



# Cheyenne Botanic Gardens Fact Sheet

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## Report and Data for the year ending 2007

- ◇ **1977** Our doors first opened to the public as the "Cheyenne Community Solar Greenhouse," located east of town.
- ◇ **1986** The Botanic Gardens current facility was constructed in Lions Park and was incorporated into the City of Cheyenne Parks and Recreation Department
- ◇ **\$382,335** approx. Annual City budget in FY 2007-08.
- ◇ **\$92,804** 2007 Foundation Expenditures
- ◇ **53468** Total visitors (from all 50 states and 24 foreign countries.)
- ◇ **5709** Total 2007 volunteer hours (mainly senior, youth and handicapped individuals).
- ◇ **150** individuals Volunteered in 2007 (primarily senior, youth and handicapped individuals).
- ◇ **47** Weddings at the Gardens with approximately 4120 attendees.
- ◇ **35** Tours provided to approximately 675 attendees.
- ◇ **62** Reserved uses of the meeting room representing approximately 938 people.
- ◇ **26** Grounds uses (not counting weddings)
- ◇ **3,850** Pounds of produce grown and distributed to senior volunteers and nutrition programs.
- ◇ **Major Projects** in '07: Arboretum development, Children's Garden Capital Campaign, Building Expansion Design initiated, Developed new flower bed at Randall and Pershing.
- ◇ **49** gardening call-in radio programs aired per year on KFBC. Heard every Thursday at 8:20 am. Produced 6 garden programs on Wyoming Public Radio
- ◇ **7 days a week, 365 days per year** – garden tips published in Wyoming Tribune/Eagle newspaper and Casper Star Tribune weather page.
- ◇ **6** staff: Director-Shane Smith, Assistant Director-Claus Johnson; Development Director– KellyAnne Terry/Ellen Thompson, Head of Horticulture -Steve Scott, Horticulturist- Sue Whetten and Secretary Trudy Fox. There were up to 3 temporary and/or part-time paid staff including 2 summer interns
- ◇ **Membership:** The Friends of the Botanic Garden membership program has **725** members.

### The Cheyenne Botanic Gardens inspires, beautifies and enriches the High Plains through gardening, volunteerism, education, and stewardship.

#### THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THESE FOCUS AREAS:

- **Plants-** Exhibit diverse plant collections and landscapes.
- **Service and therapy-** Provides meaningful opportunities for seniors, handicapped and youth-at-risk volunteers who are essential in growing the Gardens.
- **Education and Outreach-** Provides educational and therapeutic opportunities. Creating demonstrations in landscaping, gardening, renewable energy and sustainable earth-friendly solutions.

- ◇ **Special events for 2007:** , Superday in Lions Park, Goblin Walk, Lecture Series, Summer Performing Arts Series featuring Terri Hendrix, Shakespeare and Colorado Swing. Garden tours with Steve Scott & Sue Whetten.
- ◇ 2007 Garden Lecture Series Featured: Marcia Tatroe, "Gardening in a land of Extremes," Rob Proctor "Gardening on a Shoestring," David Wann, "Organic Vegetable Gardening."
- ◇ **80 Flower Beds** planted and maintained by volunteers in Cheyenne.
- ◇ **Specifics of conservatory**

**building:** The 6800 square- foot conservatory is passively solar heated and 50% solar powered. It incorporates a three-sectioned conservatory which displays sub-tropical and tropical food crops, annual flowers, waterfall and pond display (fish and water plants), vegetables and herbs. The facility also includes a gathering room, offices, root cellar/ storage and reference library

- ◇ **50,000** Bedding plants grown from seed for city parks beautification. Approx. 2 acre of off-site plantings.
- ◇ **9.1** acres of grounds that include a number of specialty gardens, water features and more!
- ◇ **600** Plus garden books and over 2,500 catalogs and periodicals available to public in the CBG library.
- ◇ **Awards received:** President Ronald Reagan– Exemplary Volunteer Program, 1986; President George Bush, Point of Light Award, 1990; Harvard Loeb Fellowship to Cheyenne Botanic Gardens Director, Shane Smith, 1989-1990; Partners for Livable Communities, American Entrepreneurial Leadership Award, 1994; Community Hero Award Governor Jim Geringer, 1996.
- ◇ **Governance and management:** The Cheyenne Botanic Gardens operates as a division of the City of Cheyenne Parks and Recreation Department. The non-profit Friends of the Botanic Garden Foundation provides major funding for most all landscape planning and construction and support for our volunteers.
- ◇ **Call** for more information call: 307-637-6458 or visit [www.botanic.org](http://www.botanic.org)