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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)

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2009 and ending 09-30-2010

B Check if applicable
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization
WEST MICHIGAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC
DBA FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
1000 EAST BELTLINE

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49525

D Employer identification number
38-2394044

E Telephone number
(616) 975-3142

G Gross receipts $ 16,101,788

F Name and address of principal officer
DAVID S HOOKER
1000 EAST BELTLINE
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49525

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☑ No

H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

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

J Website: ▶ WWW MEIJERGARDENS ORG

K Form 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 net assets

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	30
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	216
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	993
7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	1,554,797
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0

		Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue 8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	9,404,759	6,183,546
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	4,331,507	6,385,370
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	21,259	21,834
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,385,226	2,211,618
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	15,142,751	14,802,368
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)	4,592,180	5,532,497
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶409,811		
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	6,351,406	8,267,822
18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	10,943,586	13,800,319
19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	4,199,165	1,002,049

		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
Net Assets or Fund Balances 20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	137,984,582	142,711,060
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	2,072,072	1,925,523
22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	135,912,510	140,785,537

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

Sign Here

****** | 2011-06-14
Signature of officer | Date

DAVID S HOOKER PRESIDENT/CEO
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: MARGARET W BISHOP CPA	Date	Check if self-empolyed ☐	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: BEENE GARTER LLP, 56 GRANDVILLE AVE SW SUITE 100, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495034036			EIN ▶
			Phone no ▶ (616) 235-5200

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

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? . . . . . ☐ 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 $ 8,215,192 including grants of $) (Revenue $ 3,722,859)

COLLECTIONS AND EXHIBTIONS THE FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & 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 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 643,000 GUESTS HAVE ENJOYED OUR FACILITY AND GROUNDS

4b (Code) (Expenses $ 2,166,645 including grants of $) (Revenue $ 1,250,990)

HOSPITALITY THE HOSPITALITY AREA OF MEIJER GARDENS INCLUDES TASTE OF THE GARDENS CAFE (OPEN DURING BUSINESS HOURS FOR OUR GUESTS), AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO ENJOY SOCIAL OR CORPORATE FUNCTIONS 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 $ 836,135 including grants of $) (Revenue $ 122,826)

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, VIRTUALLY ALL OF OUR EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS ARE INNOVATIVE AND INTERACTIVE APPROXIMATELY 124,000 CHILDREN INTERACTED WITH OUR EXHIBITIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) **See also Additional Data for Description**

(Expenses $ 732,131 including grants of $) (Revenue $ 2,753,832)

4e **Total program service expenses** ▶ $ 11,950,103

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 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*	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, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent,or quasi-endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V*	10	Yes	
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.*	11	Yes	
	● Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line10? *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*	12	Yes	
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*	13		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	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 United States? *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 U S ? *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 U S ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III*	16		No
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*	17		No
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*	18	Yes	
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*	19		No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*	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**		No
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**	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 line 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	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)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	**28a**		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	**28b**		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*	**28c**		No
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	**29**	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	**30**	Yes	
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I*	**31**		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*	**32**		No
33	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*	**33**		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1*	**34**	Yes	
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	**35**		No
36	**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*	**36**		No
37	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*	**37**		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	**38**	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, *Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0-* if not applicable	1a	67		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a *Enter -0-* if not applicable	1b	0		
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, *Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements* filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	216		
b	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		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 line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?	5c			
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
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 receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	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	**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.**				
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** 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 30		
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent . .	1b 29		
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	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? . .	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		
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11		No
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	Yes	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
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	Yes	
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	Yes	
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		

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 ▶

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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

(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			
See add'l data										

1b Total . . . . . ▶	571,438	0	34,288

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 ▶ 4

			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**	Yes	
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
aDVANCED SECURITY PO BOX 931703 ATLANTA, GA 31193	SECURITY SVC	224,766
MERCHANDISE EQUIPMENT 2039 WALKER GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49544	KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	218,731
CHIHULY INC 1111 NW 50TH ST SEATTLE, WA 98107	ARTIST	185,000

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 ▶ 3

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, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b	517,408			
	c	Fundraising events	1c	91,329			
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	15,000			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	5,559,809			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f $ 406,037					
	h	**Total.** Add lines 1a-1f		6,183,546			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a	ADMISSIONS	711,130	2,545,954	2,545,954		
	b	EVENTS	711,130	1,288,695	1,288,695		
	c	HOSPITALITY	532,000	1,250,990	449,766	801,224	
	d	MEMBERSHIP DUES	711,130	1,176,905	1,176,905		
	e	EDUCATION	711,130	122,826	122,826		
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	**Total.** Add lines 2a–2f		6,385,370			
	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		23,064			23,064
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5	Royalties					
			(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	6a	Gross Rents	104,035				
	b	Less rental expenses					
	c	Rental income or (loss)	104,035				
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		104,035	104,035		
			(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory					
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	1,230				
	c	Gain or (loss)	-1,230				
	d	Net gain or (loss)		-1,230			-1,230
Other Revenue	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ 91,329 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a 70,370				
	b	Less direct expenses	b 77,464				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-7,094			-7,094
	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					
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a 3,318,660				
	b	Less cost of goods sold	b 1,220,726				
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		2,097,934	1,344,361	753,573	
		Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
	11a	MISCELLANEOUS	711,130	16,743	16,743		
	b						
	c						
	d	All other revenue					
	e	**Total.** Add lines 11a–11d		16,743			
	12	**Total revenue.** See Instructions		14,802,368	7,049,285	1,554,797	14,740

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	446,787	358,468	67,523	20,796
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	4,218,458	3,443,089	579,357	196,012
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	29,329	18,772	9,098	1,459
9 Other employee benefits	453,193	337,731	100,165	15,297
10 Payroll taxes	384,730	320,765	47,043	16,922
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	7,470		7,470	
c Accounting	31,335		31,335	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising *See Part IV, line 17*				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	442,964	312,789	112,318	17,857
12 Advertising and promotion	494,704	494,704		
13 Office expenses	500,502	449,318	13,976	37,208
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,568,084	1,223,687	329,406	14,991
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	97,630	58,455	10,365	28,810
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,573,551	2,438,804	127,124	7,623
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 UNRELATED BUSINESS INCO	31,000	31,000		
b EVENTS AND TRIPS	1,127,125	1,084,494		42,631
c ART EXHIBITS	1,046,488	1,046,488		
d MISCELLANEOUS	151,751	143,196	584	7,971
e HORTICULTURE	144,510	144,510		
f All other expenses	50,708	43,833	4,641	2,234
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24f	13,800,319	11,950,103	1,440,405	409,811
26 **Joint costs.** Check here ▶ ☐ 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	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		5,176,852	2	7,468,020
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		2,244,931	3	2,012,279
	4	Accounts receivable, net		640,209	4	88,307
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L			5	
	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	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		196,933	8	230,086
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		135,330	9	41,375
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis *Complete Part VI of Schedule D*	10a 64,696,953			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b 20,072,770	46,198,502	10c	44,624,183
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		51,178,754	11	54,847,259
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11			12	
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11			13	
	14	Intangible assets			14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11		32,213,071	15	33,399,551
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		137,984,582	16	142,711,060
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		722,874	17	881,981
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue		886,799	19	1,043,542
	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		462,399	25	0
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25		2,072,072	26	1,925,523
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		77,574,828	27	78,712,878
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		25,793,298	28	28,561,610
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		32,544,384	29	33,511,049
		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		135,912,510	33	140,785,537
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		137,984,582	34	142,711,060

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

			Yes	No
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?	2a		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	Yes	
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	2c	Yes	
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?	3a		No
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	3b		

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SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.**

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
WEST MICHIGAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC
DBA FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS

Employer identification number
38-2394044

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

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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 331/3% 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 331/3% 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

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?

	Yes	No
(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? **11g(i)**		
(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above? **11g(ii)**		
(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? **11g(iii)**		

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(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? Yes	(iv) No	(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support? Yes	(v) No	(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ? Yes	(vi) No	(vii) Amount of support?
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 ")	9,079,288	7,569,533	11,502,984	9,404,759	6,183,546	43,740,110
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	9,079,288	7,569,533	11,502,984	9,404,759	6,183,546	43,740,110
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)						26,500,790
6 **Public Support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4						17,239,320

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	9,079,288	86,299	11,502,984	9,404,759	6,183,546	43,740,110
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	44,667	86,299	100,278	21,259	127,099	379,602
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on			40,766		150,782	191,548
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets	38,966	26,093	211,296	121,097	87,113	484,565
11 **Total support** (Add lines 7 through 10)						44,795,825

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)	12	31,474,988

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	38 480 %
15	Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	35 320 %

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 ")						
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						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
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						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 **Public Support** (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

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						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 **Total support** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						

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
16	Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for **2009** (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17
18	Investment income percentage from **2008** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18

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

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 38-2394044

Name: WEST MICHIGAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC
DBA FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

4d. Other program services

(Code) (Expenses $ 732,131 including grants of $) (Revenue $ 2,753,832)

RETAIL PROVIDES OUR GUESTS, MEMBERS AND DONORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOP FOR UNIQUE GIFTS OUR GIFT SELECTION STRIVES TO FOCUS ON ART, HORTICULTURE AND EDUCATION EXPENSES $ 320500 REVENUE $ 1217698 MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ALLOWS OUR GUESTS TO PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP WHICH ALLOWS THEM ANNUAL ACCESS TO OUR ORGANIZATION TO ENJOY ALL OF THE SEASONAL CHANGES THAT OCCUR THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITH THIS ACCESS COMES BENEFITS SUCH AS DISCOUNTS AT OUR GIFT SHOP AND EDUCATIONAL CLASSES AND CAMPS, INVITATIONS TO EXHIBITION RELATED EVENTS, AND OUR MEMBERSHIP MAGAZINE, SEASONS EXPENSES $ 411632 REVENUE $ 1409672TOTAL

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
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
DOREEN BOLHUIS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
CATHERINE BRAGDON SECRETARY	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
KENYATTA BRAME DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
ANN BUSBY DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
BRIAN CLOYD VICE CHAIRMAN	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
SCOTT DEVECHT DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
EILEEN DEVIRES DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
BEN EMDIN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
REBECCA FINNERAN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
SHANE HANSEN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
EARL HOLTON HONORARY BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
SUE JANDERNOA DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
BILL LAWERENCE DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
PING LIANG DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
MIKE LLOYD CHAIRMAN	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
RAY LOESCHNER EX-OFFICIO MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
JON MARCH DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
WALTER MCVEIGH EMERITUS MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
FRED MEIJER HONORARY CHAIRMAN	1 00	X						0	0	0
LIESEL MEIJER DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
TOM MERCHANT DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
BILL PADNOS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
TIM PIETRYGA DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
MARSHA RAPPLEY DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
JOHN SCHAFF TREASURER	1 00	X		X				0	0	0

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
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
CONNIE SNELL EMERITUS MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
GLENN STEIL DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
BRADLEY THOMAS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
CAT TIMERMANIS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
JERRY TUBERGEN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
JILL WALCOTT DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
MARYLN WALTON DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
FLOYD WILSON JR DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
DAVID HOOKER PRESIDENT/ CEO	40 00	X		X				228,552	0	20,025
DAWN KIBBEN VP FINANCE	40 00			X				114,185	0	7,711
JOSEPH BECHERER VICE PRESIDENT	40 00					X		115,059	0	0
KENNETH WENGER VICE PRESIDENT	40 00					X		113,642	0	6,552

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
ADMISSIONS	711,130	2,545,954	2,545,954		
EVENTS	711,130	1,288,695	1,288,695		
HOSPITALITY	532,000	1,250,990	449,766	801,224	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	711,130	1,176,905	1,176,905		
EDUCATION	711,130	122,826	122,826		

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

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
UNRELATED BUSINESS INCO	31,000	31,000		
EVENTS AND TRIPS	1,127,125	1,084,494		42,631
ART EXHIBITS	1,046,488	1,046,488		
MISCELLANEOUS	151,751	143,196	584	7,971
HORTICULTURE	144,510	144,510		

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ 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.

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Name of the organization
WEST MICHIGAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC
DBA FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS

Employer identification number
38-2394044

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
a	Total number of conservation easements	2a
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	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 ▶ $ 33,354,551

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 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
c Beginning balance	1c	
d Additions during the year	1d	
e Distributions during the year	1e	
f Ending balance	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	27,086,070	28,036,861			
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses	1,812,780	-950,791			
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	28,898,850	27,086,070			

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
- b Permanent endowment ▶ **100.000 %**
- 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
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)		No
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	Yes	
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) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		9,458,353		9,458,353
b Buildings		32,312,725	7,925,983	24,386,742
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		22,925,875	12,146,787	10,779,088
Total. Add lines 1a-1e *(Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)* ▶				44,624,183

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)* ▶		

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

(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)* ▶		

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
COLLECTIONS	33,354,551
DEFERRED TAX ASSET	45,000
Total. *(Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)* . . . . . ▶	33,399,551

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

1 (a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
See Additional Data Table	
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	14,802,368
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	13,800,319
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,002,049
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	3,668,505
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	202,473
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	3,870,978
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	4,873,027

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	19,798,755
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12				
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	3,668,505		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	29,692		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	1,298,190		
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	4,996,387
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	14,802,368
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	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)			5	14,802,368

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1	15,128,201
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25				
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	29,692		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b			
c	Other losses	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	1,298,190		
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	1,327,882
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	13,800,319
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	0
5	Total expenses Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)			5	13,800,319

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 III, Line 4		COLLECTIONS AND RELATION TO EXEMPT PURPOSE PERMANENT COLLECTIONS OF FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK ARE DEVOTED TO SCULPTURAL TRADITIONS OF ALL PERIODS FOR THE PURPOSES OF EDUCATION, APPRECIATION AND ENJOYMENT
Part V, Line 4	Description of Intended Use of Endowment Funds	INTENDED USES FOR ENDOWMENT FUNDS THE FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS FOUNDATION FUNDS ARE FOR THE PERPETUAL PRESERVATION OF THE FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK
Part X	Description of Uncertain Tax Positions Under FIN 48	MEIJER GARDENS IS EXEMPT FOR 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 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (FASB) RELATED TO ACCOUNTING FOR 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 SUSTAINDED UPON EXAMINATION BY TAXING AUTHORITIES, BASED ON 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 THAVE A MATERIAL IMPACT ON MEIJER GARDEN'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MEIJER GARDENS IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO TAX AUDITS BY FEDERAL, STATE OF LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITIES FOR YEARS PRIOR TO 2005 MEIJER GARDENS DOES NOT BELIEVE THE RESULTS OF ANY EXAMINATION WOULD HAVE A MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON MEIJER GARDENS' FINANCIAL POSITION
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 77464 COST OF GOODS SOLD 1220726
Part XIII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		COST OF GOODS SOLD 1220726 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 77464

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SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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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Name of the organization
WEST MICHIGAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC
DBA FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS

Employer identification number
38-2394044

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
- **b** ☐ Internet and e-mail 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? Yes	(iii) No	**(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
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.

		(a) Event #1 GREAT GARDENS PARTY FUNDRAISER (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	161,699			161,699
	2 Less Charitable contributions	91,329			91,329
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	70,370			70,370
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Non-cash prizes	57,080			57,080
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages	12,105			12,105
	8 Entertainment	275			275
	9 Other direct expenses	8,004			8,004
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				77,464
	11 Net income summary Combine lines 3, column d, and line 10 ▶				-7,094

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))
Revenue	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, column d, and line 7 ▶				

			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	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 ▶			
	☐ 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 ▶ $			

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Schedule J (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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DBA FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS

Employer identification number
38-2394044

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

			Yes	No
1a	Check the appropiate 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 ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)			
b	If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement orprovision 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 ☐ Written employment contract ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☑ Compensation survey or study ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☑ Approval by the board or compensation committee			
4	During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization			
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?	**4c**		No
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III			
	Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.			
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?	**5b**		No
	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III			
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?	**6b**		No
	If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III			
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 accured 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
9	If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?	**9**		

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) Retirement and other 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 reportable compensation				
DAVID HOOKER	(i)	228,552	0	0	17,308	2,717	248,577	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8 Also complete this part for any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

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SCHEDULE M (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

NonCash Contributions

▶Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Employer identification number
38-2394044

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	117,950	APPRAISAL
2	Art—Historical treasures				
3	Art—Fractional interests				
4	Books and publications	X		2,015	MARKET VALUE
5	Clothing and household goods	X		385	MARKET VALUE
6	Cars and other vehicles				
7	Boats and planes				
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				
20	Drugs and medical supplies				
21	Taxidermy				
22	Historical artifacts				
23	Scientific specimens				
24	Archeological artifacts				
25	Other ▶ (MEDIA ADVERTISERS)	X	8	180,058	MARKET VALUE
26	Other ▶ (PLANTS/FISH)	X	34	38,912	MARKET VALUE
27	Other ▶ (GALA EVENT DONATED ITEMS)	X	93	61,574	MARKET VALUE
28	Other ▶ (SCULPTURE BASES)	X	2	1,500	MARKET VALUE
	Other ▶ (VALENTINE EVENT DONATED ITEMS)	X	6	3,643	MARKET VALUE

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

			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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Additional Data

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Software Version:
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Name: WEST MICHIGAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC
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SCHEDULE O (Form 990)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 2		FRED MEIJER, LIESEL MEIJER ARE RELATED

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, 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 AND SUCH OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE MEMBERS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a		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 AND SUCH OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE MEMBERS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, 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 AND SUCH OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE MEMBERS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		WE DO NOT PROVIDE A COPY OF THE RETURN TO THE FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OR 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 ANYONE FROM THE BOARD OR A COMMITTEE MEMBER WANTS GREATER DESCRIPTION, ANSWERING QUESTIONS OR PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION OF SUPPORT

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND EMLOYEES ARE ALL COVERED UNDER THE CURRENT POLICY THE UPPER MANAGEMENT MAKES THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER A CONFLICT EXISTS FOR EMPLOYEES AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAKES 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 COMMITTEE THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REVIEWS PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS FOR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS 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 AGREEEMENTS MADE GOING FORWARD ONCE THE RELATIONSHIP EXISTS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15a		ANNUALLY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COMPRISED OF COMMUNITY LEADERS, MEETS IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CEO REVIEW AND COMPENSATION THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTS ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND IS MADE UP OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 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 ALL APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION THAT IS RECEIVED IS DOCUMENTED IN THE PERSONNEL FILE

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19 THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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SCHEDULE R (Form 990)

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Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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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.)

(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, MI 49544 38-3118579	SUPPORT	MI	501	11C	N/A
FREDERIK MEIJER CHARITABLE TRUST PO BOX 3636 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49501 38-3297148	SUPPORT	MI	501	11C	N/A

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.)

(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, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations? Yes	(h) No	(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner? Yes	(j) No

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.)

(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 (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

		Yes	No
1 During the tax year, did the orgranization 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	1a		No
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)	1b		No
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)	1c	Yes	
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)	1d		No
e Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)	1e		No
f Sale of assets to other organization(s)	1f		No
g Purchase of assets from other organization(s)	1g		No
h Exchange of assets	1h		No
i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)	1i		No
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)	1j		No
k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)	1k		No
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)	1l		No
m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets	1m		No
n Sharing of paid employees	1n		No
o Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses	1o		No
p Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses	1p		No
q Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)	1q	Yes	
r Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)	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)			
(2)			
(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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(e) Share of end-of-year assets	(f) Disproprtionate allocations?		(g) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(h) General or managing partner?	
			Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No