

Form 990
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

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

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2009 and ending 12-31-2009

- 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
WORCESTER COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Doing Business As
Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
11 FRENCH DRIVE
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
BOYLSTON, MA 01505

D Employer identification number
04-1988945
E Telephone number
(508) 869-6111
G Gross receipts \$ 14,704,305

F Name and address of principal officer
Sharon Chauvin
11 FRENCH DRIVE
BOYLSTON, MA 01505

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: towerhillbg.org

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation 1842

M State of legal domicile MA

Part I Summary

Table with 3 main sections: Activities & Governance, Revenue, and Expenses. Includes rows for mission statement, member counts, revenue breakdown, and fund balances.

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
Signature of officer: Sharon Chauvin FINANCE DIRECTOR
Date: 2010-08-11

Paid Preparer's Use Only
Preparer's signature: Barbara E King
Date: 2010-08-11
Firm's name: Bollus Lynch LLP
Address: 89 Shrewsbury Street, Worcester, MA 01604

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

AN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCING THE SCIENCE AND ENCOURAGING AND IMPROVING THE PRACTICE OF HORTICULTURE

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 \$ 512,391 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 137,621)
EDUCATIONAL - THE SOCIETY PROVIDES CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS AND AGES OF INDIVIDUALS RELATING TO PRACTICE OF HORTICULTURE

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 456,308 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 157,096)
CONSERVATION & PUBLIC SERVICE - THE SOCIETY PROVIDES AN ENVIRONMENT THAT ENCOURAGES THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND THE PRACTICE OF HORTICULTURE

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

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 968,699

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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	Yes					
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	Yes					
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		No				
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>						
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		No				
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		No				
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		No				
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	Yes					
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? <i>If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.</i>	Yes					
	◆ Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i>						
	◆ 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i>						
	◆ 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i>						
	◆ 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i>						
	◆ Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>						
	◆ 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>						
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i>	Yes					
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year?	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>No</td> </tr> </table>	Yes	No		No	
Yes	No						
	No						
	<i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>						
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		No				
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No				
14b	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	Yes					
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		No				
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23		No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	34		No
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35		No
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	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, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1a 31		
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?	Yes	
	1c		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
	2a 60		
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)	Yes	
	2b		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		No
	3a		
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
	3b		
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)?		No
	4a		
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		
	4b		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
	5a		
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
	5b		
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?	Yes	
	6a		
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	Yes	
	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?	Yes	
	7a		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	Yes	
	7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		No
	7c		
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?		No
	7e		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		No
	7f		
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		No
	7g		
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		No
	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?		No
	8		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		No
	9a		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		No
	9b		
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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body (40); 1b Enter the number of voting members that are independent (40); 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? (No); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Does the organization have members or stockholders? (No); 7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? (No); 7b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? (Yes); 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 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 (No).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (No); 10b 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?; 11 Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (Yes); 11A Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990; 12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (Yes); 12b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (Yes); 12c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done (Yes); 13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (Yes); 14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (Yes); 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (Yes); 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization (Yes); 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? (No); 16b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed MA; 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: JOHN W TREXLER, 11 FRENCH DRIVE, BOYLSTON, MA 01505, (508) 869-6111.

1b Total	174,450	0	15,905
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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **▶**1

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		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
CUTLER ASSOCIATES 43 HARVARD STREET WORCESTER, MA 01609	BUILDING CONTRACTOR	1,170,065

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 **▶**1

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	317,400				
	c	Fundraising events 1c	77,259				
	d	Related organizations 1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f	2,182,522				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		2,577,181			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a	GENERAL ADMISSION	110,000	157,096	157,096		
	b	LECTURES	110,000	69,790	69,790		
	c	EVENTS	110,000	61,407	61,407		
	d	TRIPS	110,000	4,417	4,417		
	e	SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS	110,000	2,007	2,007		
	f	All other program service revenue					
g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		294,717				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ▶		334,172		334,172	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
	5	Royalties ▶					
	6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	185,947			
			(ii) Personal				
				185,947			
			d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶		185,947	
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	10,695,759			
			(ii) Other				
				10,889,797			
			d	Net gain or (loss) ▶		-194,038	-194,038
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 77,259 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a		27,525			
b			Less direct expenses b	31,647			
c			Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶		-4,122	-4,122	
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		547,233				
		b	Less cost of goods sold b	508,091			
		c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶		39,142	39,142	
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a	MISCELLANEOUS	110,000	41,771	41,771			
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶		41,771				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions ▶		3,274,770	177,470	0	520,119	

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	190,355		190,355	
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	607,044	443,504	163,540	
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits	107,430		107,430	
10	Payroll taxes	61,191	32,259	28,932	
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting	13,600		13,600	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	97,717	25,911	71,806	
12	Advertising and promotion	123,735	3,539	120,196	
13	Office expenses				
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy				
17	Travel	4,732		4,732	
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,374		1,374	
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	502,315	170,787	331,528	
23	Insurance	58,681		58,681	
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	TELEPHONE AND UTILITIES	90,678	79,451	11,227	
b	MISCELLANEOUS	87,447	81,622	5,825	
c	SUPPLIES	70,205	63,402	6,803	
d	REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, S	60,504	56,245	4,259	
e	SPECIAL EVENTS	40,710	3,189	37,521	
f	All other expenses	59,306	8,790	50,516	
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	2,177,024	968,699	1,208,325	0
26	Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	82,997	1	150,152
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	994,262	2	3,420,978
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	2,299,883	3	2,238,875
	4 Accounts receivable, net	101,285	4	96,224
	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	99,236	8	62,778
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	32,210	9	31,359
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	16,814,355		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	7,207,607	10c	9,606,748
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	10,984,552	11	12,048,960
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	784,818	12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	23,818,938	16	27,656,074	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	133,584	17	428,552
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	179,611	25	192,287
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	313,195	26	620,839
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	8,313,096	27	10,827,468
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	5,219,090	28	6,069,456
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	9,973,557	29	10,138,311
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	23,505,743	33	27,035,235	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	23,818,938	34	27,656,074	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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

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

c If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
 If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O

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

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

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

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

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

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
WORCESTER COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number

04-1988945

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

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

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

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

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

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,676,702	2,418,001	7,553,591	1,938,201	2,577,181	16,163,676
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	1,676,702	2,418,001	7,553,591	1,938,201	2,577,181	16,163,676
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						6,855,183
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						9,308,493

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	1,676,702	512,348	7,553,591	1,938,201	2,577,181	16,163,676
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	385,087	512,348	999,335	644,998	520,119	3,061,887
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets	14,306	12,453	17,452	24,985	41,771	110,967
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						19,336,530
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	4,408,146

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	48.140 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	54.260 %

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: 04-1988945
Name: WORCESTER COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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			
ALLEN A KRAUSE TREASURER	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
GALE Y MORGAN honorARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
ALLEN D BERRY honorARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
SCOTT EWING HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
KENNETH B HEDENBURG ASSISTANT TREASURER	2 00	X						0	0	0
RICHARD W DEARBORN HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
PAUL E ROGERS HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
MARY V CALLAHAN HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
JOYCE I FULLER HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
MRS BETSY DEMALLIE PRESIDENT	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
LAUREN S BAKER TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
RICHARD K DALE TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
LINWOOD ERSKINE honorARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
JOHN STODDARD honorARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
ELISE B WELLINGTON TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
HERBERT E BERG HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
CUSHING BOZENHARD HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
GLADYS BOZENHARD HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
DIANE DALTON HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
DALE R HARGER SECRETARY	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
SARAH PETTIT HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
CHRISTOPHER S REECE VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
SHIRLEY J WILLIAMS VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
MARILLYN ZACHARIS VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
MRS R HOUGHTON HOOKER HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	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			
GEORGE BERNARDIN HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
JOHN JEPSON HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
MARTHA PAPPAS TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
RUSSELL WARD NADEAU HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
ISABEL K ARMS HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
THEODORE E SHASTA TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
WILLIAM DAVIS TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
CHRISTOPHER HAYES TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
ALISON KENARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
ROBERT FLORSHEIM HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
R WAYNE MEZITT HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
YVONNE ADAMS TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
BEVERLY V HARRIS TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
JOHN LEE TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
BARBARA L MORSE TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
JEREMY O'CONNELL TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
ROBIN WHITNEY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
JOHN W TREXLER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40 00			X		X		112,549	0	8,686
SHARON CHAUVIN FINANCE DIRECTOR	40 00			X				61,901	0	7,219

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
GENERAL ADMISSION	110,000	157,096	157,096		
LECTURES	110,000	69,790	69,790		
EVENTS	110,000	61,407	61,407		
TRIPS	110,000	4,417	4,417		
SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS	110,000	2,007	2,007		

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

<i>Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
TELEPHONE AND UTILITIES	90,678	79,451	11,227	
MISCELLANEOUS	87,447	81,622	5,825	
SUPPLIES	70,205	63,402	6,803	
REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, S	60,504	56,245	4,259	
SPECIAL EVENTS	40,710	3,189	37,521	

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

2009

Open to Public Inspection

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.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization WORCESTER COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number 04-1988945

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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4: Total number at end of year, Aggregate contributions to (during year), Aggregate grants from (during year), 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?
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?

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, Protection of natural habitat, Preservation of open space, Preservation of an historically important land area, Preservation of a certified historic structure.

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

- a Total number of conservation easements
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Year. Rows 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d.

- 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?
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)?
9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

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

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

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

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

- a** Public exhibition
- 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
1c Beginning balance	
1d Additions during the year	
1e Distributions during the year	
1f Ending balance	

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	10,018,228	14,045,332			
b Contributions	152,200	135,429			
c Investment earnings or losses	2,311,782	-3,683,187			
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	80,873	336,148			
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	12,401,337	10,161,426			

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 14 000 % %
- b** Permanent endowment ▶ 86 000 % %
- 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)	No
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

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		746,456		746,456
b Buildings		7,895,416	4,004,054	3,891,362
c Leasehold improvements		3,490,297	1,965,634	1,524,663
d Equipment		549,262	473,866	75,396
e Other		4,132,924	764,053	3,368,871
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				9,606,748

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	3,274,770
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,177,024
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,097,746
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	2,431,746
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	2,431,746
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	3,529,492

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	6,246,254
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	2,431,746
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	539,738
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	2,971,484
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	3,274,770
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	3,274,770

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	2,716,762
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	539,738
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	539,738
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,177,024
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	2,177,024

Part XIV Supplemental Information

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part V, Line 4	Description of Intended Use of Endowment Funds	The Society's endowment consists of individual donor restricted funds established for a variety of purposes Its endowment includes both donor restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Society to function as endowments As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed or legal restrictions Endowment funds include invested gifts As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the Society classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Society in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by state law In accordance with the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act, the Society can consider the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds - The duration and preservation of the fund - The purposes of the organization and the donor-restricted endowment fund - General economic conditions - The possible effect of inflation and deflation - The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments - Other resources of the organization - The investment policies of the organization The Society has adopted investment and spending policies applicable to the Societys donor restricted endowment fund assets and to the Trustee designated fund assets The purpose of these policies is to provide financial support for the Societys activities while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of those endowment assets, with secondary expectation of moderate growth The Society expects its endowment funds over time to provide an average total return of 8% Although actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount, the S&P 500 equity index and the Barclays Aggregate Bond index provide the broad measures of benchmark performance To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Society relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and dividend and interest yield The Society has invested in several mutual funds to provide diversified asset allocation with moderate risk The allocation places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments with consideration given to long-term objectives and risk The Society has a present policy of appropriation for distribution each year of 4 5% of its endowment fund's average market value over the prior twelve quarters through the third quarter of the year preceding the year in which the distribution is to be made This policy takes into consideration the long-term expected return on its endowment and the objective to maintain its purchasing power Assuming 3 5% for inflation and the need to recover the 4 5% distribution, the current spending policy expects the endowment to grow an average rate of 8% annually to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		COST OF GOODS SOLD 508091 fund raising expenses 31647
Part XIII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		COST OF GOOD SOLD 508091 fund raising expenses 31647

SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2009

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization WORCESTER COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Employer identification number 04-1988945

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... Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements...

Table with 6 columns: (i) Name of individual or entity (fundraiser), (ii) Activity, (iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?, (iv) Gross receipts from activity, (v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i), (vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization.

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.

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Part III 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	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
		<u>trexler tribute</u> (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	104,784			104,784
	2 Less Charitable contributions	77,259			77,259
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	27,525			27,525
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Non-cash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses				
10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)					
11 Net income summary Combine lines 3, column d, and line 10.				27,525	

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				
	2 Cash prizes				
Direct Expenses	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No		
7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)					
8 Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1, column d, and line 7					

	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 ▶ _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Director/officer <input type="checkbox"/> Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Independent contractor			
17 Mandatory distributions			
a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?		17a	
b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____			

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Supplemental Information to Form 990

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

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		UPON RECEIPT, THE FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AND FORWARDED TO THE TREASURER FOR REVIEW AND SIGNATURE
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWS THE SOCIETY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ANNUALLY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE ARE REGULARLY AND CONSISTENTLY MONITORING AND ENFORCING IT
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		EMPLOYEE REVIEW IS DONE BY THE MANAGER THE MANAGER REVIEWS THE EMPLOYEES PROGRESS AND MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FOR FINALIZING CHANGES IN COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BUSINESS OFFICE FOR REVIEW DURING THE BUSINESS HOURS OF 10AM TO 5PM
PART XI, LINE 2(C)		THE SOCIETY HAS A COMMITTEE THAT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT OF ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THE COMMITTEE ALSO ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SELECTION OF AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT