

Form **990-EZ****Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-1150

2009Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)**

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

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

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Inspection****A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2009, and ending**

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions. Wildflowers Institute 1144 Pacific Avenue San Francisco, CA 94133-4212	D Employer identification number 94-2581329
		E Telephone number 415-775-1151
		F Group Exemption Number

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual
Other (specify) ▶**I** Website: ▶ www.wildflowers.org**H** Check ☐ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (3) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**K** Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally **not** more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.**L** Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 225,826.**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See the instructions for Part I.)

REVENUE	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	192,200.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	32,500.
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	1,007.
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
	b Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
8 Other revenue (describe ▶ See Statement 1)	8	119.	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	225,826.	
EXPENSES	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) See Statement 2	10	10,000.
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	121,460.
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	8,806.
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	7,286.
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	683.
	16 Other expenses (describe ▶ See Statement 3)	16	48,778.
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	197,013.	
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	28,813.	
ASSETS	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	12,759.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	41,572.

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	114,128.	22 111,316.
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe ▶ See Statement 4)	39,184.	24 25,193.
25 Total assets	153,312.	25 136,509.
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ See Statement 5)	140,553.	26 94,937.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	12,759.	27 41,572.

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instrs for Part V.) See Statement 8

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of each activity.		X
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes.		X
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N.		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0.		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		X
b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved. 38b N/A		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9. 39a N/A		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities. 39b N/A		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0.; section 4912 ▶ 0.; section 4955 ▶ 0.		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I. 40b		X
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958. ▶ 0.		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization. ▶ 0.		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If 'Yes,' complete Form 8886-T. 40e		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ CA		

42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Jennifer Mei Telephone no. ▶ 415-775-1151
 Located at ▶ 1144 Pacific Avenue San Francisco CA ZIP + 4 ▶ 94133-4212

	Yes	No
b 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)? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of a Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		X

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041** — Check here ☐ N/A
 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year. ▶ **43** N/A

	Yes	No
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. 44		X
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. 45		X

Part VI **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization?		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000. ▶

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000. ▶

Sign Here	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.			
	Signature of officer Date			
	Type or print name and title.			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	Michael Fontanello	Date	
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	Fontanello, Duffield & Otake, LLP 44 Montgomery Street, Suite 2019 San Francisco, CA 94104	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions) N/A
		EIN	N/A	
		Phone no.	(415) 983-0200	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions. ▶ ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Form 990-EZ (2009)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

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

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2009

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

Wildflowers Institute

Employer identification number

94-2581329

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 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 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 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?

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

h Provide the following information about the supported organizations.

(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									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

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.)

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 'unusual grants'.)	86,082.	600,530.	144,754.	69,272.	192,200.	1,092,838.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf.						0.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.						0.
4 Total. Add lines 1-through 3.	86,082.	600,530.	144,754.	69,272.	192,200.	1,092,838.
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).						694,668.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						398,170.

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.	86,082.	600,530.	144,754.	69,272.	192,200.	1,092,838.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources.	3,684.	3,536.	2,817.	2,323.	1,007.	13,367.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						0.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) See Part IV.	672.	126.	154.	104.	119.	1,175.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10.						1,107,380.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions).					12	137,264.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 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 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)).	14	36.0 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14.	15	52.0 %
16a 33-1/3 support test — 2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33-1/3 support test — 2008. 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 — 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. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
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. ▶ <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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr 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 'unusual grants'.)						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in a 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, 3 received from disqualified persons.						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 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 yr 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 lns 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 section 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 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. <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33-1/3 support tests — 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or 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. <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions. <input type="checkbox"/>		

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. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

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Part II, Line 10 - Other Income

Nature and Source	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Book Sales	119.	104.	154.	126.	672.
Total	<u>\$ 119.</u>	<u>\$ 104.</u>	<u>\$ 154.</u>	<u>\$ 126.</u>	<u>\$ 672.</u>

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

► **Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF**

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2009

Name of the organization

Wildflowers Institute

Employer identification number

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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

Section:

- ☒ 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization
☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

- ☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule —

- ☐ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. (Complete Parts I and II.)

Special Rules —

- ☒ For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ, that met the 33-1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1)/170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year. ► \$ _____

Caution: An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) but it **must** answer 'No' on Part IV, line 2 of their Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2009)

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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions.)

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
	N/A		
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

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For organizations completing Part III, enter total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this information once — see instructions.)..... ▶ \$ N/A

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Ogden UT 84201

assistance, call:
1-877-829-5500

Notice Number: CP211A

Date: September 13, 2010

Taxpayer Identification Number:

94-2581329

Tax Form: 990

Tax Period: December 31, 2009

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WILDFLOWERS INSTITUTE
1144 PACIFIC AVE
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94133-4212443



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APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE AN EXEMPT ORGANIZATION RETURN - APPROVED

We received and approved your Form 8868, Application for Extension of Time to File an Exempt Organization Return, for the return (form) and tax period identified above. Your extended due date to file your return is **November 15, 2010**.

When it's time to file your Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF or 1120-POL, you should consider filing electronically. Electronic filing is the fastest, easiest and most accurate way to file your return. For more information, visit the Charities and Nonprofit web at www.irs.gov/eo. This site will provide information about:

- The type of returns that can be filed electronically,
- approved e-File providers, and
- if you are required to file electronically.

If you have any questions, please call us at the number shown above, or you may write us at the address shown at the top of this letter.

- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** and check this box. ☒ **X**

Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** (on page 1).

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed).

Type or print File by the extended due date for filing the return. See instructions.	Name of Exempt Organization	Employer identification number 94-2581329 For IRS use only
	Wildflowers Institute	
	Number, street, and room or suite number. If a P.O. box, see instructions. Fontanello, Duffield & Otake, LLP 44 Montgomery Street, Suite 2019	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. San Francisco, CA 94104	

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return):

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|---|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 | |

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- The books are in care of **Jennifer Mei**

Telephone No. **415-775-1151**

FAX No. _____

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box. ☐

• If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this box. ☐. If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until 11/15, 2010.

5 For calendar year 2009, or other tax year beginning _____, 20____, and ending _____, 20____.

6 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension... The Organization requires additional time to gather the information necessary to file a complete and accurate return.

8a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	8a \$
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868.	8b \$
c Balance Due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instrs.	8c \$

Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature Carol Duffield CPA Date 8/9/10



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
OGDEN UT 84201-0074

For assistance, call:
1-877-829-5500

Notice Number: CP211A
Date: June 28, 2010

Taxpayer Identification Number:
94-2581329
Tax Form: 990
Tax Period: December 31, 2009

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APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE AN EXEMPT ORGANIZATION RETURN - APPROVED

We received and approved your Form 8868, Application for Extension of Time to File an Exempt Organization Return, for the return (form) and tax period identified above. Your extended due date to file your return is **August 15, 2010**.

When it's time to file your Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF or 1120-POL, you should consider filing electronically. Electronic filing is the fastest, easiest and most accurate way to file your return. For more information, visit the Charities and Nonprofit web at www.irs.gov/eo. This site will provide information about:

- The type of returns that can be filed electronically,
- approved e-File providers, and
- if you are required to file electronically.

If you have any questions, please call us at the number shown above, or you may write us at the address shown at the top of this letter.

**Application for Extension of Time To File an
Exempt Organization Return**

OMB No. 1545-1709

► **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box. ☒
 - If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).
- Do not complete Part II unless** you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension — check this box and complete Part I only. ☐*All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICS, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.*

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

Type or print <small>File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.</small>	Name of Exempt Organization Wildflowers Institute	Employer identification number 94-2581329
	Number, street, and room or suite number. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 1144 Pacific Avenue	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. San Francisco, CA 94133-4212	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870

- The books are in the care of ► Jennifer Mei

Telephone No. ► 415-775-1151 FAX No. ► _____

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box. ☐
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this box. ☐. If it is for part of the group, check this box. ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 8/15, 20 10, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above.
The extension is for the organization's return for:

- ☒ calendar year 20 09 or
- ☐ tax year beginning _____, 20 _____, and ending _____, 20 _____.

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$ 0.
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$ 0.
c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$ 0.

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

BAA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.Form **8868** (Rev. 4-2009)

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Statement 1
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8
Other Revenue

Incidental Book Sales.....	\$	119.
Total	\$	<u>119.</u>

Statement 2
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10
Grants and Similar Amounts Paid

Class of Activity:	Social Investment Fund	
Donee's Name:	Lao Lu Mien Culture Association, Inc.	
Donee's Address:	485 105th Avenue	
	Oakland, CA 94603	
Relationship of Donee:	N/A	
Cash Amount Given:		\$ 10,000.

Statement 3
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16
Other Expenses

Banking Fees.....	\$	127.
Bookkeeping.....		5,128.
Contract Services.....		10,664.
Depreciation.....		1,156.
Dues & Memberships.....		1,165.
Evaluators.....		6,800.
Insurance.....		3,062.
Office Expenses.....		248.
Office Supplies.....		4,380.
Repairs & Maintenance.....		1,461.
Telephone.....		7,005.
Travel.....		7,582.
Total	\$	<u>48,778.</u>

Statement 4
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24
Other Assets

	Beginning	Ending
Accounts Receivable.....	\$ 528.	\$ 193.
Contract Receivable.....	37,500.	25,000.
Machinery and Equipment.....	1,156.	0.
Total	\$ <u>39,184.</u>	\$ <u>25,193.</u>

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Statement 5
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26
Total Liabilities

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses.....	\$ 3,273.	\$ 2,608.
Deferred Revenue.....	37,500.	25,000.
Payroll Liabilities.....	99,780.	67,329.
Total	\$ 140,553.	\$ 94,937.

Statement 6
Form 990-EZ, Part III
Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose

Wildflowers Institute, a social innovation and application lab, is dedicated to helping vulnerable ethnic, indigenous, and racial populations. The Institute's mission is to understand how communities work and to help them succeed. Wildflowers was founded in 1979 on the belief that the most powerful parts of the community go unrecognized. One of the most important discoveries we have made during the past ten years has been the power of informal capital. We have developed a process of discovering these often-invisible ways that things are accomplished in a community. This informal capital includes: the leaders who quietly make change, the unofficial ways people are organized, the coping mechanisms that people rely on in everyday life, and the shared activities organized around art, common endeavors, spirituality and culture that build relationships.

Our overall approach is to catalyze this informal capital in communities and work with policy makers, philanthropists, academics, and social activists to strengthen it. While many define community by geographical boundaries, Wildflowers uses an established sociological definition: a complex system of friendship and kinship networks and formal and informal associational ties.

Statement 7
Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 28
Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

The work of Wildflowers Institute in 2009 was as follows:

Leadership Training: Wildflowers has created a fellowship program and each year we train community leaders to map the informal capital of community, that is, the identification of important activities, relationships and people. Since 1999, Wildflowers has selected thirty-seven fellows across ten different communities for training in our patented process and four-stage research methodology so that they can guide interested outsiders to the informal capital (see our past paper, "Making Visible the Invisible Power of Community," for our detailed methodology on our website: www.wildflowers.org/monograph.html). We selected fellows using four criteria:

- they are longtime residents,
- they are comfortable dealing with outsiders,
- they perform community work on a volunteer basis, and
- they are trusted by both the formal and informal groups because of their track record of getting the community what it needs.

Community Studies: Two teams of institute fellows undertook a study to explore the role of spirituality in weaving the fabric of community. One of the studies focused on the Lao Iu Mien community and the other on the Red Wolf Band.

Statement 7 (continued)
Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 28
Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Presentation: "Community-building in Vulnerable Communities," the Clinton School Speaker Series: Inspiring Ideas and Action, the Clinton School of Public Service, October 1, 2009, and a scholar-in-residence program at the Center on Community Philanthropy, the Clinton School of Public Service, September 28-October 2, 2009, University of Arkansas.

Publications: The monograph, "Making Visible the Invisible Power of Community," was published on The Annie E. Casey Foundation and Wildflowers' Web sites.

Social Investment Fund: Wildflowers is prototyping a fund to help communities sustain social change.

Statement 8
Form 990-EZ, Part V
Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts

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| (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?..... | No |
| (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?..... | No |

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2009 Federal Book Summary Depreciation Schedule

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No.	Description	Date Acquired	Date Sold	Cost/ Basis	Bus. Pct.	Cur 179/ SDA	Prior 179/ SDA/ Depr.	Method	Life	Current Depr.
Form 199										
Furniture and Fixtures										
3	Chair	9/01/89		255			255	S/L	5	0
Total Furniture and Fixtures				255		0	255			0
Machinery and Equipment										
1	Telephones	8/01/89		924			924	S/L	3	0
2	Telephones	9/01/89		1,432			1,432	S/L	3	0
4	Dell Computer	6/01/93		2,774			2,774	S/L	3	0
5	Apple Imac Computer	3/01/99		1,140			1,140	S/L	3	0
6	Apple PowerMac G3	3/01/99		2,790			2,790	S/L	3	0
7	Apple PowerMac G3	3/01/99		275			275	S/L	3	0
8	Teleport 56K	3/01/99		90			90	S/L	3	0
9	Sony DCR Camcorder	8/01/99		5,234			5,234	S/L	3	0
10	IBM Hard-Drive	4/25/01		384			384	S/L	3	0
11	Apple Computer	4/25/01		4,090			4,090	S/L	3	0
12	Model Building Figurine	4/25/01		334			334	S/L	3	0
13	Speakers	5/25/01		118			118	S/L	3	0
14	Printer	7/01/02		2,339			2,339	S/L	3	0
15	Projector	7/01/02		3,154			3,154	S/L	3	0
16	Laptop Computer	7/01/02		4,522			4,522	S/L	3	0
17	23" Monitor	1/13/05		2,233			2,233	S/L	3	0
18	G5 Computer	1/17/05		5,616			5,616	S/L	3	0
19	Camcorder	5/14/05		3,027			3,027	S/L	3	0
20	HP Color laser printer	6/14/06		3,036			2,614	S/L	3	422
21	MacBook, Pwr Adapt & Svc	1/12/07		3,464			2,730	S/L	3	734
Total Machinery and Equipment				46,976		0	45,820			1,156
Total Depreciation				47,231		0	46,075			1,156
Grand Total Depreciation				47,231		0	46,075			1,156