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September 12

*Honoring Huell Howser*



#### Family Nights

Thursdays to  
8 pm

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

#### Insect Festival

July 11 & 12



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# Hamilton Children's Garden

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**A real garden where one can  
enter in and forget the  
whole world, cannot be  
made in a week or a  
month or a year.**

**It must be planned for,  
and waited for, and loved  
into being.**

## QUAIL BOTANICAL GARDENS PHONE EXTENSIONS

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This Chinese proverb is very fitting for the Hamilton Children's Garden. We just celebrated the grand opening of Phase One on June 13; but it had its origin 10 years ago when the Quail Botanical Gardens Foundation Board approved the pursuit of a children's garden. Planning began immediately, along with discussions with the Encinitas City Council to acquire, by long-term lease, the 4.5 acres of land that adjoins the northeastern border of the Gardens as a location for the children's garden. Creating a space for children to explore the outdoors surrounded by examples of the living world proved to be a powerful goal—the City Council voted unanimously to provide the land for this purpose for the next 50 years. We now had the space for our developing plans, but we knew that raising the money would take more time and work.

Our planning effort shot ahead. We designed what was meant to be a temporary children's garden that we could learn from, while providing a more immediate opportunity for parents with young children to enjoy. We also wanted to prove to donors how important doing something on a larger scale would be. This is how the Seeds of Wonder Children's Garden came into being six years ago.

Many lessons were learned from designing and operating Seeds of Wonder. Probably the best lesson was how truly popular it would be. QBG has enjoyed record attendance for the past five years and continues with record numbers through the first quarter of 2009, despite the economic recession. While there have been many improvements to the visitor experience and all have contributed to growth in the Gardens' popularity, Seeds of Wonder stands above all else and is no longer temporary but a permanent venue for the Gardens.

The Hamilton Children's Garden carries the maiden name of Frances Hamilton White. Frances has fond memories of





Hamilton Children's Garden under construction  
Photos: Herb Knufken



when she was very young and obtained her first garden plant, a rose, by sending in a cereal box top. She knows how important that rose was to her, and how early childhood experiences with nature have enriched her life both as a child and an adult. From the beginning she was inspired by the concept and importance of a children's garden. Her leadership and philanthropy have encouraged many others to help make the Hamilton Children's Garden a reality.

The Hamilton Children's Garden is the most significant addition to the Gardens since it opened in 1971. We were successful in surpassing our original goal of \$3.5 million with the help of many generous donors. The power of the concept of a children's garden went beyond inspiring donors; it attracted the best project management team we could have hoped for in Rudy and Christina Stuber of JRS Construction. They, in turn, brought the most talented and best qualified contractors for the project who worked diligently to get the children's garden ready for opening. It has been a pleasure to see so many dedicated individuals enthused by the importance of this project.

It is the sum total of everyone's support and talent that has made this special place for discovering the wonder and beauty of the natural world possible, but I must mention three more visionaries who played a pivotal role. All have passed on but their legacy is very much alive in the Hamilton Children's Garden. I had the pleasure of knowing Archie Owen and Edna Pulver, both of whom had a long standing interest in QBG and knew how important early experiences with plants and all of nature are to healthy childhood development. Both made generous provisions in their estates that are now represented in Hamilton Children's Garden.

The third individual, I sadly never met. Ruth Baird Larabee deeded her property, Rancho de Las Flores, now Quail Botanical Gardens, to San Diego County in 1957. She and her husband Charles lived on site during the 1940s and early 50s. They were both very involved in sharing their home and its wealth of nature with Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, Boy Scouts, and Explorer Scouts. Our children's gardens are a profound connection to the heritage of Quail Botanical Gardens.

So the Chinese proverb takes on even more meaning when you consider how long this garden has been nurtured and, yes, loved into existence. Yet it is only the beginning; there are exciting plans in process for Phase Two. Imagine a visit to the Hamilton Children's Garden 100 years from now, when the Ficus cuttings planted all over the tree house named for Toni Leichtag have grown together and turned into a giant single living tree with even more rooms for children and their families to explore

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**We would like to thank Herb Knufken for documenting the construction of the Hamilton Children's Garden by taking photos several times a month since the beginning of construction. Through his camera lens we have watched it grow.**





Photo: Rachel Cobb

Dragon Fly  
Native Plants Garden

## Thursday Night Is Family Night

Every Thursday, to 8 PM

Summer evenings are a delightful way to enjoy Quail Botanical Gardens. The Gardens will be open until 8 pm every Thursday through Labor Day. We will have children's activities and music in the Gardens. Here is the music we have lined up so far:

**July 16, 5:30 – 7:30 PM:** Frolic in the Gardens with the island sounds of the Caribbean Invasion featuring Glen Fisher on bass and Tom Gates on steel drums.

**July 30, 5:30 – 7:30 PM:** Peter Sprague, virtuoso jazz guitarist, performs with his brother Tripp on saxophone and flute, and bassist Gunnar Biggs. Their music travels from the Brazilian bossa nova, to bebop jazz, to Pat Metheny classics, and, finally, to a Celtic jig.

**August 13, 5:30 – 7:30 PM:** The fabulous Gomango Trio featuring Mark Lopez on guitar, Glen Fisher on bass, and Brian Cantrell on drums. It's funky, groovy, jazzy—music for the kids and the young at heart to enjoy.

**August 20, 6 – 7 PM:** Hullabaloo, San Diego's own award-winning kid-folk duo. Bring a blanket or low chair to sit on.

**August 27, 5:30 – 7:30 PM:** Peter Sprague is joined by the ultra creative jazz vocals of Leonard Patton and bassist Gunnar Biggs. The group will play jazz, Stevie Wonder, Bob Marley, and Edu Lobo.

**Chairs will be provided except where noted.**

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



Glen  
Fisher



Peter  
Sprague

## Annual Family Insect Festival

July 11 and 12, 10 AM – 4 PM

This one-of-a-kind event features thousands of fascinating creepy-crawlies, including live insects, lizards, snakes, and the famous "Madagascar hissing cockroaches." Children 12 and under are admitted free and can practice bug collecting, hands-on insect arts and crafts, and even taste cooked mealworm larva (in various flavors such as mesquite, teriyaki, and barbeque!). Entomologists and other bug experts will be available for questions and more than 20 informational booths will teach and entertain children and adults alike. In addition, Dr. Mike Glassey will bring his hawks and owls for close viewing. Sponsored by the County of San Diego Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures, Lloyd Pest Control, and Quail Botanical Gardens.

**Cost: Free for members and children 12 and under.**

**Non-members free with admission.**



Photo: Herb Knutken

## Fairy Festival

Saturday, August 8, 10 AM – 2 PM

Children ages 2 – 12 are invited to attend our second annual Fairy Festival. Wear your favorite fairy costume and join us in song, dance, stories, and crafts. Visit the Fairy Queen, shop at the Fairyland Market, and leave messages on the wishing bush. No reservations required. For more information call 760/ 460-3036 x206.

**Cost: Free with admission to the Gardens plus small fee for some crafts**



## Garden Expressions

**Sunday, August 23, 11 AM – 6 PM**

Pearl Fryar is coming to town! In celebration of this new event, Pearl Fryar, the subject of “A Man Named Pearl,” one of the year’s most inspiring documentaries, will be our guest of honor. A master sculptor of plants, this small town sharecropper’s son is now an internationally-acclaimed artist. He creates huge sculptures out of plants for his magical garden in Bishopville, South Carolina, visited by thousands of people each year. You will see Pearl in action as he shapes a plant (or two) which will be auctioned off to a lucky winner. You will also have an opportunity to see “A Man Named Pearl.”

In addition, some of the area’s finest artists, like Helen Shafer Garcia and Carol Lang, will demonstrate their artistic skills, inspired by the beautiful plantings at Quail Botanical Gardens. They will be located throughout the Gardens and their work will be for sale.

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

### TENTH ANNIVERSARY



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Tickets Now  
[www.qbgardens.org](http://www.qbgardens.org)

## Gala in the Gardens **Saturday, September 12, 2009**

We invite you to attend our Tenth Anniversary Gala in the Gardens on Saturday, September 12, from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Huell Howser, of PBS television fame, will be our honored guest receiving the Paul Ecke Junior Award of Excellence. This year’s party will be memorable as we celebrate a decade of QBG milestones and community support in an unrivaled party locale—our beautiful Gardens. Exceptional cuisine, entertainment, and décor will return to our Gardens’ pathways. Please join us. Tickets are \$175 per person and available on our website at [www.qbgardens.org](http://www.qbgardens.org) or by contacting Cara Peters, Development Assistant, at 760/ 436-3036 x215 or [cpeters@qbgardens.org](mailto:cpeters@qbgardens.org).

Gala in the Gardens sponsorships are still available, and are a great way to support the Gardens while marketing your business or organization. For additional information, please contact Cheryl Mergenthaler at 760/ 436-3036 x218 or [cmergenthaler@qbgardens.org](mailto:cmergenthaler@qbgardens.org).

## Gift Shop

**Open 10 AM – 4 PM DAILY**

We want to thank all of our members who shop in our Gift Shop. The items with the QBG logo continue to be good sellers. The book shelves are stocked with new titles on a variety of topics—pruning, propagation, succulents, and more. We also have many unusual plants. Do stop in and look us over. The best kept secret is the 10% discount members receive for shopping with us.

## Book Sale

It’s spring cleaning time for those of you who procrastinate! It’s also time to designate any extra books for QBG’s annual book sale at the Fall Plant Sale.

- Please hang on to book sale donations until September—we have limited storage space.
- Place a sticky note on any books of special value so we can price them appropriately.
- We can use books of all subjects, i.e., fiction, cook books, art, history.
- We can use all media: CDs, DVDs, VHS, audio books, magazines.

**QBG Going Green** In our continuing effort to become “Green Business Certified,” the buildings in the new Hamilton Children’s Garden have solar panels to produce solar energy. The new parking lots are made with permeable paving to avoid runoff.

## Save the Date

**Orchid Fair, October 2 – 4**

**Fall Plant Sale, October 17 and 18**

**Garden of Lights, December 10 – 23, 26 – 30**



Helen Shafer Garcia

Photo: Carol Lang





# Volunteer and Docent News

## April Volunteer of the Month: FRANCES SPATH

Fran was born and raised in New York City. As a trained nurse, she worked wherever her husband's job took them, including San Diego. Fran and her husband have three children: a daughter in San Francisco and two sons close by, one of whom works here (Jeremy). The daughter of her other son visits the Gardens with Grandmother Fran about once a week—she loves the frogs in the Bamboo Garden pond and enjoys Seeds of Wonder. As Fran's children were growing up they always had a vegetable garden. Upon retirement, Fran volunteered at Casa de Amparo, became a QBG docent in 2004, and then a master gardener. Her volunteer efforts at QBG include helping at special events—the Gala, Garden of Lights, Herb Festival, and Fall Plant Sale—being a tour guide, and stocking the Gift Shop nursery with plants on a regular basis. Fran regularly takes the classes offered here. She especially enjoys the wonderful people at the Gardens and learning something new about the plants all the time. Fran, we thank you and appreciate all that you do for Quail Botanical Gardens.



Photo: Margaret Malack

## May Volunteer of the Month: SARA YANO

Sara comes to California from the East Coast. Her father was career US Navy so she spent her early years in the Pennsylvania, New York, and Virginia areas, then high school in the San Francisco Bay area. Her parents retired to La Jolla and Sara went back to the East Coast. She retired as a social worker from a very stressful position with the Washington, DC HIV Aids Clinic. Gardening in the Washington, DC area includes heat, humidity, mosquitoes, and a short growing season. Gardening in San Diego is year-round with wonderful growing conditions. Though her son and his wife live in Brooklyn, Sara decided to retire to La Jolla where her parents live. A friend insisted she visit QBG—before the day was over Sara had joined the Gardens. She became a docent in 2004. Though Sara started in propagation, she moved on to special events and outreach. Outreach is her favorite endeavor as she loves to tell people about QBG. She also enjoys helping with the Fall Plant Sale—especially the week before when all the volunteers are working and having lunch together—and the trips planned by the Trip Trio. Sara, we thank you and appreciate all that you do for Quail Botanical Gardens.



Photo: Margaret Malack

## June Volunteer of the Month: KEN AND JEAN NIKODYM

While Jean is from North California and Ken is from South Dakota, they met in San Diego while working at the United States Postal Service—he as a supervisor and she as a manager. Their daughter is a structural engineer, married to a Stanford physicist. Ken and Jean retired in 1984. In 1983, they began looking for something to do in post retirement and got involved with Quail Botanical Gardens where they knew one of the trustees. Eventually they both became trustees serving on the board for 12 years. During their tenure they were co-presidents when San Diego County controlled Quail Botanical Gardens. Ken and Jean were instrumental in forming the Quail Botanical Gardens Foundation, Inc. which eventually took over operations of the Gardens due to lack of County funds. They have been involved with QBG for the past 25 years in a variety of ways: serving on the board of trustees, becoming docents, enlarging the Gift Shop, and making homemade jams for the Fall Plant Sale every year, which brings in a nice profit. Ken says Quail Botanical Gardens is a good place for both children and adults to get involved; it's quiet and relaxing. Ken and Jean, we thank you and appreciate all that you do for Quail Botanical Gardens.



# If It's Saturday, This Must be QBG



Photo: Margaret Matlack

Saturdays (and Sundays) mean volunteer gardening opportunities at Quail Botanical Gardens. We hope you will mark them on your calendar and join in the fun and gardening satisfaction. More and more volunteers are digging in and making a difference in the way QBG looks and feels—people like those pictured here, left to right: Peter Jones, Mei-Mei Lai, Roberta Dotson, and Margaret Matlack, (and Maggie Garran, not pictured) who took a break from working in the Bamboo Garden to enjoy the sun and serenity on a Saturday morning in April.

Many thanks to Peter and Margaret, captains of two of the 10 garden beautification teams making a visible difference at Quail Botanical Gardens. If you are interested in joining one of these teams—whether on a weekday or weekend—please contact Coordinator Sally Sandler at 858/ 481-3442. You do not need to be a member to volunteer, no special training is required, and you can participate on any team and on any day you prefer. (Volunteers must be 14 or older and must complete a volunteer application, available at the Admissions Booth and in the Office.)



Photo: Herb Knutken

Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Encinitas take a break from their work in the new Hamilton Children's Garden on Saturday, April 25.

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## Volunteer Orientation **Saturday, August 29, 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 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 760/ 436-3036 x206.

## Docent Meetings — Everyone Welcome **First Wednesday of the Month**

Arrive at 11 am for the program

**July:** No meeting—Have a great summer!

**August:** Joan E. Marrero from JR Organics will talk about some of the best organic growing techniques, along with the benefits of community gardening.

**September:** Richard Carrico, foremost authority on the prehistory and archaeology of San Diego County and professor of American Indian Studies at San Diego State University, will give a historical and cultural description of the early Kumeyaay.



# Hamilton Children's Garden

## You're Invited...

Please come grow along with us.

In selecting the theme, "Come Grow With Us," for the Hamilton Children's Garden project, we anticipated with great excitement the moment in time the tagline would become less of a question and more of an invitation. The time has come. Phase One construction is complete. Toni's Tree House has grown and branched. **The Hamilton Children's Garden opened to the public with great fanfare on Saturday, June 13, 2009!** We invite you to bring your family, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors and come grow along with us—now and for generations to come.

The request, "please come grow with us by supporting the Gardens financially," was answered in abundance. The first phase campaign goal was 3.5 million dollars and, in these difficult economic times, exceeding that goal has been a true blessing. Our community owes gratitude to many individuals, corporations, organizations, and foundations for their generosity and forward thinking. In particular, Frances Hamilton White's initial gift and leadership energized the campaign and set the precedent for a positive outcome. A world-class children's garden is now located in San Diego County that preserves the teachings of nature for children of all ages—an honorable achievement for all involved and a stamp of approval for the importance of uniting children and nature.

No doubt the buzz of the summer among local children will simply be, "have you climbed Toni's Tree House yet?" Remembering your own childhood, you may recall that it is often the uncomplicated joys of climbing, being on top, crawling through, looking under, and being first that inspire great memories. Andrew Proud, head gardener for the Hamilton Children's Garden, points out some of the finer nuances of the new Tree House: "As you look skyward note that man-made and natural materials merge in the branch work. You will see Strangler Fig planted into small pockets on the very tips of the branches. Over time, a full canopy of foliage and network of aerial roots will grow and produce a giant fig tree." The opportunities for natural discovery are numerous. Just a short meander away, visit Garden Rhythms, Earth Builders, the Elephant Foot Tree Forest, Quail Haven, Incredible Edibles, and much more.

Please, "come celebrate with us"—explore the many facets of the Hamilton Children's Garden any time. Garden Manager Mary Roper will be on-site to facilitate Summer Fun Friday from 10 am to 12 noon. There will also be a wide



Photo: Herb Knutken

variety of classes and summer camps (see page 12). The Seeds of Wonder garden for pre-school aged children will remain open and active in its original location. Admission to Hamilton Children's Garden is included in regular Quail Botanical Gardens admission and membership benefits. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays until 8:00 p.m. through Labor Day. For additional information call 760/ 436-3036 x206.





**Thank you.** Phase One of the Hamilton Children's Garden was made possible thanks to generous cash and in-kind gifts of all sizes from hundreds of individuals and organizations. On behalf of the children and families who will discover and experience the magic of nature within this special garden, we thank all contributors and extend our most sincere gratitude to the major donors listed here. Additionally, we thank the City of Encinitas for providing this land through a long-term lease.

### **Imagination Champion**

**\$1,000,000 and above**

Frances Hamilton White

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# Summer Classes

## Bye Bye Grass!

**Part I: Wednesday, July 15, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

Tired of being a slave to your water-thirsty lawn? Join gardening expert Nan Sterman to learn how to eliminate your lawn for good. Nan will discuss elimination 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*.

**Part II: Saturday, July 18, 10 AM – 12 NOON**

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.

**Cost: Members \$45, non-members \$50 per session (\$90 / \$100 for both sessions). Brought to QBG by the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College.**

**Pre-registration required by July 10.**

**Call Water Conservation Garden at 619/ 660-0614 x10.**



Photo: Bob Bretell

## Garden Photo Workshop

**Saturday, July 18, 8:30 AM – 2 PM**

Join acclaimed nature photographer Bob Bretell as he takes you on a garden photo safari that will teach you how to transform your nature photos to a new level. Learn how to pre-visualize your subject by careful use of light and composition and how to make the most of your camera's features. Class photos will be projected and critiqued by the instructor and the group. Recommended for all levels. Students must have a digital camera and tripod. A materials list will be provided upon registration.

**Cost: Members \$85, non-members \$95.**

**Pre-registration required.**

## Undersea Garden

**Saturday, July 18, 9 – 10:30 AM**

Create your own undersea garden with guidance from master designer and originator of the concept, Jeff Moore, owner of Solana Succulents. All materials will be provided.

**Cost: Members \$70, non-members \$80.**

**Pre-registration required.**

## Build a Sustainable Grow Box Using Hydroponic Wick Method

**Saturday, August 1, 9 AM – 1 PM**

Learn the principles of applying hydroponics as a sustainable agriculture and landscape method, then set up your own grow box with tomatoes and peppers to take home. Produced by Ag PALS

**Cost: Members \$70, non-members \$90. Includes all materials. Pre-registration required.**

## H2O 911! Living with the Water Crisis

**Wednesday, August 5, 6 – 8 PM**

**Tuesday, September 22, 6 – 8 PM**

Like it or not, we are in a drought. Worried about the rising cost of water? Concerned about the water shortage we all are facing? Let's work together to conserve water. Join Vickie Driver for a fast and furious introduction to dealing with the water shortage. Learn simple steps for saving water and money in your home, both inside and out. Brought to QBG by the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College.

**Cost: Members \$20, non-members \$30. One class, offered twice. Pre-registration required, call the Water Conservation Garden at 619/ 660-0614 x10**

## Palm Springs-Style Gardening

**Sunday, August 16, 2—4 PM**

In her new book, *Palm Springs-Style Gardening*, gardening guru Maureen Gilmer shows how desert gardens may be designed to enhance the appeal of many diverse architectural styles. But don't let the title fool you. This book provides a valuable resource for dryland gardeners everywhere, offering a unique blend of succulent plants tolerant of heat plus desert trees, shrubs, and perennials. By choosing plants adapted to a dry climate, the homeowner is freed from a demanding maintenance regime and reduces the use of that ever-scarce resource, water.



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

## Stunning Plant Combinations

**Saturday, August 29, 9 AM – 12 NOON**



Photo: Wendy Proud

Wendy Proud of Roger's Gardens will broaden your palette of "California Friendly" plants by showing you some new and exciting examples from that enchanting garden center in Corona del Mar. She will then make several stunning plant combinations—what Roger's Gardens is known for—in a variety of containers. At the end of the class, students will enter a drawing and the winner will take home one of these marvelous plants generously donated by Roger's Gardens.

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

**Pre-registration required.**

## Succulent Wreath Class

**Thursday, September 17, 9:30 AM – 2:30 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.**



## Secrets of Tree Care

Thursdays, September 17 & 24, 7 – 9 PM

Thursday, October 8, 7 – 9 PM

Saturday, October 10, 9 AM – 12 NOON

In this class, taught by Dave Ephron of the Professional Tree Care Association of San Diego, you will learn about plant selection, planting and establishing your tree, pruning, watering, and fertilizing. Dave will also dispel some popular myths about trees and show you equipment available for tree care. Questions welcome.

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

**Pre-registration required.**



## Firewise, Waterwise Landscaping

Sunday, September 20, 2 PM

When Debra Lee Baldwin returned to her home in Escondido after being evacuated during the wildfires of 2007, she read an email from Suzy Schaefer, owner of the garden on the cover of Debra's book, *Designing with Succulents*. The subject line read: "Succulents saved our home." After seeing this for herself, Debra took photos and wrote an article on firewise landscaping for the *Los Angeles Times* that became nationally syndicated.

In a class created especially for Quail, Debra will describe how to design lush and lovely landscapes that are

both firewise and waterwise. The award-winning photojournalist, whose work regularly appears in *Sunset* and other publications, will show slides of eye-catching and appealing gardens comprised of succulents that range in size from groundcovers to tall trees, and their companion plants. Her presentation will include a book signing.

**Cost: Members \$10, non-members \$12.**

**Pre-registration required.**

## Soil Building and Water Conservation through Cover Crops

Friday, September 25, 10 AM – 12 NOON

Fall brings many tasks for the organic vegetable gardener. In addition to planting the wide variety of vegetables that thrive during our cool wet winters, it is the perfect time to improve the overall health of the soil by planting cover crops. This class, taught by Diane Hollister, will explain the how's and why's of cover cropping. Additionally, basic principles of water harvesting will be discussed along with a design for a simple rain barrel made from a trash can.

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

**Pre-registration required.**

## Free Composting Workshops

Offered regularly at QBG's Compost Demonstration Site by Solana Center Master Composters. For dates contact the Solana Center at 760/ 436-7986 or [www.solanacenter.org](http://www.solanacenter.org).

## What's Cooking

### Cookin' with Klips: Lovely Lavender

Saturday, July 25, 1:30 – 4 PM

It is summer time and the flowers and herbs are in bloom. Come to find out how you can use lavender to add flavor to your dinner and why it helps you sleep better after that meal. Taught by Mary Dralle.

### Cooking with the Opera Singing Chef

#### Southwest Cooking and Grilling

Saturday, August 1, 1:30 – 4 PM

Learn how to make Spicy Lime Chili Fajitas grilled to perfection, Apache Cactus Orange Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing, Tangy Margaritas, and Lime-Coconut Pie w/Macadamia-Coconut Crust. It's a hot menu served in the cool of a summer garden.

### Food and Wine Pairing

Saturday, September 5, 1:30 – 4 pm

Most folks know that reds go well with beef and whites go well with chicken, but what would you serve with a Cedar Grilled Salmon or Baked pesto stuffed Portobello's? And what would go well with a cinnamon-laced Mexican brownie? Come and explore with the Opera Singing Chef.

**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 smart 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



## 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.

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



## Insect Festival

**July 11 and 12, 10 AM – 4 PM**



The Insect Festival is filled with fun activities for kids. See page 4 for details.

## Garden Rail Road Day

**Sunday, July 19, 1–4 PM**



Photo: Susanne Brueckner

QBG has joined the San Diego Garden Railroad Society and we are pleased to host a club open house. Come and join us for this event to chat with members of the club and see special model trains on display. We invite you to bring your G scale trains to run on our powered track layout.

**Cost: Free with admission to the Gardens.**  
**For more information e-mail [SOW@qbgardens.org](mailto:SOW@qbgardens.org) or call 760/ 436-3036 x222**

## Fairy Festival

**Saturday, August 8, 10 AM – 2 PM**

See page 4 for details



## 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 [SOW@qbgardens.org](mailto:SOW@qbgardens.org).

## Toddler Tales and Tunes

**2ND, 3RD, 4TH, & 5TH Tuesday, 10 AM — 12 NOON**

Play in the garden and pot plants to take home. Children and caregivers participate in pre-school stories and songs.

## Garden Arts and Crafts

**Wednesday, 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 & Thursday, 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.



## Hamilton Children's Garden

**Free Summer Fun Friday 10 AM**

Join us every Friday for special activities in our new children's garden—crafts, stories, surprises, and more. No registration required.

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

## Classes for ages 8 – 14

**July 13:** Advanced Rock Painting—Reptiles

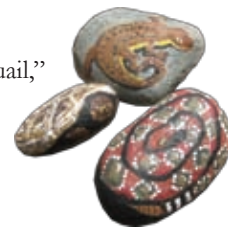
**July 20:** Artist of the Season with “Quail at Quail,”  
J.J. Audubon's Paintings

**July 27:** Advanced Rock Painting—Mammals

**August 3:** Making Miniatures

**All classes are 2 – 4 PM.**

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



## Summer Camp for Kids

Abrakadoodle is offering Garden Art Safari Camps for children ages 6 – 9. Experience the beauty of Quail Botanical Gardens and connect with nature through art. Students will create paintings, drawings, sculptures, and other multi-media artwork inspired by daily safaris throughout the Gardens. To register call Abrakadoodle at 760/731-0555 or visit [www.abrakadoodle.com/ca07.html](http://www.abrakadoodle.com/ca07.html).

Science Adventures returns to Quail Botanical Gardens once again with their week-long programs. Campers can choose from rockets to robots, solar energy to the physics of sports. To register call 888/458-1812 or visit [www.scienceadventures.com](http://www.scienceadventures.com).

**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 [SOW@qbgardens.org](mailto:SOW@qbgardens.org) or call 760/ 436-3036 x222.



# Pacific Tree Care Association's Earth Day 2009 Volunteer Project



Photos: Herb Knuffman

We were thrilled when the Pacific Tree Care Association notified us that they had chosen Quail Botanical Gardens again this year for their annual volunteer project. On Earth Day, April 24, several PTCA member companies sent their highly skilled arborists and heavy equipment to provide very important services to keep the Gardens beautiful and safe, including trimming and grooming trees; removing dead or heavy branches; grinding stumps; and shredding cuttings. At the end of a day of hard labor, the Gardens looked well-groomed and healthy.

We especially thank Brian Bishop, of Bishop Tree Service, who sent a crew of more than a dozen arborists. Many thanks to Doug Pierson and crew from California Tree Service, Dave Jones and crew of Tierra Verde Tree Service, and also Robert Dockery. Lastly, Dan Anderson from L&M Power Equipment supplied a hi-tech robotic stump grinder. All companies generously volunteered their time and the use of their professional equipment. We are sincerely grateful for their in-kind donations, which greatly reduced our operating expenses. Their professional services are very valuable to the Gardens!

## Reception for Larabee and Benefactor Society Members

Last March, Quail Botanical Gardens hosted a special reception for our Larabee and Benefactor Society members. On the Friday before the Herb Festival, our guests enjoyed mingling and chatting with other friends of the Gardens in a casual atmosphere while savoring a glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres prepared by the Opera Singing Chef, Elizabeth Podsiadlo.

As a special treat Jane Taylor, the founding curator of the Michigan 4-H Children's Garden and long-time friend of the Gardens, agreed to take time out from preparing for her Herb Festival presentations to be our keynote speaker. Jane, a very warm-hearted and infectious positive woman, told the story of how she got the idea to create a children's garden. She shared success stories of children connecting with nature, many, such as those growing up in inner cities, for the first time.

Jane touched us all with her humorous and inspiring stories, and turned everyone present into believers that the world will be a better place when more people learn to appreciate nature and gardens. The earlier children develop this love, the more beneficial their life-long relationship with nature will be. At Quail Botanical Gardens we take our mission to connect people with plants and nature very seriously, and are proud to offer two first-class interactive children's gardens:

Seeds of Wonder (for pre-school aged children) and the new one-acre Hamilton Children's Garden (for children of all ages). We thank Jane for her inspiration and support through the years, and for joining us for this special member reception.



Jane Taylor's inspirational talk was the highlight of a special reception for Larabee and Benefactor Society members on March 20, 2009.

## 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. The tent has clear walls so you can see the lights and can be heated for added warmth. If interested please call Carla Henry at 760/ 436-3036 x205.

## Not a member yet?

Become a member and enjoy great benefits such as unlimited free visits 363 days a year, kids' activities in Seeds of Wonder and the new Hamilton Children's Garden, complimentary guest tickets, privileges including free admission at more than 230 reciprocating gardens, and much more. A Family/Dual membership could pay for itself after just a few visits. Join on-line at <http://www.qbgardens.org/membership> or call our membership department at 760/ 436-3036 x215 for Cara or x217 for Karin.

# 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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