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Form 990  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)	OMB No 1545-0047
		2008
	Open to Public Inspection	

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2008 and ending 09-30-2009				
B Check if applicable ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Termination ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization WEST MICHIGAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC Doing Business As		D Employer identification number 38-2394044
		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1000 EAST BELTLINE		E Telephone number (616) 975-3142
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49525		G Gross receipts \$ 17,071,133
	F Name and address of Principal Officer		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) (3) ☐ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527		H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If "No," attach a list See instructions)		
J Web site: WWW.MEIJERGARDENS.ORG		H(c) Group Exemption Number		
K Type of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ trust ☐ association ☐ other			L Year of Formation 1981	M State of legal domicile MI

Part I

Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization’s mission or most significant activities TO PROMOTE THE ENJOYMENT, UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF GARDENS, SCULPTURE, THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE ARTS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IS TO ALLOW GUESTS TO EXPERIENCE HORTICULTURE AND ART		
	2	Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	29
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	29
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	218
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	700
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	7a	488,106
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	-91,514
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	11,502,984	9,404,759
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	5,016,296	4,331,507
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		21,259
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,808,328	1,385,226
			18,327,608	15,142,751
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		0
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	4,970,878	4,592,180
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b	(Total fundraising expenses, Part IX, column (D), line 25 370,290)		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	6,719,853	6,351,406
	18	Total expenses—add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, line 25, column (A))	11,690,731	10,943,586
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	6,636,877	4,199,165
Net Assets or Fund Balances			Beginning of Year	End of Year
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	135,274,883	137,984,582
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	2,417,889	2,072,072
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	132,856,994	135,912,510

Part II

Signature Block

Please Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge			
		*****	2010-04-14	
	Signature of officer		Date	
Paid Preparer's Use Only		DAVID S HOOKER PRESIDENT/CEO		
	Type or print name and title			
	Preparer's signature 	MICHELLE L DERIDDER	Date 2010-04-14	Check if self-employed ☐
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	ANDREWS HOOPER & PAVLIK PLC 3333 DEPOSIT DR NE STE 310 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49546		EIN  Phone no  (616) 942-6440

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (See instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

1

Briefly describe the organization’s mission
TO PROMOTE THE ENJOYMENT, UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF GARDENS, SCULPTURE, THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE ARTS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IS TO ALLOW GUESTS TO EXPERIENCE HORTICULTURE AND ART

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

YesNo

If “Yes,” describe these new services on Schedule O

3

Did the organization cease conducting or make significant changes in how it conducts any program services?

YesNo

If “Yes,” describe these changes on Schedule O

4

Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization’s three largest program services by expenses
Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a

(Code) (Expenses \$ 7,095,820 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 3,001,540)
COLLECTIONS AND EXHIBITIONS THE FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS AND SCULPTURE PARK (MEIJER GARDENS) PROMOTES THE ENJOYMENT, UNDERSTANDING, AND APPRECIATION OF GARDENS, SCULPTURE, THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE ARTS FOR 362 DAYS A YEAR, GUESTS EXPERIENCE EXHIBITIONS ON THEIR OWN, THROUGH A GUIDED TOUR, A TRAM RIDE OR WITH A DOWNLOADABLE TOUR PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS INCLUDE INDOOR DISPLAY GARDENS (TROPICAL CONSERVATORY, ARID GARDEN, VICTORIAN GARDEN, AND CARNIVOROUS PLANTS), ACRES OF OUTDOOR GARDENS AND A WORLD (SEE SCHEDULE O) RENOWNED SCULPTURE COLLECTION TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS INCLUDE THREE SCULPTURE EXHIBITIONS PER YEAR, BUTTERFLIES ARE BLOOMING (MARCH AND APRIL), CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD (THANKSGIVING THROUGH THE NEW YEAR), AND AN EVER-CHANGING SEASONAL DISPLAY HOUSE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, ARTISTS PERFORM CONCERTS IN OUR OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER THROUGHOUT THE FISCAL YEAR, APPROXIMATELY 513,000 GUESTS HAVE ENJOYED OUR FACILITY AND GROUNDS

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ 760,406 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 633,880)
HOSPITALITY THE HOSPITALITY AREA OF MEIJER GARDENS INCLUDES TASTE OF THE GARDENS CAF (OPEN DURING BUSINESS HOURS FOR OUR GUESTS), AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO ENJOY A SOCIAL OR CORPORATE FUNCTION IN ONE OF OUR EVENT SPACES EVENT GATHERINGS MAY BE ENHANCED WITH OUR ON SITE CATERING AND BEVERAGE SERVICE ALL OUR EVENT GUESTS ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO OUR GARDENS AND SCULPTURE COLLECTIONS WHILE THEY ARE ON SITE

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ 791,949 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 113,891)
EDUCATION MEIJER GARDENS OFFERS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS AND PERMANENT DISPLAYS THROUGH INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE, GUIDED TOURS, LOOKING GUIDES, FILMS, DOWNLOADABLE TOURS AND INTERACTION WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS INCLUDE CLASSES, CAMPS, WORKSHOPS, LECTURES, SCHOOL TOURS AND PROGRAMS BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT LEARNING SHOULD BE FUN AND THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE EDUCATION SPARKS CURIOSITY, (SEE SCHEDULE O) VIRTUALLY ALL OF OUR EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS ARE INNOVATIVE AND INTERACTIVE APPROXIMATELY 100,000 CHILDREN INTERACTED WITH OUR EXHIBITIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR

(Code) (Expenses \$ 597,024 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 1,663,730)
RETAIL MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ 597,024 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 1,663,730)

4e

Total program service expenses \$ 9,245,199 Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).

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Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	1	Yes
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? 	2	Yes
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	No
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6	No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 	7	No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	Yes
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9	No
10	Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	Yes
11	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable 	11	Yes
12	Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII 	12	Yes
13	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U S ?	14a	No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I	14b	No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II	15	No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III	16	No
17	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I 	17	No
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II 	18	Yes
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III 	19	No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J 	23	Yes
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b–24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25	24a	No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	No
b	Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b	No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(Continued)*

		Yes	No
28	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee		
a	Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
c	Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> 	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> 	Yes	
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> 		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations section 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> 		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i> 	Yes	
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> 		No
36	501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> 		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5 percent of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> 		No

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a67		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a218		
b	If at least one is reported in 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? . . . Note: <i>If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return.</i>	2b		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	Yes	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . .	5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No
c	If "Yes," to 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, <i>Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction</i> ?	5c		
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of \$75 or more?	7a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	Yes	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . .	7f		No
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h		
8	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		No
9	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		No
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		No
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b		

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7 below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	Yes	
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	Yes	
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		No
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	Yes	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	the governing body?	Yes	
8b	each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
9b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990		No
11	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		No

Section B. Policies

		Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No", go to line 13	Yes	
12b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
12c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	Yes	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		No
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		No
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	Yes	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		No
16b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable Federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed MI
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. ☐ own website ☐ another's website ☒ upon request
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization. DAWN KIBBEN 1000 EAST BELTLINE GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49525 (616) 975-3142

Section A Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

☐ Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee or key employee

[illegible]

Part VII

[illegible]

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **4**

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3 Yes	
4	For any individual listed online 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4 Yes	
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
OWEN-AMES-KIMBALL CO 300 IONIA AVE NW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503	CONSTRUCTION	3,358,006
CHIHULY INC 1111 NW 50TH STREET SEATTLE, WA 98107	ARTIST	1,805,671
CUSTER WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENTS 217 GRANDVILLE AVE SW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503	FURNISHINGS	325,124
ADVANCE SECURITY PO BOX 931703 ATLANTA, GA 31193	SECURITY SERV	301,197
MERCHANDISE EQUIPMENT 2039 WALKER CT NW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49544	KITCHEN EQUIP	281,764

2	Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization	0
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Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total Revenue	(B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue	(C) Unrelated Business Revenue	(D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . . 1a		9,404,759			
	b	Membership dues 451,821					
	c	Fundraising events 55,921					
	d	Related organizations 1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e 70,300					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 8,826,717					
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ 405,667					
	h	Total (Add lines 1a-1f)					
	Program Service Revenue	2a	ADMISSIONS				
b		MEMBERSHIP DUES		1,055,941	1,055,941		
c		EVENTS		874,309	874,309		
d		EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS		113,891	113,891		
e		EVENTS		20,125			20,125
f		All other program service revenue					
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f					
		\$ 4,331,507					
Other Revenue		3	Investment income (including dividends, interest other similar amounts)		21,259		
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5	Royalties					
	6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal	-591,544		-277,306	-314,238
	b	Less rental expenses					
	c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c	Gain or (loss)					
	d	Net gain or (loss)					
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 40,812 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 Attach Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000 a	55,921	-12,177	-12,177		
	b	Less direct expenses b	52,989				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See part IV, line 19 Complete Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000 a					
	b	Less direct expenses b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a	2,700,562	1,764,704	1,102,438	662,266	
	b	Less cost of goods sold b	935,858				
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
		Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code	109,699		103,146	
	11a	MISCELLANEOUS					
	b	EXTERNAL CATERING	453,220				
	c	MISCELLANEOUS					
	d	All other revenue					
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d					
	\$ 224,243						
12	Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e			15,142,751	5,413,041	488,106	-163,155

Part IX

Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).					
Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	193,707	139,896	43,048	10,763
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	3,658,751	2,894,062		163,902
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	49,421	27,947	18,455	3,019
9	Other employee benefits	375,389	285,948	82,072	7,369
10	Payroll taxes	314,912	255,616	46,196	13,100
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting				
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	406,970	287,546	115,046	4,378
12	Advertising and promotion	400,517	400,517		
13	Office expenses	376,910	328,290	15,398	33,222
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy				
17	Travel				
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any Federal, state or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions and meetings	81,292	62,743	9,226	9,323
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,243,089	2,116,355	118,659	8,075
23	Insurance				
24	Other expenses—Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,323,077	1,043,828	266,503	12,746
b	EVENTS AND TRIPS	855,351	757,268		98,083
c	ART EXHIBITS	508,817	508,817		
d	HORTICULTURE	116,860	116,860		
e	MISCELLANEOUS	95,193	89,148	2,558	3,487
f	All other expenses	-56,670	-69,642	10,149	2,823
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	10,943,586	9,245,199	1,328,097	370,290
26	Joint Costs. Check ☐ if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X

Balance Sheet

			(A)		(B)
			Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		1	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	4,162,753	2	5,176,852
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	3,507,683	3	2,244,931
	4	Accounts receivable, net	1,193,185	4	640,209
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees or other related parties <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use	168,979	8	196,933
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	173,070	9	135,330
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost basis			
		10a 61,750,324			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation <i>Complete Part VI of Schedule D</i>			
		10b 15,551,822	44,571,938	10c	46,198,502
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities	52,322,403	11	51,178,754
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VII of Schedule D</i>		12	
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VIII of Schedule D</i>		13	
Liabilities	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part IX of Schedule D</i>	29,174,872	15	32,213,071
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	135,274,883	16	137,984,582
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,109,375	17	722,874
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue	868,741	19	886,799
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow account liability <i>Complete Part IV of Schedule D</i>		21	
	22	Payable to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25	Other liabilities <i>Complete Part X of Schedule D</i>	439,773	25	462,399
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	2,417,889	26	2,072,072
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	74,017,335	27	77,574,828
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	26,422,864	28	25,793,298
	29	Permanently restricted net assets	32,416,795	29	32,544,384
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances	132,856,994	33	135,912,510
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	135,274,883	34	137,984,582

Part XI

Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ cash ☒ accrual ☐ other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a	No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	Yes
c	If "Yes" to lines 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c	Yes
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?	3b	

SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization WEST MICHIGAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC	Employer identification number 38-2394044
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (to be completed by all organizations) (See Instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only **one** organization)

1	☐	A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
2	☐	A school described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E)
3	☐	A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). (Attach Schedule H)
4	☐	A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state
5	☐	An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II)
6	☐	A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
7	☒	An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Complete Part II)
8	☐	A community trust described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Complete Part II)
9	☐	An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See Section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III)
10	☐	An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See Section 509(a)(4). (See instructions)
11	☐	An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See Section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III - Functionally Integrated d ☐ Type III - Other
e	☐	By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
f	☐	If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
g	☐	Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons? (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization? (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above? (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
h	☐	Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of Supported Organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (See Instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")	6,659,798	9,079,288	7,569,533	11,502,984	9,404,759	44,216,362
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add line 1-3	6,659,798	9,079,288	7,569,533	11,502,984	9,404,759	44,216,362
5 The portion of total contribution by each person (other than a government unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceed 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						28,109,178
6 Public Support subtract line 5 from line 4						16,107,184

Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	6,659,798	44,667	7,569,533	11,502,984	9,404,759	44,216,362
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	661,950	44,667	86,299	100,278	21,259	914,453
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)	72,519	38,966	26,093	211,296	121,097	469,971
11 Total Support (Add lines 7 through 10)						45,600,786
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	16,094,055
13 First Five Years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						☐

Computation of Public Support Percentage		
14 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	35.322 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	35.627 %
16a 33 1/3% Test - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	☒	
b 33 1/3% Test - 2007. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	☐	
17a 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	☐	
b 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	☐	
18 Private Foundation. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions	☐	

Part IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")						
2Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6Total Add lines 1-5						
7aAmounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
bAmounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
cTotal of lines 7a and 7b						
8Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9Amounts from line 6						
10aGross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
bUnrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after 30 June, 1975						
cAdd lines 10a and 10b						
11Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13Total Support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Computation of Public Support Percentage			
15	Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16	Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV -A, line 27g	16	

Computation of Investment Income Percentage			
17	Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18	Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV -A, line 27h	18	
19a	33 1/3% Tests - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b	33 1/3% Tests - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
20	Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions		

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide and any other additional information. (see instructions)

Facts and Circumstances Test

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 38-2394044

Name: WEST MICHIGAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC

Form 990, Part VII - Section Aaa

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual Trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
DOREEN BOLHUIS , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
MARYLN WALTON , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
KENYATTA BRAME , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
ANN BUSBY , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
BRIAN CLOYD , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
SCOTT DEVECHT , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
EILEEN DEVRIES , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
BEN EMDIN , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
REBECCA FINNERAN , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
SHANE HANSEN , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
EARL HOLTON , HON BD MEM	1	X						0	0	0
FLOYD WILSON JR , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
SUSAN JANDERNOA , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
BILL LAWRENCE , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
PING LIANG , DIRCTOR	1	X						0	0	0
MIKE LLOYD , V CHAIRMAN	1	X		X				0	0	0
JON MARCH , DIRECTOR	1	X		X				0	0	0
WALTER MCVEIGH , EMERITUS	1	X						0	0	0
FRED MEIJER , CH EMERITUS	1	X						0	0	0
LIESEL MEIJER , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
TOM MERCHANT , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
BILL PADNOS , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
TIMOTHY PIETRYGA , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
MARSHA RAPPLEY , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
JOHN SCHAFF , DIRECTOR	1	X		X				0	0	0
CONSTANCE Z SNELL , EMERITUS	1	X						0	0	0
GLENN STEIL , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
BRADLEY THOMAS , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
CAT TIMERMANIS , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
JERRY TUBERGEN , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Section Aaa

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual Trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
JILL WALCOTT , DIRECTOR	1	X						0	0	0
CATHERINE BRAGDON , SECRETARY	1			X				0	0	0
DAVID HOOKER , PRES & CEO	40				X			193,708	0	0
JOSEPH BECHERER , DIRECTOR	40					X		107,493	0	0
KENNETH WENGER , VICE PRES	40					X		104,380	0	0
DAWN KIBBEN , VP FINANCE	40					X		102,701	0	0
R BRENT DENNIS , FRMR DIRECT							X	0	0	0

Form 990, Part VIII - Statement of Revenue - 2a - 2g Program Service Revenue -

	Business Code	(A) Total Revenue	(B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue	(C) Unrelated Business Revenue	(D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514
a ADMISSIONS		2,267,241	2,267,241		
b MEMBERSHIP DUES		1,055,941	1,055,941		
c EVENTS		874,309	874,309		
d EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS		113,891	113,891		
e EVENTS		20,125			20,125

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate Contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate Grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes☒ No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes☒ No	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1	Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply) ☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area ☐ Protection of natural habitat☐ Preservation of certified historic structure ☐ Preservation of open space											
2	Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year											
		<table><tr><th></th><th>Held at the End of the Year</th></tr><tr><td>a</td><td>Total number of conservation easements</td></tr><tr><td>b</td><td>Total acreage restricted by conservation easements</td></tr><tr><td>c</td><td>Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)</td></tr><tr><td>d</td><td>Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06</td></tr></table>		Held at the End of the Year	a	Total number of conservation easements	b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06
	Held at the End of the Year											
a	Total number of conservation easements											
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements											
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)											
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06											
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶											
4	Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶											
5	Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes☒ No											
6	Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing easements during the year ▶											
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ \$											
8	Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes☒ No											
9	In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements											

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items	
b	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items	
	(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$
	(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$
2	If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items	
a	Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$
b	Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ 32,137,071

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3

Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☒

Public exhibition

b

☐

Scholarly research

c

☒

Preservation for future generations

d

☒

Loan or exchange programs

e

☐

Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Part IV

Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☒ No

b

If "Yes," explain why in Part XIV and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes

☒ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a	Beginning of year balance	28,036,861			
b	Contributions	768,424			
c	Investment earnings or losses	-346,702			
d	Grants or scholarships				
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs	1,330,879			
f	Administrative expenses	41,634			
g	End of year balance	27,086,070			

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b

Permanent endowment ▶ 23 940 %

c

Term endowment ▶

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i)

unrelated organizations

(ii)

related organizations

3a(i)

No

3a(ii)

No

b

If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3b

Yes

4

Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		9,453,353		9,453,353
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		52,296,971	15,551,822	36,745,149
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				46,198,502

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)		

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

(a) Description	(b) Book value
COLLECTIONS	32,137,071
DEFERRED TAX ASSET	76,000
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	32,213,071

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
ACCRUED EXPENSES	462,399
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	462,399

Schedule D (Form 990) 2008

Part XIReconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements		
1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	115,142,751
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	210,943,586
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	34,199,165
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5
6	Investment expenses	6
7	Prior period adjustments	7
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8-1,143,649
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9-1,143,649
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	103,055,516

Part XIIReconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return		
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	115,927,484
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12	
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d1,928,382
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e1,928,382
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	313,999,102
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1	
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b1,143,649
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c1,143,649
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	515,142,751

Part XIIIReconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return		
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	112,871,968
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a
b	Prior year adjustments	2b
c	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d1,928,382
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e1,928,382
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	310,943,586
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:	
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	510,943,586

Part XIVSupplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part XIV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
COLLECTIONS AND RELATION TO EXEMPT PURPOSE	SCHEDULE D, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4	PERMANENT COLLECTIONS OF FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK IS DEVOTED TO SCULPTURAL TRADITIONS OF ALL PERIODS FOR THE PURPOSES OF EDUCATION, APPRECIATION AND ENJOYMENT
INTENDED USES FOR ENDOWMENT FUNDS	SCHEDULE D, PAGE 2, PART V, LINE 4	THE FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS FOUNDATION FUNDS ARE FOR THE PERPETUAL PRESERVANCE OF THE FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK
LIABILITY UNDER FIN 48 FOOTNOTE	SCHEDULE D, PAGE 3, PART X	MEIJER GARDENS IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE HOWEVER, INCOME FROM CERTAIN ACTIVITIES NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO MEIJER GARDENS' TAX-EXEMPT PURPOSE IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION AS UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008, MEIJER GARDENS ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS PRESCRIBED IN FASB ASC 740-10 RELATED TO UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE PROVISIONS, MEIJER GARDENS RECOGNIZES THE TAX BENEFIT FROM AN UNCERTAIN TAX POSITION ONLY IF IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THE TAX POSITION WILL BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION BY THE TAXING AUTHORITIES, BASED ON THE TECHNICAL MERITS OF THE POSITION THE TAX BENEFITS RECOGNIZED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM SUCH A POSITION ARE MEASURED BASED ON THE LARGEST BENEFIT THAT HAS A GREATER THAN 50% LIKELIHOOD OF BEING REALIZED UPON ULTIMATE RESOLUTION THE ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONS DID NOT HAVE A MATERIAL IMPACT ON MEIJER GARDENS' FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MEIJER GARDENS IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO TAX AUDITS BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITIES FOR TAX YEARS PRIOR TO 2004 MEIJER GARDENS DOES NOT BELIEVE THE RESULTS OF ANY EXAMINATION WOULD HAVE A MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON MEIJER GARDENS' FINANCIAL POSITION
RECONCILATION OF CHANGES - OTHER	SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XI, LINE 8	COST OF GOODS SOLD 935,858 GROSS RENTAL EXPENSES 939,535 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 52,989 CHANGE IN BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN FOUNDATION -950,791 CHANGE IN BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN TRUST -192,858 COST OF GOODS SOLD -935,858 GROSS RENTAL EXPENSES -939,535 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES -52,989
REVENUE AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN FINANCIALS - OTHER	SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XII, LINE 2D	COST OF GOODS SOLD 935,858 GROSS RENTAL EXPENSES 939,535 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 52,989
REVENUE AMOUNTS INCLUDED ON RETURN - OTHER	SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XII, LINE 4B	CHANGE IN BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN FOUNDATION 950,791 CHANGE IN BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN TRUST 192,858
EXPENSE AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN FINANCIALS - OTHER	SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XIII, LINE 2D	COST OF GOODS SOLD 935,858 GROSS RENTAL EXPENSES 939,535 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 52,989

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Must be completed by organizations that answer "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, and by organizations that enter more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

1

Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

a

☐

Mail solicitations

b

☐

Email solicitations

c

☐

Phone solicitations

d

☐

In-person solicitations

e

☐

Solicitation of non-government grants

f

☐

Solicitation of government grants

g

☐

Special fundraising events

2a

Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising activities?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table.

(i) Name of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
Total						

3

List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

Revenue			(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
			GARDENS FUNDRAI			(Add col (a) through col (c))
			(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
	1	Gross receipts	96,733			96,733
Direct Expenses	2	Less Charitable contributions	55,921			55,921
	3	Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)	40,812			40,812
	4	Cash Prizes				
	5	Non-cash Prizes	44,871			44,871
	6	Rent/Facility costs	5,778			5,778
	7	Other direct expenses	2,340			2,340
	8	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 7 in column (d)				52,989
	9	Net income summary Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d).				-12,177

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Revenue			(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col (a) through col (c))
	1	Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes				
	3	Non-cash prizes				
	4	Rent/facility costs				
	5	Other direct expenses				
	6	Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	
	7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8	Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d)				

		Yes	No
9	Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____		
a	Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a	
b	If "No," Explain _____ _____		
10a	Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a	
b	If "Yes," Explain _____ _____		
11	Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11	
12	Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	12	

		Yes	No
13	Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in		
a	The organization's facility 13a		
b	An outside facility 13b		
14	Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records		
Name ►			
Address ►			
15a	Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?	15a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____		
c	If "Yes," enter name and address		
Name ►			
Address ►			
16	Gaming manager information		
Name ►			
Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____			
Description of services provided ►			
☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor			
17	Mandatory distributions		
a	Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?	17a	
b	Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ _____		

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
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Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

► Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items ☐ First class or charter travel ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b If line 1a is checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b	
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply ☒ Compensation committee ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☐ Written employment contract ☒ Compensation survey or study ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a		
a Receive a severance payment or change of control payment?	4a	No
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	No
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III	4c	No
501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-8.		
5 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of		
a The organization?	5a	No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III	5b	No
6 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of		
a The organization?	6a	No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III	6b	No
7 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7	No
8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8	No

Part II **Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use Schedule J-1 if additional space needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations described in the instructions on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a.

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other compensation				
DAVID HOOKER	(i) (ii)	193,708					193,708	
R BRENT DENNIS	(i) (ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
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	(ii)							

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

Non-Cash Contributions

To be completed by organizations that answered
"Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
Attach to Form 990

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Part I

Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1 Art—Works of art	X	3	187,000	APPRAISAL
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods	X		1,340	MARKET VALUE
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes	X	1	1,000	MARKET VALUE
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution (historic structures)				
14 Qualified conservation contribution (other)				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory	X	1	150	MARKET VALUE
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other (describe PLANTS/FISH)	X	1	16,458	MARKET VALUE
MEDIA				
26 Other (describe ADVERTISE)	X	4	153,443	MARKET VALUE
27 Other (describe)				
28 Other (describe)				
29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement			29	3

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?	30a	No
b If "Yes", describe the arrangement in Part II		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?	31	No
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell non-cash contributions?	32a	No
b If "Yes", describe in Part II		
33 If the organization did not report revenues in Column (c) for a type of property for which Column (a) is checked, describe in Part II		

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Supplemental Information to Form 990

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
FIRST ACHIEVEMENT DESCRIPTION	FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4A	RENOWNED SCULPTURE COLLECTION TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS INCLUDE THREE SCULPTURE EXHIBITIONS PER YEAR, BUTTERFLIES ARE BLOOMING (MARCH AND APRIL), CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD (THANKSGIVING THROUGH THE NEW YEAR), AND AN EVER-CHANGING SEASONAL DISPLAY HOUSE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, ARTISTS PERFORM CONCERTS IN OUR OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER THROUGHOUT THE FISCAL YEAR, APPROXIMATELY 513,000 GUESTS HAVE ENJOYED OUR FACILITY AND GROUNDS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
THIRD ACHIEVEMENT DESCRIPTION	FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4C	VIRTUALLY ALL OF OUR EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS ARE INNOVATIVE AND INTERACTIVE APPROXIMATELY 100,000 CHILDREN INTERACTED WITH OUR EXHIBITIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
ALL OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS DESCRIPTION	FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4D	RETAIL MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
RELATED PARTY INFORMATION AMONG OFFICERS	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 2	FRED MEIJER FMGSP LIESEL MEIJER FMGSP CH EMERITUS DIRECTOR FAMILY RELATIONSHIP

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
CLASSES OF MEMBERS OR STOCKHOLDERS	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 6	WE HAVE MEMBERS THAT PURCHASE MEMBERSHIPS TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE FACILITY AND GROUNDS THEY ARE ABLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
DECISIONS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF MEMBERS	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 7B	WE HAVE MEMBERS THAT PURCHASE MEMBERSHIPS TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE FACILITY AND GROUNDS THEY ARE ABLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND EMPLOYEES ARE ALL COVERED UNDER THE CURRENT POLICY THE UPPER MANAGEMENT MAKES THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER A CONFLICT EXISTS FOR EMPLOYEES AND THE EXECUTIVE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEES MAKE THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER A CONFLICT EXISTS FOR THE BOARD FOR EMPLOYEES THE CONFLICTS ARE REVIEWED BY UPPER MANAGEMENT AND CONFLICTS DEALING WITH THE BOARD ARE REVIEWED BY THE EXECUTIVE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEES THE DECISION TO PROCEED WITH A CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST RELATIONSHIP SHALL BE MADE BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND VOTING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED RELATIONSHIP WILL OCCUR WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE MEMBER INVOLVED THIS WOULD ALSO PERTAIN TO CONVERSATIONS, DECISIONS AND AGREEMENTS MADE GOING FORWARD ONCE THE RELATIONSHIP EXISTS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	ANNUALLY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COMPRISED OF COMMUNITY LEADERS, MEETS IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CEO REVIEW AND COMPENSATION THIS REVIEW IS BASED ON THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR PERFORMANCE, COMPARABLE DATA, AND BUDGET LIMITATIONS AFTER THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVES, THE BOARD CHAIR REVIEWS WITH THE CEO ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTATION THAT IS RECEIVED IS DOCUMENTED IN THE PERSONNEL FILE

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	SCHEDULE O	FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 10 - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS USED TO REVIEW FORM 990 WE DO NOT PROVIDE A COPY OF THE RETURN TO THE COMMITTEE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO FILING BUT THEY MAY REQUEST ONE AFTER FILING WE DO ADVISE THEM AS TO WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND FILED IF MAJOR CHANGES WITH THE ORGANIZATION OR TAX RETURN OCCUR, THESE CHANGES WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES AND THEN INCORPORATED INTO THE RETURN PRIOR TO FILING THE VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND/OR THE PRESIDENT AND CEO IS AVAILABLE IF ANY ONE FROM THE BOARD OR A COMMITTEE MEMBER WANTS GREATER DESCRIPTION, ANSWERING QUESTIONS OR PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION OF SUPPORT

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

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Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answerd "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization
WEST MICHIGAN HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY INC

Employer identification number

38-2394044

Part I

Identification of Disregarded Entities

(A) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(B) Primary activity	(C) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets	(F) Direct controlling entity

Part II

Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations

(A) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(B) Primary activity	(C) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(D) Exempt Code section	(E) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(F) Direct controlling entity
FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS FOUNDATION 2929 WALKER NW GRAND RAPIDS, MI49544 38-3118579	SUPPORT	MI	501	11C	NA
FREDERIK MEIJER CHARITABLE TRUST PO BOX 3636 GRAND RAPIDS, MI49501 38-3297148	SUPPORT	MI	501	11C	NA

Part III

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership

(A) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(B) Primary activity	(C) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(D) Direct controlling entity	(E) Predominant income(related, investment, unrelated)	(F) Share of total income	(G) Share of end-of- year assets	(H) Disproporionate allocations?		(I) Code V—UBI amount on Box 20 of K-1	(J) General or managing partner?	
							Yes	No		Yes	No

Part IV

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust

(A) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(B) Primary activity	(C) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(D) Direct controlling entity	(E) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(F) Share of total income	(G) Share of end-of-year assets	(H) Percentage ownership

Part V

Transactions with Related Organizations

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III or IV

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)

e Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)

f Sale of assets to other organization(s)

g Purchase of assets from other organization(s)

h Exchange of assets

i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)

k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)

m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets

n Sharing of paid employees

o Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses

p Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses

q Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)

r Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)

Yes

No

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1b

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No

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No

No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds		
(A) Name of other organization(s)	(B) Transaction type(a-r)	(C) Amount Involved
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		

Schedule R (Form 990) 2008

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Form **4562**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

2008

Attachment
Sequence No **67**

▶ See separate instructions.

▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return WEST MICHIGAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC	Business or activity to which this form relates FORM 990-T PAGE 1	Identifying number 38-2394044
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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1 Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	800,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
6		
7 Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9 Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 .▶	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A		
17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	34,179
18 If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here▶		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property		193,785	5 0	HY	200 DB	9,689
c 7-year property		75,296	7 0	HY	200 DB	2,688
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property	2009-09	409,318	39 yrs	MM	S/L	10,495
				MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22 Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations—see instr	22	57,051
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V

Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)
Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A—Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed?						☐ Yes ☐ No			24b If "Yes," is the evidence written?				☐ Yes ☐ No				
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)		(b) Date placed in service		(c) Business/ investment use percentage		(d) Cost or other basis		(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)		(f) Recovery period		(g) Method/ Convention		(h) Depreciation/ deduction		(i) Elected section 179 cost	
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)												25					
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use																	
				%													
				%													
				%													
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use																	
				%								S/L -					
				%								S/L -					
				%								S/L -					
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1										28							
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1												29					

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person
If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal(noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who **are not** more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?	Yes	No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)		
Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles		

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs		(b) Date amortization begins		(c) Amortizable amount		(d) Code section		(e) A mortization period or percentage		(f) A mortization for this year	
42 A mortization of costs that begins during your 2008 tax year (see instructions)											
43 A mortization of costs that began before your 2008 tax year									43		
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report									44		