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October 18 & 19

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**Mission Statement:** *To inspire people of all ages to connect with plants and nature.*

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# Ground Breaking: An Historic Event

Julian Duval, President/CEO



June 28 marked the first opportunity to invite guests to gather on the QBG expansion site. We were very pleased that over 200 of the Gardens' dearest friends joined us for this historic event. All five Encinitas City Council members were present, and, while County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price was not able to attend, we welcomed Mark Olson from her office to the event.

The expansion site is of course on city land and Encinitas Mayor Jerome Stocks addressed the attendees. He recounted how there were many worthwhile parties that had an interest in using the land and that the City Council had to give consideration to all. However, while others might have the chance to exist in other locations, the Gardens' only opportunity to expand was onto this site. This, coupled with the plan for children to be outdoors and to discover and enjoy nature, made for a unanimous decision by the Council to provide Quail Botanical Gardens with a 55-year lease agreement for \$1 per year for its expansion.

Listening to the Mayor once again made me feel how important it is to enlarge the Gardens with 4.5 additional acres. I firmly believe that those who come after us and love the Gardens long into its future will be most appreciative of the effort we have put into making the Gardens larger. This is clearly a profound legacy to leave for the future and an opportunity that may never happen again.

The celebration also provided a time to recognize the very significant role Frances Hamilton White has played through her belief in the importance of reaching children with the wonder and beauty of nature and by her guidance in the expansion. In recognition of her role and her philanthropy as a major donor, it was announced that the children's garden would be named the Hamilton Children's Garden. We were also able to announce that 80% of our \$3.5M fundraising goal for the first phase had been reached. Of course it was also a call to action by QBG board member Tyler Miller, who co-chairs the capital campaign with Neil Hokanson, energizing everyone to help with the remaining 20%. Many significant naming opportunities still exist and a commemorative tile program was also formally launched.

The ground breaking ceremony and activities all proved to be just perfect for the occasion. With the expert help of Rudy Stuber, QBG Project Manager, and our grading contractor Glen Bullock, the new site was ready to receive our guests and even included a path laid out with areas marked so everyone could see the locations for "Incredible Edibles," "Elephant Foot Tree Forest," "Rock Hoppers," many other exhibits, and, of course, the center piece "Tree House." We had refreshments and entertainment for all ages and Ruth Evans was on hand to personally autograph copies of her very popular children's book, *The Panda Who Would Not Eat*, a story based on how for a period of time QBG



Children help adults break ground. Adults left to right: Bill Rawlings, Mayor Jerome Stocks, Randi Coopersmith, Frances White, and Julian Duval.



Photo: Herb Knufken

bamboo was the only food the first panda at the San Diego Zoo would eat.

It was a great connection to the heritage of the Gardens that the color guard from Boy Scout Troop 777 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. It was Troop 777 that performed this service in 1971, when Quail Botanical Gardens first opened to the public. The event started with Mel Vernon, a Luiseño Native American who provided a moving presentation and blessing to commemorate this important day.

My only regret came during Mel Vernon's presentation when I realized we did not title this special day appropriately. The words "breaking ground" really did not fit what we were doing on June 28. We were not breaking the ground but rather celebrating this new land that was becoming part of the special space known as Quail Botanical Gardens, a place to connect with the land, a place for everyone, especially children, to learn about and respect the land for, as Mel Vernon told us, we are all of the land and the land is our home.

## *It's a Happening Place*

For four days in July, Quail Botanical Gardens became a science lab and outdoor orienteering course for 128 young women chosen to participate in the AAUW (American Association of University Women) Tech Trek experience. Our own Jo Moss has been lobbying tirelessly for Quail Botanical Gardens to be included in this science and math event for future scientists. The girls were able to work with Dr. Ruth Kobayashi, plant breeder from Ecke Ranch, dissecting plants and studying them under a microscope. They learned just what a plant hybridizer does. Ron Moss and Mary Roper developed an orienteering course as a way for the girls to tour the Gardens. The girls used their new-found skills with a compass to find five "treasure boxes" and learn about featured plants in the Gardens. As one participant said, "My favorite part was being able to see the Gardens in a fun way." Another girl said, "I thought it was a fabulous experience."



Photos: Herb Knufken





## San Diego International Orchid Fair

October 3 • 1 – 5 PM    October 4 • 9 AM – 5 PM    October 5 • 9 AM – 4 PM

Quail Botanical Gardens will again be hosting and sponsoring the splendidly colorful San Diego International Orchid Fair. Thousands of orchids will grace the grounds, some in exhibits and some for sale. The show is an official AOS (American Orchid Society) judging event and there will be ribbon judging as well. Orchids from vendors of various countries will be on display and for sale. Orchid related products, artistic pottery, paintings, and books will also be available and there will ongoing lectures on culture and care.

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



Both Photos: Rachel Cobb

## 26th Annual Fall Plant Sale

October 18 • 9 – 11 AM (Members Only Sale) 11 AM – 4 PM

October 19 • 11 AM – 4 PM

Garden and plant enthusiasts will not want to miss the opportunity to purchase rare and exotic plants at San Diego's most popular plant sale of the year. More than 100 local San Diego County growers, wholesalers, retail nurseries, and private individuals donate a majority of the plants at the sale, which include California natives, cacti, succulents, bromeliads, fruit trees, and sub-tropicals. Also for sale are garden related items, used books, and homemade goodies such as specialty jellies. Enjoy an opportunity drawing and the popular sit-down bakery shop, which serves cakes, cookies, pies, and coffee.

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

## Help Make the Plant Sale a Success

The success of our plant sale depends upon the generosity from members of the community. You can help in the following ways:

- To donate plants, help underwrite the event, or participate in set-up on October 13 – 17, please contact Stacy Gaudet at 760/ 207-4259 or sfmermaid@cox.net.
- For contributions to the bake sale, call Thelma Montag at 760/ 436-4601.
- Let your surplus books rejoin the world's circulation. We sell all kinds of books (fiction and non-fiction, hard cover, soft cover, pocket, and audio), magazines, cassettes, CDs, VHS movies, and DVDs. Bring your donations to the Ecke Building and we will put them in the sale. Please do not bring encyclopedias or Reader's Digest condensed books as they do not sell.

Corporate Donors whose contributions are valued at more than \$1,000 will receive special recognition, including listing on our website. All supporters who contribute a minimum of \$200 in cash, plant material valued at \$200, or help at least 15 hours with the set-up will be invited to attend a special VIP Pre-Sale/ Wine and Cheese Reception, followed by an exciting live auction that features unusual collector plants. **Thank you for your support.**

## Sculpture in the Gardens

**Now through the end of October**

Thanks to a collaboration between the San Diego Fine Art Society and Quail Botanical Gardens you can now see some amazing sculptures in the Gardens. Some of them have been part of the Urban Trees series, displayed along North Harbor Drive in San Diego. Be sure to come by and take a "Sculpture Tour." There is a brochure to guide you to some 20 pieces on display throughout the Gardens. Each piece is available for purchase and a portion of the proceeds goes to Quail Botanical Gardens.



Photo: Herb Kniffen



## Garden of Lights

December 11 – 23 and 26 – 30 • 5 – 9 PM

After the sun goes down, the Gardens are transformed into a dazzling winter wonderland with over 90,000 sparkling lights illuminating the Gardens for a magical holiday experience. Many of these lights are LED, which are much brighter than regular lights. Numerous activities include horse-drawn-wagon rides, holiday crafts, marshmallow roasting, visits with Santa, live music, hot mulled wine, and refreshments. Special Holiday Tales and Tunes for children ages two to six will be offered on three evenings of Garden of Lights (see page 12).

**Admission: Members, Seniors, Military & Students \$6; non-members \$10. Children 3–12 \$3. There will be additional fees for some activities.**

## Gala in the Gardens 2008: Plant It Forward

Our Quail Tracks print deadline was prior to our successful Gala in the Gardens event on September 13, thus we are unable to provide a full report on the Gala in this issue. Please look forward to viewing party photographs, financial information, sponsorship listings, and more in our winter issue. Most importantly, THANK YOU to our sponsors, culinary, floral, and other donors, party guests, volunteers, planning committee, and to René van Rems for chairing another fabulous event. Very special thanks to Presenting Sponsor Supervisor Pam Slater-Price and the County of San Diego for helping us Plant It Forward with our eco-friendly fundraiser.

## Gift Shop **OPEN 10 AM – 4 PM DAILY**

Our Gift Shop is small but we have a nice collection of books. A recent addition is *The Authentic Garden: Five Principles for Cultivating a Sense of Place* by Claire E. Sawyers. Careful observation of a site's unique characteristics allow the gardener to instill a sense of authenticity. We also have signed copies of *The Herb Garden Cookbook: A Complete Gardening and Gourmet Guide* by Lucinda Hutson, who was here for the Herb Festival. From rosemary and thyme to Mexican mint marigold and Thai basil, this is an essential guide for cooks and gardeners alike. An old favorite is *Ornamental Trees for Mediterranean Climates*, with photographs by Don Walker and text by Steve Brigham. This book features 260 trees and 500 photographs, with descriptive narrative of each. The trees are all available for viewing in the San Diego area.

## Library Notes

Some recent additions to the library include *The Biology, Structure, and Systematics of the Cycadales*, Dennis Wm. Stevenson, Ed. (1990); *Photographic Atlas of Botany and Guide to Plant Identification*, James L. Castner (2004); *Kiwifruit Handbook*, Daniel M Johnson (1988); *Pat Welch's Southern California Gardening*, by Pat Welch (2000); and *Ornamental Trees for Mediterranean Climates*, by Don Walker and Steve Brigham (2005).

**The library is open 11 am – 3 pm Wednesday and Saturday or by appointment. Call 760/ 436–3036 x210.**

**Library motto: Books can help you plant ideas.**

## Ancient Olive Tree

A nice outcome to being a part of the San Diego County Fair (see page 7) was the donation of a 100 year-old Sevillano olive tree by Aaron Mount of Ancient Olive Trees. This gorgeous specimen was part of the award-winning Falling Waters exhibit designed by Ryan Prange for the Fair. It will be a choice specimen in our future Mediterranean Garden that will link California Gardenscapes with the new Hamilton Children's Garden. In the photo, QBG Horticulturist Dave Ehrlinger (top of tree) helps coordinate the tree's arrival to the Gardens.



Photo: Rachel Cobb

Photo: Haio Fauser



# *Volunteer and Docent News*

## **July Volunteer of the Month: TOM RHODES**

Tom Rhodes completed a BA degree from the University of Oregon in Political Science. After exhausting his GI Bill, he went to work for Shell Oil Company. Though his career direction changed, he found he especially enjoyed finance. Tom married his high school sweetheart, Diane, and they recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. They have two grown children and four grandchildren, all living in San Diego. Tom became a volunteer during the summer of 2006. You can always find him in the admissions booth on the first two Saturday afternoons of each month and during some evenings of Garden of Lights. He has been on the Gala Planning Committee for the past two years helping with sponsorship solicitation and auction procurement. He has also helped with membership and so much more. Tom says he should have been a farmer or in charge of a nursery, as he loves to visit gardens on his yearly trip to New Zealand. In his own words, "It's a joy for me to volunteer at Quail because I enjoy the people and the opportunity to experience the feeling of being in nature."



## **August Volunteer of the Month: MARY ROPER**

Mary Roper earned a BA from the University of Kansas and pursued graduate studies in Urban and Regional Planning. She talks about her handsome husband, four grown children and one grandchild, "the best looking one-year-old in North America." When the family moved here from Northern Virginia, and Mary did not recognize any plants so she took the docent training course to learn about what grows in California (class of 2005). She loves giving tours and has been the Tour Guide Coordinator for this past year. What she likes most is sharing the Gardens with visitors and working with other tour guides because "Tour Guides Rock." Mary co-teaches the Native Plants class for docents in training and helps with the Brooke Foundation sponsored arts and crafts programs. She works special events such as the bi-annual plant sales and the Gala. QBG has benefitted tremendously from Mary's enthusiasm and creativity, which she liberally shares with everyone she meets at the Gardens.



## **September Volunteer of the Month: BRIAN BURKE**

Brian Burke and his wife Dianna both volunteer at Quail Botanical Gardens. They have been married for 30 years, living in Encinitas for ten years. Brian holds a Masters in Public Administration with additional graduate study in Business Administration. He spent over 25 years in senior management with hospitals, medical groups, and HMOs. Now retired, Brian likes to surf and spend quiet moments reading. When at the Gardens, he helps prepare the stage for summer concerts and manages traffic for the numerous events held throughout the year, which we so appreciate. Brian believes Quail is a community "Gem" and he and Diana are fortunate and proud that there is a place where they can both contribute and enjoy their time while doing so.





## Joyce Sapp Honored by RSVP

We are happy to report that Joyce Sapp was chosen Volunteer of the Month by RSVP. Over the last 12 years, Joyce has served more than 10,300 volunteer hours in the following ways: gift shop manager, trustee, chairperson of the docent society (twice), and in many other ways. Congratulations to you, Joyce, and thank you for sharing your talents and time with Quail Botanical Gardens.

## Fair Exhibit

This year the San Diego County Water Authority donated \$10,000 to help Quail Botanical Gardens create an award-winning exhibit featuring water-wise plants for the San Diego County Fair. "On Common Ground" was designed and created by QBG docent Katie Pelisek in cooperation with QBG Horticulture Specialist Bill Teague and a host of enthusiastic volunteers. The award-winning exhibit was created in the spirit of the Olympic Games uniting outstanding plants from around the globe that perform like champions in our Southern California gardens. Like the Olympic rings, circles of a labyrinth were created to represent the five continents united by the Olympics, showcasing unique water-wise plant material from each. The design won several awards including the Don Diego Award and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society Gold Medal. The San Diego Horticultural Award was given for the most creative use of plant material. The exhibit also received an Award of Merit, several Notable Plant Awards, and the Well-maintained Garden Award. Special thanks to the San Diego Horticultural Society and Proven Winners® for their donation of plant material and to Agri-Service Inc. for their donation of mulch. Congratulations to Katie Pelisek and her team for doing such a great job.



## QBG GOING GREEN

Quail Botanical Gardens is working towards becoming Green Business Certified. At our last staff meeting each person took on tasks in the areas of pollution prevention, solid waste reduction, energy conservation, and water conservation. Although there are many things we are already doing, there is still much to be done. We will be proud when we receive our Green Business Certification.

## 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. Topics include Botany Boot Camp and Herbs; Deserts and Succulents; Tropical Rain Forests, Palms, and Cycads; California Natives and Firescapes; Mediterranean Climates; and Subtropical Fruit and Bamboo. For more information, call Kelly at 760/ 436-3036 x206.

## Docent Meetings— Everyone Welcome

### First Wednesday of the Month

Arrive at 11 am for the program

**October:** Teresa Chase, Conservation and Education Coordinator of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District, will talk about the water crisis and the importance of water conservation in the landscape.

**November:** Back by popular demand, we will showcase crafts for the holidays made with natural materials from the garden and share simple, easy-to-make ideas.

**December :** Annual Holiday Potluck.





# *New in the Gardens*

**By Dave Ehrlinger, Director of Horticulture**

There is much that is new in the Gardens this year. In addition to interpretive signs funded by the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust, there are many new flowerbeds and landscape boulders.

In strategic locations, we have renovated and installed several new gardens to add more bright color and pizzazz. We have often combined the brightness and grace of flowers with the strength and substance of large granite boulders. Boulders, rocks, and other geological forms add substance and permanence to gardens and landscapes in ways that living plants of finite life spans can't provide.

Several locations in the Gardens have been enhanced by large boulders placed in new and renovated landscapes, thanks to the underwriting by QBG docent and Benefactor Society member Mary Friestedt who did it "because of my love for Quail." Some of the main sites are along the slope leading from the Lawn House down through Palm Canyon, near the Visitor Center, and at the entranceway.

At the lower end of Palm Canyon, granite boulders now add to the site's canyon feel, creating drama and excitement for visitors. Here bromeliads, which are pineapple relatives, grow below tall palms and other trees. New plantings of colorful guzmania bromeliads, donated by our friends at Olive Hill Greenhouses, now brighten the dark under story of this tropical landscape. Guzmanias bloom in a variety of colors. Often used as vibrant focal points in interior household design, they are wonderful seasonal additions to local coastal gardens. In addition, they are drought tolerant. Other guzmania bromeliads can also be seen in the Bamboo Garden, Walled Garden, and Lawn Garden.

The QBG Palm Canyon area merges into the New Zealand Garden. A spectacular new trellis bench, designated in honor of Thelma O'Reilly by her husband Tim, QBG Benefactor Society member, joins massive boulders that accentuate the high soil berm that separates these two areas. A number of New Zealand's popular flora has been planted here, including colorful new varieties of mirror plants, New Zealand tea trees, and cordylines.

North of the Visitor Center, the Lawn Garden has been revitalized with new landscaping, including a wide selection of perennials, annuals, shrubs, and groundcovers. Some notable new varieties include 'Orange and Lemons' gaillardia, 'Platt's Black' New Zealand flax, and the aptly named 'Electric Pink' cordyline.





Thelma and Tim O'Reilly



# Fall Classes

## IKEBANA

**Session I: Tuesday • October 7, 14, 21, and 28 •**  
10 AM – 12 PM

**Session II: Tuesday • November 4, 11, 18, and 25 •**  
10 AM – 12 PM

Learn the art of Ikebana, or “fresh flower arrangement,” from Rumi Rice. She is a Sogetsu School teacher, one of the leading Ikebana schools in Japan.

**Cost per session: Members \$80, non-members \$100**  
(plus \$30 materials fee)

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

## BYE BYE GRASS!

**Part I: Thursday • October 23 • 7 – 9 PM**

Tired of being a slave to your water-thirsty lawn? Join Nan Sterman, gardening expert, host of the PBS show, *A Growing Passion*, to learn how to exterminate your lawn for good. Nan will discuss extermination options, including the pros and cons of chemical and non-chemical methods, and ways to physically remove grass.

**Part II: Saturday • October 25 • 10 AM – 12 PM**

Your lawn is gone. What do you do next? Nan will discuss evaluating your irrigation system, deciding on the kinds of spaces you need in your garden, and preparing the soil. She will also offer creative ideas for beautiful, low-water plantings. Using Quail Botanical Gardens as an outdoor classroom, Nan will guide you through living examples of water-wise landscapes, show you interesting drought-tolerant ground covers, and introduce you to the variety of hardscape options. Nan is also the author of *California Gardener's Guide, Volume 2*.

**Cost: Free. Brought to QBG by the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College.**

**Advance registration required. Call 619/ 660-0614 x10**

## TOUR OF THE SUBTROPICAL FRUIT GARDEN

**Saturday • October 25 • 11 AM**

Docent Sally Sandler will lead a tour of the Subtropical Fruit Garden at QBG. Meet at the Visitor's Center.

**Cost: Free with admission to the Gardens. No registration required.**

## CANARY ISLANDS BASKET CLASS

**Saturday • November 1 • 10 AM – 2 PM**

Fiber artist Carol Lang will teach students how to make a Canary Island 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-member \$35 (plus \$7 materials fee)**

**Advance registration required.**

**Call 760/ 436-3036 x206**



## WILDLIFE-FRIENDLY GARDENING WORKSHOP

**Thursday • November 6, 13, 20 • 7 – 9 PM**

**Saturday • December 6 • 9 AM – 12 PM**

Learn how to make your garden wildlife-friendly by using native plants and healthy gardening practices. Developed by the San Diego Audubon Society, the class focuses on native plants because they are both attractive and California friendly—they use little or no water, require minimal maintenance, and do not need fertilizer or chemical sprays. Native plants also attract birds and butterflies that will add movement and song to the natural beauty of your garden. Audubon members Mel Hinton and David Kimball conduct the workshop. During the Saturday session you will see a habitat restoration in progress.

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

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

## MAKING MINIATURES

**Friday • November 7 • 10 AM – 12 PM**

Do you have a grandchild who would enjoy the gift of tiny handmade accessories for a favorite doll? Perhaps a miniature for yourself or for display in your own garden? Inspired by the recent Fairy Festival, QBG is offering a class in making miniatures. This class is for adults who like to make little things from natural materials. (We can't let the children have all the fun.)

**Cost: Members \$20, non-members \$25 (plus \$7.50 materials fee)**

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

## BOOK ARTS NATURE JOURNAL WORKSHOP

**Sunday • November 9 • 9:30 AM – 4 PM**

Renowned watercolor artist Helen Shafer Garcia guides you through a day filled with the beauty of art and nature. The morning begins with watercolor painting at select locations throughout the scenic Gardens. The afternoon will include the creation of an extraordinary hand-bound journal with decorative rice papers to record your prose, drawings, collages, and paintings. Bring lunch and supplies. Watercolor supply list available upon registration.

**Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$75**  
(plus \$15 materials fee)

**Advance registration required.**

**Call 760/ 436-3036 x206**



## SUCCULENT WREATH CLASS

**Thursday • November 13 • 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. This class fills up fast so sign up early.

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

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

## FREE COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

**Saturday • November 15 • 11 AM – 1 PM**

This free workshop is taught by Solana Center Master Composters. Compost bins and worm bins for sale afterward. Meet at the Compost Demonstration Site near the Children's Garden. To register contact the Solana Center at 760/ 436-7986 or [www.solanacenter.org](http://www.solanacenter.org).



## FLORAL DESIGN WITH DAVID ROOT

**Sunday • November 16 • 2 – 4 PM**

Learn from award-winning designer David Root as he teaches techniques and elements of design using unusual plant material and containers. Then create your own fall-themed 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: Members \$55, non-members \$60**  
(includes all floral materials)

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

## HANDMADE GOURMET CHOCOLATES

**Wednesday • November 19 • 7 – 9 PM**

Learn to make gourmet truffles, chocolate bark, and other edible chocolate delights just in time for the holidays. Taught by Amanda Ehrlich of Sinful Creations.

**Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$35**

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

## HAND-WOVEN LAVENDER SACHETS

**Saturday • November 22 • 10 AM – 2 PM**

These make great gifts for the holidays. Using a tiny hand-held loom, you will weave a small piece of fabric, fold it, fill with freshly dried organic lavender, and stitch it closed. A variety of embellishments will be provided for decoration. You will also learn how to dry your own garden-grown lavender and how to strip the buds to make your own potpourri. Taught by Nadine Spier, local fiber artist.

**Recipes and tastings will be offered for each item made.**

**Cost: Members \$45, non-members \$50**  
(plus \$24 materials fee)

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



## HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING

**Saturday • December 13 • 10 AM – 4 PM**

Make your own wreath for the holidays using natural materials from the Gardens. Materials will be provided but you may want to add your own flair. Taught by Dianna Burke. Bring a sack lunch.



**Cost: Members \$55, non-members \$65**  
(includes materials)  
**Advance registration required.**  
**Call 760/ 436-3036 x206**

## Cooking Classes with the Opera Singing Chef, Elizabeth Podsiadlo

### JUST ADD WATER SERIES: A SOUP, A STOCK, AND A SAUCE

**Saturday • October 25 • 1:30 – 4 PM**

In celebration of the first release of Chef Elizabeth's book, *Talking Pictures*, (a cooking novella), Chef Elizabeth will teach you how to prepare the onion soup recipe from her book. This rich onion soup is a family favorite and wonderful for the upcoming season. Learn how to make your own low-sodium soup stocks and store them for future use. Plus, add sophistication to any beef dish with a full flavored Bordelaise Sauce. Delicious bits of onions, herbs and a wine-enhanced tang make this the king of sauces and wonderful with any kind of beef.

### JUST ADD WATER SERIES: SEAFOOD SECRETS

**Saturday • November 22 • 1:30 – 4 PM**

Add three fantastic recipes to your seafood recipe collection. Beggars Fish Stew is made using rock fish and sea bass, herbs, and tomatoes—wonderful for the winter season and perfect served with toasted rosemary sourdough bread and butter. Yellowtail Pot Pie has a delicious dill biscuit top and the filling is a mixture of carrots, potatoes, and celery, with a perfectly seasoned sauce. Garlicky Sea Scallops are made with a Dijon wine pepper sauce.

### GOURMET GIFTS FROM THE KITCHEN

**Saturday • December 6 • 1:30 – 4 PM**

Put more meaning into your holiday gift giving by making them yourself. Learn these delicious and sophisticated kitchen gifts: Pumpkin Walnut Cake with candied orange slices; Vanilla Walnuts; Spicy Cashews; and Dark Chocolate-covered Candied Orange Peel. Learn how to wrap each gift for elegant presentation.

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

**Cost per class: Members \$25, non-members \$30**

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

## 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 annual fee**

### BIRD WATCHING

**1st Monday of each month • 8 AM**

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



## Special Events

### Orchid Fair (see page 4)

Be sure to bring your children to the Orchid Fair so they can see the spectacular beauty of orchids. New this year are special orchid-related activities for children (October 4 and 5, 11 am – 2 pm) to introduce them to these amazing plants.



### Halloween Party and Parade

**Friday • October 31 • 9 – 10:30 AM**

**or 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM**

Pre-schoolers are invited to wear their favorite costume (no masks or scary costumes, please) and join the parade around the Gardens. Games and other activities for pre-schoolers will be offered.

**Cost: \$10 materials fee per child; regular admission fees apply. Pre-registration required. Sign up for one time slot. Please call 760/ 436-3036 x222.**

### Garden of Lights (see page 4)

During three evenings of Garden of Lights (December 11, 15, and 17, from 6 – 6:30 and 6:30 – 7 pm), there will be a Special Holiday Tales and Tunes for children ages two to six in the Ecke Building.

#### Birthday Parties in Seeds of Wonder

Seeds of Wonder is the perfect environment for a nature-based “garden party” for young children. We help plan the activities and set-up for the party. For details call 760/ 436-3036 x222.

## 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. From 10:30 - 11 am, children and caregivers participate in pre-school stories and songs.

### 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, and 4th Thursdays • 10 – 11 AM**

Children will discover plants and bugs that live in our garden. Pre-schoolers will participate in special garden-based activities.

### FRIDAY FUN

**2ND Friday • 9 AM – 12 NOON**

Children may pot a plant and play in the garden.

## Artist of the Season: Andy Warhol's Poinsettias

**Sunday • December 14 • 2 – 4 PM**

Explore the world of Poinsettias. Learn about what is meant by a Poinsettia “flower,” the history of Poinsettias and the work of Poinsettia breeders such as the Ecke Ranch plant scientists. Children ages 8–12 are invited to a printing class to make a simple printing block in the style of Andy Warhol. This block will be used to print a series of handmade cards appropriate for seasonal giving. We will be studying Poinsettias, looking at some of the Pop Art flower paintings of Andy Warhol, and doing the printing. Bring your own smock and wear old clothes. All other supplies will be provided. Your parents may wander through the gardens while you do your printing.

**Cost: Members \$15 per child, non-members \$20 per child  
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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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