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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2009

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 06-01-2009 and ending 05-31-2010

B Check if applicable	C Name of organization River Oaks Garden Club		D Employer identification number 74-1145998
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Doing Business As		E Telephone number (713) 523-2483
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 2503 Westheimer		G Gross receipts \$ 597,195
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	Room/suite		
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminated	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Houston, TX 77098		
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	F Name and address of principal officer Kelty E Crain 2503 Westheimer Houston, TX 77098		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending			H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status 501(c) (3) ► (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ► www.riveroaksgardenclub.org

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ► L Year of formation 1927 M State of legal domicile TX

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities The purpose of River Oaks Garden Club is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening and to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement		
2 Check this box ► if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	47
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	47
5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	2
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	430
7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . .	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . .	7b	

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	235,150	213,918
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	355,912	319,009
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	11,545	2,253
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	-9,294	-15,131
	593,313	520,049

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	143,065	142,145
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)	34,214	30,248
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 33,517		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	335,921	372,600
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	513,200	544,993
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	80,113	-24,944

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,331,503	1,306,559
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20		0
	1,331,503	1,306,559

Part II Signature Block

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		
***** Signature of officer Patricia P Hopson Treasurer Type or print name and title	2011-03-31 Date	

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ► Jody Blazek	Date	Check if self-employed ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► Blazek & Vetterling 2900 Weslayan Suite 200 Houston, TX 770275132		EIN ►	
			Phone no ► (713) 439-5739	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

The purpose of River Oaks Garden Club is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening and to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

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? Yes No

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 501(c)(4) organizations and section 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 \$ 216,387 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 220,472)

The purpose of the River Oaks Garden Club is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening through meetings, conferences and publications and to foster conservation, civic improvement and education. The Sadie Gwin Blackburn Environmental Seminar, sponsored by the Garden Club, is an annual event with over 2,000 attendees. The seminar features globally known speakers in various environmental disciplines. The club sponsors the annual Azalea Trail, which is a tour of Bayou Bend as well as several members' homes and gardens. The Forum of Civics building is also on the tour and is the site of many educational displays and question and answer sessions with gardening experts. Over 10,000 people attend this three day event and all members of the club volunteer a minimum of ten hours to help stage the event.

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 118,036 including grants of \$ 64,515) (Revenue \$)

The Garden Club funds the maintenance of the gardens and the salary of the curator of gardens of the Bayou Bend Gardens, a part of the Museum of Fine Arts Houston. In addition to this funding, 35 club members voluntarily work in the gardens on a weekly basis, both maintaining the gardens and propagating plants for the gardens.

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 78,290 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

The Forum of Civics building and gardens, the club headquarters, are open to the public. In addition, the building is rented for private parties approximately 30 times a year.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ 77,630 including grants of \$ 77,630) (Revenue \$ 98,537)

4e **Total program service expenses** \$ 490,343

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A

2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?

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

4 **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

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

6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or 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

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

8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III

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

10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V

11 Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.

- Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.
- Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.
- Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.
- Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.
- Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.
- Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.

12 Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII

12A Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? Yes No
 If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional 12A No

13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?

- b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I

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 U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II

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 U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III

17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I

18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II

19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III

20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H

	Yes	No
1	Yes	
2	Yes	
3		No
4		No
5		No
6		No
7		No
8		No
9		No
10	Yes	
11	Yes	
12		No
13		No
14a		No
14b		No
15		No
16		No
17		No
18	Yes	
19		No
20		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States 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, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	No	
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 line 25	24a	No	
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	No	
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	No	
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	No	
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	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? 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, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	No	
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)	28a	No	
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	No	
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	No	
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	29	No	
30	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30	No	
31	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	31	No	
32	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	32	No	
33	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	33	No	
34	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	34	Yes	
35	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	35	No	
36	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36	No	
37	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	37	No	
38	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	38	Yes	
Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O				

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	1a	0
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	No
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	2a	2
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)	2b	Yes
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	No
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	No
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
4b	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	4b	
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
5c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?	5c	No
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	No
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	No
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	7d	0
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	No
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	No
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	No
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	0
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	No
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	No
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	No
7h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h	No
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	No
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.	9a	No
9b	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9b	No
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter	10a	
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter	11a	
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
11b	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	No
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . .	1a 1b	47 47
b	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?	2	No
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?	3	No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5	No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	Yes
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes
9	Is there any officer, director, 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	9	No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	No
b	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?	10b	No
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11	Yes
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990		
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	No
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	No
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	No
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	No
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	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?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	No
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	No
	If "Yes" to line a or b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)		
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?	16a	No
b	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?	16b	No

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ►

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 ►
 Patricia P Hopson
 2503 Westheimer Rd
 Houston, TX 77098
 (713) 785-9899

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons.

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

1b Total	►			
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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ►0

		Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3		No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4		No
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	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
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ►0		

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, grants, and other similar amounts					
1a Federated campaigns	1a				
b Membership dues	1b	68,700			
c Fundraising events	1c	82,883			
d Related organizations	1d				
e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	62,335			
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		►	213,918		
Program Service Revenue					
		Business Code			
2a Florescence		900,099	98,537	98,537	
b Azalea Trail Tour		900,099	220,472	220,472	
c					
d					
e					
f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		►	319,009		
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		►			
			2,253		2,253
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		►	0		
5 Royalties		►	0		
		(I) Real	(II) Personal		
6a Gross Rents	33,800				
b Less rental expenses	48,931				
c Rental income or (loss)	-15,131				
d Net rental income or (loss)		►	-15,131		-15,131
		(I) Securities	(II) Other		
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory					
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
c Gain or (loss)					
d Net gain or (loss)		►	0		
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 82,883 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18					
		a	28,215		
b Less direct expenses	b	28,215			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		►	0		
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19					
		a			
b Less direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		►	0		
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances					
		a			
b Less cost of goods sold	b				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		►	0		
		Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code		
11a					
b					
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		►	0		
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		►	520,049	319,009	-12,875

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	142,145	142,145		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	0			
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0			
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	0			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7 Other salaries and wages	28,005	28,005		
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	0			
9 Other employee benefits	0			
10 Payroll taxes	2,243	2,243		
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management	0			
b Legal	0			
c Accounting	3,205		3,205	
d Lobbying	0			
e Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17	0			
f Investment management fees	0			
g Other	0			
12 Advertising and promotion	0			
13 Office expenses	6,112	4,890	611	611
14 Information technology	2,373		2,373	
15 Royalties	0			
16 Occupancy	73,143	58,515	7,314	7,314
17 Travel	1,083	1,083		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	14,624	14,624		
20 Interest	0			
21 Payments to affiliates	22,669	18,135	4,534	
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	24,719	19,775	2,472	2,472
23 Insurance	0			
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 Pink Elephant expenses	35,159	35,159		
b Newsletter	10,834	10,834		
c Garden planting / maintenance	53,521	53,521		
d Centennial tree project	11,112	11,112		
e Azalea Trail expense	92,482	69,362		23,120
f All other expenses	21,564	20,940	624	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	544,993	490,343	21,133	33,517
26 Joint costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 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) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	1		0
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,085,782	2	1,097,916
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3		0
	4 Accounts receivable, net	4		0
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L			
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L			6
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	0
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	0
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	766,983	
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b	558,340	245,721
				10c 208,643
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities			11 0
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11			12 0
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11			13 0
	14 Intangible assets			14 0
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11			15 0
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		1,331,503	16 1,306,559
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			17
	18 Grants payable			18
	19 Deferred revenue			19
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L			22
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24
	25 Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D			25
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		0	26 0
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets			27
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets			28
	29 Permanently restricted net assets			29
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	1,331,503	32	1,306,559
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	1,331,503	33	1,306,559
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,331,503	34	1,306,559

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

c If "Yes," to 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?
 If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O

d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separated basis

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?

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b		No
2c		No
3a		No
3b		No

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Open to Public
Inspection**SCHEDULE A**
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
River Oaks Garden Club

Employer identification number

74-1145998

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **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)**.

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)**.

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

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 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 supported organization(s)

	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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
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 lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	
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						►

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	
15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2009. 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% support test—2008. 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—2009. 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—2008. 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 a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		►

Part III Support 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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	257,660	209,559	245,007	235,150	213,918	1,161,294
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	314,713	250,600	964,966	355,912	319,009	2,205,200
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	572,373	460,159	1,209,973	591,062	532,927	3,366,494
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	3,825	4,500	6,300	9,800	27,450	51,875
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						0
c Add lines 7a and 7b	3,825	4,500	6,300	9,800	27,450	51,875
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						3,314,619

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	572,373	460,159	1,209,973	591,062	532,927	3,366,494
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	50,637	67,849	75,144	48,395	36,053	278,078
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	50,637	67,849	75,144	48,395	36,053	278,078
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						0
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						3,644,572
14 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						►

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	90 950 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	91 190 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	7 630 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	8 070 %
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2009. 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% support tests—2008. 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.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements****2009****Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

Name of the organization
River Oaks Garden Club**Employer identification number**

74-1145998

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 for any other purpose conferring 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 a 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

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

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, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation 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 ► \$ _____

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 d Loan or exchange programs
 b Scholarly research e Other
 c Preservation for future generations

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 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 the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

	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	409,242	321,872			
b Contributions	57,212	83,588			
c Investment earnings or losses	362	3,782			
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	466,816	409,242			

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► 100 000 % %

b Permanent endowment ► %

c Term endowment ► %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

	Yes	No
3a(i) unrelated organizations		No
3a(ii) related organizations	Yes	

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

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) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		35,256			35,256
b Buildings		291,900	242,783		49,117
c Leasehold improvements		395,678	271,408		124,270
d Equipment					
e Other		44,149	44,149		
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)					208,643

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12

(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		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.)	►	

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B), line 1)

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15

Total (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B), line 15)

Part X Other Liabilities See Form 990, Part X, line 25

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)

2. Fin 48 Footnote In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1 Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1
2 Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2
3 Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3
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
9 Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9
10 Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1 Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1
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)	2d
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3
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)	4b
c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5 Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1 Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1
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 Other losses	2c
d Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3
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)	5

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, 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. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part V, Line 4	Part V, Line 4 Intended uses of the endowment fund	The Forum of the Civics Foundation was established for the purpose of providing a perpetual fund to care for, improve, and maintain the building, grounds, and gardens of the historic property located at 2503 Westheimer. This property is called the Forum of Civics Building and is the meeting place of the River Oaks Garden Club.

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2009

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**Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19,
or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.**

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

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► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
River Oaks Garden Club

Employer identification number

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

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

a Mail solicitations **e** Solicitation of non-government grants
b Internet and e-mail solicitations **f** Solicitation of government grants
c Phone solicitations **g** Special fundraising events
d In-person solicitations

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.

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.

	(a) Event #1 Pink Elephant Sale (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other Events (total number)	(d) Total Events (Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts . . .	111,098		111,098
	2 Less Charitable contributions . . .	82,883		82,883
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . .	28,215		28,215
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes . . .			
	5 Non-cash prizes . . .			
	6 Rent/facility costs . . .			
	7 Food and beverages . . .			
	8 Entertainment . . .			
	9 Other direct expenses . . .	28,215		28,215
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)			28,215
	11 Net income summary Combine lines 3, column d, and line 10.			

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.

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	<input type="checkbox"/> 9a	
b If "No," Explain _____		
10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	<input type="checkbox"/> 10a	
b If "Yes," Explain _____		
11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	

	Yes	No
13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in	13a	13b
a The organization's facility
b An outside facility
14 Enter 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 ►		
<input type="checkbox"/> Director/officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Employee	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 I
(Form 990)****2009****Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

► Attach to Form 990

**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
River Oaks Garden ClubEmployer identification number
74-1145998**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed. ►

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC Code section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
University of Houston Foundation 325 McElhinney Hall Houston, TX 77204	746041411	501(c)(3)	6,000	0			Walk benefiting Cystic Fibrosis
Museum of Fine Arts Bayou Bend P O Box 6826 Houston, TX 77265	760001133	509(a)(3)	64,515	0			Operational expense
Forum of Civics Foundation 2503 Westheimer Road Houston, TX 77098	201976730	509(a)(3)	18,020	0			Operational expense
Durham Elementary School 4803 Brinkman Houston, TX 77018		Gov't	7,000	0			Gardens and signage
DePelchin Childrens Center 4950 Memorial Drive Houston, TX 77007	208803626	509(a)(1)	6,000	0			Landscaping
Bayou Bend Endowment 1021 Main Street Ste 2310 Houston, TX 77002	746077170	509(a)(2)	5,283	0			General support

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations. ► 63 Enter total number of other organizations. ► 0

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Grantmaker's Description of How Grants are Used		Most of the organizations' grants are awarded to organizations within a close proximity to Houston, Texas. Follow-up is achieved through site visits, correspondence, and reports from the grantee organizations.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**Supplemental Information to Form 990****2009****Open to Public
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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Name of the organization**

River Oaks Garden Club

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 19	Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 Other Organization Documents Publicly Available	Upon request

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 11	Form 990, Part VI, Line 11 Form 990 Review Process	The 990 is reviewed by the Treasurer and the President prior to providing a copy to the board and filing with the IRS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 7a	Form 990, Part VI, Line 7a How Members or Shareholders Elect Governing Body	The 38 voting Board members vote on the election of the Officers

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 6	Form 990, Part VI, Line 6 Explanation of Classes of Members or Shareholder	The organization has nine Officers, plus another 38 voting Board members The voting Board members are Chairmen of various standing committees

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, Line 4d	Form 990, Part III, Line 4d Other Program Services Description	OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES 4 OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES 5 The River Oaks Garden Club supports other educational and cultural organizations that advance the club's mission. The organizations supported during 2009/2010 are listed on Schedule I OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES 6 Florescence is one of the largest competitive national flower shows sanctioned by the Garden Club of America in the United States, presented by The Garden Club of Houston, River Oaks Garden Club, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. It is held every other year.

SCHEDULE R (Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

OMB No 1545-0047

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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(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 (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, or 36.)**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
1a		No
1b	Yes	
1c		No
1d		No
1e		No
1f		No
1g		No
1h		No
1i		No
1j		No
1k		No
1l		No
1m	Yes	
1n		No
1o	Yes	
1p		No
1q		No
1r		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	(b) Transaction type(a-r)	(c) Amount involved
(1) Forum of Civics Foundation		o	4,079
(2) Forum of Civics Foundation		b	13,940
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.)

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.

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 74-1145998
Name: River Oaks Garden Club

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(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
		Or director	Individual trustee	Institutional Trustee	Official	Key employee			
Vaughan H Clark Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Tye P Taft Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Tara G Eastland Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Suzanne M Rhodes Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Susan M Peterson Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Susan L Lawhon Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Susan G Oaks Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Susan A Martin Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Stephanie K Fox Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Sarah Y Powell Asst Treas	10 00	X		X			0	0	0
Patricia P Hopson Treasurer	20 00	X		X			0	0	0
Pamela F Ott Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Nancy R Gordon Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Nancy O Abendschein Past President	4 00	X		X			0	0	0
Nancy G Cooksey Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Missy R Millin Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Minnie M Baird Director	10 00	X					0	0	0
Mary Leslie Plumhoff Director	3 00	X					0	0	0
Mary K Peterson Director	3 00	X					0	0	0
Mary B Langdon Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Marjorie C Cain Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Lynn M Herbert Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Kelty E Crain President	20 00	X		X			0	0	0
Kay R Rice Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Kay H Symonds Parliamentarian	1 00	X		X			0	0	0

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(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	Office	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
Julia L Baker Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Jennifer S Bowen Director	10 00	X					0	0	0
Jean E Sanders Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Jane S Bonham Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Jacquelyne C Magill Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Holly T Anderson Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Gail S Payne Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Edith E Hail Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Donna M Maddox Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Christian I Manuel Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Carolyn S Wimberly Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Carol P Butler Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Carol H Junell Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Carol Ann W Paddock Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Beverly C Shaeffer Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Anne T Burroughs Director	10 00	X					0	0	0
Anne P French Corresp sec	1 00	X	X				0	0	0
Anne A Symonds Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Anne A Suman President Elect	10 00	X	X				0	0	0
Ann K Schramm Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Ann K Johnson Asst R Sec	2 00	X	X				0	0	0
Agnes M Short Record Sec	2 00	X	X				0	0	0

Form 990, Part IX - Statement of Functional Expenses - 24a - 24e Other Expenses

<i>Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
Pink Elephant expenses	35,159	35,159		
Newsletter	10,834	10,834		
Garden planting / maintenance	53,521	53,521		
Centennial tree project	11,112	11,112		
Azalea Trail expense	92,482	69,362		23,120