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“What’s in a name? That which we call a rose By any other name would smell as sweet”

Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*



Julian Duval
President/CEO

Actually, a name can be very significant; and to change a name that has become known and loved is not an easy task. After several years of deliberation, the governing board of the Quail Botanical Gardens Foundation has decided to change the name Quail Botanical Gardens to San Diego Botanic Garden. We believe that the new name will bring continued growth, ensuring the future of this Garden for generations to come.

A significant number of people who visit the Garden are doing so for the first time. A common response is a pleasant surprise, or even amazement, at all the Garden has to offer. For many, the name Quail Botanical Gardens was all they knew before their visit—unfortunately, it did not set a high level of expectation for the experience. An important reason for changing the name was the belief that potential visitors would expect more and thus be more likely to visit a public garden called the San Diego Botanic Garden.

We have evidence that the word “Quail” is confusing to many. Recently, I was a guest speaker at a luncheon meeting and the person sitting next to me relayed how much she enjoyed visiting botanical gardens in her travels. She lived locally but confessed that she had never been to Quail Botanical Gardens because she was unsure of what it was. She noted that she would have most certainly visited the Garden if she knew it as San Diego Botanic Garden. That is just one of many examples.

The name change is primarily a business decision to increase visitors and generate income the Garden depends upon. It defines the Garden’s intent to play a more significant role in the world-renowned travel destination that is the San Diego region. But on another and perhaps more significant level, it allows us to fulfill our mission on a grander scale, *to inspire people of all ages to connect with plants and nature*. Attracting a wider audience clearly enhances the measure of that success.

A name that lays stake to a wider region helps generate supporters from that greater area. Donors, whether individual or corporate, will always play an important role in ensuring the Garden’s future. The name San Diego Botanic Garden sets a higher level of expectation and perception of importance. These are important matters for cultivating donors and in grant applications.

A name change is no trivial matter, and trying to gauge the potential for negativity has been important. I have personally

tested the response to the name change with some of our closest constituents. While it has usually been positive, it often has taken serious consideration for some people to embrace the idea. Not surprisingly, people have a strong emotional attachment to the name the Garden has been known by for so many years.

I, too, have a strong emotional attachment to the name Quail Botanical Gardens. That is the name of the public garden where it has been my pleasure to serve for the last 15 years and where I hope to finish my professional career. I admit to not being among the earlier converts to the name change, but I now truly believe it will make the Garden stronger and help it endure long after we are gone.

There are many recent examples of local institutions that have changed their name to incorporate San Diego in their title. The Del Mar Fair is now called the San Diego County Fair and the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art is the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego. An example that had significant influence on me was Strybing Arboretum, which about four years ago changed its name to the San Francisco Botanical Garden. Here was a botanical garden located in a metropolitan area with world-wide recognition and it was their intent to be identified with that brand. The similarity was obvious; here we are in the San Diego region, also with world-wide brand recognition.

And so, for all these reasons, we chose our 10th Annual Gala in the Gardens held on September 12, as the day to roll out the new name and change the sign at the entrance. The intent is to attract more people who will fall in love with this special Garden. For those of us who already love it, we need to remember that it is not the Garden that changed but only the name, and after all,

“What’s in a name...”

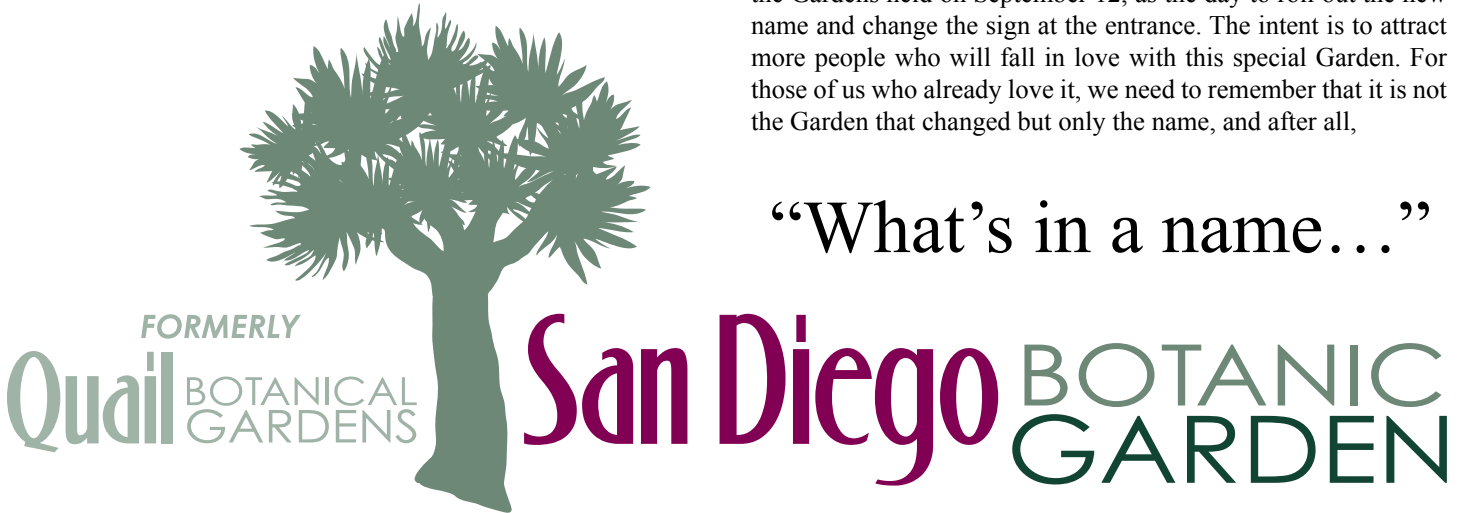


Photo: Rachel Cobb

Party Venues Available for the Holidays

During December 4, 5, and 6, we will have a large heated tent with clear walls 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 Garden will be beautifully lit at that time of year in celebration of Garden of Lights. Also, during the entire month of December, the Walled Garden will be turned into a “Poinsettia Garden,” festively decorated with many varieties of poinsettias. If interested in having your holiday party at either of these venues, please call Carla Henry at 760/ 436-3036 x205.

QBG Going Green

In our continuing effort to become “Green Business Certified,” the San Diego Botanic Garden has been using Rush Press, a partner with FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) to support the conservation of forestry. Our newsletter and Visitor Guide are printed on recycled paper with soy ink.

Gift Shop

Open 10 am – 4 pm daily

There is a fun job and interesting people to meet for those who work in the Gift Shop. Weekend help is needed from 10 am – 1 pm and 1 – 4 pm. You will be training with knowledgeable workers until you are comfortable doing the shift alone. The machines are easy to use, plus you receive a 10 percent discount as a volunteer. Also coming up is Garden of Lights, where the Gift Shop is open for 19 evenings of holiday fun. If interested, please call Joyce Sapp at 760/ 672-9856 (cell) or 760/ 944-4413 (home).



San Diego International Orchid Fair

October 2 • 1:00 – 5:00 PM
October 3 • 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
October 4 • 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

San Diego Botanic Garden 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. Orchid related products, artistic pottery, paintings, and books will also be available and there will ongoing lectures on culture and care.

The show is an official AOS (American Orchid Society) judging event and there will be ribbon judging as well. To register your plants for judging bring them in on Thursday, October 1, 3 – 7 pm and Friday October 2, 7 – 9 am. Someone will be there to help you classify your plants. Please make sure they are pest-free, flowers are staked, and plants are clean.

Cost: Free with admission or membership

Bamboo Sale

Saturday, October 10 • 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
(SALE PREVIEW 9:00 - 10:00 AM)

Presented by the Southern California Chapter of the American Bamboo Society, this sale features more than 100 varieties of bamboo grown by collectors and local growers throughout Southern California. Some varieties of bamboo cannot be purchased anywhere else in the U.S. Bamboo crafts and products will also be available. For more information visit www.abssocal.org or call 909/ 599-9921.

Cost: Free with admission or membership

27th Annual Fall Plant Sale

October 17 and 18, 11 AM – 4 PM
(MEMBERS ONLY PRE-SALE: OCTOBER 17, 9-11 AM)
(LARABEE AND BENEFACTOR SOCIETY MEMBERS ONLY PRE-SALE: OCTOBER 17, EARLY ACCESS AT 8:00 AM)

Plant donations from over 100 local growers, wholesalers, retail nurseries, and individuals make this one of the most interesting and diverse plant sales of San Diego County. Plant selections 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 Shoppe, which serves cakes, cookies, pies, and coffee.

Cost: Free with admission or membership

Help Make the Plant Sale a Success

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

- To donate plants or gently used garden-related items, to help underwrite the event, or participate in set-up on October 12 – 16, please contact Stacy Gaudet at 760/ 207-4259 or sfmermaid@cox.net.
- Again this year, the Bakery Shoppe will be in the Ecke Building. Stop by and relax with a treat while you attend the Fall Plant Sale. As always, we need cakes and pies to sell by the slice or large cookies. Please bring your baked goods to the Ecke Building on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. If you have any questions call Thelma Montag at 760/ 436-4601. Thank you for your help. We look forward to impressing you with our selections.
- 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.

Plant Sale Continued

Fellow and Benefactor Society members and Corporate Partners, as well as Fall Plant Sale 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.*

Orchid Festival

Saturday, November 21 • 9 – 4 PM

Not to be confused with the San Diego International Orchid Fair listed above, the Orchid Festival is a one-day event that is primarily educational. You will learn the basics about orchid care and see a display showcasing many varieties of orchids. You will also be able to purchase orchids. Presented by the Palomar Orchid Society.

Cost: Free with admission or membership



Garden of Lights

December 10 – 23 and 26 – 30, 5 – 9 pm

After the sun goes down, the Garden is transformed into a dazzling winter wonderland with over 90,000 sparkling lights illuminating the Garden 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 several nights in December.

Admission: Members, Seniors, Military & Students \$8; non-members \$12. Children 3–12 \$4. There will be additional fees for some activities.

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Gala in the Gardens

Our *Quail Tracks* print deadline was prior to our Gala in the Gardens fundraising event on September 12, thus a full report with photographs will appear in the next issue. In the meantime, thank you to the cast of hundreds who helped in every way with this Gala's success.

Lean on Me by Robert Verhees
Sculpture in the Garden



Photo: Robert Verhees

Save the Date
Ikebana Exhibition and
Bonsai Show

February 27 and 28

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**Herb Festival,
Spring Plant Sale
and Tomatomania®**
March 20 and 21

Sculpture in the Garden

Now through March 1, 2010

Thanks to a collaboration between the San Diego Fine Art Society and the San Diego Botanic Garden you can now see some amazing sculptures in the Garden. 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 Garden. Each piece is available for purchase and a portion of the proceeds goes to the San Diego Botanic Garden.

Volunteer and Docent News

July Volunteer of the Month: HERB KNUFKEN

Herb was working in the semi-conductor industry when he came to the United States in 1976 for a job in Mountain View, CA. Then an electronics firm lured him to San Diego where he and his wife remain, seven years after retirement. They have two children and two grandchildren. Herb is a docent at Torrey Pines. He is most interested in nature and has been a serious photographer for the past 40 years. About six years ago, he started coming to the San Diego Botanic Garden on free Tuesdays to take photographs. When the Hamilton Children's Garden broke ground, Herb documented the construction site progress on a regular basis for many months until completion of that garden. Since October 2008, he has been doing the Bloom Board by the Gift Shop. He also takes pictures at many of our events and whenever he is asked. His photographs are so good that we are constantly using them for the press and the newsletter. Every first Tuesday of the month, he leads a group of North San Diego photographers through the Garden. In his words, he is "not a weed puller." He enjoys "going out to the Garden every three to four weeks, where there is always something new or different. It's just a beautiful place." Herb, we thank you and appreciate all the photos you take for the Garden.



Photo: Martene Dupriest

August Volunteer of the Month: LINDA STEWART

Linda is a California native, born and raised in San Francisco. She went to college at San Diego State University and has spent the last half of her nursing career at Kaiser, where she retired one year ago. Linda has two sons, one in San Diego, the other in Connecticut, and four grandchildren. As a youngster, Linda remembers her parents dragging her and her brother to garden nurseries and they hated it. Now they are both avid gardeners. As part of Linda's preparation for retirement, she took classes at Cuyamaca College in landscape design, started volunteering at San Diego Botanic Garden, and became a docent last year. When her children were growing up she had the big garden with 50 roses, fruit trees, and assorted flowers. Now she lives on a tiny lot. Her decks are filled with potted succulents and orchids and her postage stamp garden is replete with tropical plants. At San Diego Botanic Garden, Linda is Team Captain of the Mediterranean Garden, was previously part of the Topiary watering team, works the admission booth once a month, volunteers at many events, and is the docent hours recorder. Linda feels that she "has never been any place where the people are so friendly and make her feel so welcome. It is such a friendly group." Linda, we thank you and appreciate all that you do for the Garden.



Photo: Martene Dupriest

September Volunteer of the Month: MARY "KLIBS" DRALLE

Mary is a California native, born and raised in Encinitas. Her folks were transplants, and have since moved to Washington. Mary was a chemistry major in college and did work in that field; now she works in manufacturing as a configuration controller. She began visiting the Garden on a regular basis as a seven-year-old. About six years ago, Fran Hinostro suggested that she volunteer here. Mary began by helping out in Chef Elizabeth's cooking classes (still does; she is an avid cook). She also works in the Herb Garden every second Saturday and is the Team Captain for the topiaries in the Herb Garden and Seeds of Wonder. She can be seen helping out at most Garden events. In her free time she volunteers at the Wildlife Research Institute, enjoys singing in a choir, and attending pow-wows. At San Diego Botanic Garden, what Mary enjoys most is the Herb Garden, a fascinating world of chemistry—cooking with herbs and discovering their healing properties. Mary, we thank you and appreciate all that you do for the Garden.



Photo: Martene Dupriest

Fair Exhibit

Once again, the San Diego County Water Authority donated \$10,000 to help us create an award-winning exhibit for the San Diego County Fair featuring WaterSmart plants. “Garden Rhythms” was designed and created by Katie Pelisek in cooperation with Master Designer Bill Teague and a host of enthusiastic volunteers. Sustainability set the tone for the melodic display, in a most inspiring way—water thirsty lawn was replaced with a graceful path, WaterSmart plants requiring less water and fertilizer were beautifully combined to create rhythm and give a lush feel, rocks were used to make a gently curving dry streambed evoking the presence of water, and much more. The design won several awards including the Manager’s Award in recognition of horticultural excellence and the San Diego Horticultural Society Excellence in Horticulture Award for nomenclature accuracy. The exhibit also received an Award of Merit, several Notable Plant Awards, and the Bill Teague Well-Maintained Garden Award. Special thanks to ProvenWinners® and all who made this exhibit possible.

Volunteers of the Year

George and Bev Reed were recently honored as “Volunteers of the Year” at the North County Philanthropy Council. They have been volunteering at the San Diego Botanic Garden for more than 14 years. Each month George and Bev devote time to greeting visitors, answering questions, signing up new members, all while staffing our Gift Shop. One of their favorite jobs is working with children and crafts during Garden of Lights.

This duo develops the crafts, buys the supplies, instructs the other volunteers, and sets everything up nearly all of the 19 nights we are open for Garden of Lights. Since they drive from Murrieta to Encinitas each night, it is certainly a devotion that gives George and Bev their passion to bring a little extra enjoyment to the children who visit the San Diego Botanic Garden.



Photo: Katie Pelisek



Bill Teague and
Katie Pelisek



George and Bev Reed

Photo: Brian Reed

Volunteer Orientation **Friday, November 20 • 9:30 – 12 NOON**

As a non-profit organization, the San Diego Botanic Garden depends upon volunteer support. If you are interested in an exciting and rewarding place to contribute time, please join us on Friday, November 20. Volunteer opportunities and a short tour of the Garden will be part of the presentation. To RSVP, please call Shamayne at 760/ 436-3036 x206.

Docent Training Classes

The San Diego Botanic Garden 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 the docent training. Topics include Botany Boot Camp and Herbs; Deserts and Succulents; Tropical Rain Forests, Palms, and Cycads; California Natives and Firescapes; Mediterranean Climates; Subtropical Fruit and Bamboo. For more information call Shamayne at 760/ 436-3036 x206.

Docent Meetings — Everyone Welcome **First Wednesday of the Month** **Arrive at 11 am for the program**

October: Fall Plant Sale Social. Please join us for some good morning coffee, treats, and a chance to sign up to help with the Fall Plant Sale and other upcoming events. The Fall Plant Sale is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

November: Beekeeper Pete Holtzen from Honeybee Rescue will share his knowledge and experience in bee behaviors and discuss the invaluable benefits they provide for us.

December: Annual Holiday Potluck.

Fire Safety - A New Display and Garden

by Dave Ehrlinger, Director of Horticulture

The city of Encinitas Fire Department received a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire Safety and Prevention Grant to install a defensible space exhibit adjacent to our Landscape for Fire Safety garden and south of the main parking lot close to the Ecke Building.

The display features a miniature model house with a mini-landscape that demonstrates the type of fire-safe landscape design, spacing, and plant sizes appropriate for sites at the edge of natural areas. The display demonstrates building construction features and the kind of landscaping that creates defensible space around the home. A series of educational labels on building construction, landscape design, plant selection and maintenance provide information to protect against the dangers of wildfires.

Defensible space is the area around a house or building where fuel is trimmed, reduced, or cleared to slow the spread of wildfires. Anything that can burn on your property is potential fuel for a wildfire. Fire safe landscapes have generally smaller, lower plants and more open spaces between plants. Defensible space also provides firefighters space to operate and do their job.

Among the best plants to use for fire safety are succulents because they store water in their leaves and stems. Their high water content makes these plants hard to burn. Common succulents include cacti, aloes, agaves, yuccas, jade plants, aeoniums, and ice plants. There are many species and varieties for landscapes that range from tree aloes to shrubs, perennials and groundcovers.

Groundcovers add color, beauty, and small size to fire-safe landscapes. Some good groundcover choices are creeping lantana, prostrate rosemary, gazania, bearberry cotoneaster, yarrow, dymondea, and dwarf coyote bush. Succulent groundcovers are especially good choices. In addition to some kinds of sedum and crassula, smaller types of ice plant are some of the best fire-safe groundcovers. Lawns are, in fact, considered a type of groundcover and are fire-resistant, but for water conservation choose types of grass that use relatively low water, like hybrid Bermuda and buffalo grass.

Although they sometimes get a bad name many native plants really have good fire resistance, especially if they are watered once or twice a month in summer and fall. Some good choices are lemonade berry, quail bush, laurel sumac, coyote brush, toyon, and low-growing perennials.

Some native plants are very flammable, however. Avoid chamise, also called greasewood. Buckwheat, sage, and California sagebrush dry out in late summer and fall and can burn easily. All of these should be trimmed back close to the ground in late summer to minimize the amount of flammable material.

Fire-safe landscapes should be watered monthly in summer and fall to reduce flammability and improve appearance. Maintenance is important—remove dead leaves, twigs, and branches and trim plants back to reduce their size.

Trees are one of the most important elements in fire-safe landscapes because trees provide a large amount of potential fuel for fires. It is wise to keep trees further away from homes. Remove any tree branches within ten feet of buildings. Thin out larger trees to reduce the amount of fuel. Help prevent ground fires from spreading up into trees by pruning the lower branches of trees and large shrubs. Remove dead branches. Trim overhanging branches above roads and driveways.

Using mulch in the landscape is a big asset in fire safety. Mulch reduces water loss so that plants are less flammable. In addition, mulch reduces weeds, temperature, erosion, and improves appearance. Inorganic mulch like gravel and decomposed granite is not flammable while organic mulch such as shredded and chipped wood is also useful.

As a part of this FEMA grant an informative fire safety brochure is available. In addition, a Firewise Plant Display Garden was installed at Sun Vista Park, in the Olivenhain area of Encinitas. For more information about fire safety, visit www.cityofencinitas.org/firewise.



Photos: Nick Ruddick and Diana Goforth

Aloe, Texas Ranger, Ice Plant • Sample Fire Safety Plants



Photos: Nick Ruddick and Diana Goforth



Agave, Mexican Bush Sage, Lemonade Berry • Sample Fire Safety Plants

Fall Classes

Bye Bye Grass!

Part I: Monday, October 5 • 5 – 7 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 the author of *California Gardener's Guide Volume II* and host of television's *A Growing Passion*.

Part II: Tuesday, October 6 • 5 – 7 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 offer creative ideas for beautiful, low-water plantings. Using San Diego Botanic Garden 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 per session: Members \$45, non-members \$50

Pre-registration required by October 1.

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

Build a Sustainable Grow Box Using Hydroponic Wick Method

Saturday, October 10 • 9 AM – 12 NOON

Learn the principles of applying hydroponics as a sustainable agriculture and landscape method, then set up your own grow box with fall veggies and herbs. Produced by Ag PALS.

Cost: Members \$70, non-members \$90

(includes all materials). Pre-registration required.

Free Composting Workshop

Saturday, October 24 • 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. Taught by Solana Center Master Composters. Meet at the Compost Demonstration Site by the Seeds of Wonder Children's Garden.

To register contact the Solana Center at 760/ 436-7986 or www.solanacenter.org.

Green Roofs and Urban Sustainability

Wednesday, November 4 • 6:30 – 8:30 PM

This class will provide a comprehensive introduction to green roofs and their role in sustainability. Topics will include historical use of green roofs, green roofs in different climates and cultures, a detailed look at the components and assembly of green roofs, benefits to the building owner and community, and a discussion of how green roofs contribute to living sustainably in urban settings. Taught by Rosalind Haselbeck, PhD of Building Green Futures, the company that created the green roofs in the new Hamilton Children's Garden.

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

Pre-registration required.

Orchids Are Easy

**Thursdays, November 5, 12, AND 19 • 7 – 9 PM
and Saturday, November 21**



Photo: Alex Nadzan

Learn how easy it is to grow orchids from experienced growers and members of the Palomar Orchid Society. On November 5, Dr. Gil Ho will give an overview of orchids and orchid basics. On November 12, Loren Batchman will discuss cymbidiums. Loren grows cymbidiums for people all over the world and locally. On November 19, Alex Nadzan will address cattleyas, and how they compare to other orchids in terms of care. On Saturday, November 24, students are invited to attend the Orchid Festival (see page 5).

Cost: Members \$80, non-members \$100. Includes free admission to the Garden (or guest pass if you are a member) to attend the Orchid Festival on Saturday.

Planning an Eco-Friendly Holiday

Saturday, November 7 • 9:30 AM – 12 NOON



This course will introduce you to the negative environmental impacts associated with traditional holiday celebrations. You will then learn how to reduce your impact in creative and meaningful ways. Taught by Sarah Rankin of UCSD who has a Master's in Environmental Sciences.

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

Pre-registration required.

Palm Springs-Style Gardening

Sunday, November 8 • 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 while reducing the use of that ever-scarce resource, water. (Re-scheduled from August 16.)

Cost: Free with admission or membership.



Photo: Bob Bretell

Flower Photography Artistic Effects

Saturday, November 14

8:30 AM – 2 PM

Taught by acclaimed nature photographer Bob Bretell, this class is designed for artists, garden lovers, and photographers who want to take photos of flowers while learning some exciting new digital artistic effects. Using Bob's seven-step approach to award-winning flower photography, students will learn how to use natural light to create beautiful flower images. Then, using Adobe Photoshop, Bob will demonstrate easy- to-learn techniques and creative ways of adding type to photos. Recommended for all levels of photographers with a basic understanding of computers.

Cost: Members \$85, non-members \$95.
Pre-registration required.

Totally Tablescapes...Martha!

Sunday, November 22 • 2 – 4 PM

Have you always yearned to have a holiday table setting that rivals Martha Stewart? At this hands-on workshop taught by floral designer extraordinaire David Root, you will create unique floral napkin rings, votive candle holders, and the crowning glory of your table—the floral centerpiece, all to take home. Bring your floral design tools: knife, clippers, scissors, wire cutters, and hot glue gun.

Cost: Members \$25, non-members \$30
(plus \$30 materials fee). Pre-registration required.

Holiday Wreath Making

Saturday, December 12 • 10 AM – 3 PM

Make your own evergreen wreath for the holidays with instructor Dianna Burke.

Cost: Members \$55, non-members \$65
(includes materials). Pre-registration required.

What's Cooking Cooking with the Opera Singing Chef

Onions and Ogres

Saturday, October 10 • 1:30 – 4 PM

Perfect for this time of year, Chef Elizabeth shares some of her favorite onion recipes: Onion Focaccia from scratch, Poppyseed-Onion Kugel with Spring-Onion Whipped Cream, and her very popular Caramelized Onion and Garlic Bisque with Warlock Toes Breadsticks.

Cooking with Mushrooms

Saturday, November 7 • 1:30 – 4 PM

Something different for Fall, Chef Elizabeth will teach how to make a Wild Mushroom Tart, Stuffed Mushrooms (perfect for entertaining), and Chicken Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms.

Kitchen Gifts

Saturday, December 5 • 1:30 – 4 PM

Share a truly meaningful gift with your friends, one made by your own hands. Chef Elizabeth will teach how to prepare Pumpkin-Seed Brittle; mix up your own Herbes de Provence, which will be used in Herb Bread with a Creamy Herbed Butter; and, finally, a little something sweet—Caramel-Chocolate Layered Fudge.

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 Visitor Center to learn about plants from around the world. On the last Saturday of the month, the tour focuses on WaterSmart plants.

Cost: Free with admission or membership



Photo: Raedeh Cobb

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 the fascinating birds and the unique art of bird watching at the San Diego Botanic Garden.



Orchid Fair (see page 4)

Orchid-related activities will be offered for children Saturday, October 3, 11 am – 2 pm. An orchid art class is offered on Sunday by registration. See Hamilton Children’s Garden activities below.



Halloween Party and Parade

Saturday, October 31
9:30 – 11 AM OR 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

Children ages 2 – 6 are invited to wear their favorite costume and join the parade around the Garden. Halloween crafts, plant potting, a trick-or-treat hunt, and a small snack will be offered in Seeds of Wonder.

Cost: Members \$12 per child, non-members \$17 per child. Regular admission fees apply to accompanying adult(s). Pre-registration required. Sign up for one time slot. Email SOW@SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x222.

Garden of Lights (see page 4)

During several evenings of Garden of lights (between December 10 – 17) there will be a Special Holiday Tales and Tunes for children ages two to six in the Ecke Building, from 6 – 6:30 pm and 6:30 – 7 pm.

Ongoing Programs in Seeds of Wonder



Free with admission or membership
(Not available on rainy days)

Occasionally a program may be cancelled without prior notice if a volunteer is not available. For more information email SOW@SDBGarden.org.

Toddler Tales and Tunes

2ND, 3RD, 4TH, AND 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 at 10 am.

Garden Arts and Crafts

Wednesday, 10 – 11:30 AM

Children ages 1 – 6 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, AND 3RD Thursday, 10 – 11 AM

Children ages 1–6 will discover plants and bugs that live in our arden. Pre-schoolers will participate in special garden-based activities.

Friday Fun

2ND Friday, 9 AM – 12 NOON

Children ages 1 – 6 may pot a plant and play in the garden.

Hamilton Happenings

Mondays and Thursdays • 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Explore the natural world in the Hamilton Children’s Garden. Sometimes science, sometimes art, sometimes stories, sometimes crafts. Requirement: bring an inquiring mind and your imagination. For more information email MRoper@SDBGarden.org

Cost: Free with admission or membership.

Orchids Are Easy

Sunday, October 4 • 2 – 4 PM

Orchids are easy to grow, easy to draw. After viewing the fabulous orchid plants on display at the Orchard Fair, we will make our own pictures of orchids in the style of Martin Johnson Heade. For ages 8 – 14.



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

Advanced Rock Painting

Sunday, November 8 • 2 – 4 PM

Science and Art come together when you learn about predator/prey relationships while painting mammals on rocks. Why are the eyes of deer and rabbits in a different place from those of coyotes? What about teeth—are people’s teeth like those of a deer or a wolf? We will learn a step-by-step way to paint mammals on rocks. For ages 8–14.

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

Scarecrows Overrun the HCG

Sunday, October 25, 1 – 4 pm

October is the time for scarecrows. Where will those ancient garden protectors show up next? October 25th in Hamilton Children’s Garden. Sit down on a bench and have a conversation with one scarecrow or help another to climb a tree. Great photo opportunity.

Cost: Free with admission or membership.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Seeds of Wonder (ages 1–6) and the Hamilton Children’s Garden (ages 6–12) are perfect environments for a nature-based garden party. For party details at Seeds of Wonder, email SOW@SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x222. For details at Hamilton Children’s Garden, email mroper@SDBGarden.org

Hamilton Children's Garden Donor Preview

June 11, 2009



Julian Duval and Frances Hamilton White



The Ribbon Cutting



Toni's Treehouse party time



Mary and Jeff Friestedt



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Let the party begin



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Hamilton Children's Garden Grand Opening

June 13, 2009



Children crawling in the Gnarly Stone Fireplace



A magnificent crowd



Exploring with all senses



Martin Espino entertaining in Garden Rhythms



Julian Duval Welcomes the Public



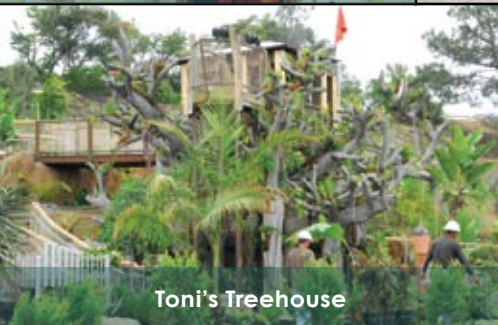
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In the January issue we honored the memory of an old friend of the Garden and *Arbor Vitae Guild* member, Edna F. Pulver, who passed away at age 97 last October. She was very supportive of the new Hamilton Children's Garden, making her first gift to the project in 2007. Edna also provided for the Garden in her estate plans. In June, we received her generous \$400,000 bequest, a gift which played a major role in the completion of the garden. We only wish that Edna could have experienced the joy it brings to children of all ages, but her name on the Arts Garden will keep her forever in our hearts and minds.

Undersea Succulent Garden's Newest Treasure



There is no chance that visitors will miss seeing the Undersea Succulent Garden by the Ecke Building, now greatly enhanced by the addition of four tile murals created and donated by artist Betsy Schulz. Depicting Hawaiian marine-life, the murals were originally commissioned by Java Kai in Del Mar. Upon the restaurant's unfortunate closing this year, they were returned to the artist. Our

docent Katie Pelisek, who works with Betsy, suggested that she donate them to the Gardens. "There could not be a better place," said Betsy. "The Undersea Succulent Garden is an amazing foreground for the murals. And so many more people will get to enjoy the art in this new setting." We extend our thanks and gratitude to Betsy for this marvelous donation and will treasure it for years to come. We appreciate Stanford Signs for donating the delivery and installation of the extremely heavy murals.



Top left, Artist Betsy Schulz beside one of her murals.

Left, Stanford Signs installing the murals.

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