"I learned that plants are helpful to human life. They give us oxygen."

Janiah, Birmingham City School 4th Grader
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About Us...

Birmingham Botanical Gardens is Alabama’s largest living museum with more than 12,000 different plants in its living collections. The Gardens’ 67.5 acres contain over 25 unique gardens, over 30 works of original outdoor sculpture and miles of serene paths. The Gardens features the only public horticulture library in the U.S., conservatories, a wildflower garden, two rose gardens, the Southern Living Garden, and a Japanese garden with a traditionally crafted tea house.

More than 43,700 adults and children participated in education programs in 2014. On average more than 10,000 school children enjoy free, science-curriculum based field trips annually.

The Gardens is open daily, offering free admission to more than 350,000 visitors annually.

Birmingham Botanical Gardens is a partnership between the City of Birmingham and Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Through funding and advocacy, The Friends further the restoration, preservation and development of The Gardens as a resource for everyone in the community. The Friends promote knowledge and appreciation of plants and the environment through educational offerings.

Public funds do support general maintenance; however, public funding does not address the effects of increased usage and changing visitor needs. Therefore, The Friends must seek additional funding sources to sustain its mission. With your help, Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens will continue to expand educational programming, environmental awareness, facilities maintenance and development as well as horticultural health and diversity. The Gardens are a valuable resource for our community which must be maintained and enhanced for present and future visitors.

Our MISSION

Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens promotes public knowledge of plants, gardens & the environment; & receives, raises & administers resources for these purposes.

Our Vision

The vision of Birmingham Botanical Gardens is to be one of the nation’s preeminent botanical gardens.

Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens practices a policy of equal opportunity & equal access to services for all persons regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, orientation or sex. Birmingham Botanical Gardens is a facility of Birmingham Park & Recreation Board.

Letter from President & CEO

Please contact us at 205.414.3950 or visit us at www.bbgardens.org
Because of your generous gifts of time, talent and treasure, Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens (“The Friends”) is pleased to report on another successful year in partnership with the city of Birmingham in operating our beloved Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Thank you so much for your support.

We like to say that connecting people to nature lies at the heart of our mission of educating people about plants, gardens and the environment. For many of the adults, children and families who visit The Gardens (for free!) or partake in our many program offerings, our urban oasis is the only piece of nature they know, or it’s where they were first introduced to the wonders of the natural world. We also like to say that experiences here are actual and unplugged – attributes that can be harder to find in our increasingly electronic world. We hope you agree and that you visit often and take advantage of what we have to offer.

At the same time, we connect daily with over 50,000 people to promote programs, events and activities through digital platforms like Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Through travel sites like Trip Advisor and Yelp!, our visitors share their experiences and connect with the world. In this report, we’ve selected a number of those postings to share with you, because we think it’s good to hear what others are saying. We know you’ll be proud to have played a part in making their memories of Birmingham Botanical Gardens so special.

This report also highlights the progress our Board of Directors, staff and incredibly dedicated volunteer team have made in advancing our recent strategic plan. Finally, as of this writing, unprecedented physical connectivity is nearing completion as we conclude renovations to a soon-to-be-reopened pedestrian gate on Cahaba Road, and a path system linking to Lane Park Road. These amenities and more, funded by The Friends, augment the federally and city-funded work recently finished on Cahaba Road, and will complement additional work on the Garden Center (also funded by the city of Birmingham) which will soon begin. When the dust clears, you’ll see that we’re more connected than ever.

We hope you enjoy reading our 2014 Annual Report and we encourage you to stay connected by continuing to support this important institution. Thank you again.

With sincere thanks for all you do for us,

B. Hanson Slaughter
2014 President

Frederick R. Spicer, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends

“One of the Best Gardens and it’s Free.”

UKBlacCrow
Alexandria, VA

“An awesome space carved out of Birmingham’s urban area features many walking paths to take in the various forms of plant life. Absolutely gorgeous scenery.”

Shamiyah
4th Grade Student
Discovery Field Trips

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Combined Statement of Activities

SUPPORT & REVENUE

December 31, 2014

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TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE  $2,743,714

Programs (See details below)

$1,852,348

Development

212,773

General & Administrative

306,801

TOTAL EXPENSES

$2,371,922

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

$ 371,792

NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR

$ 16,571,872

Gardens

$704,187

Education

331,561

Library

128,431

Membership

110,026

Volunteers

56,346

Marketing

173,721

Events

348,076

TOTAL PROGRAMS

$1,852,348

The financial information shown above has been summarized by Birmingham Botanical Society, Inc., dba Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens, from its 2014 audited financial statements. A copy of the complete financial statements & auditor's report is available for review at our offices at 2612 Lane Park Road, Birmingham, AL 35223.
1. ECONOMIC IMPACT: Birmingham Botanical Gardens is a distinct cultural public amenity with 20+ thematic gardens on 67.5 acres. Approximately 350,000 visitors tour The Gardens annually free of charge. Birmingham Botanical Gardens is Alabama's largest living museum, with more than 12,000 different plants in its living collections. Though the economic impact of The Gardens alone has not been calculated, the non-profit arts and cultural sector as a whole contributes an estimated $125 million per year¹ to regional businesses. Gardening is the #1 hobby in America generating $35.2 billion nationwide.²

2. QUALITY OF LIFE: Birmingham Botanical Gardens’ contributions to quality of life include safe, beautiful walking paths, open 365 days a year dawn to dusk; special events; and educational programming and resources. The beauty of the plants and art of the gardens soothe, stimulate and inspire. Food from the Bruno Vegetable Garden feeds the hungry. Our award-winning Plant Adventures program uses gardening as a rehabilitation and life-enrichment tool for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, physical limitations, mental and emotional impairment or other special needs.

3. EDUCATION: Birmingham Botanical Gardens’ educational mission impacts every visitor through signage and labeling which identify garden elements and specific plants. In addition, we provide free hands-on, curriculum-based science programming to over 10,000 kindergarten through 8th graders on average each year through our Discovery Field Trips Curriculum. These programs correlate with the Alabama State Course of Study and are aligned with the National Science Education Standards. We also offer summer camps for children, state-endorsed teacher training, and myriad adult classes, lectures and workshops. Our programming promotes sustainability and environmental stewardship. In 2014, more than 43,700 adults and children benefited from our educational programming.

4. COLLECTIONS: Birmingham Botanical Gardens’ collections are outstanding. We are Alabama’s largest living museum, rife with native plant collections that celebrate Alabama’s biodiversity. Our library is the largest public horticulture library in the United States, open seven days a week. Our vision for Birmingham Botanical Gardens to be one of the nation’s preeminent botanical gardens is attainable.

5. VOLUNTEERS: Birmingham Botanical Gardens has a large cadre of dedicated volunteers and supporters. In 2014, more than 1,200 volunteers gave over 28,800 hours of service to Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens. At rates set by the non-profit Independent Sector, the value of this community involvement is almost $650,000 and equates to about 12 full-time positions. It’s very simple: our volunteers make delivery of our mission possible. Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens’ volunteer supporters include 2,900 family and individual members who support the gardens through fundraising, advocacy, and education.

6. COMMUNITY SPACE: Birmingham Botanical Gardens provide unique and beautiful public spaces – not just the gardens themselves, but also the auditorium, lecture hall, meeting rooms and restaurant, all of which are available and heavily used to support community meetings and activities. Birmingham Botanical Gardens is a spectacular site for special events.

“I could have spent days here...and a library with the most plant information I’ve ever had available in one place”

Shamiyah
4th Grade Student
Discovery Field Trips


1. Arts & Economic Prosperity III: The Economic Impact of Nonprofit Arts and Cultural Organizations and Their Audiences in Jefferson County, Alabama 2010
2. Americans for the Arts 2: National Gardening Association 2005
3. Shamiyah
The Gardens has a multi-faceted, integrated revenue strategy to seek resources for its strategic and master plans.

2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Ninth Antiques at The Gardens chaired by Barbara Burton & Katie Baker Lasker and honoring Bill & Lyndra Daniel raised over $400,000 for education programs
- First Flicks Among the Flowers held in celebration of 50th Anniversary; more than 300 attended
- Fall Plant Sale raised nearly $44,000 for mission-based programs; over 1,200 attended
- The Junior Board’s Dirt Dash fun run was held on November 15. Over 250 people, most of whom were not previously affiliated with The Gardens, participated
- The 45th Spring Plant Sale was held at the former JC Penney at Century Plaza on April 10-13. Over 9,000 were in attendance; more than $277,000 raised
- Discovery Field Trips provided to Bessemer City Schools through Vulcan Materials Foundation and to Birmingham City Schools through Junior League of Birmingham. Additional funding provided by Birmingham Kiwanis Foundation, City of Mountain Brook, City of Vestavia Hills, Goodrich Foundation, Hugh Kaul Foundation, James Milton & Sallie R. Johnson Foundation, Kinder Morgan Foundation, Mike & Gillian Goodrich Foundation, Regions, Robert R. Meyer Foundation, and the Susan Mott Webb Charitable Trust*
- Special donor tours given in the Kaul Wildflower Garden
- Fall Donor Event held at the home of Cathy & Tom Adams; more than 90 attended
- From the Garden to the Table event held in Bruno Vegetable Garden with chef Chris Hastings
- Celebrating Our Roots event held in February; guest lecturer, Dr. Richard Lighty

*For more information about our education programs visit www.bbgardens.org/education
Our Strategic Priorities

The Gardens’ buildings and grounds facilitate achievement of its vision, mission and priorities and uphold the organization’s standards of excellence.

2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Conservatory Phase I Improvements completed; opened to public February 23+
- Stonework and path upgrades in Jemison Lily Garden completed; Walter Overlook renovation supported by Jemison Investment Co.+
- The Gardens designated $900,000 from City of Birmingham Bond-Fund Improvements; work to include ADA compliance, restroom upgrades, caterer's kitchen and auditorium renovations (October 2015)
- New cherry plantings in Japanese Gardens’ Kayser Cherry Walk
- Replacement work begun on twin gazebos in Ireland Iris Garden by Dean Black of Blackwood Gallery+
- New porous paving trails completed in Hess Camellia Garden by Aquatic Gardens+
- Raised bed repairs in Bruno Vegetable Garden donated by Brasfield & Gorrie
- Bonsai Gate replaced in Japanese Gardens by Dean Black+
- New bog exhibit installed in Arrington Plant Adventure Zone for conservation collection of Alabama pitcher plant

For the period 2000-2014, over 46,000 plants were added to permanent living collections, representing 3,200 different taxa; 58% new to the living collections+

+Funded in part by the Lucille S. Beeson Charitable Trust, managed by Regions Morgan Keegan Trust
Our Strategic Priorities

“We had a blast today at the #bbgardens for Wilds to Woodlands! AWC is thrilled to partner with @bbgardens on this exciting series!”

@alabamawildlifecenter

The Gardens has an engaged base of members, supporters and volunteers sufficient to support mission and goals

2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Annual Members Celebration held and featured Master Plan Top Ten Projects; Over 200 members attended
- Greenhouse volunteers participated in structured training classes including Greenhouse Safety and Operations in Potting Shed
- Annual Holiday Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held; 2014 Volunteer of the Year awards presented
- Director’s Choice Plant Dividends distributed free to more than 400 members; benefit of membership
- Members Day Trip to Hills & Dales Estate; 55 attended
- Hosted UAB Honors Program students for service day in Arrington Plant Adventure Zone and Birmingham-Southern College students in Kaul Wildflower Garden
- Volunteer orientation provided to UAB students for Hikes for Tykes and Get Into The Gardens weekend programs
- More than 500 members attended Members-only Preview Sale at Spring Plant Sale
- Junior Board introduced new free yoga classes to hundreds of participants
- 65 students from Jefferson County Youth Leadership Program volunteered at Fall Plant Sale
- New Conservatory weekend activities facilitated by trained UAB students to more than 300 visitors
- More than 2,500 hours were contributed by volunteer partners including the Ismaili Community Engaged in Responsible Volunteers (iCERV), Hands-On Birmingham, Youth Serve-Birmingham, University of Alabama student groups, the Arc of Jefferson County, local Boy/Girl Scout troops and the City of Birmingham’s Park & Recreation department.
- YP Birmingham and Junior Board held social networking event; more than 200 attended
- More than 1,200 volunteers contributed 28,800 hours

Check Us Out Online At bbgardens.org
Our Strategic Priorities

“The Plant Adventures Program is enhancing not only our consumer’s lives, but our beautiful city as well. You really brightened their day.”

Hunter, The Arc of Jefferson County
Plant Adventures Program

The Gardens builds and maintains mutually effective partnerships that leverage combined resources in support of its vision and mission

2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Planted 50 Freedom Oaks in partnership with Red Mountain Park and City of Birmingham*
- Established relationships with Highlands School, Vestavia Hills High School, The Arc of Jefferson County, The Exceptional Foundation, Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama, Fair Haven Methodist Home and Birmingham Zoo for Plant Adventures Program*
- Partnered with Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama to establish Girl Scout troop at The Gardens*
- Bruno Vegetable Garden produced 3,000 lbs of fresh produce, donated to Magic City Harvest for local distribution+
- Fourth anniversary of Saturday morning Hikes for Tykes and Gross-out Summer Camps in partnership with Fresh Air Family, Inc.*
- Junior League of Birmingham completed 14th year of volunteer and financial support for Discovery Field Trips, included bus transportation and books for City of Birmingham students*
- Shades Valley Rotary Club held Botanical Bash to support internship program; Little Garden Club sponsored first Louise Agee Wrinkle Native Plant Internship
- Cherry Blossom Festival held at The Gardens by Japan-America Society of Alabama
- Co-hosted Bards & Brews with Birmingham Public Library; over 100 people attended
- Provided crucial program assistance to MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences) National Conference
- Held first annual Spooky Science in partnership with Fresh Air Family
- 2,000 students representing five colleges and universities in the Birmingham Area Consortium of Higher Education (BACHE) completed self-guided tours

*For more information about our education programs visit www.bbgardens.org/education
Our Strategic Priorities

The Gardens maximizes impact on visitors and program participants through formal educational programming and incidental learning experiences

2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Discovery Field Trips began the 16th academic year welcoming 115,000th student*
- Weekend program, Get Into The Gardens, offered free hands-on education programs to more than 1,400 visitors to The Gardens*
- Certificate in Native Plants Studies completed its third year*
- Plants: Inside Out, the newest Discovery Field Trip and the first designed for middle school completed second year; funded by The James Milton and Sallie R. Johnson Foundation*
- New Discovery Field Trip, Pollinators, in development
- Southern Tales at The Gardens with Dolores Hydock; more than 300 attended the sold-out event*
- Children’s Summer Camp program generated $42,169; 240 children attended; included new Urban Farm Camp*
- Education and public programs reported participation over the prior academic year: 16,300 children and 27,400 adults; total of 43,700 individuals
- Earth Day at The Gardens held, more than 1,500 attended*
- Spencer Lecture Series: author David Price; over 400 attended*
- Garden Explorations welcomed 300 children in addition to teachers from City of Birmingham Park and Recreation Centers*
- Sanitra Lawrence became the seventh summer intern funded by the Rotary Club of Shades Valley, Mitchell Vaughn was first Louise Agee Wrinkle Native Plant Intern funded by Little Garden Club and Alex Dumont was Birmingham-Southern College intern*
- Library at The Gardens circulated more than 8,200 items; total of 18,500 visitors*

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Our Strategic Priorities

"Class was excellent - students were very involved - one of my favorite all-time classes."

Randolph
Certificate in Native Plant Studies

Asplenium tutwilerae, Tutwiler's spleenwort, inspected by John Mantion, curator of Kaul Wildflower Garden

Alabama ranks 5th in overall biodiversity and 9th in plant diversity among all states. Alabama also boasts 25 endemic plants, species or varieties that grow naturally nowhere else in the world.

The Gardens has a transparent commitment to making environmental sustainability a priority

2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- From 2009-2014 approximately 1,500 native tree seedlings were planted on about 15 sites in the metropolitan area of Birmingham in our Centennial Trees program*
- Certificate in Native Plant Studies program offered to encourage the use and conservation of native plants*
- Began new partnership with The Nature Conservancy – Alabama Chapter, using volunteers to work on- and off-site to conserve the Alabama leatherflower (Clematis socialis)
- Partnership with Alabama Plant Conservation Alliance to propagate and re-introduce very rare fern, Asplenium tutwilerae, Tutwiler's spleenwort, to its sole native site in Hale County, Alabama
- Free Lunch & Learn Series offered to hundreds of participants in partnership with Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Jefferson County Department of Storm Water Management*

*Funded in part by the Lucille S. Beeson Charitable Trust, managed by Regions Morgan Keegan Trust

I learned about pollination. I had tons of fun and enjoyed it very much.”

Azzy
6th Grade Student
Discovery Field Trips

Shamiyah
4th Grade Student
Discovery Field Trips

“It was amazing to learn about peanuts and how they grow.”
Our Strategic Priorities

Birmingham Botanical Gardens has a recognized brand and message that is easily understood and consistently communicated to and by all stakeholders

2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- New brand campaign introduced to celebrate 50th Anniversary of The Gardens
- The Gardens named Top Free Attraction in Alabama by Alabama Department of Tourism
- Hermes Marketing Awards: Platinum-Top Ten Master Plan Projects Display; two Gold-50th Anniversary Artwork and Marketing Plan
- The Gardens touched more than 33,000 fans on Facebook, 8,000 followers on Twitter and 12,000 email subscribers
- “Good Things Growing” gardening blog featuring gardening advice celebrates three year anniversary; featured more than 250 articles
- 2014 media news articles and advertising included: The Birmingham News/AL.com, Birmingham magazine, About Town, 280 Living, Over the Mountain Journal, Huffington Post, Clear Channel radio stations, WBHM 90.3 public radio, flower magazine, Southern Living, b-metro magazine, Birmingham Home & Garden, Village Living, Homewood Star, The Magazine Antiques, Maine Antique Digest, American Horticulture, Public Garden, Weld, Cooking with Paula Deen, NBC13, ABC 33/40, CBS42, Fox 6, birmingham365.org, Alabama.travel, and many other website calendars
- News release distribution included local, state, regional and national groups based on target audience (visitors, events, programs)
- Award-winning event marketing collateral distributed to more than 100 local businesses, restaurants, coffee shops, venues and retailers. Includes posters, banners, rack cards, postcards, fliers and the award-winning Antiques at The Gardens catalog. Total Distribution: 75,000-100,000 pieces*

Birmingham Botanical Gardens has an active, engaged, contributing board with broad reach in the community and beyond

“Great place to come alone to relax or you can bring a date!! It’s awesome and free!”

Amy Keener

Earth Day at The Gardens
A SAMPLING OF OUR EDUCATION PARTNERS


OVERVIEW

Children and adults who benefited from The Friends’ educational offerings: 39,500+

Dollars spent by The Friends on education and volunteer programs: $597,000+²

Community volunteers at The Gardens and hours worked: 1,200+ and 28,800+

The value of that volunteer contribution: $650,000+³

FOR CHILDREN

Award-winning science-based school programs: which include Discovery Field Trips, Discovery Backpacks and Garden Explorations.

Discovery programs given; students who attended those classes: 560+ and 11,230+

Alabama school districts served; number of schools participating in Discovery programs: 25 and 93

Grades served by Discovery programs: Pre-K – 12th

Educators that participated in teacher training programs: 129

Portion of 16,000+ children in all programs who attended for free: 98%

Curricula aligned with Alabama Course of Study:

Biology, Botany, Science & Social Studies.

Science and Environmental Education: curricula excerpts provided for teachers to ensure that objectives and their curriculum relevance are clearly defined.

Preschool Objectives: based on Alabama Performance Standards for 4-year olds.

FOR ADULTS

Adults who pursued educational enrichment through The Gardens: 23,500+

Program topics: include gardening, botany, nature-related art, floral design, naturalist themes (e.g., birding), botanical crafts and cooking, photography, health and wellness.

Certificate in Native Plant Studies: (est. May 2011) in-depth program raises awareness of the environmental importance and value of these plants; curriculum consists of core classes, electives, field trips and volunteer service to provide broad yet balanced instruction in botany, taxonomy, ecology, conservation and uses of native southeastern flora.

Rotary Club of Shades Valley Internship: (est. May 2008) a 12-week paid internship focusing on botanical garden operations and management; institutions represented include Birmingham-Southern College, Miles College, Samford University, University of Alabama and University of Montevallo.

FOR EVERYONE

Birmingham Botanical Gardens Library: part of Jefferson County Library Cooperative, making it the only public horticultural library in the United States.

Circulating items plus reference, periodicals, children’s media: 8,200+

Items circulated (5-year average): 9,600+

Annual Visitors (children and adults, 5-year average): 18,500+

Library Archives: include rare books, The Gardens-and area garden club-related materials, maps and plans, tea ceremony items, plant fossils, botanical prints, antique seed catalogs and more.

Plant Adventures: inclusive, holistic and hands-on programs that explore the significance of people-plant interactions and facilitate that engagement here at The Gardens and through community outreach; accessible to people of all abilities.


² Operating funds only, does not include garden improvements.

³ $22.55/hr. is Federal matching value of volunteer time for FY 2014.
In 2014, more than 1,200 volunteers gave 28,800 hours. Calculated at $22.55 per hour base rate according to the Independent Sector base rate, our volunteers saved the organization $650,000. The amount of time & talent volunteers give to The Gardens is immeasurable.

Members of i-CERV volunteering at the Spring Plant Sale

Linda C. Askey
Benjamin Black
Susan Black
Sara Black
Katianna Blades
Stevie Black
Virginia Blair
Betsy Blakely
Van Blankenship
Mary L. Blankenship
Mary L. Blankenship
Kaki Blanton
Mary L. Blankenship
Nancy Brock
Mary L. Blankenship

Teresa Callaway
Lucille Calvert
Holley Camp
Pat Campbell
Cathy Canant
Kaye M. Carlisle
Lynn Carmichael
Joanne Carmel
Michelle Carr
Chris Carruba
Dale Carruthers
Carol Carter
Michele Carter
Carolyn Carter

Margie Cackler
Cheryl Cullison
Lori Culpepper
Leslie Culver
William Cureton
Emily Curran
Carol Carver
Lyndra Daniel
Vicki Daniels
Stewart M. Dausby
Caroline Darby
Barclay Darden
Jim & Kim Dargan
Anita Dark
Larry J. Davenport
Charlotte Davie
Linda David
Lyn Davis
Luci G. Davis
Sandra Davis
Niko Davis
Don Davis
Dona DeLaet
Mary DeLaet
Mary DeLaet

Volunteers

Alice Ashton
Barbara Ashford
Ritsuko Asano
Claire Armstrong
Jane R. Arendall
Katherine Ard
Noele Anglin
William F. Angell
Tracey Anderson

Thomas G. Amason
Linda G. Alverson-Eiland
Susan Allison
Leigh Allison

Norma W. Aldridge
Norma W. Aldridge
Edgar G. Aldridge
Connie Barron
Maury Barron
LaDon Barron

Sandra Davis
Linda David
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Leslie Culver
William Cureton

Jackie Burgess
Bee Dugger
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Myra Crawford
Kelly Cravens
Lilly Eagleson
Kelly Eagleson

Sandra Davis
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Mary Carolyn G. Cleve-
Adrienne Cleveland
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Adrienne Cleveland

Marjorie Chan
Norm F. Chandler
Sunny Chao
Karen Chapman
Martha Chapman
Jim Chappell
Pinky Chase
Elizabeth T. Chastain

Margaret Croom
Donya Deal
Sandra Davis
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Amanda Cram
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