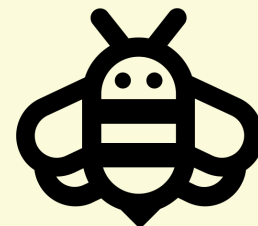
LEAF Nursery propagates Indian veggies and pollinator flower seedlings



Four field trips held at Stone Garden



LEAF Earth Day Event held featuring 22 booths and 700+ guests/volunteers



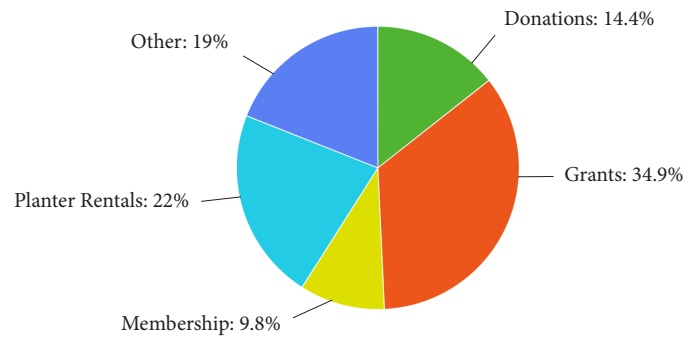
Six-part sold-out series of Beekeeping classes at LEAF's apiary

2018 Financial Statement



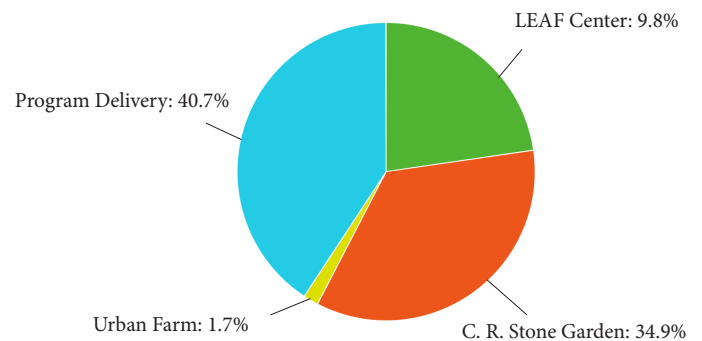
INCOME

Donations	\$4,128
Grants	\$10,000
Membership	\$2,798
Planter Rentals	\$6,302
Other	\$5,446
Total	\$28,674



EXPENSES

LEAF Center	\$6,372
C. R. Stone Garden	\$9,792
Urban Farm	\$463
Program Delivery	\$11,426
Overhead	\$0
Total	\$28,053



NET INCOME

\$621

Growing Food

LEAF is a non-profit organization whose members and volunteers believe in growing healthy food without pesticides nor genetic modification. We do this by nurturing the soil that help 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.



We grew our community involvement

- Our monthly newsletter has a readership of over 500
- First documentary film series as a fundraiser
- Earth Day event was successful beyond expectations, featuring 22 booths and 700+ attendees and volunteers
- Began volunteer-led field trips for kids to experience gardening and to see honeybees at work
- Created a Beekeeping Class Series that sold out
- Created a Winter Workshop Series at Fremont Main Library
- Created LEAF Garden Science Classes for kids at Fremont Centerville Library

We grew our partnerships

- Fremont Bank sponsored LEAF's film series
- Patagonia invited us to table at their Palo Alto store
- LEAF tabled at Facebook's Summer Festival
- Sprouts and Western Digital awarded LEAF grants supporting LEAF's mission to donate healthy food
- Niles Rotary awarded funding toward's LEAF's Urban Farm
- StopWaste began soil testing at LEAF's C.R. Stone Garden plus awarded funding towards our Education Programs

We grew our volunteer base

- Three Boy Scout projects were completed including 2 sets of planters and a tractor shed
- Club LEAF affiliate started at Washington High School
- A team from Code Hobbits, an after school coding program, took on revamping LEAF's website



We will build on the successes we had in 2018, like Earth Day, fee-based classes and library workshops. In addition, we'll develop LEAF's new one acre property, the Urban Farm, leased from Alameda County Water District. It's exciting to be adding to our portfolio of growing space. We will be exploring ways to capture carbon using regenerative agricultural practices and expanding educational opportunities – all within the heart of Fremont!

Grow membership and increase opportunities for volunteering

- New member-only events & discounts on classes

Expand LEAF's outreach to community

- Media Coordinator hired in early 2019 is expanding our reach
- Code Hobbits launched the new website in April
- We held our first corporate event - a new revenue source for LEAF
- StopWaste began soil testing at LEAF's C.R. Stone Garden for carbon sequestration



C. R. Stone Garden



LEAF Center



Urban Farm

Letter from the President

2018 was a big year for LEAF. We increased community access to healthy food by building more planters at the LEAF Center. At C.R. Stone Garden, we started two new seedling product lines that were very well received by our community; Indian veggies and pollinator plants. The biggest news for 2018 was we added one acre of ACWD land that we named, the Urban Farm. We're already exploring innovative ways to bring maximum value to the community in this new space.

We're proud of the overwhelming success of LEAF's first-ever Earth Day event. We worked on building our community relationships through more activities with StopWaste and the Fremont Library in particular. Volunteers are our lifeblood. They share our vision and work hard to make those visions a reality.

In 2019 we'll raise the bar even higher - with new classes and member-only events. We already exceeded last year's Earth Day event in both our offerings and attendance.

Mia Mora
LEAF President



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