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connect with plants and nature.*

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San Diego Botanic Garden Receives an Orchid

Julian Duval
President/CEO



So what's the big deal? The Garden routinely adds orchids to its collection. In fact, some orchids in Toni's Tree House in the Hamilton Children's Garden have already bloomed since being planted there only last May.

No, in this case the Orchid is an award. Annually, the San Diego Architectural Foundation confers awards known as "Orchids" and "Onions." Orchids are given to those projects deemed to be of highest quality and Onions to projects that, well let's say, missed the mark. We are extremely pleased to report that the Hamilton Children's Garden received an Orchid in the category of Landscape Design.

Donors, designers, contractors, SDBG staff, and volunteers have all played an essential role in making the Hamilton Children's Garden possible. However, our designers Jeri Deneen and Jon Powell of Deneen Powell Atelier and Bruce and Pamela Dugmore of Dugmore Designs Studio are most responsible for this award.

The Orchid award is not the only measure of success of the Hamilton Children's Garden. After only six months of operation, membership in the Garden has grown by over 40% with individual memberships surpassing a record 5,500. Overall attendance to the Garden is likewise in record numbers.

Clearly, the Hamilton Children's Garden is a huge success; and although membership and attendance are important economic indicators—the Garden depends largely on income from these sources for its care—I like to think of our real bottom line as to how well we perform the Garden's mission, *to inspire people of all ages to connect with plants and nature.*

Public use of the Garden is the primary means by which we can inspire people to connect with plants and nature. It is what the San Diego Botanic Garden is designed to do. Growing attendance and membership greatly enhances our ability to accomplish the mission.

We work very hard with our friends at Zenzi, our public relations firm, to maximize the exposure the Garden receives in the media. Our attendance would not be growing if we were not succeeding in this area; however, I am convinced the most important advertising we have is by "word of mouth." People enjoy their experience here, they tell their friends, who tell their friends, and so on.

The experience offered at SDBG is clearly something people feel they need. It is a quality of being human to seek out the beauty and solace we find in the natural world. Children are likely most in need of being connected to the rest of the living world and our record attendance and membership is strong evidence that parents feel a sense of urgency in providing this for their children.

There have been improvements throughout the Garden that have been part of why we are experiencing such phenomenal growth in attendance and memberships. However, opening the Seeds of Wonder Children's Garden six years ago and the Hamilton Children's Garden this past June must be the reason why so much of the growth is attributed to families with children.



The Hamilton Children's Garden represents the most significant addition to the Garden since it first opened in 1971. It provided the reason for adding an additional 4.5 acres of adjacent land to the Garden under long term lease from the city of Encinitas and also represents donor support of over 4 million dollars which has been invested in its first phase.

We have every reason to be proud of this accomplishment; yet, it is the response to the Hamilton Children's Garden which is the real measure of success. Moms and dads are letting us know their children need a place to discover they are not alone in the world and ultimately how we depend on the rest of the living world for our human existence. This certainly is the most important accolade to our success and even provides hope that we can become better stewards of our planet Earth.

Editor's Note: As we were going to press we learned that the Hamilton Children's Garden received an Honor Award from the San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.



Julian Duval accepting award with **Jeri Deneen**, **Bruce Dugmore**, and **Frances Hamilton White** on stage.

As many of you know, Quail Botanical Gardens became the San Diego Botanic Garden on September 12 at our Tenth Anniversary Gala in the Gardens. The name was changed to encourage visitor growth and ensure the Garden's future for years to come. We believe that having "San Diego" in the name makes it easier and more likely for first-time visitors to discover this 36-acre gem in North San Diego County. For more information about the name change visit our new website at www.SDBGarden.org (click on Information and then What's New). For questions and comments contact us at info@SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036.



SDBG Going Green

In our continuing effort to become "Green Business Certified," the San Diego Botanic Garden has acquired eight picnic tables for the Hamilton Children's Garden.

These tables are made of recycled plastic—each table is equal to 3700 milk jugs. The tables were purchased with support from the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation and the County of San Diego at the recommendation of Pam Slater-Price.



Succulent Container Gardens Celebration

Saturday, January 30 • 3:00 PM

Join us for the not-to-be-missed debut of Debra Lee Baldwin's latest book, *Succulent Container Gardens*, the sequel to her bestseller, *Designing with Succulents*. In a presentation that honors the designers whose work is shown in the book's 300+ photos, you'll discover how these experts—with an emphasis on those who are local—create easy-care container gardens. Designs range from eye-catching plant-and-pot combos to intriguing miniature landscapes. Debra will sign books before and after her 45-minute presentation. Celebratory refreshments will be served.

Cost: Members \$12, non-members \$15

Pre-registration required.

Visit www.SDBGarden.org or call

760/ 436-3036 x206



Photo: Debra Lee Baldwin

Asian Arts in the Garden

February 27 • 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

February 28 • 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

San Diego Botanic Garden will be celebrating the art of Asian horticulture with outstanding displays, lectures, and demonstrations.

The La Jolla Chapter of the Ohara School of Ikebana will have floral arrangements created by members of this school, led by Sensi Yaeko Ohta who has been the backbone of this organization for 30 years. The Ikebana art form can be traced back to the mid-sixth century when Buddhism was introduced to Japan. Monks would create arrangements to be placed in temples. The Ohara School was one of the earliest of the 60+ schools of Ikebana, now spread throughout the world.

Complimenting this display will be a Bonsai Show in the Walled Garden featuring styles of bonsai from Japan, China, Vietnam, and the West. There will be displays of Tray Landscape, Saikei, Kusamono, Penjing, Hon Non Bo, Suiseki, and Scholar Rocks. The organization supporting the display is Bonsai and Beyond, whose members study all the above art forms.

On Saturday, Soryo Ayako Stott will perform a tea ceremony at 11:30 am, and on Sunday, The Shokenji Taiko, a Japanese style drumming group from the Vista Buddhist Temple, will perform at 2 pm. For details of lectures and demonstrations please check the website at www.SDBGarden.org.

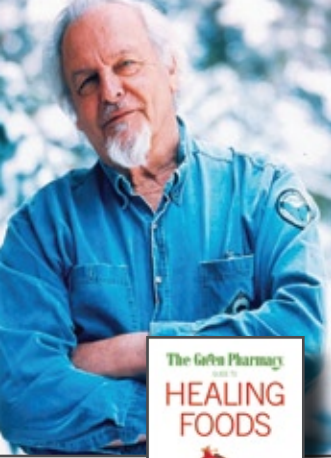
Cost: Free with admission or membership



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Photo: Karen Morikawa



Herb Festival, Spring Plant Sale, and Tomatomania®

March 20 and 21 • 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

We are happy to announce that Dr. James Duke will be our honored guest at this year's Herb Festival. He is the author of *The Green Pharmacy® Guide to Healing Foods: Proven Natural Remedies to Treat and Prevent More than 80 Common Health Concerns*, which was published in 2009. He will give a presentation each day on foods as medicines, featuring spices especially, and will sign copies of his book.

Additionally, there will be guided tours of the herb garden, on-going speakers on garden and herb-related topics, Herb Festival Market-place, the A-Z of Herbs information booths, and the SDBG Spring Plant Sale. Back by popular demand is Tomatomania® with lectures and plenty of hybrid tomato seedlings.

Children's activities will focus on dill, the Herb of the Year (see page 12).

Cost: Free with admission or membership

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 over 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. See page 12 for a special activity for children incorporating several of the sculptures.



Wine Barrel Chairs

Next time you are in the Garden check out the wine barrel chairs in the Walled Garden. They are 99% recycled, created by barrellymadeit.com. The chairs are for sale and a portion of the proceeds goes to the San Diego Botanic Garden.



Koi Pond by Mike Tauber is part of Sculpture in the Garden. You can see it by the Gift Shop.

Photo: Rachel Cobb

Volunteer and Docent News

October Volunteer of the Month: HEIDRUN MEADOR

Heidrun was born in Southern Germany and spent her childhood in the country. She remembers going on walks with her mother who knew all the flowers, weeds, and trees. She also recalls her grandmother's garden and helping with harvesting potatoes, picking, eating, and canning berries and vegetables. She moved to Berlin, studied psychology and worked at a child guidance clinic with children as a play-therapist. While she was doing her post-graduate work in this field she met her husband-to-be, a Texan and psychologist in Berlin. Heidrun and her husband came to California in 1984. They raised their son in the countryside of Ramona. Heidrun also taught German at a private school. When attending a summer concert with Peter Sprague at the Garden in 2004, she saw a sign, "Become a Docent at QBG." And she did, in December! The Native Plants/Native People section and the Herb Garden are her favorite areas in the Garden. She has helped at most of the events, doing crafts with children, working at admissions, in the Gift Shop, and at the membership table. She says, "I'm deeply attached to the Garden. Whenever I am there, *carpe diem* seems to fill my heart. I like to work with children as a tour guide and help continue the dream of the Larabees."



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

November Volunteer of the Month: JUNE ANDERSEN

June hails from Alberta, Canada. She came to the US with friends and ultimately became a US citizen. June is a registered nurse. She has three grown children (two are serious gardeners) and five grandchildren. Growing up, she remembers there were always gardens—from her grandmother's huge garden complete with a rose-lined driveway and vegetables, to those of her aunts, uncles, and immediate family. She can't remember a time when she was not involved with the San Diego Botanic Garden—going all the way back to the 80s. June, who is active in the San Diego Rare Fruit Growers and all of the San Diego orchid societies, works mostly in our subtropical fruit garden, at the orchid fair, and the plant sales. She enjoys the people who work so diligently and exchanging information with visitors who come to the Garden. She feels it is therapeutic to work with plants.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

December Volunteers of the Month: JACK AND DOTTIE SCHLANGER

Jack, who hails from Omaha Nebraska, met his wife, Dottie, from Louisville, Kentucky, in Germany 55 years ago. He was in the United States Air Force and she was a civilian employee. They have two children, a son and a daughter, and one granddaughter. Both of the children are gardeners. In 1990, Jack retired from medical laboratory work and Dottie from her position as assistant to a mental health hospital administrator. In 1994, after the second big earthquake in the Los Angeles area, they decided to move to Shadowridge in Vista. They have always liked the outdoors and have been gardening for over 50 years. So when a neighbor—a docent at the San Diego Botanic Garden—told them of the volunteer opportunities here, they both joined and became docents in '95 and '97 respectively. They have spent many a night helping at Garden of Lights with the children's crafts, as well as at the Plant Sale and being tour guides. Dottie worked 10 years in the Gift Shop. These days, we can find Jack working in his favorite part of the Garden, propagation, and tending to the orchids.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

Garden Beautification Attracts Boy Scouts

Members of Boy Scout Troop 776 in North County were a huge help in the Bamboo Garden in October. Along with Docent-in-Training Jean Jung and her daughter, these scouts lent a hand in the Saturday morning garden beautification efforts attended by numerous other volunteers and coordinated by Peter Jones. Garden beautification is growing at SDBG! You, too, can dig in and make a visible difference by coming any Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday morning, between 9 – 11 am, when most of the teams meet. For information, call one of the coordinators at 858/ 481-3442 or 760/ 738-8780.

Volunteer Orientation

Friday, February 5, 9:30 AM – 12:00 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 for the Volunteer Orientation. 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 11:00 AM for the program

January: Fungi in Your Garden: Friend, Foe or Food. Paul Maschka, passionate environmentalist and horticulture consultant, will speak about the role of mushrooms in the garden and our environment.

February: Mo Price became interested in Australian plants shortly after becoming a Docent at San Diego Botanic Garden in 2001. She was awestruck by some of the beautiful and unusual plants from Australia and soon discovered that most Australian plants are evergreen, looking nice year-round, even when they are not blooming. She started visiting local nurseries on a weekly basis, hoping a new species would be waiting for her when she arrived. She currently has over 100 Australian Natives in her garden. In May 2009, she spent a week with Jo O'Connell, the foremost expert in Australian natives, at Jo's nursery in Ventura County. This was a fantastic learning experience which dramatically enhanced Mo's knowledge of Australian plants. Mo will talk about growing requirements and show slides of some beautiful Australian plants that would be a welcome addition to your garden.

March: Bette Childs and Joan Espy of the Flower Girls will show how to create containers with drought tolerant plants.



Photo: Margaret Matlack Jones

Library Book sale and New books

Once again the library staged a book sale during the Garden's Annual Fall Plant Sale. Ten volunteers made light work of the event and we made about \$775. San Diego's BookMan sent us 40 boxes of books and Garden supporters provided an additional 30. We had 24 shelf feet of cookbooks, 12 feet of horticultural books, 24 feet of fiction, and 12 feet on other subjects. Helpers included June Andersen, Deb Batey, Ruth Eustance, Jan Haring, Nell McChesney, Elf Mitton, Bonnie Monfort, Niel Pependiek, Pat Amador, and Tom Soher. Many thanks to the donors and helpers.



Photo: Kenneth Hayward

TENTH ANNIVERSARY



Gala in the Gardens

Our Tenth Anniversary Gala in the Gardens on Saturday, September 12, 2009, was a beautiful evening and a wonderful success. Over \$160,000 was raised to benefit San Diego Botanic Garden's exhibits and programs.

Jim Ruecker, Gala Chairperson and Garden Trustee, welcomed over 530 guests to the celebration. Gourmet food, fantastic floral displays, auction items, lights, and music adorned an already beautiful setting. This year many of the 34 cuisine stations featured attending chefs offering demonstrations and culinary advice. From Jamaican cocktail patties and plantains in the Herb Garden, to oysters in the Canary Island Garden, to a scrumptious display of desserts later in the evening, the party's savory fare was deliciously abundant. Add seven musical groups and over a dozen professional florists showcasing their individual talents at each food station, and it's no wonder the Gala gets top honors for its unique beauty and flair.

The evening's program showcased two very important presentations. The celebration of our name change from Quail Botanical Gardens to San Diego Botanic Garden created a perfect opportunity to pause and toast past accomplishments and future successes. The second important presentation was the Paul Ecke Junior Award of Excellence to PBS television personality Huell Howser. Paul Ecke III reflected on Huell Howser's past visits to the area and thanked him for his passion in promoting awareness of nature throughout the Golden State.



An earth-friendly party theme was incorporated in many ways, including eco-friendly party ware, refuse collection and separation on-site for ease in composting, and donations of left-over gourmet food to the Community Resource Center. Additionally, the talented décor team was able to use the excess cut floral donations to prepare

and deliver arrangements to the San Diego VA Hospital and the Navy Hospital. Also successful during the evening was a silent auction with over 100 items, including many unique and natural art pieces. The Gala enabled the Garden to fund-raise and friend-raise in a spectacular setting with a positive impact on our community and environment.

We would especially like to thank Olive Hill Greenhouses for their support as a Gala sponsor at the Conservatory Champion level. All sponsors, cuisine and floral participants, and in-kind donors are listed here as well as on our website. We encourage you to patronize their businesses.

Very importantly, we would like to thank our volunteers. This event would not be a success without their help before, during, and after the Gala!

Be sure to mark your calendars to join us at our 2010 Gala in the Garden on Saturday, September 11. For additional Gala information, please call 760/ 436-3036 x218.

Event photography by Eric Hockersmith and Herb Knufken.



A Beautiful Evening



kc tandoor's Chef Kamlesh Israni



Huell Howser and the Raggle Taggle Pirates

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Winter Classes

Watercolor Workshop with Helen Shafer Garcia



Sunday, January 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 Garden. A materials list will be supplied upon registration.

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

Intelligent Use of Water Seminar

Thursday, January 19, 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
with lunch provided after

Learn how to water efficiently while maintaining healthy landscapes at the water conservation seminar hosted by Rain Bird Corporation at the San Diego Botanic Garden.

Cost: FREE
Pre-registration required.
Call Megan Ely at 858/ 776-0427 or
email mely@rainbird.com by January 15.

Free Composting Workshop

Saturday, January 23 • 10:00 AM – 12:00 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.

Better Soil, Better Veggies

Saturday, January 30 • 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Tastier, healthier, more nutritious vegetables come from rich, deep soil that is teeming with life. Learn how to improve your vegetable garden organically to get it ready for spring planting and learn year round soil care. Taught by Diane Hollister, Master Gardener with a certificate in Ecological Horticulture from UC Santa Cruz.

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

Focus on Orchids Photo Workshop

Saturday, February 6 • 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Orchids are among nature's loveliest creations but are often very challenging to photograph. Bob Bretell has been shooting orchids for 20 years and will demystify the frustrations many camera enthusiasts have capturing these exotic flowers on digital. During this four-hour workshop, you will learn how to look for and create the "sweet light" that will make your photos jump off the page. The class will consist of demonstrations using natural garden vignettes as well as some of Bob's favorite painted canvas and handmade paper backgrounds. There will be lots of outdoor shooting in the Garden followed by a critique and discussion. All levels are welcome.

Cost: Members \$69, non-members \$79
Pre-registration required.
Materials list supplied upon registration.



Introduction to Permaculture

Thursday, February 11, 18, and 25 • 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Saturday, February 20 • 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Permaculture is a sustainable design system based on ecological principles and promotes mutually beneficial relationships. In this four-day course, you will learn about home-scale permaculture gardening, attracting beneficial insects, water catchment systems, polycultures, planting guilds, food forests, and more. Julia Dashe is the Farm Manager and Educator at San Diego City College's Seeds at City Urban Farm. She has a certificate in Ecological Horticulture from the Center of Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems at UC Santa Cruz and a certificate in permaculture design from Occidental Arts and Ecology Center.

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



Build a Sustainable Kitchen Garden Using Hydroponic Wick Method

Saturday, February 13 • 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

Cost: Members \$70, non-members \$90
(includes all materials)
Pre-registration required.

Gift Shop Open 10:00 AM – 4:00 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. If interested, please call Joyce Sapp at 760/ 672-9856 (cell) or 760/ 944-4413 (home).

Garden-Worthy Natives

Thursdays, March 4, 11, and 18 • 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Saturday, March 13 • 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Having native plants in your landscape is a smart way to garden. With the scarcity of water increasing every year we need to find a way to create beautiful gardens that are sustainable. Nathan Smith, landscape designer, horticulturist, and former curator of the California native plant area at the UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley, will teach you which natives do well in a garden setting and how to best care for them. He will also show you native plants in their natural habitat so you can better understand their requirements.

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

Pre-registration required.



Bye Bye Grass!

Part I: Monday, March 8

7:00 – 9:00 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: Saturday, March 13 • 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Your lawn is gone. What do you do next? Nan will talk about California's special gardening climate, present examples of beautiful grassless gardens, and discuss the how-to behind these kinds of gardens including soil preparation, updating irrigation systems, and long term garden care. She will also 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 waterwise landscapes, show you interesting drought-tolerant ground covers, and introduce you to a variety of hardscape options. Nan is a garden coach and garden designer.

Cost per session: Members \$45, non-members \$50

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

California-Friendly Gardening Workshop

Saturday, March 13 • 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

In a cooperative effort with the Santa Fe Irrigation District and the San Dieguito Water District, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District will hold an informative workshop to assist customers in their landscape irrigation management. The workshop will be taught by an experienced instructor with a degree in horticulture and a background in water conservation. Topics include landscape design, WaterSmart plants, watering, irrigation systems.

Cost: FREE

To register call 760/ 632-4236.

Contemporary Floral Design

Sunday, March 14 • 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Celebrate Spring by creating your own contemporary floral design at this hands-on workshop taught by floral designer extraordinaire David Root.

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

(plus \$30 materials fee)

Pre-registration required by March 10.

Bring floral knife, clippers, wire cutters, and scissors.

What's Cooking Cooking with the Opera Singing Chef

A Taste of French Cuisine

Saturday, February 6 • 1:30 – 4:00 PM

French is the language of love. On this Saturday close to Valentine's Day, Chef Elizabeth will show you how to make Blue Cheese Gougeres, Easy Vichyssoise, Coq au Vin, and a Pissaladiere (onion tart). Be sure to wear your pearls; we wouldn't want to disappoint Julia.

Slow Foods: For Every Meal There Is a Season

Saturday, March 13 • 1:30 – 4:00 PM

Eating local fruits and vegetables in season gives you the optimum phytochemical or phytonutrient that fruit or vegetable can give. Why? Because it did not get picked before it was ripe and sit in a crate for several days. The fresher the produce, the more nutrition, health, and flavor. Chef Elizabeth will share her knowledge of seasonal produce and offer three delicious recipes for you to prepare during the colder months: Colcannon (winter vegetable casserole), Potato Soup with Sausage and Kale, and Easy Apple Tarts using apples from a Julian orchard.

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 • 10:00 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

Botanical Originals

1st Sunday of each month • 9:30 AM

Gift card-making with natural elements.

Cost: \$20 initial fee

Bird Watching

1st Monday of each month • 8:00 AM

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



Special Events

For Children



Amazing Art Day in the Garden

Saturday, January 30 • 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

(Rain date: February 13)

Thanks to the collaboration between the San Diego Fine Art Society and San Diego Botanic Garden you can now see some amazing sculptures in the Garden. Children ages 6 to 12 will go on a sculpture hunt and engage in art activities related to selected sculptures. Individual take-home projects will include Native American sand painting, Chinese brush painting, mosaic making, and an undersea ornament. All participants will help create a monumental “dream sculpture” to be temporarily displayed in the Garden.

Cost: Members \$20 per child, non-members \$25 per child. Pre-registration required. Regular admission fees apply to accompanying adult(s) payable upon arrival. Free for adult members. E-mail SOW@SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x222.

Hearts, Flowers, and Bugs: A Family Valentine Party



Friday, February 12 • 10:30 AM – 12 NOON

Children ages 2 to 6 will make red, white, and pink crafts, decorate heart-shaped cookies, pot a flowering plant, and exchange valentines.

Cost: Members \$12 per child, non-members \$17 per child. Pre-registration required. Regular admission fees apply to accompanying adult(s) payable upon arrival. Free for adult members. E-mail SOW@SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x222.

Herb Festival (see page 4)

March 20 and 21 • 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Have a dilly of a day at the Herb Festival—from dill pickles to love potions, explore the Herb of the Year, Dill. Children’s activities will be offered.

Lunch with Bunny

Thursday, April 1 • 9:30 – 11:00 AM

Children ages 2 to 6 are invited to visit our gentle bunny and make some spring crafts. Children will also parade through the garden, go on a bunny hunt, and enjoy a rabbit snack.

Cost: Members \$12 per child, non-members \$17 per child. Pre-registration required. Regular admission fees apply to accompanying adult(s) payable upon arrival. Free for adult members. E-mail SOW@SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x222.



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.

Ongoing Programs in Seeds of Wonder For Young Children

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, 10:00 – 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

Thursday, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Children ages 1 – 6 will discover plants and bugs that live in our garden.

Friday Fun

2ND Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

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

Ongoing Programs in Hamilton Children’s Garden Hamilton Happenings

Stop by on Monday and Thursday afternoons at 3:30 pm to 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.

Cost: Free with admission or membership. No registration required.

Find Leonard

Lucille the lizard is looking for her best friend Leonard. Come to the Hamilton Children’s Garden, follow the trail, and see if you can help find him.

Artist of the Season

Water Planet Class

Sunday, February 7 • 2:00 – 4:00 PM

What does it mean to live on the water planet, the “Big Blue Marble” earth? We will explore the precious resource of water and learn to paint that clear liquid. Studying the paintings of Rodolfo Jimenez and using the San Diego Botanic Garden as inspiration, we will paint a waterfall with acrylic paint on canvas.

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

Touching lives, making an impression

Please consider making a gift to our annual fund

Every day, San Diego Botanic Garden is touching lives and making an impression on people of all ages who visit and participate in our many educational programs, discover smart and attractive landscaping ideas, or simply seek respite from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

We're making impressions by connecting children with nature through Seeds of Wonder and our new Hamilton Children's Garden, promoting water conservation, teaching the role plants play in our daily lives, and sharing the sheer beauty of the Garden and the natural world around us.

Now you can make an impression, too. Please consider making a gift to the Garden's annual fund. Your donation will help the Garden do what it does best—welcome visitors, make lasting impressions through engaging programs and classes, and give everyone a greater appreciation for plants and our natural environment.

Please visit our web site to give online at www.SDBGarden.org/touchinglives.htm, or call Tracie Barham at 760/ 436-3036 x216 to learn more about how your contribution will help.

Meet Our Newest Trustees



Carol Dickinson

Carol Dickinson joined the Board in May 2009, and is currently serving on the Development Committee. Carol's first encounter with gardening was her parents' "Victory Garden." She now enjoys gardening with her own grandchildren, and has received honors for her English garden design, which has been seen twice in *San Diego Home & Garden* as well as features in other national publications.

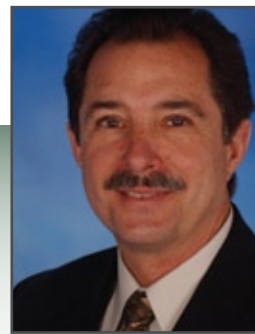
When she's not spending time with her husband, Martin, and their nine grandchildren, Carol has served on the Board of Directors for the Scripps Center for Integrated Medicine and the Scripps Clinic, the Green Hospital Advisory Board of Directors, and has chaired events for ARCs Foundation, Bishops School, Helen Woodward Animal Center, La Jolla Village Garden Club, Rancho Santa Fe Women's Foundation, Thursday Club, The Gold Diggers, and the Rancho Santa Fe Art Guild.



Sharon May

Sharon May joined the Board in June of 2009 and is currently serving on the Development Committee. Sharon has maintained a passion for growing since childhood and thrives while helping others find success with plants and landscapes. As Director of Marketing and Sales at Agri Service, Inc., a local greenwaste recycling company, she has the opportunity to do just that with products from El Corazon Compost Facility in Oceanside. As a landscape designer, her work has appeared in *Sunset Magazine*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, and local publications. After completing her MBA at the UCLA Andersen School of Management, Sharon worked in high tech in the LA area.

She also serves on the Board of the California Landscape Contractors Association, San Diego Chapter. She has served previously on the Boards of the National Charity League, Inc., LEAD, San Diego, Inc., and the Junior League of San Diego.



Tom Applegate

Tom Applegate joined the Board in July 2009, and is currently serving on the Finance Committee. Tom is a partner with the public accounting firm of CEA, LLP. A native San Diegan, and an honors graduate of San Diego State University, Tom has served on the faculty at Palomar College and National University.

Tom and his wife reside in La Costa with two dogs, five turtles, and a couple of hens. He is active in the Carlsbad Community Foundation, Carlsbad Rotary, Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, California Society of CPAs, American Institute of CPAs, and North County Estate Planning Council.

Save-the-Date

Please plan to join us for the Annual Meeting of the San Diego Botanic Garden membership on Saturday, January 9th at 10:00 a.m. All current members will receive their invitations in December.

Happy New Year!

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

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Fall Plant Sale

When the going (or the economy) gets tough, the tough get going . . . and so it was with the 27th Annual Fall Plant Sale. We expected our sales to be significantly down this year but our loyal donors, volunteers and plant enthusiasts came through and the event raised more than \$52,000 that will go to support the Garden's maintenance and educational programs. Judging by the nonstop smiles all around, it was clear that this event was more than just a monetary boost to the Garden. We wish to recognize the generosity of the growers and nurseries who support this effort each year with their donation of plants. We also extend thanks to all the individuals who donated books, baked goods, jams and jellies, gently used garden items, services, and raffle items. We applaud the efforts of more than 100 volunteers who made this event a success, including their fearless co-chairs Liz Woodward and Stacy Gaudet. Lastly, we wish to thank our members who turn out each year to support the Fall Plant Sale. Mark your calendars for October 16 and 17 in 2010. It just keeps getting better!

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