Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
GARDENERS GUILD EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1997

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
GARDENERS GUILD, INC.

2780 GOODRICK AVE
RICHMOND, CA 94801

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 68-0082879

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 510-439-3700

2d Business code (see instructions) 561730

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2024	MICHAEL J. DAVIDSON
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor

GARDENERS GUILD, INC.

2780 GOODRICK AVE
RICHMOND, CA 94801

3b Administrator's EIN
68-0082879

3c Administrator's telephone number
510-439-3700

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:

a Sponsor's name

c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	193
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	107
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	118
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	25
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	32
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	175
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	2
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	177
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	176
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	177
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	6
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2I 2O 2Q 3I

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** ☐ Insurance
- **(2)** ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** ☒ Trust
- **(4)** ☐ General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** ☐ Insurance
- **(2)** ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** ☒ Trust
- **(4)** ☐ General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(4)** ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- **(5)** ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- **(1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- **(4)** ☐ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** ☐ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
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Financial Information

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OMB No. 1210-0110

2023

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A Name of plan
GARDENERS GUILD EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
GARDENERS GUILD, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
68-0082879

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reported on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	11780	6457
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	1035535	970407
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	1047315	976864
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	5674	0
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	5674	0
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	1041641	976864

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)	71000	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		71000
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		0
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		0
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	-65127	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		-65127

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		5873
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	70650	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		70650
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		0
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		70650
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		-64777
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [X] Unmodified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [ ] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [X] neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: CAMPBELL TAYLOR WASHBURN **(2)** EIN: 68-0251243

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. **(2)** [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	**4a**		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	**4b**		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	**4c**		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	**4d**		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**	X		114540
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	**4n**			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

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Retirement Plan Information

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GARDENERS GUILD EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
GARDENERS GUILD, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
68-0082879

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 20-0706022

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

20 **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation._____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☒ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ___/___/_____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number_____.

Financial Statements and
Independent Auditor's Report of

GARDENERS' GUILD
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Campbell Taylor Washburn
Certified Public Accountants & Consultants

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EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Trustees
Gardeners' Guild Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Richmond, CA

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Gardeners' Guild Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("the Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of change in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Company Stock Valuation

As explained in Note 2, the Plan invests in common stock of Gardeners' Guild, Inc. (the "Plan Sponsor"), valued at $970,407 and $1,035,535 as of December 31, 2023, and 2022, respectively. The fair value of the Plan Sponsor common stock is determined by the Plan Trustees based on an annual valuation of the common stock prepared by an independent appraiser. However, because of the inherent uncertainty of the valuation, fair values used in these financial statements may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed, and the differences could be material.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements (Continued)

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan, and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore there is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control–related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter—Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2023, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Other Matter—Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA (Continued)

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Campbell Taylor Washburn
An Accountancy Corporation

Roseville, California
October 14, 2024

GARDENERS' GUILD
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS:		
Investments, at fair value:		
Company common stock	$ 970,407	$ 1,035,535
Total investments	970,407	1,035,535
Cash	6,457	11,780
Total assets	976,864	1,047,315
LIABILITIES:		
Withholding taxes payable	-	5,674
Total liabilities	-	5,674
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 976,864	$ 1,041,641

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

GARDENERS' GUILD
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

STATEMENTS OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS:		
Net depreciation in fair value of investment in Company common stock	$ (65,127)	$ (52,103)
Employer contributions	71,000	72,000
Total increase	5,873	19,897
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS:		
Benefits paid to participants	70,650	71,659
Total deductions	70,650	71,659
Change in net assets	(64,777)	(51,762)
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	1,041,641	1,093,403
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	$ 976,864	$ 1,041,641

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of Gardeners' Guild Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") provides only summarized general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan established January 1, 1997, for eligible employees of Gardeners' Guild, Inc. (the "Company" and the "Plan Sponsor"). Eligible participants include employees who are at least 18 years old and have completed at least one year of service which is defined as a twelve consecutive month period in which an employee completes 1,000 hours of service. The Plan is administered by Plan Trustees comprised of individuals appointed by the Company's Board of Directors.

Plan Year

The Plan year begins January 1st and ends December 31st.

Contributions

Employer contributions are discretionary as determined by the Company's Board of Directors. Employees are not permitted to contribute to the Plan. An employee must be credited with 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year and be employed by the Company on the last day of the Plan year to be eligible to receive a contribution allocation. The Company made cash contributions of $71,000 and $72,000 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Participant Accounts and Allocations

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as of the last day of each Plan year with an allocation of Plan Sponsor contributions, forfeitures of terminated participants' non-vested accounts and Plan earnings. Plan Sponsor contributions and forfeitures are allocated to participant accounts based on the ratio of a participant's compensation to total participants' compensation, subject to IRS limitations. The Plan's earnings and losses are allocated to each participant's account based on the ratio of the participant's beginning-of-the-year account balance to all participants' beginning-of-the-year account balances.

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, 130,256 shares of the Plan Sponsor common stock were allocated to participant accounts and no shares were unallocated.

Retirement

Normal retirement under the Plan is age 59 1/2.

Administrative Expenses

Substantially all plan administrative expenses are paid by the Plan Sponsor.

NOTE 1: **DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

Vesting

Participants become vested in their accounts in accordance with the following schedule:

Years of Service	Nonforfeitable Vested Interest
Less than 2 years	0%
2 years	20%
3 years	40%
4 years	60%
5 years	80%
6 years	100%

Participants' interest in their respective accounts become 100% vested upon (a) reaching normal retirement age, (b) death while employed, or (c) disability while employed.

Forfeitures

Any portion of the final balance in a participant's account which is not vested will become forfeited when the participant incurs a five-year break in service or, if earlier, when the participant's account has been fully distributed. All forfeitures are reallocated pro rata based upon the current Plan year compensation to the accounts of remaining participants as of the allocation date of the Plan year in which the forfeiture occurs. A total of 262 and 309 shares were forfeited and allocated to active participants for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Payment of Benefits

No distributions from the Plan will be made until a participant retires, becomes disabled, dies (in which case, payment shall be made to his or her beneficiary or, secondarily to his or her legal representative(s)), or otherwise terminates employment with the Company. Distributions to participants who have retired, died, or become disabled will commence no later than December 31st of the year subsequent to the year of the termination. Distributions to participants terminating service with the Company for any other reason will commence no later than the sixth plan year following the plan year of terminated service. The Trustees may choose to make distributions in lump sum, in substantially equal annual installments over a period generally not exceeding five years, or any combination of these options.

Upon termination, participants are notified of their eligibility to receive a distribution. If a notified participant elects not to take a distribution, and the participants' vested account balance is $5,000 or less, the Plan Trustees may make a distribution on the participant's behalf. These distributions, made on behalf of the participant, are directly rolled into an individual retirement account in the participant's name.

Distributions are made generally in the form of cash. The Company common stock held in a participant's account is generally sold to the Plan at the share price calculated from the Company's most recent stock valuation prior to its distribution. Any distributions in the form of Company stock would have to be immediately sold back to the Company or Plan due to an ownership restriction in the Company's Articles of Incorporation. Participants receive distributions of their vested capital account balances only.

Vested unpaid benefits in the accounts of participants terminating employment with the Company on or prior to December 31, 2023, amounted to $182,580 at December 31, 2023. Vested unpaid benefits in the accounts of participants terminating employment with the Company on or prior to December 31, 2022, amounted to $212,388 at December 31, 2022.

NOTE 1: **DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

Diversification Rights

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in the Company common stock into other investments. Participants who are at least age 55, with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan, may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25 percent of the number of shares allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage increases to 50 percent. Participants who elect to diversify receive a cash distribution.

Voting Rights

The shares of the Company common stock are owned by the Plan Trust for all participants and not directly by the participants; therefore, participants do not have the right to vote on shares directly. In some cases, participants are entitled to direct the Trustees on how to vote for shares that are allocated to them. The situations are limited to major corporate events, such as a merger or other major financial restructuring. The Trustees are required to vote on any uninstructed and unallocated shares on behalf of the collective best interest of Plan participants and beneficiaries.

Stock Purchase Requirement

Under federal income tax regulations, the Company common stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations, includes a put option. The purpose of the requirement is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash. Pursuant to the Code and to preserve the Company's S Corporation status, the Plan document provides that the Company repurchase any shares of its stock distributed to participants for cash. The purchase price is representative of the fair market value of the stock.

NOTE 2: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value and are not participant directed. The fair value of the Company common stock is determined by the Plan Trustees based on an annual valuation of the common stock prepared by an independent appraiser. The appraised value per share was $7.45 and $7.95 for a total appraised value of $970,407 and $1,035,535, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Because of the inherent uncertainty of the valuation, the estimated and appraised values of the investment in the Company common stock may differ significantly from values that would have been used had a ready market for such investments existed, and such differences may be material.

Net depreciation in fair value of investment in Company common stock in the accompanying Statements of Change in Net Assets Available for Benefits represents the change in value from one period to the next.

Income Taxes

The plan administrator received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated September 3, 2015. The plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code; therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

NOTE 2: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Income Taxes (Continued)
U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. Plan management has determined that as of December 31, 2023, there are no uncertain tax positions taken, or expected to be taken, that would require disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by the taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Concentration of Credit Risk
The Plan maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which may exceed federally insured limits during the year. The Plan has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash.

Benefits
Benefits are recorded when paid.

Estimates and Assumptions
The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3: **ADMINISTRATION OF PLAN ASSETS**

The Plan's assets, which consist principally of Company common stock, are held in trust by the Trustees of the Plan. Plan Sponsor contributions are held and managed by the Trustees, which invest cash received, interest, and dividend income and make distributions to participants. Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company and a third-party administrator. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

NOTE 4: **FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) ASC 820 provides a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a three-tier hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used for measuring fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 - Inputs that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

NOTE 4: **FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023.

Investment in Company common stock: An annual valuation of Company common stock is prepared by an independent appraiser. The Trustees of the Plan approve the fair value based on the annual valuation. The valuation uses both the income and market approaches which contain significant unobservable inputs, including an EBITDA multiple, weighted average cost of capital, discount for lack of marketability and public company comparables.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

	Assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investment in Company common stock	$ -	$ -	$ 970,407	$ 970,407
Total assets at fair value	$ -	$ -	$ 970,407	$ 970,407

	Assets at fair value as of December 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investment in Company common stock	$ -	$ -	$ 1,035,535	$ 1,035,535
Total assets at fair value	$ -	$ -	$ 1,035,535	$ 1,035,535

NOTE 5: **RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

The Plan invests in the common stock of the Plan Sponsor. Fees for certain administrative expenses are paid to service providers. This investment and transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions which are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

NOTE 6: **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Plan's investments consist primarily of Company common stock, which is exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks, as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flows, and other such techniques. Due to the level of risk associated with the investment in the common stock and to uncertainties inherent in estimates and assumptions, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of the common stock will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 7: **PLAN TERMINATION**

The Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

NOTE 8: **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Plan management evaluates events occurring subsequently to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 14, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and management has determined that no subsequent events have occurred that should be disclosed.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

GARDENERS' GUILD
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
EIN: 68-0082879 / PLAN: 002

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR
December 31, 2023

(a) Party in Interest	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Bank of America	Cash	$ 6,457	$ 6,457
*	Gardeners' Guild, Inc.	130,256 shares of common stock	1,257,405	970,407
		Total Assets Held at End of Year	$ 1,263,862	$ 976,864

* Denotes party in interest



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Schedule H, Line 4i
Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

Name of Plan:

► Gardeners Guild Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Employer Identification Number: ► 68-0082879

For plan year (beginning/ending): 01/01/2023-12/31/2023 Plan number: ► 002

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	Bank of America	Cash Account	6,457	6,457
*	Gardeners' Guild, Inc.	130,256 Shares of Stock	1,257,405	970,407