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# The Rule of Seven

## Bill Rawlings, Chairman of the Board of Trustees



The year 2007 saw strong growth for Quail Botanical Gardens. Membership surpassed 4,000 for the first time and we had a record-breaking attendance of 161,576. It was also a record-breaking year for many of our events, including the Gala, with some 500 guests attending, and Garden of Lights, which was sponsored by SDG&E with an estimated attendance of 8,426. In spite of the fires the Annual Plant Sale brought in more income than ever before, as did the Orchid Fair, Chocolate Festival, Misty Washington Gourd and Basket Weekend, and the Insect Festival. I wish to compliment the leadership of staff and the help of volunteers.

Many thanks to the QBG docents and volunteers, the National Charity League mother/daughter teams, our local high schools and youth groups. At last count (hours keep pouring in) 26,500 hours had been reported for 2007. It was nice to see over 200 of these volunteers attending our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Quail Botanical Gardens was fortunate to have support from other parts of the community. Supervisor Pam Slater-Price and the County of San Diego contributed \$250,000 towards our Children's Garden expansion and other friends and community leaders have also responded generously. The San Diego County Water Authority underwrote the production of a water conservation video, which was previewed at QBG's Annual Meeting in January 2008 and was very well received. The Parker Foundation, The Fieldstone Foundation, and AT&T all made grants to the Gardens in support of technological infrastructure upgrades.

Other improvements can be seen all over the Gardens – by the Larabee House, in the Walled Garden, the Herb Garden, and in the Lawn Garden thanks, in part, to the newly formed "Garden Beautification" teams comprised of volunteers. The Desert Gardens have new plantings and landscaping as well, and the South American Garden has been completely renovated (see page 8). About 250 different species and varieties of plants were acquired during the year, many new to QBG. To keep track of the many plants at the Gardens, Ruth Sanborn was hired as part-time plant recorder.



In the Bamboo Garden a bamboo sculpture entitled “Shimé” was created and installed by Stephen Glassman with an opening reception in July 2007. This beautiful addition to the Gardens was dedicated in memory of Eleanor K. Rawlings. A petrified wood display was also installed in this garden, acquired through donations from Harry Griffiths and David Bardwick. QBG’s bamboo was delightfully featured in a new children’s book by Ruth Todd Evans, *The Panda Who Would Not Eat*, which is about a panda who preferred the bamboo grown at Quail Botanical Gardens. Ruth is kindly donating all proceeds of book sales to the Gardens.

I think we can all agree that Quail Botanical Gardens has had a year of strong growth. Interestingly, much of the Gardens’ growth in 2007 has been between 7 and 10 percent. According to the “Rule of 7,” our attendance, membership, etc. will double in 10 years at 7% annual growth. This is certainly good news but it also presents us with a huge challenge. We must prepare our infrastructure – parking, staff, space, etc. – to adequately handle the future demands on the Gardens. It is a wonderful thing that we have been able to expand our Gardens by 4.5

acres. Now it is time to develop that space and make the changes in the existing space to accommodate the needs of the future. With your help we can grow the Gardens to fulfill our mission on a grander scale.



Photo courtesy of Wehannah Tucker, Coast News

**Quail Botanical Gardens President and CEO Julian Duval receives a \$10,000 technology grant from AT&T Foundation representative John Osborne. The money will be used to further the technological infrastructure of the gardens.**



## Frances Hamilton White

This past January, Frances Hamilton White completed the maximum term allowed as a member of the Board of Trustees. We thank her for her nine years of service to the Gardens, graced with good advice and strong support especially for the Children’s Garden, and look forward to her continued involvement.

## GARDEN VOLUNTEERS ADOPT TOPIARY

Under the leadership of Sharon Clay Rose, a team of garden beautification volunteers has adopted the topiary at QBG and the results of their efforts are winning rave reviews. Donated by Director of Operations Pat Hammer, the mariachi players, dancers and waiter, reading rabbit, frog, and horse are living sculptures that delight our visitors and provide Kodak moments on a daily basis. Volunteers typically attend to their topiary once a week, check for moisture, and add the required H2O like a transfusion through the neck! They also clip, groom, and tuck in fresh ivy or succulents as needed to keep the topiary looking sharp. Many thanks to the Topiary Team, one of nine garden beautification teams making a visible difference at QBG. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, contact Coordinator Sally Sandler today at 858/ 481–3442.



**(L to R) Fran Hinostro and Norma McAfee buddy up to their adopted topiaries.**

## *Flowers in Wonderland*

### **19TH ANNUAL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW**

April 11 • 1:30 – 4 PM

April 12 • 10 am – 4 PM

April 13 • 10 am – 4 PM

The San Dieguito Garden Club of Encinitas is presenting their annual flower show featuring “Flowers in Wonderland.” See the White Rabbit and Alice as they journey down the rabbit hole into a spectacular fantasy of flower designs. On Saturday, from 12 noon — 2 pm, there will be some children’s activities including a treasure hunt and flower arranging.

Entries are open to non-professional horticulture and floral design exhibitors. Judging will be by accredited judges from the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Flower show entry forms are available at the Gardens.

For more information call Event Chair Geri Thirloway at 858/ 755–3284.

**Cost: Free with admission to the Gardens**

## *Chocolate Festival*

May 10 • 10 AM – 4 PM



Celebrate Mother’s Day weekend with a chocolate experience to remember. Enjoy dozens of delectable chocolate tastings, demonstrations, a chocolate fountain, and more. This family-friendly event also features lots of children’s activities and a variety of Mother’s Day gifts. “Tasting” tickets will be sold on site.

**Cost: Free with admission to the Gardens plus tasting tickets as desired**

## *Bamboo Sale*

Due to an infestation of mealy bug, the bamboo sale will be held offsite this year to protect QBG’s world class bamboo collection.

**Please check [www.abssocal.org](http://www.abssocal.org) for details.**

## *Palm and Cycad Sale*

May 31 • 9 AM – 3:00 PM

This one-of-a kind event features limited and rare palm and cycad species from exceptional Southern California nurseries. It is co-hosted by the Palm Society of Southern California and Quail Botanical Gardens. For more information call Phil Bergman at 619/ 291–4605 or [phil.bergman@junglemusic.net](mailto:phil.bergman@junglemusic.net).

**Cost: Free with admission to the Gardens**





## *Encinitas Wine Festival*

**PRESENTED BY THE ENCINITAS ROTARY CLUB TO BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES**

May 31 • 5 – 8 PM

Join us for this fifth annual celebration of international wines and gourmet food from our local restaurants. If you buy a \$125 ticket and select QBG as your charity of choice, we will receive the entire amount of your ticket price. For more details, go to [www.encinitaswinefestival.com](http://www.encinitaswinefestival.com) or call 760/ 753-7343.

## *Strings in the Gardens*

**SPONSORED BY CARLSBAD STRINGS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, INC.**

June 8 • 4 – 7 PM

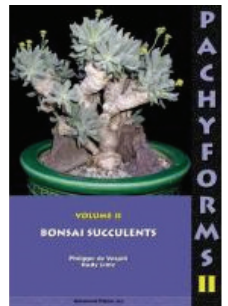
Enjoy an evening of string serenades by children of all ages and a silent auction during this collaborative fund-raising celebration for Quail Botanical Gardens and Carlsbad Strings. Refreshments will be served, with wine available for purchase. For ticket information call Victoria Davis at 760/ 522-1193 or go to [www.carlsbadstrings.org](http://www.carlsbadstrings.org).

## *Succulent Plants as Bonsai*

Saturday • June 14 • 2 – 4 PM

Join Philippe de Vosjoli for a presentation on his new book, followed by a book signing. Co-authored with Rudy Lime, *Pachyforms 2: Bonsai Succulents* focuses on the cultivation of caudiciform and pachycaul plants, species with unusually thick or globose bodies that naturally develop into sculptural forms. It is the first book dedicated to the use of succulent plants as bonsai.

**Cost: Free with admission to the Gardens**



## *Hemerocallis Show and Sale*

July 5 • 4 PM

In this spectacular display, members from the Southwest Hemerocallis Society showcase their best daylilies from the garden, judged for ribbons. Activities include a plant sale and tours of the daylilies at Quail Botanical Gardens.

**Cost: Free with admission to the Gardens**

During the months of May and June, the Lung Hsiang Chapter of the American Artists of Chinese Brush Painting will have their beautiful paintings on display in the Ecke Building. This is their second annual show at QBG.

Quail Botanical Gardens is in need of computers, monitors, and printers. We welcome donations that are up to three years old. Please call 760/ 436-3036 x206.

# Volunteer and Docent News

## January Volunteer of the Month: ANNE SPINDEL

Anne was born in a small town in Oklahoma. Her paternal grandmother and parents were avid rose gardeners, but Anne only liked animals. During high school she had the opportunity to go to Israel where she lived for ten years and met her husband. The Spindels returned to the States to raise their three children. Anne worked as a pediatric physical therapist for 15 years. She longed to take the docent class at QBG. Balancing her work and family responsibilities, Anne signed up for the Fall 2003 docent class. Today Anne teaches for a program called “Talk About Trees.” She also teaches Hebrew, runs a massage business, and volunteers at QBG whenever possible. At the Gardens she is a tour guide and hospitality maven for the docents.

Anne is also involved with Team Herb, docent training, and many special events throughout the year. Her favorite thing about QBG is that it is the perfect synthesis of outdoor beauty and incredible people who are creative, wise, and nurturing. Anne is regularly inspired, honored, and proud to be a part of such a worthwhile organization right here in our community. Thank you, Anne, for sharing your time and talents with QBG.



## February Volunteer of the Month: SALLY SANDLER

Although born in Maryland, Sally calls California home. She and husband Jim, whom she met at University of Michigan, have lived in Del Mar for 33 years where they raised two children. Always a naturalist at heart, the opportunity to follow her real passion for garden beautification didn't arrive until after raising kids and following her work at the San Dieguito Union High School District where she handled communications. A personal battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma two years ago brought her to QBG, “a magical place for my next journey.” She began volunteering immediately and completed the docent training last summer. Sally enjoys coming each morning to work in different sections of the Gardens. The Herb Garden is her “homeroom,” but she also totes her rake and hoe to the Walled Garden, Larabee House beds, Visitor's Center, and admission entrance. Last fall, she launched the Garden Beautification Teams project, which now has eight groups of volunteers who are making a visible difference around QBG. Recently, she has taken on the job of membership ambassador, promoting the benefits of membership to visitors on Free Tuesdays. You may also notice her by-line in the “Garden Guide” articles for *Décor and Style* magazine, which she composes each month on behalf of Quail Botanical Gardens. Thank you Sally, for all you have done in such a short time.



## March Volunteer of the Month: JANE WILKERSON

Jane was born in Yeadon, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia. She met her husband, Jack, at the General Electric plant in her hometown. In 1970, GE transferred them to Phoenix where they worked on the re-entry vehicles for the Apollo space program. Another transfer 35 years ago landed them in San Diego where they have lived in Olivenhain, raising a son and a daughter. Jane worked at Hughes Aircraft Company in Carlsbad for 20 years as an Administrative Assistant, and retired 12 years ago. She started volunteering in the Gift Shop four years ago and in the fall of 2004, she completed the docent training class. Jane especially enjoys making succulent cups and undersea bowls. She also volunteers at special events such as Garden of Lights with nature crafts, the Chocolate Festival, and the Fall Plant Sale. Her granddaughter Morgan helps out, too, when she's visiting from Texas. What Jane likes best about QBG are the people, the continuing education, talking with folks from all over the world in the Gift Shop, and the beautiful garden with an ocean view. There is a lifetime's worth of learning available here at QBG. Thank you, Jane, for everything you do at the Gardens, and for the beautiful bead necklaces that you design and donate.





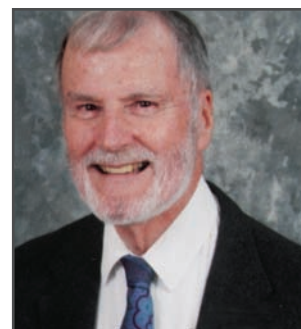
# Volunteer and Docent News

## Volunteer of the Year: **KENNETH HAYWARD**

Kenneth Hayward has been a volunteer at QBG for ten years. His responsibilities are many—head librarian, historian, keeper of vital records, and purser. Because of his quiet and unassuming personality, his tremendous contributions sometimes go unnoticed; but he is a vital part of the day-to-day operations.

Aside from his duties as librarian and historian, he also keeps track of how many visitors come to the Gardens and gives comparative reports so we can compare past visitation with current. Recently, he has taken on the job of processing admissions money and keeping records. His newest contribution saves staff nearly eight to ten hours of work each week.

His calm, cooperative personality and a quick sense of humor make Kenneth a great part of the team. He is always looking for ways to make things easier for everyone. Kenneth is a very important part of the smooth operations of Quail Botanical Gardens.



## Volunteer Orientation

Friday • April 18 • 9 – 11 AM

As a non-profit organization, Quail Botanical Gardens depends upon volunteer support. If you are interested in an exciting and rewarding place to contribute time, please join us on April 18. Volunteer opportunities and a short tour of the Gardens will be part of the presentation. To RSVP, please call Kelly Kehoe at 760/ 436-3036 x206.

## Docent Training Classes

Quail Botanical Gardens is offering a six-class series to train volunteers interested in becoming docents. Each three-hour class in the series is self-contained, thus you may begin with any class, but must attend all six to complete docent training. Following is a list of upcoming classes:

April 9 • 10 AM – 1 PM: California Natives and Firescapes

May 14 • 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Mediterranean Climates

June 18 • 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Subtropical Fruit and Bamboo

There will be a short break so bring your own lunch or snack.

## Docent Meetings—Everyone Welcome

**First Wednesday of the Month**

Arrive at 11 am for the program

**April:** A Love Affair with Lavender with Ellen Sullivan, owner of Lavender Fields in Valley Center. A brief history of the lavender farm, its varieties, and lavender oil distillation.

**May:** Container Gardening with Nicole Jackson of EuroAmerican Propagators, widely known for its Proven Winners® line. A look at some “hot” new plants.

**June:** Summer Potluck—Bring a dish to share and join us for lunch.

## Remembering Friends

**Dorcas Utter**, docent.

A gifted educator who shared her talents willingly.

**Charles Coburn**, trustee.

Provided advice and support in the early years.




# South American Garden Newly Renovated

Jeremy Spath

As many of us realize, Southern California is a blessed land for gardeners. Its climate provides an environment conducive to the growth of plants from all over the world. However, with the combination of low rainfall and the massive wildfires that were the scourge of the county last fall, many of us are rethinking Southern California landscaping.

For most people, South Africa, Mexico, and Australia come to mind as a source for drought tolerant and fire resistant plants. However, South America is another botanically plentiful land that offers a wealth of ideas for Southern California gardens in these trying times. At Quail Botanical Gardens, our South American Garden has been going through a much needed makeover. Taking into account our current state of low water usage and wildfires, many of the plants chosen for this area fit into this new paradigm nicely, while providing exquisite beauty in the landscape. South America hosts a myriad of different palm species, many from dry areas that allow them to thrive here: the ornamental *Syagrus* species (e.g., Queen Palm), the imposing *Jubaea chilensis* (Chilean Wine Palm) and the tropical appearing *Parajubaea torralyi* var. *microcarpa*. The latter is an increasingly available palm that somewhat resembles a coconut palm; once established, it can survive on our ambient rainfall. Many succulents also fit into this paradigm such as the beautiful flowering *Calliandra grandiflora* and the graptopetalums with their attractive foliage, adding year round beauty to a garden. Cactus such as the flowering, leafy pereskias or the striking blue colors of the *Pilosocereus* genus are real eye catchers in our new garden. Furcraeas that hail from the *Agave* family are effective focal points in the landscape and are virtually indestructible. Colorful bromeliads, both terrestrial dyckias and epiphytic tillandsias, can add finishing touches on or around a boulder, found log, or tree branch. Cassia, Ceiba, or *Jatropha integerrima* (Spicy Jatropha) are beautiful drought tolerant trees and shrubs. A dwarf of 8–10', Spicy Jatropha is an excellent choice for smaller landscapes due to the signature striking red flowers of the *Jatropha* genus that are in bloom most of the year. To tie it all together, South American grasses, boulders, and dry stream beds can make a beautiful low maintenance garden that offers a lower water bill, defense against wildfires, and year round garden beauty.



*Erythrina speciosa*,  
*Lippia turbinata*,  
*Echinopsis pachanoi*, and  
*Dyckia marnier-lapostollei*  
complementing one  
another in the South  
American Garden



*Tillandsia* species mounted  
on *Erythrina speciosa*,  
*Cleistocactus brookeae* in pot,  
and *Jubaea chilensis* fronds  
making a lush, yet dry, garden.





# Spring Classes

## CERTIFICATION CLASSES

Quail Botanical Gardens is offering certification classes where students can learn about plants in depth. Upon attendance of all sessions offered in a class, students will receive a Certificate of Accomplishment from Quail Botanical Gardens.

### THE STUDY OF PROPAGATION

Thursdays • April 10, 17, and 24 • 7 – 9 PM

Saturday • April 26 • 9 AM – 12 NOON

Learn how to start plants from seed, cuttings, and division from master propagator Mary McBride and QBG horticulturist Liz Rozycki. On Saturday, you will have hands-on experience in QBG's propagation nursery.

**Cost: Members \$80, non-members \$100**

**Advance registration required. Please call 760/ 436-3036 x206**

### THE STUDY OF BROMELIADS

Thursdays • May 15, 22, and 29 • 7 – 9 PM

Saturday • May 31 • 9 AM – 12 NOON

This class will begin with a general introduction to bromeliads by Robert Kopfstein of the San Diego Bromeliad Society. Then, Pamela Hyatt of Bird Rock Tropicals will focus on tillandsias and Jeffrey Kent of Kent's Bromeliads will talk about terrestrials and epiphytic tank type bromeliads. On Saturday there will be a tour of the bromeliads at Quail Botanical Gardens followed by a session on propagation by Robert Kopfstein and Jeremy Spath.

**Cost: Members \$80, non-members \$100**

**Advance registration required. Please call 760/ 436-3036 x206**

### SOUTH AFRICAN PLANTS FOR A CALIFORNIA GARDEN

Thursdays • June 12, 19, and 26 • 7 – 9 PM

Saturday • June 28 • 9 AM – 12 NOON

South Africa offers a wide variety of plants suitable for a "California Friendly" garden. During the evening classes, Jason Kubrock will teach you how to identify and care for these plants that demand little water and, yet, can look extremely lush in the landscape. On Saturday there will be a tour of the South African plants at Quail Botanical Gardens by Jeremy Spath.

**Cost: Members \$80, non-members \$100**

**Advance registration required. Please call 760/ 436-3036 x206**

### SUCCULENT WREATH CLASS

Thursday • April 10 • 9 AM – 2 PM

Take home a beautiful succulent wreath that you make yourself in this class taught by the QBG wreath team. Bring clippers, water and a snack, and dress in layers since the class is held outside. Fee includes instructions, materials, and wreath form.

**Cost: Members \$55, non-members \$65**

**Advance registration required. Class size limited.**

**Call 760/ 436-3036 x206**

## GOURD ART

April 17 • 10 AM – 3 PM

Learn how to choose, clean, and cut your gourd from fiber artist Carol Lang. Then express yourself in dyeing, painting, pyroengraving (wood burning), and embellishing your one-of-a-kind gourd. You may make a bowl, birdhouse, or covered container. A demonstration of the use of basket weaving techniques for decorating gourds will be included.

**Cost: Members \$50, non-members \$60 (plus \$15 materials fee)**

**Advance registration required.**

**Please call 760/ 436-3036 x206**



## FLORAL DESIGN WITH DAVID ROOT

Sunday • April 20 • 2 – 4 PM

Sunday • June 8 • 2 – 4 PM

Two separate workshops, two different designs. Watch and learn as David demonstrates the design process using unusual plant material and containers. Then create your own floral arrangement to take home. Bring a floral knife, clippers, wire cutters, and scissors. All other materials will be provided. David will be available to critique your design at the end of the class if you so desire.

**Cost per workshop: Members \$55, non-members \$60**

**Advance registration is required. Call 760/ 436-3036 x206**

## IKEBANA – JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGING

Tuesdays • April 22 and 29 • May 6, 13, 20, and 27 •

9:30 – 11:30 AM

Learn the traditional art of Japanese flower arranging practiced for over 600 years in Japan. With just a few flowers, create a simple and elegant arrangement that you may take home with you each week. The six-session class will be taught by Mary Rawlings, a Master Teacher. Bring notebook, pen, bucket, towel, floral scissors, low flat container (10"–12"), and needled pin holder. Other materials will be provided.

**Cost: Members \$100, non-members \$120 (plus \$48 materials fee)**

**Advance registration required. Class size limited to 10.**

**Call 760/ 436-3036 x206**

## WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP WITH HELEN SHAFER GARCIA

Sunday • April 27 •

9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Known for her beautiful paintings of plants, Helen will teach you a contemporary approach to watercolor focusing on garden botanical elements. We will spend a lot of time in the Gardens so dress appropriately. Materials list supplied when registering.

**Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$75**

**Advance registration required. Call 760/ 436-3036 x206**





## CANARY ISLANDS BASKET

Friday • May 16 • 10 AM – 2 PM

Fiber artist Carol Lang will teach students how to make a Canary Islands basket using plant material from the Gardens, including the orange tipped leaves from the dragon tree, which is native to the Canary Islands. Students will have time to finish one basket and start a second one.

Wear old clothes, bring a pail to soak plant material, and bring a sack lunch.

**Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$35 (plus \$7 materials fee)**  
**Advance registration required. Please call 760/ 436-3036 x206**



## FLOWER PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Saturday • May 17 • 8:30 AM – 2 PM

Do you love nature? Are you passionate about photography? Learn proven techniques from nationally acclaimed flower photographer Bob Bretell such as the creative use of natural light under all conditions, artistic effects using movement and depth of field, exposure techniques, and how to look at flowers in a new way. Photos will be projected and critiqued by the group and instructor. Designed for all levels. Bring a digital camera with a close-up lens or close-up filter, a tripod if you have one, and a bag lunch. For more info contact Bob@2ndstphoto.com. This class fills fast so sign up early.

**Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$75**  
**Advance registration required. Call 760/ 436-3036 x206**



Dalia • Photo: Bob Bretell

## COOKING CLASSES WITH THE OPERA SINGING CHEF, ELIZABETH PODSIADLO

### A TASTE OF INDIA

Saturday • April 5 • 1:30 – 4 PM

Fill your kitchen with the exotic fragrances of India—curry, cinnamon, coriander, anise, and turmeric, to name a few. Dishes being taught: Mulligatawny Stew made with lamb, lentils, bell pepper, apples, and coconut; Mango Chutney made using

mustard seeds, ginger, raisins, garlic, and jalapeño; and a side dish of Indian Potatoes with cauliflower and peas.

## SIZZLING FOODS FOR THE SUMMER

Saturday • May 31 • 1:30 – 4 PM

Learn how to make a full-flavored dry rub for your beef fajitas. Grilled corn salad, with sweet roasted red peppers and black beans in a tangy vinaigrette, is perfect picnic food. Top it off with a refreshing tequila granita and you've got a summer menu that's worth celebrating. Samples of the beef fajitas, salad, and granita given in class.

## ELEGANT PICNIC BASKET FOODS

Saturday • June 7 • 1:30 – 4 PM

Learn how to prepare Greek Olive Tapenade as your appetizer; Chicken Pecant flavored with garlic, sage, soy, brown sugar, and herbs; Vegetable Bundles made with artichoke, red pepper, broccoli, mushrooms, spinach, and special seasonings; and Black Forest Brownies made low fat with full flavor.

**Recipes and tastings will be offered for each dish.**

**Cost per class: Members \$25, non-members \$30**  
**Advance registration is required. Call 760/ 436-3036 x206**

## FREE BACKYARD COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

Saturday • April 26 • 10 AM – 12 NOON

Learn the art and science of composting from Solana Center Master Composters. Compost bins for sale afterward. Meet at the compost demonstration site near the Children's Garden. For more information contact the Solana Center at 760/ 436-7986 x216.

## Ongoing Programs

### DOCENT-LED GUIDED TOURS

Saturdays • 10 AM

Meet at the Visitors Center to learn about Quail's plants from around the world.

### BOTANICAL ORIGINALS

1ST Sunday of each month, 9:30 AM

Gift card-making with natural elements.

**Cost: \$20**

### BIRD WATCHING

1ST Monday of each month, 8 AM

Discover fascinating birds and the unique art of bird watching at Quail Botanical Gardens.



# Seeds of Wonder



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### FLOWERS IN WONDERLAND

Saturday • April 12 • 12 – 2 PM

As part of the Flower Show (see page 4) children will be invited to go on a treasure hunt through Seeds of Wonder and make flower arrangements.

### CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

Saturday • May 10 • 10 AM – 4 PM

The Chocolate Festival (see page 4) is filled with fun activities for kids. For a small fee, children will make decorative hats, frog houses, a Mother's Day card, and more.

### PICNIC CONCERT

Sunday • May 18 • 11 AM

Join us in the Eucalyptus Grove by Seeds of Wonder for a concert by Hullabaloo, San Diego's own award-winning kid-folk duo. Bring your own picnic lunch and a blanket or low chair to sit on.

**Cost: Free with admission to the Gardens**

### FAMILY FESTIVAL OF TREES

Saturday • June 7 • 10 AM – 12 NOON

Families with children from pre-school age through early elementary grades are invited to join us on this exciting day. Children and parents will use a map to find unusual trees throughout Quail Botanical Gardens. Near each of the special trees there will be a nature-related activity. Children will also prepare their own banana snack under the banana plants.

**Cost: \$10 per child plus regular admission fees**  
**Advance registration and pre-payment required.**  
**Call 760/ 436-3036 x222**

### 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Friday • July 4 • 10 AM

Join us in Seeds of Wonder for our annual Red, White, and Blue Parade. Bring decorated strollers and wagons (no bikes or scooters please) and wear red, white, and blue. We will parade through the Children's Garden to the music of John Phillip Sousa. After the event you are welcome to stay and enjoy the Gardens.

**Cost: Free with admission to the Gardens**

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

**for Young Children – Free with Garden Admission**

(Not available on rainy days)

Occasionally a program may be cancelled without prior notice if a volunteer is not available. Visitors are always welcome to play in the garden, even when a program is cancelled.

### TODDLER TALES AND TUNES

2ND, 3RD, 4TH, & 5TH Tuesdays • 10 AM – 12 NOON

Play in the garden and pot plants to take home. Children and caregivers participate in pre-school stories and songs (10:30 – 11:00 am)

### GARDEN ARTS AND CRAFTS

Wednesdays • 10 – 11:30 AM

Children may participate in a variety of arts and crafts. There will also be plant potting and other fun activities.

### PLANTS, WINGS, AND CRAWLY THINGS

1ST, 2ND, & 3RD Thursdays • 10 AM – 12 NOON

Children will discover plants and bugs that live in our garden. Pre-schoolers will participate in special garden-based activities from 10–11 am.

### FRIDAY FUN

2ND Friday • 9 AM – 12 NOON

Children may pot a plant and play in the garden.

## Fairy Houses

Sunday • April 6 • 2 – 4 PM

Build your own fairy house using material from the Gardens and make your own fairy wings from the dragon tree.

Suitable for **children ages 6 – 10.**

Instructor: Mary Roper, a docent at QBG.

Cost: Members \$15 per child;

non-members \$20 per child

Advance registration required.

Space is limited. Call 760/ 436-3036 x206





# Donor Profile: The Brooke Foundation

*The Brooke Foundation* was established in loving memory of Brooke Shannon Snyder by her family. It was created in recognition of her lifelong love of learning and is dedicated to providing literacy and educational enrichment opportunities for young children in need. Brooke's father, Dale, serves on the Board of Trustees at Quail Botanical Gardens and her mother, Michael, volunteers her time in support of our Seeds of Wonder Children's Garden.

The Snyders found their first project in a pre-school field trip program spearheaded by Gardens docent Kathy Campbell in Seeds of Wonder. A visit to Quail Botanical Gardens is out of reach for many pre-school children. A group of dedicated Gardens docents and volunteers saw an opportunity to offer visits and educational programming to low-income children from local pre-schools. The Brooke Foundation provided the funding for a two-year program. During 2006 and 2007, 15 visits were coordinated and staffed entirely by Gardens volunteers. Approximately 550 youngsters and 150 teachers and parents attended the programs. According to Pat Hammer, Quail Botanical Gardens Director of Operations, "If it were not for The Brooke Foundation, these children would not be at the Gardens." We are truly thankful to The Brooke Foundation and our tireless volunteers for making this program possible. We look forward to continuing the program in 2008.

According to Michael, "working with Quail Botanical Gardens was a highlight of our first two years, and Seeds of Wonder will always hold a special place in our hearts."

Because of this love for the Gardens, Michael and Dale also proposed a matching grant by The Brooke Foundation to fund improvements to Seeds of Wonder that would benefit all visitors. Thanks to their challenge, the Gardens raised \$10,000 in donations and received a matching grant from the Foundation for the same amount. The resulting funds have been used for improvements to the rolling lawn, topiaries, and to replace the playhouse floor. Significant



Pre-school students enjoyed songs, stories, arts and crafts, and nature activities at Quail Botanical Gardens thanks to The Brooke Foundation's support.

funds toward the grant were raised through the Seeds of Wonder 4th Birthday Party Fundraiser (see the October 2007 issue of *Quail Tracks* for a full report).

Michael and Dale are members of our Benefactor Society and The Brooke Foundation has made a generous pledge in support of our new Children's Garden expansion. We thank them for their support of our mission to inspire people of all ages to connect with plants and nature.

## SAVE THE DATE

### *Gala in the Gardens • September 13, 2008*

Event Chair: René Van Rems

For sponsorship opportunities and other Gala info, please contact Cheryl Mergenthaler at [cmergenthaler@qbgardens.org](mailto:cmergenthaler@qbgardens.org) or 760/ 436-3036 x218.

# Arbor Vitae Guild Members

Planned giving is the cornerstone of Quail Botanical Gardens' history and the key to its future. For this reason, the Gardens recognizes during their lifetimes those people whose generous gifts from their estates will help endow the future of this public garden.

The *Arbor Vitae Guild* was established to honor the Gardens' friends in the community who have indicated that they have included the Gardens in their wills or trusts. Bequests of all sizes are welcome, as they ensure the Gardens' vitality for the benefit of future generations. We invite you to help build a future for the children in our community by joining Quail Botanical Gardens' *Arbor Vitae Guild*. Please contact Tracie Barham, Director of Development, at 760/ 436-3036 x216 for more information.

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Because of the growing success of Benefactor level membership (annual contributions of \$1,000 and more), Quail Botanical Gardens recently renamed this group the Benefactor Society and introduced new levels of giving with their associated benefits. Benefactor Society members receive the basic membership benefits plus special invitations, early notice of events and openings, additional guest passes, and much, much more. For information about benefits of joining the Benefactor Society, please call our Membership Department at 760/ 436-3036 x217.

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