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Far Right: Gold Leafing on Gourds, Gloria Crane



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Annual Meeting

Bill Rawlings, Chairman of the Board of Trustees



I was asked to participate in the recent Annual Meeting on January 10, specifically to acknowledge to those attending all of the many positive things that happened in and for the Gardens over the last year. It was a beautiful, warm Saturday with a mild Santa Ana and there were at least 50 people in the audience.

There was a long list of individuals for me to thank or acknowledge—staff, volunteers, docents, various committees, and donors. We were all standing on the new expansion site which was open for us all to walk on and actually get the feel of the layout of our new Hamilton Children's Garden. Everyone seemed to be impressed and happy with the progress to date.

One of our trustees asked me, after the meeting, what I considered to be the most important event that had occurred for the success of the Gardens in 2008. Frankly, I was dumbfounded as there were so many important happenings to choose from—the June groundbreaking of the Hamilton Children's Garden, surpassing our fundraising goal for Phase I of the new garden by raising over \$3.8 million, record attendance of 226,533 (up 40%), and a membership that continues to be strong. I could not readily give him an answer, although in hindsight it should have been easy. The most important event for the Gardens in 2008, in my opinion, was the successful negotiation to renew Julian Duval's contract as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Quail Botanical Gardens Foundation for four more years.

More than anyone, Julian has been the heart and soul (and face) of the Gardens for the last 14 years. Julian is a Chicago native who came to the Gardens through the New Mexico State University, the Peace Corps, and the Indianapolis Zoo. He and his very supportive wife Leslie live on site with their menagerie of pets and various plant collections. Julian is a frequent guest on KUSI-TV on Friday mornings and has hosted several video programs on various topics related to life in Southern California. He is solely responsible for soliciting over half of the donations for the new Children's Garden. We are all very fortunate to have someone with his talents and credentials "at the helm" of Quail Botanical Gardens during this exciting time. I would encourage all of our members to go out of their way to meet Julian, if they haven't already. I am sure that you will understand what an important resource he is for us all.



At our annual meeting in January, John Osborne of the AT&T Foundation presented Quail Botanical Gardens with a \$7,500 contribution to purchase new computers and a hand-held GPS unit. With our largest expansion well underway, updated technology plays a crucial role in the success of our vision. We thank the AT&T Foundation for this gift and their belief in our mission.



Tree House under construction February 2009

Opening of New Children's Garden

The first phase of the Hamilton Children's Garden is set to open this summer, so watch for your Grand Opening invitation in the mail. This exciting new garden was made possible thanks to contributions from hundreds of individuals, foundations, corporations, and organizations in our community. We owe a special debt of gratitude to the major donors to this campaign: Frances Hamilton White, the Leichtag Family Foundation, Arch Owen, Edna Pulver, County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price and the County of San Diego, Tony and Sue Godfrey, Tom and Cathy Staver, Ron and Jo Moss, The Dickinson Family Foundation and Martin & Carol Dickinson, and Bill Gish. Quail Botanical Gardens invites you to participate in the new expansion through our Commemorative Tile Program (see page 13).



Photo: Rachel Cobb

Female cone from *Encephalartos villosus*

Gourd and Basket Weekend

May 2 and 3 • 9 AM – 4 PM

Sponsored by Quail Botanical Gardens, this event is presented by the Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild. Over 30 basket and gourd art workshops will be offered by well-known artists from across the nation. To sign up for a class, go to www.baskets-gourds.com where you can view the catalog and print out a registration form. You can also pick up a catalog at the Gardens in the Ecke Building foyer or have one mailed to you by calling 760/ 436-3036 x206. Although pre-registration is highly recommended, walk-in registrations will be welcome for unfilled classes between 8-8:45 am on both days. For more information call Carol Lang at 760/ 431-1645 or email her at caldesigns@roadrunner.com.

Throughout the weekend, artists' exhibits, supply vendor booths, a teachers' marketplace, and self-guided basket-makers' tour will be open to students and QBG visitors.



Gourd Masks, Don Weeke

Chocolate Festival

Saturday • May 9 • 10 AM – 4 PM



Spend the Saturday before Mother's Day at Quail Botanical Gardens' famous Chocolate Festival. 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

Palm and Cycad Sale

Saturday • May 30 • 9 AM – 3 PM

This one-of-a-kind event features limited and rare palm and cycad species from exceptional Southern California nurseries. At 11 am, there will be a tour of the palms and cycads at Quail Botanical Gardens. At 1 pm, there will be a talk by Mark Riedler about Palms of Madagascar based on his travels there. This event is co-hosted by the Palm Society of Southern California and Quail Botanical Gardens. For more information call Phil Bergman at 619/ 291-4605.

Cost: Free with admission to the Gardens

Encinitas Rotary Wine Festival

Presented by the Rotary Club of Encinitas to benefit local charities

Saturday • June 6 • 5 – 8 PM

Quail Botanical Gardens is a beneficiary of this event, so we invite you to join us for the Rotary's sixth annual celebration of international wines, local microbrews, and cuisine. If you buy a \$125 ticket and select Quail Botanical Gardens as your charity of choice, QBG will receive the entire amount of your ticket price. We also benefit from your purchase of a \$75 ticket. Lastly, you may purchase raffle tickets directly from us to further benefit the Gardens. To purchase raffle tickets, please contact Cara at 760/ 436-3036 x215. To purchase event tickets, or for more details, go to www.encinitaswinefestival.com.

Hemerocallis Show and Sale

Saturday • June 13 • 1 – 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

Strings in the Gardens

Sponsored by Carlsbad Strings Education Association, Inc.

Sunday • June 14 • 4 – 7 PM

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

Wild Gardens

Thursday • June 25 • 7 – 9 PM

Join Martin Hale, naturalist and historian, as he presents two of his 13 television documentary shows about wildflowers in Southern California. He will start off in our beautiful local deserts and travel to the majestic foothill and mountain areas. His unique macro-video style showcases the large variety of wildflowers in their natural habitat in a breath-taking presentation.

Cost: Free with admission to the Gardens

RSVP appreciated. Call 760/ 436-3036 x206

Gift Shop

Open 10 AM – 4 PM DAILY

Think Mother's Day and Spring! You will find lovely items in the Gift Shop, such as porcelain tea cups and tea infusers, matching trays, and napkins.

Library Notes

Some recent additions to the library include *The Australian Garden* by Diana Snape, 2003; *Good Bugs for Your Garden* by Allison Mia Starcher, 1995; *Lilacs: A Gardener's Encyclopedia*, 2008; and *The Ultimate Gardening Book* by Sharon Amos, 1999.

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.

QBG Going Green

In our continuing effort to become "Green Business Certified," Quail Botanical Gardens furnished the new West Wing Administration Building with used furniture.

The Lung Hsiang Chapter of the American Artists of Chinese Brush Painting will have their beautiful paintings on display in the Ecke Building from April 14 to June 8. This is their third annual show at QBG. The group meets every second Tuesday at the Gardens.



Hemerocallis 'Most Noble' • Photo: Rachel Cobb



Wild Gardens • Photo: Martin Hale



Volunteer and Docent News

January Volunteer of the Month: **TOM FARLEY**

Tom was born in Washington, DC. After receiving a PhD in physics from MIT, he moved to California for a job with the research staff at UCLA. He returned to the East Coast to work for Xerox in Rochester, New York. While there he earned an MBA in finance. When he retired in 1991, he and his wife decided to move to Carlsbad. Barb, a retired chemist, soon became a docent at Quail. She is the gardener, but there were some real needs at the Gardens suited to Tom's skills. He soon wrote the inventory program for the Gift Shop that is still in use (and is also being used at the Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center and the San Dieguito Heritage Museum). He also created programs for membership and plant records. In the early years, Quail would receive donations of computers which Tom refurbished for use by the entire QBG staff until new computers were bought. Tom still goes in to support Joyce Sapp and the Gift Shop—he is the IT guy they turn to when they have a problem. Tom, we thank you and appreciate all you do for the Quail Botanical Gardens.



February Volunteer of the Month: **NICK RUDDICK**

Nick was born in Lancashire, England; you may notice a slight accent. His education was in electronics and he worked for Burroughs/Unisys, ultimately retiring from Intel. His job took him from London, to the USA, to Scotland, then back to the States, from the East Coast to the West Coast, finally retiring in Oceanside. All the while he was involved in designing mainframes for high performance interconnection systems, which has come in handy in his latest endeavor for the Gardens: a website for docents and volunteers. Nick is also one of our Santas during Garden of Lights; and, by drilling a hole, he creates the perfect container for the beautiful little coffee mug succulent gardens for sale in the Gift Shop. He is also a wonderful photographer. He really enjoys the Gardens and being outdoors. He has been married for 41 years to Sue, a docent since 2002. As for Nick's garden expertise, he claims to be a big help by cleaning up after his wife works in their garden. He is also building his own home garden railroad. Nick, we thank you and appreciate all you do for QBG.



March Volunteer of the Month: **MARLENE DUPRIEST**

Marlene, a farm girl, was born and raised in Ohio where her grandmother supported five children by growing and selling the farm's bounty and her other grandmother had huge flower and vegetable gardens. Marlene married her childhood sweetheart. When her extended family moved to California, it only took a short time before Marlene and family also moved away from those Mid-West winters to San Diego County. By 1960, they had a home in Encinitas. Her friend and neighbor, Mariette Pinchart, former QBG Trustee, encouraged her to join Quail Botanical Gardens and become a docent. She said, "You'll like it." A retired trust administrator from Union Bank, Marlene quickly found her niche working in the Gift Shop. She has donated customized garden insulated mugs to sell there. She also does filing for the office, is very active with the Fall Plant Sale, and she takes the Volunteer of the Month photographs for *Quail Tracks*. Marlene particularly enjoys the Gardens and meeting people from all over the world while she is working here. In her words, "It keeps getting better and better!" Marlene, we thank you and appreciate all you do for Quail.



Shovel-Ready Projects Abound for January Day of Service

In January, Quail Botanical Gardens guided over 150 volunteers—including more than 35 young children—while they pitched in as part of a “Day of Service and Learning” in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We responded to a call from then President-elect Obama and the “No Child Left Inside Coalition” to give citizens an opportunity for community service. With tremendous support from our Garden Beautification Team leaders, these new volunteers raked leaves, gathered fruit, weeded, cleared trees and brush, gathered natural craft supplies, and re-thatched the Native American “ramada” shade structure. Other crews helped build the new hydroponics vegetable unit in Seeds of Wonder, made possible by a generous grant from Homestead Hydroponics of Vista. In addition, Solana Center gave a demonstration and mini-lesson on composting using a worm bin. It was a great day to be outside enjoying the Gardens.

These efforts toward garden beautification continue. If you or someone you know would like to dig in and make a difference at Quail Botanical Gardens, contact the garden beautification coordinator at 858/ 481-3442, or ssandler@san.rr.com for information.



Volunteer Orientation

Friday • April 17 • 9:30 – 12 NOON

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 17. Volunteer opportunities and a short tour of the Gardens will be part of the presentation. To RSVP, please call Kelly 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. 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.

Gala in the Gardens

The “Tenth Anniversary Gala in the Gardens” honoring television personality and nature lover Huell Howser will be held on September 12, 2009. For more information and to purchase tickets online go to www.qbgardens.org.

Docent Meetings— Everyone Welcome

First Wednesday of the Month

Arrive at 11 am for the program

April: Margaret Matlack will share her knowledge about the newest tactics in “Guerrilla Gardening.” Learn how you can utilize your green thumb talents to improve your neighborhood and beyond.

May: Join Robert Kopfstein as he enlightens us with “Quail Botanical Gardens History.” In this slideshow, Robert will show us photos that he has recently unearthed from the Gardens’ archives. These long lost photos promise to be well worth seeing.

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

PARTY VENUE AVAILABLE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

During December 4, 5, and 6, we will have a tent up in the Lawn Garden that is available for rent. The tent holds up to 120 for a sit-down dinner or more for a cocktail party. The Gardens will be beautifully lit at that time of year in celebration of Garden of Lights. If interested, please call Carla Henry at 760/ 436-3036 x205.



*Old Garden
Roses Still
Cast a Spell*

by Sally Sandler



Aficionados call them heritage roses, old-fashioned roses, antique roses, or old garden roses.

They are the hundreds of varieties of roses which were known prior to 1867, the date the first hybrid tea was introduced. And while in some cases they existed long before man by some 30 million years, they continue to enchant 21st century visitors with their magic and romantic appeal.

Specimens from most of the dozen or so old garden rose categories can be seen blooming in the Herb Garden this spring at Quail Botanical Gardens. Like a gallery of busts or portraits of famous aristocrats, they stand as the proud and venerable ancestors of today's beloved modern roses.

The distinctive rugosa rose is native to the Far East where it has been cultivated in China and Japan for a thousand years. Rugosas are widely used in rose breeding because their deeply furrowed leaves are resistant to both diseases and salt spray. You may have seen them growing wild near the coast in various parts of the country. Ours is but a slip, but it has the potential to be large and rambling, with generous rose hips that follow the five-petaled, ruby colored blooms.

Look for another rose with five petals called *Rosa chinensis* 'Mutabilis.' This tall cultivar flowers throughout the year and boasts single butterfly-like blooms that open pale yellow and mutate or darken slowly to a deep pink. 'Mutabilis' rose is a hybrid of the China roses that generated great excitement when they arrived in Europe in the 1700s. For the first time, Europeans could enjoy repeat blooming roses, unlike their earlier varieties that flowered for just a few weeks each year. Also in our garden, look for 'Slater's Crimson China,' which is generally considered to be the ancestor of most modern-day reds.

Potted in the upper portion of the Herb Garden, 'Mme. Ernst Calvat,' 'Rosa de Rescht,' and 'Reine des Violettes' (Queen of the Violets), are renowned, highly-scented aristocrats. In the same bed can be found 'Catherine Mermet,' a descendant of the tea roses named for their long voyages on those boats from China where they were stowed deep within the cargo hold amidst cases and cases of tea.

Also destined to be a favorite is 'Rosa Mundi,' with its peppermint stripes dropped onto silky white petals, named in 1174 after Fair Rosamund, mistress of England's King Henry II. And don't miss 'Fantin Latour,' said to be the most beautiful rose in the world, its drop-dead gorgeous white centifolia blooms captured for all time on many a painter's canvas.

Generally tough, hardy, and resistant to disease, old garden roses can be climbers, ramblers, or compact shrubs, with blooms that are single, semi-double, quartered, cupped, and "centifolia" or hundred-fold. But that's just part of their allure. Many are highly perfumed in a way that today's hybrid roses can only envy.

Roses partner quite naturally with herbs since they give us petals for potpourri and decoration for our homes; they also impart healing oils and fragrance and bear rose hips that are rich in vitamin C.

Our collection is made possible in part by Mary Friestedt and Rosarian Dwyn Robbie, and was tended in years past by Nita Williamson.



Spring Classes

GOURDS WITH A FOCUS ON DESIGN

Friday • April 3 • 9 AM – 1 PM

Learn how to create elaborate designs on gourds with the pyroengraving (burning) technique and using smashed abalone shells. Bring a sack lunch.

Cost: Members \$50, non-members \$60. Includes all materials. Pre-registration required.

SUSTAINABLE URBAN LANDSCAPING

Thursdays • April 9 • 16, 23, 7 – 9 PM

Saturday • April 25 • 9 AM – 12 NOON

Learn how to create a beautiful landscape that promotes water conservation and is eco-friendly. On April 9, Steve Jacobs of Nature Designs Landscaping will discuss the latest in irrigation, California water legislation, and water-wise strategies. On the other two evenings Chris Herman will discuss site design, plant selection, use of non-toxic insect and disease control, and reducing the need for excessive amounts of fertilizer, pesticides, and water. She will also touch upon backyard wildlife habitats and maintenance. On Saturday, the group will walk through Quail Botanical Gardens to see many examples of sustainable landscaping.

Cost: Members \$80, non-members \$100. Pre-registration required.

BUILD A SUSTAINABLE ORGANIC GROW BOX USING HYDROPONIC WICK METHOD

Tuesday • April 14 • 7 – 9 PM

Saturday • April 18 • 10 AM – 12 NOON

On Tuesday night you will learn the principles of applying hydroponics as a sustainable agriculture and landscape method. You will also begin set up of your grow box. Saturday you will complete your grow box and plant with leafy greens and herbs which you will take home. Taught by Alex and Lacy Kallas of Ag PALS/Homestead Hydroponics.

Cost: Members \$80, non-members \$100. Includes all materials. Pre-registration required.

SUCCULENT WREATH CLASS

Tuesday • April 28 • 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. Pre-registration required.

BYE BYE GRASS!

Part I: Wednesday • May 13 • 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Tired of being a slave to your water-thirsty lawn? Join gardening expert Nan Sterman 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. Nan is author of California Gardener's Guide Volume II and host of television's A Growing Passion.

Part II: Sunday • May 17 • 3 – 5 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 a variety of hardscape options. Nan is a garden coach, garden designer, and co-editor of the Home and Garden Section of San Diego News Network, www.SDNN.com.

Cost: Members \$45, non-members \$50. Brought to QBG by the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College. Pre-registration required by May 8. Call Water Conservation Garden at 619/ 660-0614 x10.

CREATING MAGIC WITH SUCCULENT PLANTS

Thursdays • May 14 • 21, and 28 • 7 – 9 PM

Saturday • May 30 • 9 AM – 12 NOON

Join three well-known experts in the field of succulents and learn how to create a lush and lovely landscape with these amazing water-wise plants. On May 14, Debra Lee Baldwin, award-winning photojournalist and author of the bestseller *Designing with Succulents*, will give a general introduction with a sneak peek at her forthcoming book on succulent container gardens. On May 21, Michael Buckner, landscape designer and owner of "The Plant Man" nursery, will talk about overall landscape design and factors that make it work—soil prep, cultural requirements, etc. And on May 28, horticulturist Patrick Anderson, creator of one of the most celebrated succulent gardens in California, will show you how to combine succulents with other plants and create marvelous garden vignettes. On Saturday, May 30, all three experts will participate in a panel discussion followed by a tour of the succulent plantings at Quail Botanical Gardens.

Cost: Members \$80, non-members \$100. Pre-registration required.

FLOWER AND STILL LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

Fridays: May 15, 22, and 29 • 9 AM to 12 NOON

Are you drawn to still life paintings? This three-session class will show you how to "pre-visualize" your picture and then map out the steps necessary to create a brilliant work of art. Acclaimed nature photographer, Bob Bretell, will teach you how to effectively use window light, studio and accent light; work with reflectors and diffusers; and select props. Students will design a simple set and do assignments at home based on what is covered in class. The final session will include a demonstration using filters and digital effects with Adobe Photoshop followed by a critique, photo contest, and awards. Materials list provided upon registration.

Cost: Members \$195, non-members \$225.

Materials list provided upon registration. Pre-registration required.

FIVE FLAVORS OF HEALTH

Saturday • May 16 • 9 AM – 1:30 PM

In this workshop, taught by herbal educator Charlotte Tenney, students will go on a plant ID walk and learn about the nutritional and health value of "functional food" plants and the five flavors of health—sweet, sour, bitter, salty, and pungent/spicy—which indicate the food's health value. They will finish by making a salad of wild greens and herbs with freshly made salad dressing and some bread served with herb butter. Handouts provided.

Cost: Members \$35, non-members \$40. Pre-registration required.

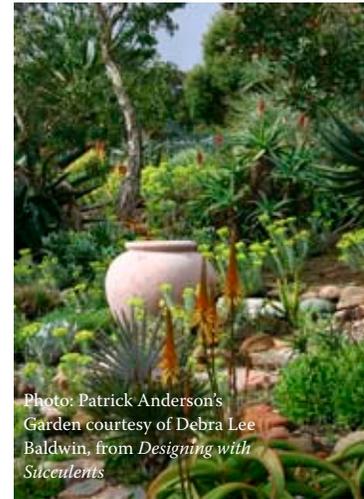


Photo: Patrick Anderson's Garden courtesy of Debra Lee Baldwin, from *Designing with Succulents*



Photo Credit: Bob Bretell

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Photo: Helen Shafer Garcia

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP WITH HELEN SHAFER GARCIA

Sunday • May 17 • 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Helen will teach you a contemporary approach to watercolor focusing on the sculptural design of succulents. The class will spend a portion of the time painting in the Gardens.

A materials list will be supplied upon registration.

Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$75. Pre-registration required.

CONTAINER GARDENING

Wednesday • May 20 • 7 – 9 PM

Flower Girls will cover “everything you want to know and more” about container gardening. The basics such as soil, water, and fertilizer will be reviewed. Since Flower Girls is known for using unique and interesting containers, a variety of planted containers will be displayed and discussed. Plants such as perennials, succulents, and herbs that are suitable for container gardening will be available. An emphasis will be placed on using plants that require less water.

Cost: Members \$25, non-members \$30. Pre-registration required.



Photo: Bette Childs

FREE COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

Saturday • May 30 • 10 AM – 12 NOON

Learn how to compost your food scraps and yard trimmings. Workshop also covers vermicomposting (worms). Compost bins and worm bins for sale afterward. Families are welcome. This workshop is taught by Solana Center Master Composters. 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.

FLORAL DESIGN WITH DAVID ROOT

Sunday • May 31 • 2 – 4 PM

Learn from award-winning floral artist David Root at this hands-on design workshop as he shares and demonstrates his unique creative ideas, techniques and elements and principles of design. You will create your own design to take home featuring lush spring garden flowers. 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)

Pre-registration required by May 27.

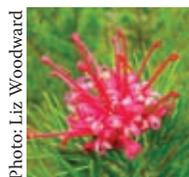


Photo: Liz Woodward

WONDERS DOWN UNDER: THE STUDY OF AUSTRALIAN PLANTS

Thursdays • June 4, 11, 18 • 7 – 9 PM

Saturday • June 20 • 9 AM – 12 NOON

Join docents Mo Price and Liz Woodward as they explore the astonishing range of Australia’s unusual and beautiful plants, well suited to our Southern California gardens. The class will provide background information on the Australian landscape along with basic information on cultivation and care of choice plants that adapt well to a water-wise landscape. The three-part class will cover groundcovers, perennials, shrubs, and trees followed by a Saturday tour of Quail Botanical Gardens’ spectacular Australian Garden featuring hundreds of species from the region.

Cost: Members \$80, non-members \$100. Pre-registration required.

GROW A BETTER VEGETABLE GARDEN BY THINKING LIKE A FARMER

Saturday • June 13 • 10 AM – 12 NOON

By following the good growing practices of the successful organic farmer we can improve the yields in our home vegetable garden. This class will cover building soil fertility through compost and cover crops, wise irrigation, planting crops in succession, and discussing what can be grown throughout the year in San Diego. We will also talk about dealing with pests by attracting beneficial insects and learning to recognize problems through observation. Our goal is to produce an abundance of fresh, home grown vegetables. Taught by Diane Hollister, Master Gardener and Master Composter, with a certificate in Ecological Horticulture from UC Santa Cruz.

Cost: Members \$25, non-members \$30. Pre-registration required.

COOKING CLASSES WITH THE OPERA SINGING CHEF, ELIZABETH PODSIADLO

COOK WITH YOUR KIDS

Saturday • April 11 • 1:30 – 4 PM

It is no secret that kids love to cook. Chef Elizabeth will share these kid-popular recipes: roasted red pepper hummus, pesto with pasta and turkey sausage, and homemade strawberry bread with strawberry whipped cream cheese.

EDIBLE BOUQUETS

Saturday • May 16 • 1:30 – 4 PM

Chef Elizabeth will share secrets on making beautiful edible bouquets, perfect for any special occasion. She will demonstrate a vegetable bouquet and a fruit bouquet, plus show tips on selecting the perfect vegetables. There will be a raffle drawing for both bouquets.

COOKING 101

Saturday • June 6 • 1:30 – 4 PM

A beginner course offering three approachable recipes: linguini with shiitaki mushrooms, homemade chicken soup, and cumin scented pork roast with wild mushroom gravy. Chef Elizabeth will share menu planning tips. (Makes a great wedding gift.)

Recipes and tastings will be offered for each dish.

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

Pre-registration required.

Ongoing Programs

DOCENT-LED GUIDED TOURS

Saturdays • 10 AM

Meet at the Visitors Center to learn about Quail’s plants from around the world. On the last Saturday of the month, the tour focuses on water-wise plants.

Cost: Free with admission to the Gardens

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.



Special Events *For Children*



Lunch with Bunny

Saturday • Apr. 11 • 9 – 10:30 or 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Children two to six years of age and their parents are invited to visit our gentle bunny in Seeds of Wonder. We will make colorful spring crafts, and will have fun parading through the Gardens to a secret place where our bunny has hidden a little toy for every child. At the end we will enjoy a healthy bunny snack—accompanying adults may bring their own picnic items.

Cost: \$10 per child, regular admission fees apply to accompanying adults. Pre-payment required. Sign up for one time slot. Email sbrueckner@qbgardens.org or call 760/436-3036 x222



Ladybug Day

Saturday • April 25 • 10 AM – 1 PM

Calling all Young Scientists! Ladybugs Need Your Help! Quail Botanical Gardens is piggybacking on the efforts of Cornell University to train children and their families to track the ladybug population nationwide. Come to the Gardens for ladybug fun—crafts, songs, stories, and puppet show—and learn how to catch, record, and release ladybugs as part of the national census and search for rare and endangered ladybugs. After the official count, we will have a ladybug release. All ages welcome.

Cost: free with admission to the Gardens. Small fee for some crafts. For more information call 760/436-3036 x206 or email mroper@qbgardens.org

Chocolate Festival

Saturday • May 9 • 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, a Mother's Day card, and more.

Family Festival of Trees

Saturday • June 13 • 10 AM – 12 NOON

Children two to nine years of age and their parents will use a map to find certain trees and plants throughout the Gardens. A nature-related activity will be offered near each of the special plants.

Cost: \$10 per child, regular admission fees apply to accompanying adults. Pre-payment required. Email sbrueckner@qbgardens.org or call 760/436-3036 x222

4th of July Parade

Saturday • July 4 • 9:30 AM

Join us for our annual Red, White, and Blue Parade through the Gardens. Bring decorated strollers and wagons (no bikes or scooters please) and wear red, white, and blue. We will meet at Seeds of Wonder at 9:30 am and the parade will start at 10:00 am sharp. After the parade 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. For more information email sbrueckner@qbgardens.org.

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.

PLANT MULTIPLICATION FOR KIDS

Sunday • April 19 • 2 – 4 PM

Learn about plant propagation in a special "Behind the Scenes Class" for children ages 8 –15 years. We will be in the "staff only" plant nursery to learn about raising plants from seed and how to multiply plants through cuttings and division. Each child will go home with a flat of new plants to raise.

Cost: Members \$20 per child, non-members \$25 per child. Pre-registration required. Call 760/436-3036 x206

ARTIST OF THE SEASON: GEORGIA O'KEEFE

Sunday • May 17 • 2 – 4 PM

Explore the world of Georgia O'Keefe, famous 20th-century painter of abstract flowers and Southwestern landscapes. Children ages 8–15 will be looking at O'Keefe's enlarged paintings of flowers, animal skulls, and abstract landscapes. Using pastel chalk, students will create a close-up of a flower or a cow's skull and receive a bedding plant for their own garden.

Cost: Members \$20 per child, non-members \$25 per child (includes all materials). Pre-registration required, class size is limited. Call 760/436-3036 x206

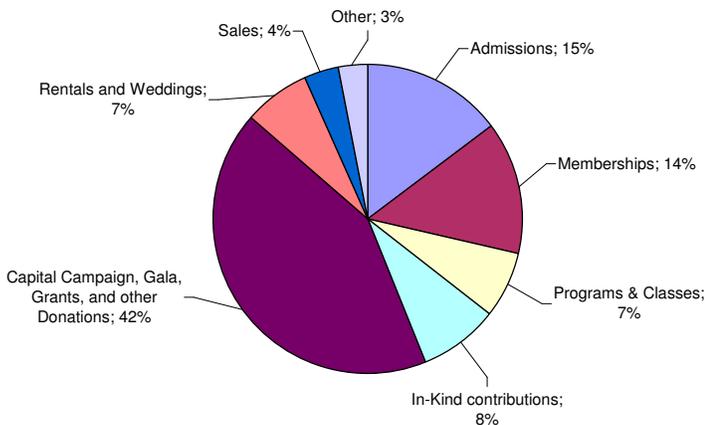
Birthday Parties in Seeds of Wonder

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 email sbrueckner@qbgardens.org or call 760/436-3036 x222.

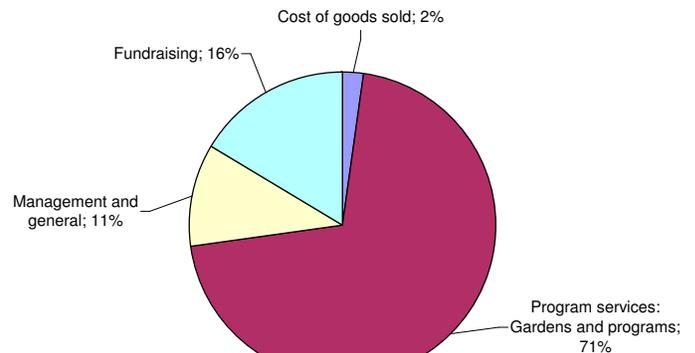
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Revenue and Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008

Revenue - \$2,552,462

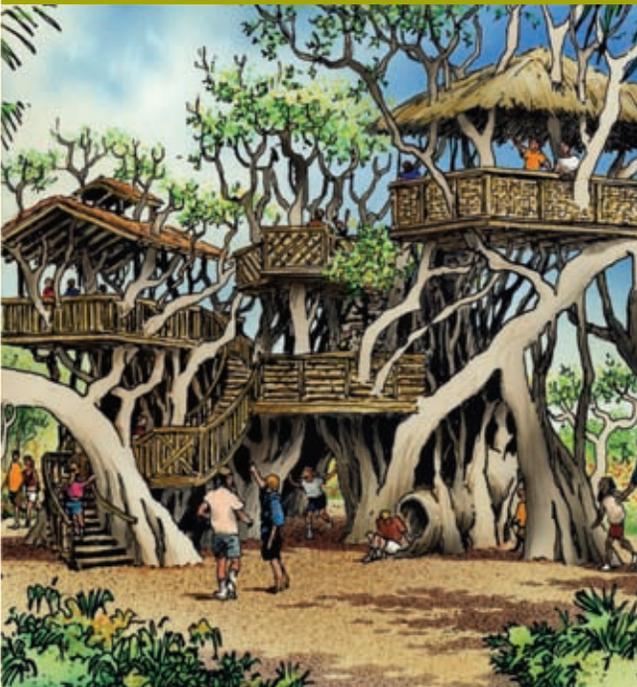


Expenses - \$1,871,445



Please note: the income chart excludes a net loss on investments of \$236,937. Both charts include the revenue and expenses from the Children's Garden capital campaign.

HAMILTON CHILDREN'S GARDEN COMMEMORATIVE TILE PROGRAM



Time is running out to purchase your tile prior to the Grand Opening!

QUAIL BOTANICAL GARDENS IS CREATING A PLACE FOR KIDS THAT IS FULL OF DISCOVERY AND EXPLORATION. THE HAMILTON CHILDREN'S GARDEN WILL OPEN IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR.



By purchasing a Children's Garden Commemorative Tile you can remember or pay lasting tribute to a loved one by having their name etched in an attractive

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Sign Up Now For A Commemorative Tile!

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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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