Bringing Lapsed
Members Back to
Membership,
NOW –

**Tactics, Tips, Trends** 

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## Topics

- Setting the Context
- Direct Mail
- Email
- Social Media + Digital
- Telemarketing
- Questions and Discussion



# Setting the Context for Bringing Lapsed Members Back to Membership, NOW

**Mae Daniller, President** 

## Membership Programs in the COVID-era

COVID-19's impact extended beyond the gate and affected visitorbased organizations' membership programs.

### Key reasons why programs were affected include:

- Members decided not to (or were not financially able to) renew amid economic uncertainty
- Members weren't asked to renew or were asked in a more subtle way

Many organizations suspended acquisition, lapsed recapture, and renewal campaigns while your buildings remained closed.

## NOW is the time to shore up your membership file!

You have reopened with limited capacity and social-distancing measures. And, prior research shows that even temporary reductions to marketing and membership budgets lead to long-term impacts on audience growth –

### **NOW** is the time to recapture lapsed members!

We will discuss four principal techniques for recapturing lapsed members now:

- Direct Mail
- Email
- Social media
- Telemarketing





## **Direct Mail**

**Mae Daniller, President** 

## Direct Mail: Smart Ways to Optimize Budgets

# Smaller Membership House Files

## Utilize existing renewal paper for a lapsed recapture campaign

Can plan to reorder renewal paper earlier if needed

#### Package could include:

- Updated letter
- (optional) 1-color insert
- Outer envelope with renewal message

## Medium & Large Membership House Files

## Create and launch new campaign for lapsed recapture

 Create a new package for lapsed recapture or revise renewal paper to accommodate the campaign

#### Package details could include...

- Personalized letter with perf off reply form
- Buckslip/small brochure
- Outer envelope with renewal message



## Sample Using Renewal Inventory



Fall's a cool time to renew your Family membership (and save 20%)!

October 2020

Dear Salutation,

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is a tranquil sanctuary for native plants, Central Texas wildlife and—especially now—for people like you who know spending time outside in nature is good for our bodies and minds.

Right now, the cooler air and beauty of fall feel like a balm for the soul. An all new **Fortlandia** has opened with a new collection of custom forts created by local architects, designers and artists. **Luminations**, our annual festival of lights, is quickly approaching, and this year will feature more lights, more installations, and more days (spanning five weeks!).

It's a perfect time to visit, and an even better time to renew your Family membership. When you renew by Date X, you will save 20% on our most popular membership levels and receive 2 free guests passes to share with friends (a \$X value)!



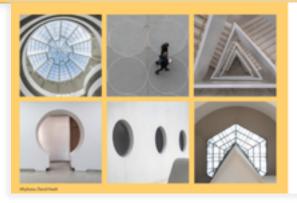
## Sample of Campaign Designed as Lapsed/Recapture



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Open for Members!





#### GUGGENHEIM

#### Open for Inspiration

Radical architecture, thoughtprovoking exhibitions, and an intimate crowd-free experience

Details inside for your exclusive member extract



#### Join us for a year of transformative art

Open for inspiration, escape, and connection, with member extract

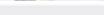
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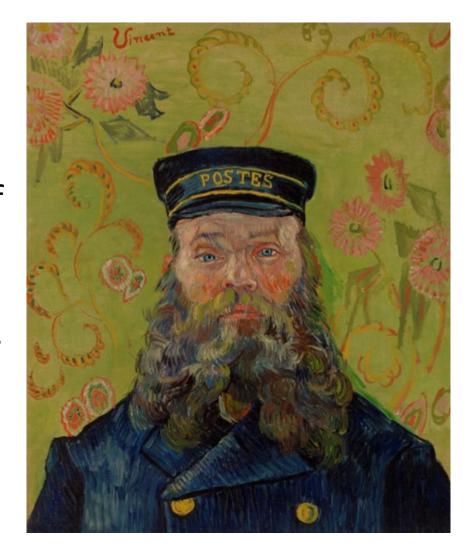


## **Onsite Efforts**

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## The Barnes Foundation

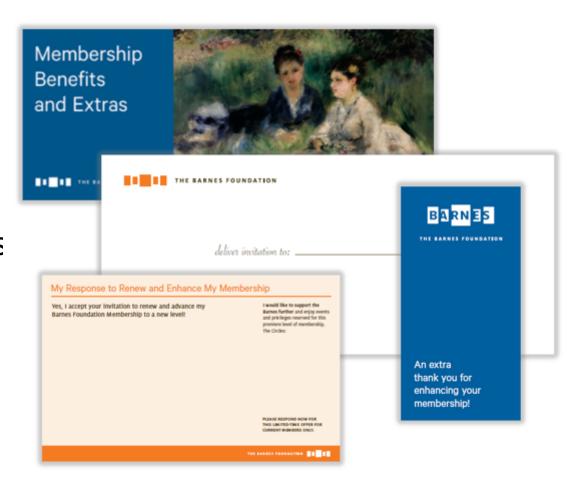
- Founded by Albert C. Barnes in 1922; moved to the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia in 2012
- Home to one of the world's finest collections of impressionist, post-impressionist, and modern paintings—displayed alongside African, Asian, ancient, and medieval art as well as metalwork, furniture, and decorative art.
- 14,000 Member Households
- 5 general membership categories (\$75 \$550)



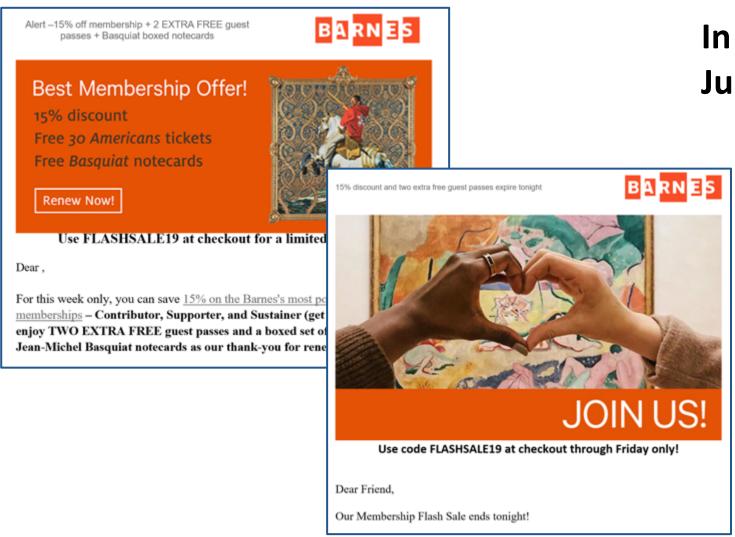
## The Barnes Foundation

### Acquisition:

- Mail: 4 campaigns per year
- Digital: 2 campaigns (email + social)
- Onsite: 45% of new memberships sales are driven by visitor service staff
- Renewal: cadence of 6 letters and 7 emails
  - **Upgrade:** 3 months before expiration
  - Renewal: 2 months before expiration through 2 months after expiration; members receive a letter and one or two emails in that month mirroring the letter message



### 2019 Flash Sale



# In 2019, we ran a flash sale in June and in October

- Sales Channels:
  - Emails (5 total)
  - Barnes Foundation homepage
  - Social Media
  - Onsite Sale

## 2019 Flash Sale Results

June 2019 Flash Sale Results								
Channel Membership Revenue								
Email	66	\$9,133						
Web/Social	22	\$3,355						
Onsite	12	\$1,620						
Total 100 \$14,108								

October 2019 Flash Sale Results									
Channel Membership Revenue									
Email	101	\$13,724							
Enews	15	\$1,967							
Web/Social	22	\$3,296							
Onsite	23	\$3,105							
Total	161	\$22,092							

### 2020 Flash Sale

Barnes Reopening Membership Sale with a 10% discount and two extra free guest passes – offer expires tonight





Free Admission + Free Gift

Join Us!

Use code FLASHSALE20 at checkout today only

Dear Art Lover,

Our Barnes Reopening Membership Flash Sale ends today!

It's your final chance to join the Barnes Foundation with our best-ever 2020 offer, before we reopen with Member-only Days this Thursday through noon

# In 2020, we ran a flash sale timed with our reopening in July

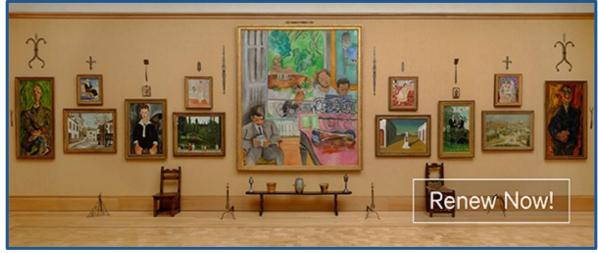
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## 2020 Flash Sale Results

July 2020 Flash Sale								
Channel Membership Revenue								
Email	113	\$17,706						
Enews	4	\$428						
Web	32	\$4,421						
Total	149	\$22,555						

## Lapsed Member Reacquisition





	Percent of Audience	% Responses	Revenue
June 2019	12%	50%	53%
October 2019	12%	50%	51%
July 2020	13%	37%	36%

## Division of Work

#### **Drafting Email Content**

- Daniller Team
- Barnes Membership reviews & edits

#### **Designing Email Headers**

• Daniller Team

#### **Building Emails**

- Barnes Membership
- Daniller Team reviews & edits

#### Schedule & Send

• Barnes Membership

#### Social Media

Barnes Marketing

#### **Onsite Sales**

- Barnes Membership
- Barnes Sales Team

#### Results

- Barnes Membership
- Daniller Team



## Additional Digital Strategies

Sara Jane Fogarty, Associate Director of Client Services

## Amplify Your Message and Impressions



**Direct Mail** 



**Emails** 



Website and Landing Page

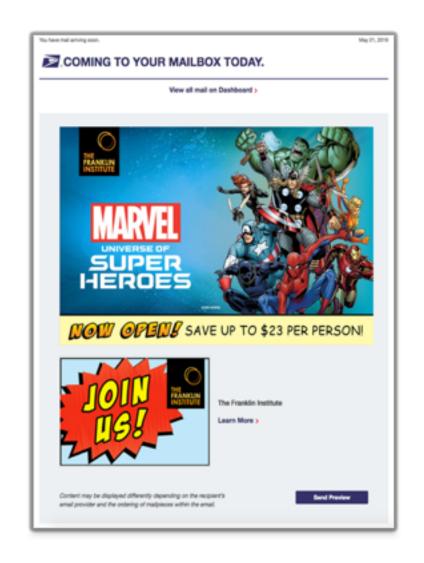


Social Media

Provide a variety of touchpoints for your lapsed members to amplify your message and the important reasons to come back to membership.

## Informed Delivery Boosts Direct Mail

- USPS® feature that provides users with email previews of their household mail
- Boost engagement by enhancing the graphics within the preview email
- Link directly to the campaign landing page
- Creative matches the look and feel of the direct mail package



### **Emails**



- Email-only campaigns
- Pre-emails and follow-up emails complement the mail and provide an opportunity to respond quickly online
- Watch results carefully and don't be afraid to repeat what works!



Appeal	Email #	Send Day	Subject line	# Delivered	% Opens	% Clicks	% Click-to-Open	% Response	% Bounce	% Unsubscribe
Winter Acq	Email 1	Tuesday	Subject Line A	32,418	17.13%	0.98%	5.71%	0.09%	0.06%	0.22%
Spring Acq	Email 1	Thursday	Subject Line B	46,115	14.62%	1.33%	9.08%	0.10%	4.05%	0.24%
Fall Acq	Email 1	Tuesday	Subject Line C	33,972	19.66%	1.18%	6.00%	0.15%	0.16%	0.29%
Winter Acq	Email 1	Thursday	Subject Line D	31,980	27.24%	1.05%	3.86%	0.26%	0.11%	0.22%
Spring Acq	Email 1	Wednesday	Subject Line E	40,897	18.20%	1.35%	7.35%	0.10%	1.46%	0.39%
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## Lightbox or Alert Bar

### Sample Lightbox

## YOU CAN TAKE ACTION FOR WOMEN IN THE ARTS! Join today to save 10% and be recognized as a champion for women in the arts. Join Us!

# Sample Alert Bar—Mobile View:



## Website Call to Action

I wanted to make a difference, and I decided I was going to use art to do it."

- Faith Ringgold

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## Make a difference, too, as a NMWA member!

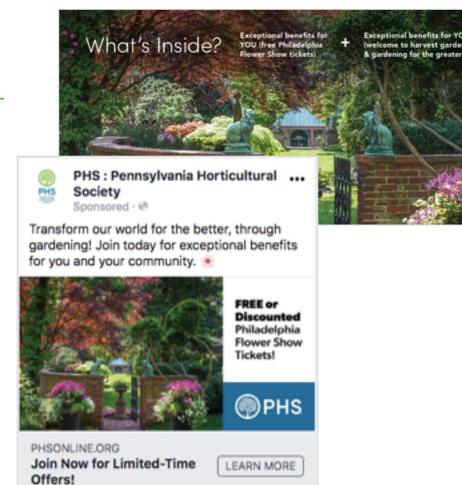
Join today to save with limited-time discounts and help us lead the way for women in the arts. Your name will be added to the 2020–21 Members List, and you'll enjoy exciting benefits like a complimentary subscription to Women in the Arts magazine and unlimited free admission.

JOIN TODAY &

### Social Media

# Social Media Advertising provides another touch point for lapsed members.

- Build targeted lists on Facebook using your lapsed member file
- Amplify direct mail efforts with ads that mimic the design and messaging of your mailed campaigns
- Test copy, images, and ad placement
- Consider remarketing ads
- Expand your reach by creating lookalike or custom audiences



### Atlanta Botanical Garden

Established in 1976
Two locations, Atlanta and Gainesville
Over 780,000 visitors in 2019

Approximately 42,000 members
Individual (\$78) – Director's Club (\$1200), plus
Two Year versions of above (16 levels), and
Family Explore program (grant-funded)



### Membership Renewal, Recapture, Retention, and Upgrade

#### E-renewal series sent the last week of the month:

#1 & #2 - Extra months offered for early renewal

#3 – No special offer (members recently lapsed)

#4 – Alternate between direct mail follow-up and Welcome email to new/renew/rejoin

#### Mailed Renewals:

Four renewals mailed six weeks before expiration until six weeks after expiration

#### **Direct Mail Campaigns:**

Four campaigns/year to acquire new members and recapture dropped members Four upgrade campaigns/year to upgrade members with discounts and free months

#### Social Media Campaigns:

Ongoing efforts by Marketing with extra push during Member Appreciation Month

#### Telemarketing:

Year-round effort (3-4 days/week) to welcome new members, renew lapsed members, upgrade members, and regain dropped members



## Telemarketing Pros and Cons

- Flexibility Modifications to the program are just a phone call away
- Creativity It's fun to adjust program and offers each year to take advantage of Garden events, programs & exhibitions
- Personal Touch Fulfills our desire to engage members on a very personal level
- Valuable Feedback Members reveal likes and dislikes, propensity for further support & cultivation, future plans, reasons for refusal
- Immediate Follow-up Email confirmations, Confirmation letter w/premiums delivered, Daily Sales adjustment reports, Weekly call reports
- Important Statistics Reports are provided each week to track success
- Cons There are none so far!





### Personable, well-trained rep = comfortable member

Hello, may I speak with Mr/Ms . please? Hi, Mr/Ms , this is calling on behalf of The Atlanta Botanical Garden, and this call is being recorded for my quality -- but first I'd like to thank you very much for your membership support, and to let you know the Garden is as beautiful as ever and open once again!

Your membership was extended through July as a courtesy for the time we were unable to open, and I hope you can visit soon! I'm calling to invite you to renew your membership today to take advantage of a special offer and to enjoy exclusive benefits including...

# Telemarketing: The Personal Touch

This e-mail is to confirm that you have renewed as a Supporting Member Dear Mr. and Mrs. Moon,

at the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

Your order number is 20200929-5690439. Important information about how to enjoy a safe and crowd-free visit as well information about now to enjoy a sale and crowd-free visit as well as the Garden's timed-ticket entry requirements can be found here.

You will receive another official email with an attachment that will give you a temporary "online Member Number". You will need the Member Number to obtain your timed-tickets and/or discounts on Garden classes, Garden Lights tickets, and more.

We will mail you your member ID cards and guest passes. Your we will mail you your member 10 cards and guest passes. Tour two complimentary flex Garden Lights, Holiday Nights tickets will be mailed

Please view garden-wide events for specific information about all Garden activities. You may also refer to our online Clippings and Member FAQ for activities.

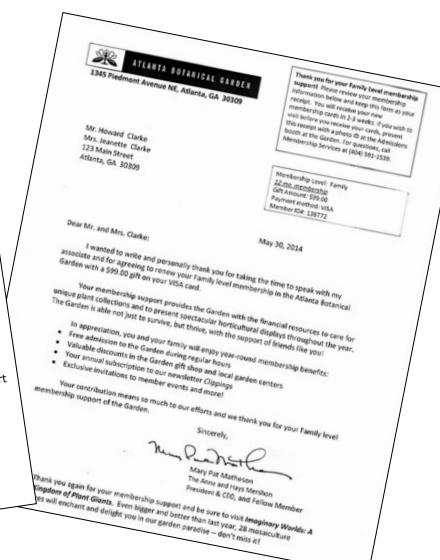
specific answers to many garden and member questions.

Please remember that you receive reciprocal benefits with over 330 other gardens in North America and the Cayman Islands through the American Horticultural Society (ahsgardening.org).

Please feel free to contact me in the future should you have questions or riedse leel free to contact the in the future should you have questions of need assistance. We greatly appreciate your generous membership support of the Garden!

Claudia McDavid, Membership Manager Atlanta Botanical Garden 1345 Piedmont Road NE Atlanta, GA 30309

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## Telemarketing Calling Schedule

Month	Week of	Expire	Renewal Offer	Expire	Upgrade Offer	Upgrade Offer	Expire	Offer	Welcome Cal	I Join Date
Jan-20	1-7	Dec M-Yr	plus 2 GP							
	8-14	Dec M-Yr	plus 2 GP	Feb-20	UCT-2 Flower Show or 2 GFCT	UDN-2 Flower Show or 2 GFCT			Welcome	Nov-19
	15-21	Jan 1st-Yr	2 extra mo, plus 2 GP	Feb-20	USP-2 Flower Show or 2 GFCT	UDC-2 Flower Show or 2 GFCT			Welcome	Nov-19
	22-EOM	Jan 1st-Yr	2 extra mo, plus 2 GP							
Feb-20	1-7	Jan M-Yr	plus 2 GP							
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	22-EOM									
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	8-14									
	15-21								Welcome	Jan-20
	22-EOM								Welcome	Feb-20
May-20	1-7								Welcome	Mar-19
	8-14								Welcome	Mar-19
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## **Telemarketing Statistics**

EXHIBITION	IW Year 2	Bruce Munro	Chihuly	<b>Curious Garden</b>	IW: Year 3		IW: Year 4
	Early Chihuly DM					thru 8/18	thru 8/17
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018	2019
# Dialed	71,853	67,388	55,880	55,582	56,813	35,927	36,278
Contacts	7,878	7,939	9,315	9,917	11,933	7,224	7,964
Renewals	1,292	1,856	2,050	1,883	2,185	1,296	1,451
Renewal rate	16%	23%	22%	19%	18%	18%	18%
Avg. Renewal \$	\$110	\$137	\$148	\$147	\$173	\$173	\$158
2-yr. renewal	135	390	549	487	632	348	352
2-yr. renewal %	10%	21%	27%	26%	29%	27%	24%
CC	1,254	1,850	2,050	1,882	2,181	1,295	1,450
CC %	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CT+	35	285	539	294	667	391	371
CT+ %	3%	15%	26%	16%	31%	30%	26%
Gross	\$142,393	\$253,950	\$304,364	\$277,420	\$378,311	\$210,661	\$229,089
Expense	\$76,477	\$97,632	\$121,848	\$123,450	\$160,740	\$98,249	\$103,337
Net	\$65,916	\$156,318	\$182,516	\$153,970	\$217,571	\$112,412	\$125,752
ROI	\$1.86	\$2.60	\$2.50	\$2.25	\$2.35	\$2.14	\$2.22



## Telemarketing Success - Upgrades

Membership	2017	2018	2018	2019
Level	TOTAL	TOTAL	8/18/2018	8/17/2019
2 Year	487	632	348	352
Contributing	263	553	321	311
Supporting	6	76	56	48
Donor	11	29	13	8
Director's Club	2	9	1	4
Total	769	1,299	739	723



## Questions? Thank you!

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