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

## Upcoming Events

### Orchid Fair October 1- 3



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### Fall Plant Sale October 16 and 17



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### Garden of Lights

December 9 – 23 and 26 – 30



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# A Very Happy One Year Birthday for the Hamilton Children's Garden

Julian Duval  
President/CEO



It is just over a year since we opened the Hamilton Children's Garden (HCG) and our hopes for its success have been greatly exceeded. The growth in attendance and, in particular, membership has increased significantly. Since opening the HCG last June, our membership is up over 55% to 6,000 households.

If you are reading this you are most likely a member and I thank you for your support, which is so important in caring for the Garden. The HCG is the single greatest addition to the Garden in its history. It is also a major increase in what we need to care for, so your support through membership comes at a particularly important time.

Many of you joined because of the HCG, purchasing a family membership so the children could enjoy repeat visits, which makes membership a great value. The increase in revenue from memberships, admissions, and other programs makes up the majority of our annual operating budget; but the real bottom line is the number of people we serve in pursuit of our mission—to *inspire people of all ages to connect with plants and nature*. Happily, that number has increased.

Another accolade which speaks to the success of the HCG came recently from visitors who participated in a post-conference tour to San Diego Botanic Garden from the American Horticultural Society's National Children and Youth Garden Symposium that was hosted by the Huntington Botanical Garden. These people, our peers, operate a children's garden or are educators who work with them so we were particularly interested on what they had to say. Their comments were off the chart to the superlative. They had recently visited several children's gardens in the Los Angeles area and uniformly thought ours was the best.

There are other advantages that came along with developing the HCG. The location provides some of the best soil in the entire Garden for growing plants. After spending millennia in the water shed adjacent to Cottonwood Creek these soils developed into a sandy loam. Also, the climate is somewhat warmer in the summer when many of our plants need additional heat for growth. The combination of soil and climate has provided conditions that allowed for some of the more rare plants in the Garden's collection to be finally planted out. It also provided a preferred location for the rare Boojums from the Baja peninsula that we received on a breeding loan from the San Diego Safari Park. As a result, the HCG has some of the greatest plant diversity in the Garden.

I enjoy greeting visitors when I am out on the grounds. Since opening our two children's gardens, many of the people I encounter are with young children. Even first-time visitors, after a quick look at our visitor map, make a beeline for Seeds of Wonder and the HCG.



# BEFORE

However, when I meet first-time visitors who are not accompanied by children, I still recommend they take the walk to the HCG as I know adults find it very interesting for its beauty and diversity of plant material. You do not need to be a kid to enjoy the HCG.

Repeat visitors to the HCG, whether adult or child, will often remark as to how well the plants have grown in just over a year. Needless to say, our horticultural staff is very pleased as it serves as testament to their ability and that of our volunteers.

One area where plant growth has been particularly phenomenal is on the very popular tree house named for Toni Leichtag. When we decided to build a tree house but did not have a tree in which to place it, we were faced with a challenge. Since we could not grow a tree fast enough, the main structure had to be built. We knew that in the hands of the appropriate talent a very realistic artificial tree was possible; but we also had a concept for how to make the artificial come alive. Early in the planning stages our intent was to use plants that grow epiphytically (grow on trees) in nature like ferns, philodendrons, bromeliads, orchids to grow on our built tree.

But to really make the trunks and limbs of our artificial tree come alive we used hundreds of rooted cuttings of a fig tree native to Africa that grows banyan-style (vertically *and* horizontally) producing multiple trunks over time. This growth style would work well for a tree house, giving it support in many areas.

We did not know of anyone who had done something like this before, at least not to the extent we were doing it and depending on

it to work. Well, the plants love growing on Toni's Tree House and it is comforting to know that the risk we took paid off. An investment in time, it is a gift to future generations since it will take years for the roots of the many *Ficus* cuttings, which have joined where they cross, to reach the ground. But one day, our artificial banyan fig will turn into one huge living tree with all its associated epiphytes.

All this success is clearly a tribute to the talent of the many people who designed, built, and managed the project and also now care for it. It is also a tribute to the confidence the many donors had in our ability to make something even better than what was expected, to become the Hamilton Children's Garden.

The sum total of all this success is much more than things working out well and plants loving to grow there. Its purpose, from the beginning, is based on the belief that children absolutely need contact with the living world. It is what provides them context for their own existence and the basis to become good stewards of our planet home, a very challenging role they will inherit as adults. But this garden is not just for children. For those of us who are adults, it serves as a reminder of things we can and must do as current stewards of our planet home. It also gives us hope for the future when we see how children, in this day of so many seductive electronic devices, still find exploring a living and real environment the best show in town.

Below left: Arts Garden and Giant Chairs  
Below right: Incredible Edibles



# AFTER



## Gift Shop Sale October 1 - 20

October is a great time to start your holiday shopping. From October 1 – 20, the Gift Shop and Nursery will offer all plants and gifts at a 20% discount (cannot be combined with other discounts or coupons). The Gift Shop, which is staffed by volunteers, is open 10 am – 4 pm daily. Your purchases help support the Garden.



Photo: Becky Reeb



## Sculpture in the Garden

Now – April 2011

For the third consecutive year, San Diego Botanic Garden is presenting “Sculpture in the Garden.” The unique exhibition showcases sculptures of 16 talented artists set against the beautiful backdrop of dragon trees, fruit gardens, bamboo groves and throughout the Garden’s lush and natural 37-acre setting. This year’s curator, Naomi Nussbaum Art & Design, has orchestrated an eclectic exhibition ranging from functional “garden” artwork to large abstract works with an emphasis on diversity of media and scale. Take a self-guided tour with the Garden’s dedicated Sculpture Map. For artists participating visit [www.sdbgarden.org/sculpture.htm](http://www.sdbgarden.org/sculpture.htm).

Some of the artists have pieces for sale in the Gift Shop.

## Orchid Fair

October 1, 1 – 5 PM

October 2, 9 AM – 5 PM

October 3, 9 AM – 4 PM

San Diego Botanic Garden will again be hosting and sponsoring the splendidly colorful San Diego International Orchid Fair. Countless 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.

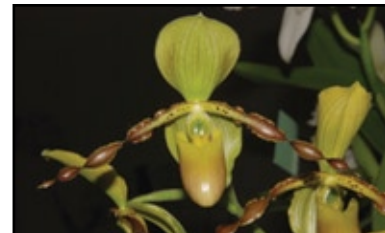


Photo: Loren Bachman

The show is an official American Orchid Society (AOS) judging event and there will be ribbon judging as well. To register your plants for judging bring them in on Thursday, September 30, 2 – 7 pm and Friday October 1, 7 – 9 am. Someone will be available to help you classify your plants. Please make sure they are pest-free, flowers are staked, and plants are clean.

For a coupon and more information on vendors, judging, etc. visit our website at [www.SDBGarden.org/orchid.htm](http://www.SDBGarden.org/orchid.htm).

**Cost: Free with admission or membership**

## 28th Annual Fall Plant Sale

October 16 and 17, 11 AM – 4 PM

**Larabee and Benefactor Society Members Only Pre-Sale: October 16, Early Access at 8:00 am.** Members at basic levels may renew early and upgrade to the \$125 Steward level to enjoy access to the best selection. To renew by phone call 760/ 436-3036 x217.

**Members Only Pre-Sale: October 16, 9 – 11 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](mailto:sfmermaid@cox.net), or Liz Woodward at 760/ 942-4462 or [liz@woodwardweb.net](mailto:liz@woodwardweb.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.

Photo: Rachel Cobb

- Let your surplus books rejoin the world's circulation. We sell all kinds of pre-owned books (fiction and non-fiction, hard cover, soft cover, pocket, and audio), magazines, cassettes, CDs, VHS movies, and DVDs. Bring your donations to the Ecker Building during regular business hours (9 am – 5 pm, Monday through Friday) and we will put them in the sale. Please do not bring encyclopedias or *Reader's Digest* condensed books as they do not sell.

All supporters who contribute a minimum of \$200 in cash, plant material valued at \$200, or help at least 15 hours with the set-up will be invited to attend a special VIP Pre-Sale/ Wine and Cheese Reception, followed by an exciting live auction that features unusual collector plants.

Thank you for your support.

## Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale

October 23, 9 AM – 5 PM and October 24, 10 AM – 4 PM

The Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society will be having a plant show and sale at the San Diego Botanic Garden. Vendors of plants and pottery will be selling on both days. On Saturday, from 12 noon – 3 pm, the public can follow along as judges comment on entries and make their selections. Winners will be available for viewing both days. There will be a Silent Auction for “Cactus Farm,” a painting by Irina Gronborg.

**Cost: Free with admission or membership**

## Garden of Lights

December 9 – 23 and 26 – 30, 5 – 9 PM

After the sun goes down, the Garden is transformed into a dazzling winter wonderland with over 100,000 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 \$6. Non-members: adults \$12; seniors, active military, and students \$8. Children ages 3 - 12, \$4. There will be additional fees for some activities.**

## Gala in the Garden

Our Quail Tracks print deadline was prior to our Gala in the Garden fundraising event on September 11, 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.

## Party Venues Available for the Holidays

Multitudes of poinsettias festively transform the Walled Garden into the “Poinsettia Garden” for the month of December, creating the perfect venue for your daytime holiday party or wedding.

The Larabee House is decorated and available for evening rental in December. After a private dinner or cocktail party inside, enjoy the entertainment and beautifully lit Garden of Lights.

A festive, heated party tent with clear side walls is available on the nights of December 3, 4, and 5. Set in the middle of the Gazebo Lawn and beautifully lit in celebration of Garden of Lights, the tent can accommodate 150 guests.

**For more information please call Carla Henry at 760/ 436-3036 x205.**

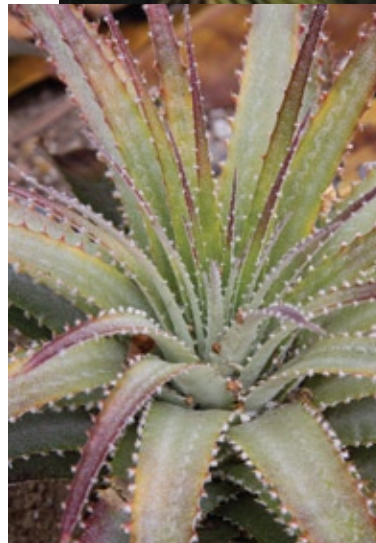


Photo: Herb Knufken

Photos: Rachael Cobb

Wondering what to give the person who has everything? You can now buy passes at a discount, 12 passes for the price of 10 (\$120 for 12 passes).

Come by the Administrative Offices or call 760/ 436-3036 x206.

# Volunteer and Docent News

## August Volunteer of the Month: MEI-MEI LAI

As a child in her parents' garden, Mei-Mei remembers following her mother around with a bucket of water for the flowers while her father, a doctor, spent the weekends pulling weeds. She finished medical school in Taiwan and then continued her educational residency, internship, and work experience in Albany, NY; New York City; and Washington DC. Originally Mei-Mei's family moved to Southern California for health reasons and the weather. 1989 marked the first time they visited "Quail Botanical Gardens" which was then county operated. When Mei-Mei retired in 1996, again they visited the Garden only this time she talked with a volunteer and ultimately signed up for the Spring '97 Docent Class. For the first three years Mei-Mei worked in propagation every Monday—it was fun. She then started working in the Gift Shop where she met more people. She still returns to the nursery to propagate from her extensive *epiphyllum* and *epidendrum* collections. Some of those plants are maturing right now and soon will be for sale in the Gift Shop. Occasionally Mei-Mei helps out with Development events, such as the last two Spring Receptions, and on the Saturday Garden Beautification teams. There was one Saturday when the team was working in the Bamboo Garden; Mei-Mei brought a delicious buffet of bamboo foods from soup to salad to dessert to share with others so they could get a real taste of bamboo. She is also on a topiary team. What does she like about San Diego Botanic Garden? Mei-Mei loves the flowers and plants, meeting friends who share the same interests, and the opportunity to volunteer—it makes her happy.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

## September Volunteer of the Month: CHING TI

Ching came to the United States 35 years ago for her internship and residency. Living in the area since 1982, she started her own practice when her children went off to college. For several years, Ching wanted a way to give back to the community. She thought the name "Quail Gardens" was romantic and exciting. Interestingly, Ching is not a gardener, but decided to volunteer here while still working full-time. She works one Saturday a month with the Herb Garden beautification team. She is considering taking classes and doing more here. Ching feels that volunteering does take time but is very rewarding—you do get more out of it than you put into it. What Ching likes about San Diego Botanic Garden is working with a great group of friendly people and the Garden is fabulous. She enjoys the company and finds it very rewarding.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

## Garden Beautification

Volunteer teams can be found in most areas of the Garden every Wednesday (morning and afternoon) and Saturday (mornings from 9 to 11 or 12). No prior experience is necessary to share the fun, reap the rewards, and make a difference you can see. Complete a volunteer application in the Administration Offices then join us on either of those days. Please inquire at the Admissions Booth to determine the exact location of volunteer teams, or contact Coordinators Sally Sandler (ssandler@san.rr.com) or Peter Jones (peter3496@sbcglobal.com) for more information.



Deb Batey, team leader of Old World Succulent Garden.

Old World Succulent Garden beautification team.



Photo: Margaret Jones

Katie Pelisek



## 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. “Tea Thyme” was designed and created by Katie Pelisek in cooperation with Master Designer Bill Teague and a host of enthusiastic volunteers. From artichoke to yarrow, the display was steeped in beautiful and beneficial plants, especially those traditionally used for making teas. With an emphasis on organic gardening—avoiding pesticides and fertilizers, grouping plants by water needs, adding a thick layer of mulch to reduce water usage—and good design, the exhibit won multiple awards including the San Diego Horticultural Society’s Excellence in Horticulture Award and Most Outstanding Exhibit, Don Diego Award, Edible Garden Award, Hardscape Feature Award, Unique Landscape Award, 2nd place for Paul Ecke Jr. Theme Award, Noteworthy Plant Specimens, Award of Merit, and The Bill Teague Well-maintained Garden Award. Total monetary compensation exceeded that of past years. Special thanks to ProvenWinners® and all those who made this exhibit possible.

## Volunteer Orientation

Friday, November 12, 9:30 AM – 12 NOON

As a non-profit organization, 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 760/ 436-3036 x206.

## Docent Training Classes

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 760/ 436-3036 x206.

## Docent Meetings — Everyone Welcome

First Wednesday of the Month

Arrive at 11 AM for the program

**October:** Docents and volunteers talk about their favorite plants and why.

**November:** René van Rems, Dutch born designer, entertainer, and educator will show you how to make beautiful and easy table centers for the holidays.

**December:** Annual Holiday Potluck.



The Dancing Lady

Photo: David Allen

Spoon Tip Osteospermum



Photo: Roberto Vicente



Calling all garden photographers:

Join the San Diego

Botanic Garden group on Flickr and show off your work! See the group’s art at

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/1353964@N25/>

# The Bird and Butterfly Garden

by Dave Ehrlinger, Director of Horticulture

Last summer the Bird and Butterfly Garden was planted at Hamilton Children's Garden. Since then the plants have really grown and bloomed. Visit the Garden to see a wide variety of colorful plants that attract our delightful winged wildlife. Read the informative signs about bird and butterfly gardening. Most residential landscapes already have a mix of trees, shrubs, groundcovers, and flowering perennials that create good microclimates for birds and butterflies. It is easy to attract even more to your yard by adding a few more plants and flowers.

Trees are important in providing perching and nesting for birds. Some of the trees in our garden include Marina arbutus (*Arbutus* 'Marina'), Cape chestnut (*Calodendrum capense*), yellow bells (*Tecoma stans*) and several species of coral trees (*Erythrina*). Hummingbirds are especially fond of the abundant nectar in the long, tubular blooms of coral trees. Bottlebrush trees and shrubs are hummingbird magnets with their nectar-laden blooms. In the Garden see the shrubby forms 'Little John' and 'Pink Stiletto' along with weeping bottlebrush tree (*Callistemon viminalis*).

For shelter, nesting, and perches plant taller screen shrubs like escallonia and bottlebrush. Screens and hedges also serve as windbreaks, especially useful for butterflies, which are generally not strong fliers. Under taller plants add low plants and groundcovers, which provide cover for butterfly caterpillars that need a safe place to pupate.

In your garden leave lots of open, sunny sites. Butterflies and birds need open spaces for flying. Most flowering plants need as much sunlight as possible in order to bloom well.

The many varieties of butterfly bush (*Buddleja davidii* and other species and hybrids) are generally considered the best all-around butterfly flowers. In the Garden there are several butterfly bushes including the striking variegated Harlequin variety (*B. davidii* 'Harlequin'), the grey-leafed, pink-flowering hybrid 'Lochninch,' and the white, winter-flowering *Buddleja asiaticum*.

In general, butterfly flowers are fragrant. They often have broad surfaces that form convenient butterfly landing platforms. Examples include daisies and the flattened flower clusters of yarrow, verbena, and lantana. Some of the best butterfly flowers in the Garden are verbenas, especially *Verbena bonariensis*, New Gold lantana, catmint (*Nepeta x faasimii*), blanket-flower (*Gaillardia* hybrids), pelargoniums, and scabiosa.

Try to select plants that have long seasons of bloom or choose a series of plants that bloom in succession. Star-flower or pentas (*Pentas lanceolata*) has a bushy form that is filled with flower clusters that can range in color from white to pink and red. Pentas blooms throughout the warmer months. Pride-of-Madeira (*Echium candicans*) is an excellent butterfly shrub in late spring and early summer. Chaste tree (*Vitex agnus-castus*) is a summer-blooming shrub with upright blue flower clusters. In late summer and fall, the yellow flowers of Copper Canyon marigold (*Tagetes lemmonii*) are favorites of monarchs and other butterflies.

For monarch butterflies the best flower of all is tropical milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*). Although all milkweeds are great as both caterpillar food and butterfly nectar, this species is perhaps the showiest with its exotic orange blooms. Be sure to plant several plants because the hungry caterpillars can eat up all the leaves of a single plant. In our Garden a curious milkweed is the swan or balloon plant (*Asclepias physocarpa*). It is shrubby in size with peculiar, large, globular seedpods.

## Butterfly Gardening

Butterflies like fragrant flowers with lots of nectar. They prefer clusters of small flowers or daisy-like blooms where they can easily land. One of the all-time best butterfly shrubs is butterfly bush, which has lots of small, fragrant flowers.

To provide food for the caterpillars of black swallowtail butterflies, plant dill.

For monarch butterfly caterpillars, plant different kinds of milkweed; and for gulf fritillary caterpillars, plant passionflower vines.

Provide wind protection for butterflies with taller screen plants and hedges.





Photo: Sally Sandler



Photo: Rachel Cobbs

Sergio Bautista Creating the Monarch Butterfly Display Cage (Butterfly Bed and Breakfast)



Photo: Sally Sandler

It is important to include plants that provide food for caterpillars. Dill and ornamental fennel are food for black swallowtail caterpillars while passionflower vines are food for gulf fritillary caterpillars. This year, in order for visitors to see caterpillars and to better rear them, we built a Monarch Butterfly Display Cage. Here you can observe all the life stages of these wonderful butterflies. Monarch Butterfly Display Cage, officially known as the Butterfly Bed and Breakfast.

Hummingbirds favor many kinds of flowers, especially those that are orange to red in color, have long tubular blooms, and produce lots of nectar for their high-energy lifestyles. In addition, many flowers that are favored by butterflies also attract hummingbirds.

Some of the best perennials for hummingbirds are kangaroo paws (*Anigozanthos*), cigar flower (*Cuphea* species and hybrids), red hot poker plant (*Kniphofia*), penstemons, loose-flowered lobelia (*Lobelia laxiflora*), and autumn sage (*Salvia greggii* and *S. microphylla*). Lions-tail (*Leonotis leonurus*) is a large, long-blooming perennial with orange flowers. Coral fountain (*Russellia equisetifolia*) is a showy shrub with red, tubular blooms. Bird-of-paradise (*Strelitzia reginae*) and New Zealand flax (*Phormium*) are popular landscape plants that attract hummingbirds

In this garden, there are shrubs that produce colorful fruit in the fall such as firethorn (*Pyracantha*), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*), and bearberry cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster dammeri*). Many of the flowers in the Garden produce seeds that birds eat in the fall and winter. This summer, colorful birdhouses have been installed in the garden for our feathered friends.

Visit this popular new Garden and see how you can “do” a bird and butterfly garden at your house.

Monarch Butterfly on Cuphea Species or Cigar Plant



Photo: Sally Sandler

Want to know more about butterfly gardening? Take a class on November 4. See page 12 or visit [www.SDBGarden.org/classes.htm](http://www.SDBGarden.org/classes.htm)



Photo: Susanne Brueckner



## QUESTIONS?



Please contact Susanne at [SOW@SDBGarden.org](mailto:SOW@SDBGarden.org) or 760/ 436-3036 x222

FOR CHILDREN AGES 1 TO 6

## Upcoming Events

### Fall Festival in the Eucalyptus Grove

Saturday, October 30 • 10 AM – 12:30 PM

Children ages 2 to 12 will celebrate the season with fall and Halloween-themed crafts made from natural material, like clay pumpkins, bamboo cups, leaf crowns, mini gourd birds, leaf rubbings, and many more. Snap Tap n Sing will engage children and their families in interactive music-making. Party Pax® will provide a great BIG pumpkin photo op. Children may wear costumes—no scary masks, or adults in costumes please!

**Cost: Free with admission or membership, plus craft activity tickets as desired.**

### Garden of Lights (see page 5)

During several evenings of Garden of Lights there will be a special Holiday Tales and Tunes for children ages 2 to 6. Please check our website [www.SDBGarden.org](http://www.SDBGarden.org) for details.

## Ongoing Programs



Free with admissions or membership. Occasionally a program may be modified or cancelled without prior notice if a volunteer is not available. Not available on rainy days.

### Tuesdays

2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th of the month, 10 AM – NOON

#### Toddler Tales and Tunes (recommended for ages 1 - 4)

Play in the garden and pot plants to take home. Pre-school stories and songs are offered on the patio of the Ecke Building from 10 – 10:30 am.

### Wednesdays

10 – 11:30 AM

#### Garden Arts and Crafts (recommended for ages 1 - 6)

Children may participate in a variety of arts and crafts. There will also be plant potting and other fun activities.

### Thursdays

10 – 11 AM

#### Plants, Wings, and Crawly Things (recommended for ages 3 - 6)

Children will learn about the plants and animals in our back yard through stories, crafts and demonstrations.

### Fridays

2nd of the month, 9 AM – NOON

#### Friday Fun

Play in the garden and pot a plant. A craft activity will be offered by the County of San Diego, Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures.



Photo: Susanne Brueckner

## Seeds of Wonder Volunteer of the Season

**Linda Davis** began volunteering in Seeds of Wonder in 2005. After retiring from teaching elementary school she missed interacting with children. So, for several years she assisted with the Brooke Foundation Preschool visits to SDBG for disadvantaged children. She also developed “Plants, Wings, and Crawly Things” and is leading this popular program on Thursday mornings. She enjoys her time in the garden providing children with a chance to hold a worm or watch a caterpillar munch on a leaf. Thank you Linda for bringing lots of butterflies, spiders, worms, and smiles to our garden.



Photo: Susanne Brueckner

## The Garden Railroad Corner

Mayor Dan Dalager (middle) and Councilwoman Teresa Barth (left) cut the ribbon to our new miniature Encinitas historic downtown on July 18th. A big THANK YOU to Bob Kaplan, who initiated the Encinitas project, and to Tom Golich for their generous donations towards this project, and to Rainbow Ridge for donating the beautiful Encinitas sign. Come and check out our new Encinitas Town!



Photo: Nick Ruddleick

## Birthday Party at Seeds of Wonder



### Are you celebrating “green”?

We offer garden parties for children ages 1 to 6.

Please contact Susanne at [SOW@SDBGarden.org](mailto:SOW@SDBGarden.org) or

760/436-3036 x222.

Or visit [www.SDBGarden.org/seeds\\_wond.htm](http://www.SDBGarden.org/seeds_wond.htm)

# Hamilton Children's Garden

## QUESTIONS?

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or 760/ 436-3036 x225



FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 AND UP

## Orchid Fair (See Page 4)

During the Orchid Fair, stop by the tables in Seeds of Wonder for children's activities on Saturday or take an orchid painting class on Sunday:

**Saturday, October 2, 10 AM – 12 NOON**

Learn where vanilla comes from and design a paper orchid. Free activities.

Photo: Rachel Cobb



## Orchids Are Easy

**Sunday October 3, 2 – 4 PM**

Sign up for a painting class. Using the beautiful orchid displays in the show as inspiration, we will make an acrylic painting on canvas of orchids in the wild. Open to ages 8 years and up.

**Members \$20, non-members \$25.**  
**Pre-registration required by September 30.**  
**Call 760/ 436-3036 x206.**

## Fall Festival in the Eucalyptus Grove

(open to ages 2 to 12 – see page 10)

## Hamilton Happenings for Fall

With school-aged children back in school, Hamilton Happenings moves to new times.

### Microscopes, Magnifiers and Mother Nature

**Fridays, 2 – 4 PM**

Young scientists stop by to explore nature with a scientific twist—asking questions, collecting data, wondering why. You could become a PSI (plant scene investigator).

### Imagination Station

**Second Saturdays, 11 – 12 NOON**

Join us for stories under the big shade structure at the upper level of the Hamilton. Listen to tall tales, Indian lore, or freeze-tales to stimulate your imagination. Who knows, you might even be drafted to play a character in an informal puppet show.

## Birthday Parties

The Hamilton Children's Garden is available for birthday parties for children ages 6 - 12 (up to 20 children and 20 adults). For more information visit [www.SDBGarden.org/hcg\\_home.htm](http://www.SDBGarden.org/hcg_home.htm)

## Field Trips

A variety of field trips are available for groups of school-age children using the resources of the entire Garden, concluding with time for discovery play in the Hamilton Children's Garden. A special admissions rate is available for groups of 10 or more. To book a field trip, please call 760/ 436-3036 x206. Field trips featured this quarter:

### Native Plants/Native Peoples

The Kumeyaay Indians who hunted and gathered at what is now San Diego Botanic Garden were experts at taking advantage of a vast variety of native California plants. Learn which plants were for eating, building houses and boats, making arrows and spears, and for medicine. Hands-on "artifakes" allow students to discover the wisdom of our earliest people at a Kumeyaay "home site." Third or fourth grade students will particularly enjoy this field trip as part of their study of early California history.

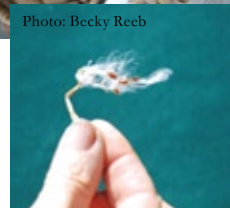


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### Have Seed, Will Travel

Seeds don't have legs and feet, but still manage to "travel." Students explore how seeds can travel: by hitchhiking, flying, floating, rolling, in the belly of an animal, even by exploding! Fall is a great time of year to learn about seed dispersal.



## Scouts Welcome

All age levels of Scouts can enjoy the Hamilton Children's Garden. This quarter we feature "Earth Connections" for Junior Girl Scouts and "Naturalist" for Webelos Boy Scouts.

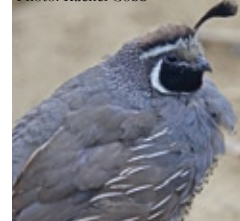
### Junior Girl Scouts: Earth Connections Badge

We have "tree cookies" for reading tree rings, trees for identification, varied habitats to see adaptations, and, of course, native plants used by Kumeyaay Indians and early settlers to California. In addition, we can accommodate reserving a study area and examining soil samples. Activity time in the Hamilton Children's Garden is included.

### Webelos Boy Scouts: Naturalist Badge

Use your visit to San Diego Botanic Garden to discover more about nature. Learn about poisonous plants and reptiles, visit the frog/lily pond and identify a food web. Say hello to our state bird in the Quail Enclosure and spend some time in the Hamilton Children's Garden building a fort or climbing our three-story tree house.

Photo: Rachel Cobb



**Special group rates are available for Scouts. For more information contact Linda Davis at [ldavis@SDBGarden.org](mailto:ldavis@SDBGarden.org).**

## Fall Classes

To see full class descriptions and to pre-register go to [www.SDBGarden.org](http://www.SDBGarden.org) or call 760/ 436-3036 x206. You can also pick up fliers at the Ecke Building.

### Build Your Own Hydroponic Fall Garden

**Saturday, Oct. 23, 9 AM – 12 NOON**

Instructor: Alex Kallas of AgPALS.

Fee includes materials.

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

Pre-registration required by Oct. 20.

### Succulent Wreath Class

**Tuesday, Oct. 26, 9 AM – 2 PM**

Instructors: the SDBG wreath team.

Fee includes materials.

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

Pre-registration required by Oct. 22.

### Botany through the Eyes of the Media—Plant Life on Avatar's Pandora

**Sunday, Oct. 31, 2 – 3:30 PM**

Instructor: Dr. Jodie Holt, botanical consultant for the movie *Avatar*, and our Gala honoree, will share details of her experience in this amazing endeavor.

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

Pre-registration required by Oct. 27.

### Butterfly Gardening for San Diego County

**Thursday, Nov. 4, 6 – 9 PM**

Instructor: Paul Tuskes, nationally known for his study of butterflies and moths.

Fee includes starter plants provided by the instructor.

Cost: Member \$25, non-member \$30.

Pre-registration required by Nov. 1.

### Recycled Folk Art Workshop

**Saturday, Nov. 6, 9:30 – 11:30 AM**

Instructor: Rodney "Rodrigo" McCoubrey. Parent/child teams will decorate one piece of art using recycled material. Piece will go on temporary display in the Garden and then taken home.

Cost per team: Members \$20, non-members \$30.

Pre-registration required by Oct. 30.

### Free Composting Workshop

**Saturday, Nov. 6, 10 AM – 12 NOON**

To register contact the Solana Center at 760/ 436-7986 or [www.solanacenter.org](http://www.solanacenter.org).

### Native Plants for your Garden

**Saturday, Nov. 13, 10 AM – 12 NOON**

Instructor: Mike Evans, co-owner and

founder of Tree of Life Nursery. Plant sale follows presentation.

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

Pre-registration required by Nov. 9.

### Go Green for Your Holiday Cards

**Saturday, Nov. 13, 1 – 3 PM**

Instructor: Denise McMurtrie. Design holiday cards using plant pigments. Open to adults, or adult with child. Adult/child teams pay as one. Fee includes materials.

Cost: Members \$40, non-members \$50.

Pre-registration required by Nov. 10.

### Plein Air Painting with Pastels

**Sunday, Nov. 14, 9:30 AM – 4 PM**

Instructor: Helen Shafer Garcia, artist. All skill levels welcome. Materials list supplied upon registration.

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

Pre-registration required by Nov. 10.

### Fearless Food Photography Workshop

**Saturday, Nov. 20, 8:30 AM – 2 PM**

Instructor: Bob Bretell, acclaimed home and garden photographer. Designed for all levels. Materials list supplied upon registration.

Cost: Members \$75, non-members \$85.

Pre-registration required by Nov. 17.

### Introduction to Knotting

**Saturday, Nov. 20, 10 AM – 3 PM**

Instructor: Carol Lang, fiber artist. All skill levels. Fee includes materials.

Cost: Members \$50, non-members \$55.

Pre-registration required by Nov. 17.

### Yellow Roads: in Search of *Hechtia argentea*

**Sunday, Nov. 21, 10 AM – 12 NOON**

Instructors: Robert Kopfstein and Andy Siekkinen share details of their amazing, and sometimes harrowing, 4000-mile adventure through 13 states in the Republic of Mexico in search of this rare bromeliad.

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

Pre-registration required by Nov. 17.

### Thanksgiving Table Decor

**Sunday, Nov. 21, 2 – 4 PM**

Instructor: David Root, floral designer extraordinaire. Create unique floral napkin rings, votive candle holders, and a floral centerpiece, all to take home. Fee includes materials.

Cost: Members \$55, non-members \$60.

Pre-registration required by Nov. 17.

## Cooking Classes with the Opera Singing Chef

### Mystic Mushrooms

**Saturday, Oct. 30, 1:30 – 4 PM**

Recipes taught: Polenta and Mushroom Gratin, Rigatoni and Portobello Mushroom Sauce, and Drunken Mushrooms, plus tips on mushrooms and why they're good for you.

### A Pumpkin Feast

**Saturday, Nov. 6, 1:30 – 4 PM**

Recipes taught: Baked Pumpkins Stuffed with Sausage and Sage; Spicy Pumpkin Seed Brittle; and Creamy Pumpkin Flan, seasoned with ginger, cinnamon, cloves, baked to perfection.

### Kitchen Gifts

**Saturday, Dec. 4, 1:30 – 4 PM**

Recipes taught: Chef Elizabeth's own culinary blends—Graham Marcela, Herbes du San Diego, and a wonderful Southwest Spice Mix; Limoncello, a sweet, tangy Italian liquor perfect for the holidays; and Old Cottage Tea Scones with cranberries and jam.

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, 10:30 AM**

Meet at the Visitor Center. On last Saturday of the month, the tour focuses on water-wise 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 AM**

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

# Think of San Diego Botanic Garden for holiday, birthday, and other gift giving occasions.



Everyone on your gift list can enjoy the benefits of membership at San Diego Botanic Garden!

A gift membership is a fun and easy way to help support the Garden's many plants and exhibits. It is a special gift that lasts an entire year and compliments the recipient while celebrating and supporting the Garden's programs and the care of our collection. By giving a gift membership to a friend, neighbor, or colleague as a holiday greeting or graduation present, you give the gift of education and share the love of nature. Basic membership benefits include our quarterly *Quail Tracks* newsletter, free admission for one year, two free guest passes, discounts at the Garden's Gift Shop & Nursery, free parking and much more. Gift memberships at higher sustaining levels are also available and offer additional attractive benefits. Go online at [www.SDBGarden.org](http://www.SDBGarden.org), or call Paula at 760/ 436-3036 x217, to purchase a gift membership today.

We love the way that Dr. Bruce Hubbard, Benefactor member since 1999, has chosen to use his commemorative Benefactor tiles. He installed them in the wall of his own garden—how fitting! We are honored to have pieces of San Diego Botanic Garden's history displayed by our proud members. Thank you, Bruce, for your many years of generous support.



Photo: Dr. Bruce Hubbard

**NEW**

## Add-on Memberships for your Nanny, Caretaker, or Grandparent

Members often ask if a nanny or grandparent can bring their children to the Garden...YES! By adding an optional third member to your Family membership for a discounted annual price of \$40.00 you can receive a third named card for a nanny, grandparent, caretaker, or adult child over 18.

Please note: membership fees support the care of the Garden and the children's programs. Membership cards may not be loaned to others and must be designated to a named individual. We appreciate your support and understanding.

Please call Paula at 760/436-3036 x217 to add a third member today.

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