

Form **990**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
 The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-0047
2012
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2012, 2012, and ending 12-31-2012

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization WORCESTER COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY		D Employer identification number 04-1988945
	Doing Business As		E Telephone number (508) 869-6111
	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		G Gross receipts \$ 5,207,008
F Name and address of principal officer HOWARD PETERSON 11 FRENCH DRIVE BOYLSTON, MA 01505		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number	
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (Insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Website: TOWERHILLBG.ORG			
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other			L Year of formation 1842
			M State of legal domicile MA

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND ENCOURAGING AND IMPROVING THE PRACTICE OF HORTICULTURE		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	24
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	24
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	5	84
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	200
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	69,046
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	9,508	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	812,987	992,642
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	384,821	365,872
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	757,241	707,778
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	347,671	247,778
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	2,302,720	2,314,070
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0	0
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	1,074,995	1,176,971
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 451,638	0	0
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	1,574,298	1,463,525
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,649,293	2,640,496
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-346,573	-326,426	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	28,706,378	29,618,908
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	519,362	666,751

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	2013-11-13 Date
	HOWARD PETERSON TREASURER Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Pnnt/Type preparer's name BARBARA E KING	Preparer's signature	Date 2013-11-13	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00005629
	Firm's name BOLLUS LYNCH LLP	Firm's EIN 04-3037870		Phone no (508) 755-7107	
	Firm's address 89 SHREWSBURY STREET WORCESTER, MA 01604				

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

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 organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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 \$ 529,162 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 200,823)
EDUCATIONAL - THE SOCIETY PROVIDES CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS AND AGES OF INDIVIDUALS RELATING TO PRACTICE OF HORTICULTURE

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,066,549 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 180,173)
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 1,595,711

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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		No
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
b 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
c 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
d 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
f 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 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</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 United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</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 United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</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 (see instructions)</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>		No
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
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization 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, line 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 lines 24b through 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, highest 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 employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <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 (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect 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, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	No
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	
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 11b 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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable 1a 54		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable 1b 0		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? 1c Yes	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return 2a 84		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions) 2b Yes	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? 3a Yes	Yes	
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 3b Yes	Yes	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? 4a		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? 5a		No
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? 5b		No
5c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? 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 as charitable contributions? 6a		No
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? 6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? 7a		No
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? 7b		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? 7c		No
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year 7d		
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? 7e		No
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? 7f		No
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? 7g		
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? 7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? 8		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? 9a		
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? 9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 10a		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities 10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders 11a		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them) 11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? 12a		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 12b		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O 13a		
13b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans 13b		
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand 13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? 14a		No
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 14b		

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.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI [X]

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 at the end of the tax year (24); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (24); 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 governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (Yes); 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? (Yes); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (Yes); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? (Yes); 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 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 Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (No); 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (No); 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (Yes); 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (Yes); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done (Yes); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (No); 14 Did 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 (No); 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization (No); 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," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed 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 made these available. Check all that apply. [] Own website [] Another's website [X] Upon request [] Other (explain in Schedule O)
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year
20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization. HOWARD PETERSON 11 FRENCH DRIVE BOYLSTON, MA (508) 869-6111

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII

		(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	383,144				
	c Fundraising events 1c					
	d Related organizations 1d					
	e Government grants (contributions) 1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f	609,498				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		992,642			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
	2a GENERAL ADMISSION	110000	180,173	180,173		
	b EVENTS	110000	110,883	110,883		
	c LECTURES	110000	74,816	74,816		
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		365,872			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		370,716		370,716	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		270,543				
		b Less rental expenses	0			
		c Rental income or (loss)	270,543			
	d Net rental income or (loss)			270,543	270,543	
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
		2,467,775				
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	2,130,713			
		c Gain or (loss)	337,062			
	d Net gain or (loss)			337,062	337,062	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
	b Less direct expenses b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
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	724,336				
	b Less cost of goods sold b	762,225				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		-37,889	-106,935	69,046	
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a MISCELLANEOUS	110000	15,124	15,124			
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		15,124				
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		2,314,070	274,061	69,046	978,321	

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)

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

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 United States. See Part IV, line 21.				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22.				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4	Benefits paid to or for members.				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.				
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.	870,629	459,035	213,026	198,568
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).				
9	Other employee benefits.	241,506	24,057	207,043	10,406
10	Payroll taxes.	64,836	33,968	16,133	14,735
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management.				
b	Legal.				
c	Accounting.				
d	Lobbying.				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f	Investment management fees.				
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	119,568	37,351	66,287	15,930
12	Advertising and promotion.	130,040	3,086	98	126,856
13	Office expenses.				
14	Information technology.				
15	Royalties.				
16	Occupancy.	104,945	95,183	4,881	4,881
17	Travel.	9,836		9,836	
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	3,022		3,022	
20	Interest.				
21	Payments to affiliates.				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	728,104	669,856	29,124	29,124
23	Insurance.	55,305	44,642	5,452	5,211
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a	SPECIAL EVENTS	105,361	86,915		18,446
b	REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, S	52,247	47,387	2,430	2,430
c	SUPPLIES	48,768	39,328	9,440	
d	MISCELLANEOUS	46,503	32,252	12,782	1,469
e	All other expenses	59,826	22,651	13,593	23,582
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	2,640,496	1,595,711	593,147	451,638
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	146,597	1	178,259
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	411,418	2	856,155
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	693,819	3	590,981
	4 Accounts receivable, net	99,280	4	150,267
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L			5
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L			6
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	53,146	8	48,668
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	30,634	9	38,350
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	22,289,771		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	9,088,128	13,744,354	10c
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	13,527,130	11	14,554,585
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	28,706,378	16	29,618,908	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	219,330	17	287,504
	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 Loans and other 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	75,000	23	75,000
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	225,032	25	304,247
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	519,362	26	666,751
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	15,608,427	27	15,648,277
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	1,800,830	28	2,353,510
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	10,777,759	29	10,950,370
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), 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	28,187,016	33	28,952,157	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	28,706,378	34	29,618,908	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,314,070
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,640,496
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-326,426
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	28,187,016
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	1,091,567
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	28,952,157

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> 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? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
2c If "Yes," to line 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	Yes	
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
3b 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		

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 (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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 HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
GAYLE Y MORGAN HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
ALLEN D BERRY VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
SCOTT EWING HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
KENNETH B HEDENBURG HONORARY TRUSTEE	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
PENNY DEWAR TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
RICHARD LEIF TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
HOWARD PETERSON TREASURER	2 00	X						0	0	0
LINWOOD ERSKINE HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
SARAH RIBEIRO TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
KENT DUR RUSSELL 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 VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
SARAH PETTIT HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
CHRISTOPHER S REECE PRESIDENT	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
JOHN STODDARS HONORARY TRUSTEE	2 00	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

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		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 VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X		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 ASST TREASURER	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
PATRICIA BIGELOW TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
CHRISTOPHER HAYES 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
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 SECRETARY	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
ROBIN WHITNEY TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
BETSY DEMALLIE TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
CURTIS FALZOI TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
NANCY GRIMES TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
THOMAS HALPIN TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
JAMES KARADIMOS TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
SHIRLEY WILLIAMS TRUSTEE	2 00	X						0	0	0
JOHN W TREXLER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40 00			X				112,551	0	8,363

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2012

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.

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 described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 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 - Non-functionally integrated
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
 (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
 (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

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

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

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,938,201	2,577,181	2,251,412	812,987	992,642	8,572,423
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	1,938,201	2,577,181	2,251,412	812,987	992,642	8,572,423
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)						658,718
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						7,913,705

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1,938,201	2,577,181	2,251,412	812,987	992,642	8,572,423
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	644,998	520,119	9,096,962	5,690,320	978,321	16,930,720
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						25,503,143
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	4,943,882
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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	31.030 %
15 Public support percentage for 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	27.580 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2012. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2011. If the organization did not check a 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2012. 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2012.** 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—2011.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

WORCESTER COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY WAS CREATED ON MARCH 3, 1942 FOR ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE PRACTICE OF HORTICULTURAL THE SOCIETY OPERATES A BOTANIC GARDEN THAT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC THE SOCIETY HAS A 50 YEAR MASTER PLAN AND ARE 25 YEARS INTO THE PLAN FOR THE GARDEN TO PROMOTE ITS CONTINUED ADVANCEMENT OF ITS EDUCATIONAL MISSION THE ORGANIZATION NORMALLY MEETS THE PUBLIC SUPPORT TEST AND IF THE PAST 4 YEARS ARE AGGREGATED THE AVERAGE PUBLIC SUPPORT PERCENTAGE WOULD BE 39 58% THERE ARE OVER 40 TRUSTEES OF THE ORGANIZATION CONSISTING OF LOCAL PROFESSIONALS, CIVIC AND COMMUNITY LEADERS FOR 2013, THE ORGANIZATION IS WORKING AT INCREASING THEIR MEMBERSHIP BASE AND SOLICITATION OF BROADER SUPPORT FROM THE PUBLIC

Explanation

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

2012

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. 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 include total number at end of year, aggregate contributions, aggregate grants, aggregate value, and questions about donor informed consent.

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

Form for Part II Conservation Easements including checkboxes for preservation purposes, questions about easement details, monitoring, and expenses.

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.

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets including questions about reporting and amounts.

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

3 Using the organization's acquisition, 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 XIII

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 XIII 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 XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

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	13,545,236	14,123,028	12,401,337	10,018,228	14,045,332
b Contributions	196,489	142,770	390,720	152,200	135,429
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	1,761,011	-132,989	1,762,401	2,311,782	-3,683,187
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	518,483	587,573	431,430	80,873	336,148
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	14,984,253	13,545,236	14,123,028	12,401,337	10,161,426

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 16.590 %
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶ 77.510 %
 - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ 5.900 %
- The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

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 XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

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

Description of property	(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		16,294,892	5,333,431	10,961,461
c Leasehold improvements		3,544,585	2,340,906	1,203,679
d Equipment		1,586,117	1,413,791	172,326
e Other		117,721		117,721
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				13,201,643

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

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

1 (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
Federal income taxes	
RENTAL AND SECURITY DEPOSITS	304,247
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.)	304,247

2. Fin 48 (ASC 740) Footnote In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	4,167,862
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	1,091,567
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	762,225
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,853,792
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,314,070
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 XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	2,314,070

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	3,402,721
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 XIII)	2d	762,225
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	762,225
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,640,496
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 XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	2,640,496

Part XIII 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, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED USE OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS	PART V, LINE 4	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 CONSIDERS 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 SOCIETY'S DONOR RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUND ASSETS AND TO THE TRUSTEE DESIGNATED FUND ASSETS. THE PURPOSE OF THESE POLICIES IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE SOCIETY'S 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% 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 4% FOR INFLATION AND THE NEED TO RECOVER THE 4% DISTRIBUTION, THE CURRENT SPENDING POLICY EXPECTS THE ENDOWMENT TO GROW AN AVERAGE RATE OF 8% ANNUALLY TO MAINTAIN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE ENDOWMENT. FROM TIME TO TIME, THE FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS ASSOCIATED WITH INDIVIDUAL DONOR-RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUNDS MAY FALL BELOW THE LEVEL THAT THE DONOR IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS REQUIRE THE SOCIETY TO RETAIN AS A FUND OF PERPETUAL DURATION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES, DEFICIENCIES OF THIS NATURE ARE REPORTED IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS. SUCH DEFICIENCIES AMOUNTS TO (\$31,013) AND (\$466,263) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011 RESPECTIVELY.
DESCRIPTION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS UNDER FIN 48	PART X, LINE 2	THE SOCIETY QUALIFIES AS A TAX-EXEMPT, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. ACCORDINGLY, NO PROVISION FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX IS REQUIRED. MANAGEMENT ANNUALLY REVIEWS FOR UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS ALONG WITH ANY RELATED INTEREST AND PENALTIES AND BELIEVES THAT THE SOCIETY HAS NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT WOULD HAVE A MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT, INDIVIDUALLY OR IN THE AGGREGATE, UPON THE SOCIETY'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION, OR THE RELATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES OR CASH FLOWS.
PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		COST OF GOODS SOLD 762,225
PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		COST OF GOOD SOLD 762,225

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Employer identification number

04-1988945

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE ORGANIZATION HAS MEMBERS THAT MEET ANNUALLY TO ELECT THE GOVERNING BOARD AND MUST APPROVE ANY CHANGES TO THE ORGANIZATION'S BY-LAWS
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THE ORGANIZATION HAS MEMBERS THAT MEET ANNUALLY TO VOTE ON THE GOVERNING BOARD
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	THE ORGANIZATION'S MEMBERS MEET ANNUALLY AND MUST APPROVE ANY CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS
	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. ANY MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION CAN REVIEW THE COPY DURING BUSINESS HOURS IF REQUESTED
	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
		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