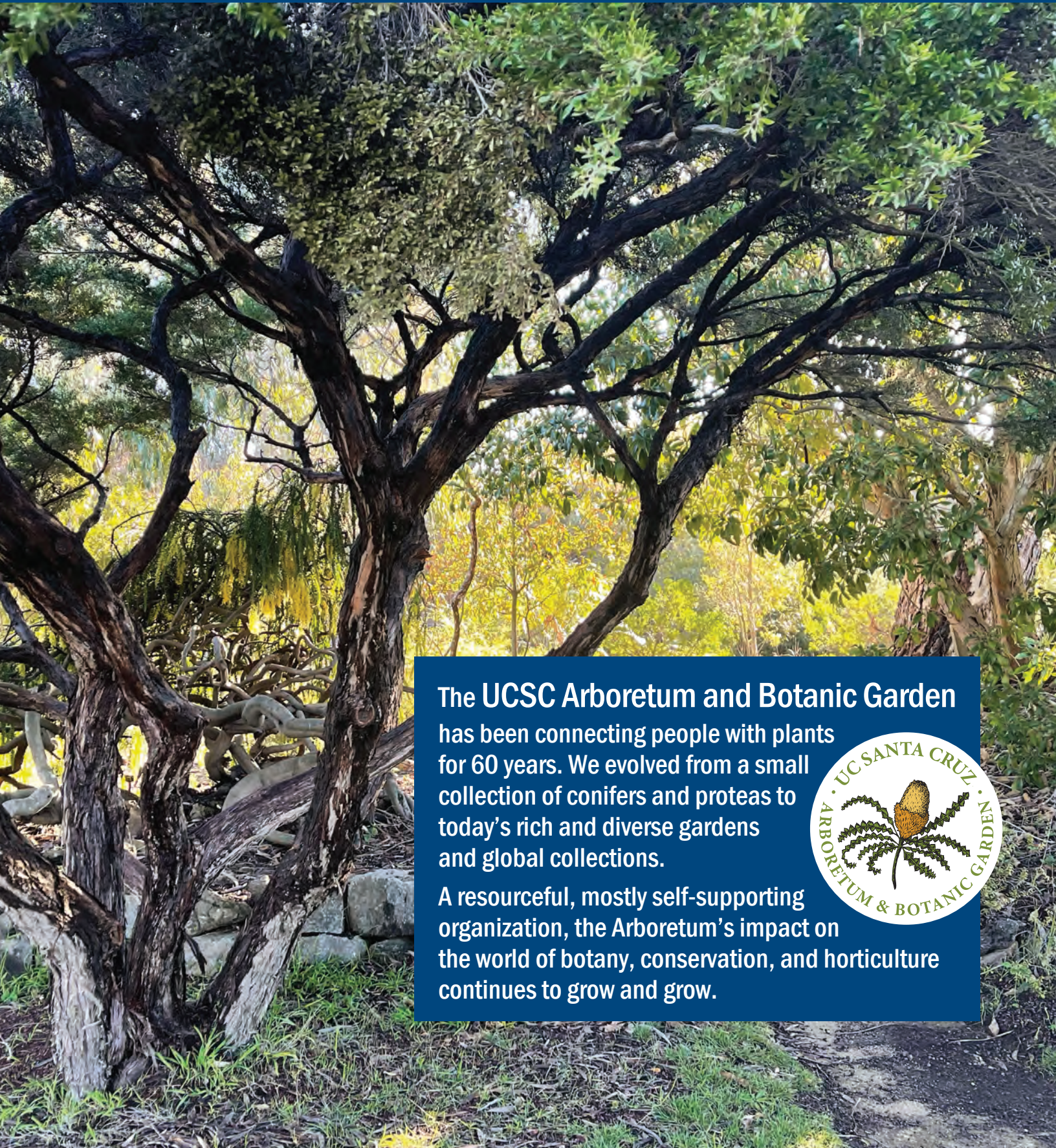


This year the Arboretum
is celebrating a big number... **60!**



The UCSC Arboretum and Botanic Garden has been connecting people with plants for 60 years. We evolved from a small collection of conifers and proteas to today's rich and diverse gardens and global collections.

A resourceful, mostly self-supporting organization, the Arboretum's impact on the world of botany, conservation, and horticulture continues to grow and grow.



2024 was a Banner Year

Reflecting on the 2023-24 fiscal year, we are proud of how much was accomplished. Some notable achievements include:



Our Plant Collections Grew
with 2,000 plants added to the gardens.



Thousands of UCSC Students Visited
as part of their courses, science labs, and more.
Our staff spoke with hundreds and guest lectured in
19 academic courses.



Visitors from Near and Far
enjoyed the gardens, leaving with a deeper
appreciation for the diversity, beauty, and
importance of plants.

36 Student Workers & 25 Interns
experienced hands-on learning in our gardens, nursery,
office, and gift shop. They helped keep our organization
running and the gardens growing.



And while caring for 115 acres of gardens, a lot was happening behind the scenes and in the field.

The Arboretum received new funding support for the Amah Mutsun Relearning Program (AMRP), a novel and unique program for a botanic garden. The AMRP assists the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band in their efforts to relearn dormant cultural knowledge while simultaneously educating students and the public about Indigenous plant stewardship and cultivation.



Amah Mutsun Relearning Program

Our Native Plant Program staff continued their work with California Plant Rescue – a collaborative of botanical institutions with the goal of seed banking the entire flora of California, starting with its rarest species. In the last four years, they collected, processed, and banked more than 1 million seeds including over 200 species secured in conservation collections for the first time ever.

Staff also continued data collection across 8 million acres for a \$2.6 million contract for the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Vegetation Classification and Mapping Program. Since 2023, they have conducted 1,753 surveys throughout the Northern Sierras, the Central and Northern Interior Coast Ranges, and Napa County.



Native Plant Research



An academic support unit, the Arboretum assists with faculty research. This past year, we partnered with Professor Miriam Greenberg on a project funded by the University of California Office of the President Climate Action 2023 Grants. Our staff began conducting pre- and post-fire vegetation surveys to help understand the effects of prescribed fire on coastal prairie plant species in the wildland urban interface.

As our climate changes, these collaborations will inform land management decisions and help to conserve threatened plant species.

Strong support from our devoted community is critical to our success.



124 Volunteers and 8,153 Service Hours

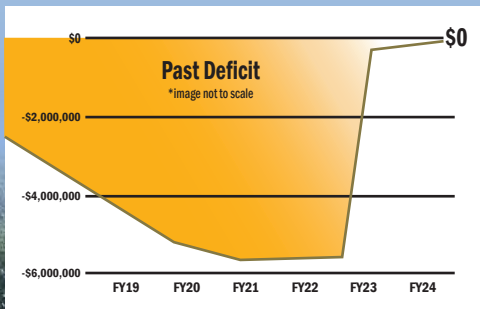
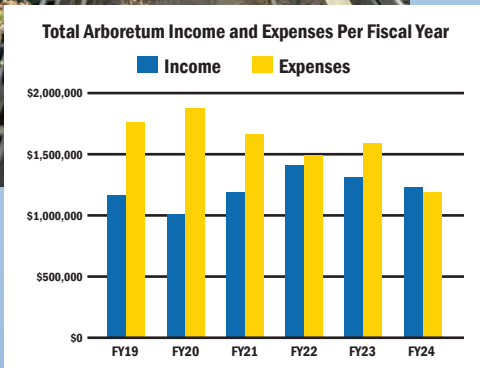
Volunteers staffed our gift shop, propagated thousands of plants, helped maintain the gardens, led tours for the public, created items for fundraisers, and so much more!

Over 1,000 Members and Donors provided critical foundational support. Their memberships and generous gifts funded 57% of our annual operating budget.

Earned Income accounted for nearly 25% of our annual budget through sales at Norrie's Gift & Garden Shop, garden admissions, facility rentals, and special events.

One Major Contract - Currently, a three-year CDFW contract funds the Native Plant Program (NPP). This is not shown in the graph. The NPP is actively seeking new funding.

University Support helped us meet our operating costs by relieving our deficit and funding salaries and benefits for our Executive Director and Associate Director. For the first time in many years, the Arboretum ended fiscal year 2023-24 with a balanced budget.



Thank You!

