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On the Shoulders of Giants

Julian Duval President/CEO

A few months back, a group lead by Jim Farley of the Leichtag Family Foundation and Chris Calkins of Carltas Company had a series of meetings brainstorming the future possibilities of land that adjoins the Garden on its northern border. I highly recommend



you read "A Vision for a New Commons in Encinitas," a document resulting from that effort and available at http://newcommons.wordpress.com.

While the ideas in the document express exciting opportunities, they are really a spring board to generate more thought from a wider audience. The most important take-away is that land north of the Garden will someday change from its current configuration and a plan is needed on how to use that land to serve the greater good—a commons—for residents of Encinitas and North San Diego County.

During meetings where concepts for the New Commons came into being, it was often noted that the success of San Diego Botanic Garden provided the inspiration and would be the anchor for these other public spaces and institutions should they become reality.

The public response with record attendance and membership to the Hamilton Children's Garden is our most recent success; but those who have been visiting the Garden over the years are best aware of the many improvements realized to enhance the visitor experience over time.

These successes are the result of the Garden's human resources. Having been in my current position for 16 years, I can tell you that the Garden enjoys the best and most qualified staff in its history. Our staff of 28, however, would be virtually helpless without the more than 200 docents and other volunteers who provide support in nearly every one of the Garden's endeavors.

A person who exemplified all the best in a volunteer was Bill Teague, involved in the Garden for over 30 years. Very sadly, Bill passed away due to the neurological disease ALS. Bill's genius in garden design and plantsmanship was only matched by his love for this Garden. In fact, on September 29th, the day he passed away, he insisted on making one more visit to this place that he found so special. San Diego Botanic Garden owes a great deal of it success to this wonderful man.

Several of our docents lead a celebration of Bill's life in the Garden on November 14th, with over 200 people attending. Peter Jones, Mary Friestedt, Katie Pelisek, and Sally Sandler all shared poignant remembrances of Bill. Sally's words may provide the best summation of Bill's contribution to the SDBG, and following is some of what she shared with us that day:

Lately, I've reached for some comfort from a condolence card that has been hanging above my desk which was sent to me by a friend who knew how much I would—and we all would—be missing Bill in the days and weeks to come. On the front of the card is a quote from Helen Keller, who said quite simply: "All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."

Those are plain spoken words, nothing overly sentimental or corny, and sometimes, no matter how simple they are, words like that just resonate for you, don't they?

In this case, Helen Keller's words reminded me of the tremendous passion Bill had for the natural world and the gardens he created. Those things he did to make the world a more beautiful place, the things that he loved deeply, became part and parcel of who he was. In fact Bill the man was hard to separate from his plants and garden creations, and that's especially true here, at what we used to refer to fondly as Quail Botanical Gardens. You could say that everything Bill loved about his creations and those natural places was woven deeply into his very fabric.

Photo: Katie Pelisek

On a larger level, I'm comforted by Helen Keller's words because they reassure me that all that we loved and admired so deeply about Bill as a person has by nature become a part of us now, and we will most assuredly take those things with us on our journeys forward. We couldn't let them go if we tried.

And it reassures me to know that this, here, is one of the absolute best places to be in order to be in touch with Bill. So just in case you haven't had a chance to visit the Garden recently, allow me to help you imagine for the next few moments some of his many contributions and I hope you will see them later during your visit.

Imagine you are in the newly re-landscaped African Garden, and everywhere you look you see boulders organically and naturally rising out of the ground, then remember that Bill had a hand in that. Picture two medium-sized rocks that are fitted together ever so carefully in order to appear as if they had been one rock which split. And right there, emerging from the crack between them grows a rare Aloe species, as if a bird had dropped a seed, or as if by Mother Nature's hand, but that was Bill, too, along with staff gardener Jeremy Spath.

In your mind's eye, contemplate the breathtaking beauty of the Succulent Display Garden at the far south end, with its sculptural shapes, magical colors and contours. Then picture the perfect tree right in the middle buried in its own blue flowers... Ceanothus 'Cliff Schmidt,' one of Bill's favorites, blooming today, even as I speak. Superlatives and hyperbole abound in this garden, and you really must see it to believe it. Bill was and is there, too.

Try to picture the amazing resemblance that the award winning Undersea Succulent Garden bears to the actual coral beds and reefs at the bottom of the ocean, in the water world that Bill so actively enjoyed—you will find him there as well in all the magnificent detail.

Venture into the Seeds of Wonder Children's Garden and imagine an Aeonium 'Sunburst' peeking playfully from the window box on the playhouse; picture the miniature train as it chugs through hill and dale created of plants so tiny they make perfect replicas of the real things; stop and listen to the childsized fountain, see the dwarf apple tree, the fantasy-like dinosaur garden-and

know that Bill and his magic were there.

In fact, the Seeds of Wonder might just have been his most favorite and beloved garden of all. Now, Bill was definitely someone who was in touch with his inner child. By routine he began each day with his best gardening buddy, volunteer Tom Belford—raking, planting, and perfecting this garden for all the children to love. They put Zen into the raking, into the way they mended a fence or painstakingly made the train work once again.

Yet this wasn't work for Bill (or Tom); this was just plain fun. When they were done by mid-morning they typically gathered their hats and shovels, climbed into a cart and rode laughing and smiling across the parking lot to visit Mary Jane at the snack bar. At that point they resembled little kids with boyish grins on their faces, as if they had just gotten away with something, and indeed they had. While it looked like they were working, to them it was pure play. You really couldn't interrupt them at that point either—they were just in a zone. Boy that was fun to see. Bill was so very there. Bill is there

We can find Bill deep in those places and so many others that have over time become a part of all of us. In fact, if we stop and listen right now, we can hear the enormous wind chime he donated, hanging here in the magnolia tree right next to us. It's things like these we will never forget.

So, to borrow another quote, let me close with these words from Al and Dora Jean Myrick, friends of Bill and Linda Teague who submitted this for the book of recognition we gave Bill at about this time last fall, on behalf of the San Diego Horticultural Society: "We have always known Bill Teague. He lives in our garden."





Sculpture in the Garden

Now - April 2011

The unique exhibition showcases sculptures of 16 talented artists set against the beautiful backdrop of dragon trees, fruit gardens, bamboo groves and throughout San Diego Botanic 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 work 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.

Through the Eyes of an Artist

Saturday, February 12, 10 AM - 4 PM

In celebration of Sculpture in the Garden (see above) we are planning a day filled with sculpture-related topics.

Panel Discussion: Recognizing the Value of Art in the Garden

SESSION ONE: 11AM - 12 NOON

Artists: Alber de Matteis and Charles Bronson

Garden Designers: Debra Lee Baldwin and

Patrick Anderson

SESSION TWO: 2 - 3 PM

Artists: Becky Guttin and Cheryl Tall

Garden Designers: Peter Jones and Bobbi Hirschkoff

Hourly tours of the sculptures 10 AM - 3 PM

Music provided by Willowood

Lunch from the Garden's Coffee Hut

For Kids (and the young at heart): Make a community sculpture using recycled material, inspired by Rodney McCoubrey of Rodrigo's Recycled Art.

10 am - 2 pm

Cost: Free with admission or membership









Herb Festival, Spring Plant Sale, and Tomatomania®

March 19 and 20, 9 AM - 5 PM



We are happy to announce that Susan Belsinger will be our honored guest at this year's Herb Festival. Susan is a culinary herbalist, educator, food writer, and photographer whose articles and photographs have been widely published. She has co-authored

several best-selling, award-winning cookbooks. Another book, *the creative herbal home*, co-authored with Tina Marie Wilcox, is the second in the *living with herbs* series published

by herbspirit.

Susan will give a program each day at 1 pm. On Saturday, she will show her power point *Up Close and Personal: Getting to Know the Mediterranean Herbs.* She takes you on a hike across a hillside in Syros, Greece, which helps "herbies" and gardeners see how these native herbs grow in hot arid climates, tenaciously hanging on rocky cliffs. She will discuss how to keep the grey and green Mediterranean herbs happy in our own gardens. To experience more, return on Sunday for her cooking demonstration featuring these hardy, flavorful herbs along with seasonal ingredients of this sun-drenched cuisine. It will be a sensual experience of fragrance and flavor. To find out more about Susan, visit www.susanbelsinger. com, a great and informative web site.

In addition to Susan's presentation, there will be on-going speakers on garden and herb-related topics, guided tours of the Herb Garden, Herb Festival Market-place, the A-Z or Herbs information booth, and the SDBG Spring Plant Sale with a multitude of vendors. Back by popular demand is Tomatomania® with lectures on culture and care and plenty of tomato seedlings. For details on speakers, vendors, etc., visit www.SDBGarden.org as we get closer to the event.

For Kids: Now, That's a Horse of a Different Color

If horse racing is the sport of kings, is horseradish the herb of emperors? Kids can learn about the Herb of the Year for 2011, the noble horseradish. Make potpourri "saddle bags" with herbs from the garden. Construct a "horse," naturally, and help make a community sculpture using recycled materials. Saturday and Sunday, 11 am – 2 pm.

Cost: Free with admission or membership

Library Book Sale

Once again, under the guidance of librarian Kenneth Hayward, the library staged an impressive book sale during the Garden's Fall Plant Sale in October. Ten volunteers made light work of the event and we made about \$767. San Diego's The Bookman sent. us 62 boxes of books generously delivered by succulent plant propagator extraordinaire, John Becker, and Garden supporters provided another substantial amount. We had about 120 shelf feet of books. Helpers included Elf Mitten, June Andersen, Deb Batey, Ruth Eustance, Lan Lin, Don Nelson, Sue Ruddick, and Michael Wolfington.



Photo: Kenneth Hayward

Gift Shop 10 AM - 4 PM DAILY

Come visit our small but well stocked Gift Shop. We have many ideas for garden gifts and others. Members receive a 10% discount and those at Patron level and above receive 20% discount (you must show your membership card). We are always happy to see you, so come in and say hello to our great workers who are all volunteers. Your purchases help support the Garden.

Volunteer and Docent News

October Volunteer of the Month: MARGARET JONES

Margaret grew up on a dairy farm in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch country, where her love of gardening was spawned. Both her mother and grandmother were avid gardeners and the growing and preserving of all manner of fruits and vegetables was a core competency in the family. The vegetable garden was edged with a rock wall whose nooks and crannies were stuffed with sedums and sempervivums by Margaret, just as she now creates the succulent topiaries in the Herb and Mexican gardens at SDBG. She has always had a rock garden so it seemed natural to gravitate to the Undersea Succulent Garden where she heads the Garden Beautification team. After college, Margaret moved to Orange County and worked in the medical technology industry followed by



a successful career in real estate. Ever the gardener though, she became a docent at Sherman Gardens in Newport Beach. Following her move to San Diego County she visited "Quail" with her children. After becoming semi-retired, she completed docent training in 2008. In addition to those volunteer roles mentioned above, she works at most special events. Margaret enjoys grooming our ever-improving fabulous SDBG gardens as well as spending time with the wonderful, friendly, helpful, caring people. In her words, "The people are just terrific—I even married one of them!"

November Volunteer of the Month: ANNE WILLIAMS

Originally from the Washington DC area, Anne moved to California when she was eight years old and has been here ever

since. Before moving to San Diego County in 2000, she lived in the Bay area. For 30 years, Anne was a community college biology teacher in San Jose, teaching microbiology, botany, animal biology, natural science, and oceanography, including leading student trips to Anza Borrego, the Sierras, Monterey, etc. Drawn to the outdoors, she learned about gardening from her mother. She enjoys going to botanical gardens, hiking or mountain biking in natural areas, always wanting to learn more about plants. While living in the Bay area, she visited her daughter here in San Diego county who brought her to "Quail Botanical Gardens." When Anne moved south she took the docent classes (Class of '08). Swimming—she has several national awards—competes with gardening for her time. Today, she weeds and grooms the Undersea Succulent Garden and California Gardenscapes, leads Saturday tours, and helps with special events. All of Anne's memories of SDBG are good. She feels the Garden always has something



blooming, likes the friendly people who volunteer and work here, and the special tours we take to other gardens.

December Volunteer of the Month: GINA RUBIN

Although born in Nantucket, MA, Gina has lived in the San Diego area since she was four years old. She and her husband,

Ken, just returned from a trip to Italy celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary. They have two sons in high school. Gina has a bachelor's degree in Interior Design though she wishes it was in Landscape Design. Some of her first garden memories are of deadheading marigolds and petunias with her mom and digging for slugs with her dad. They always grew vegetables and still share cuttings and buy each other plants (she has successfully hooked her dad on succulents). Gina became a docent in 2009. She has worked almost exclusively on special events, her favorite being the San Diego County Fair. She loves talking to people about plants and teaching children about growing fruits and vegetables. She got huge kick out of her first SDBG event—the Fairy Festival, where it seemed like thousands of fairies were running down the path in the Hamilton Children's Garden. She loves the warmth of everyone here.





Thelma and David Montag were recently honored as Volunteers of the Year at the North County Philanthropy Council. They have been volunteering at San Diego Botanic Garden for nearly 30 years doing all kinds of activities. Thelma is often found in the Gift Shop but every year during the Fall Plant Sale you will find them both in the Ecke Building: Thelma managing the "Bakery Shoppe" and David selling raffle tickets "by the arm length." Not only have they been great supporters for many years they have always been the cheerleaders for new ideas and projects. In their own words, "San Diego Botanic Garden has given us beauty and happiness since 1979. We value our relationships with a kind, friendly, and capable staff. We've gained much being part of a group of people who have so much in common, and yet, have many different backgrounds and interests. Proudly, we are part of the growth of San Diego Botanic Garden." Thank you Thelma and David!

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 Office then join us on any 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.

Garden Beautification volunteers in front of the African Garden inspired by Bill Teague. Left to right: Barb Osthaus, Margaret Jones, Sally Sandler, Norma McAfee, and Marilyn Nelson.



Volunteer Orientation

Friday, February 25, 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 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 are Botany Boot Camp and Herbs; Deserts and Succulents; Tropical Rain Forests, Palms, and Cycads; California Natives and Firescapes; Mediterranean Climates; Subtropical Fruit and Bamboo.

If you are interested in becoming a docent, you must attend a San Diego Botanic Garden volunteer orientation, which is required for docent certification. In addition, docent applicants must have volunteered in the Garden for at least 10 hours. For more information call 760/436–3036 x206.

Docent Meetings — Everyone Welcome

First Wednesday of the Month

Arrive at 11 AM for the program

January: Join us to hear Chemist and Chef Mary "Klibs" Dralle speak of the history of sour dough dating back 6000 years. She will be including some of her favorite sour dough recipes.

February: Richard Wright, a home orchard specialist, will talk about how to create an edible garden. Topics covered include year-round care of fruit trees and custom grafting.

March: Walter Parkola, of Blossom Valley Protea, will talk about how to grow proteas and other plants native to Australia and South Africa. A plant sale follows his presentation.

SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDENS



GALA IN THE GARDENS

The Garden to Honor James Hubbell, Renowned Sculptor, Artist, and Environmentalist

We are pleased to announce that the 2011 Paul Ecke Jr. Award of Excellence Honoree is James Hubbell, internationally known artist and architect. James Hubbell has created nature-based, inspirational art here at the Garden, and throughout San Diego and the world. He will be the guest of honor at the 2011 Gala on 9-10-11. Please plan to join us for this celebration of nature and art.

he Garden's largest annual fundraiser was held Saturday, September 11, 2010. Over 400 guests were in attendance and \$158,000 was raised to support the Garden's exhibits and educational programs. The evening began in the Open Air Pavilion—the Garden's parking lot magically transformed into a wonderland of greenery and lights by the Gala's Artistic Director, René van Rems. There, guests bid on garden treasures and unique art pieces in the silent auction, which raised a record amount thanks to our generous bidders.

Gala guests then strolled through the Garden at sunset, experiencing great music at every turn, with five bands performing throughout the Garden. Guests enjoyed feasting on gourmet fare and drinks from 31 of the best restaurants and caterers in the region. Each food station was decorated with exquisite arrangements created by local floral designers. Guests were welcomed and served by a volunteer team of Eco Stewards, ensuring that the event was an eco-friendly affair. With the enthusiastic cooperation of our guests, we were able to compost or recycle nearly all of our service ware, dishes, and food waste. Un-served food was donated to Carol's House, the Community Resource Center's women's shelter.

The evening was capped off with dessert and dancing in the Open Air Pavilion where Dr. Jodie Holt was honored with the Paul Ecke, Jr. Award of Excellence. Paul Ecke, III presented Dr. Holt, Professor and Past Chair of the Department of Plant Physiology at the University of California, Riverside, with the award. Dr. Holt was honored for her commitment to educating and promoting the beauty of nature in both traditional and popular ways, such as her work as the botanical consultant for the film *Avatar*.

This year's Gala guests also set a new record for generosity in support of our Fund-a-Need project. Over \$17,000 was raised for the new Lawn House Garden. This previously under-utilized area behind the Lawn House (next to the Lawn Garden and Gazebo) is already being transformed into a model of water-wise landscaping that every homeowner can look to for great ideas. It will also serve as a new venue for weddings and other events, thereby providing additional revenue for the Garden. This work is anticipated to be completed in January 2011.

San Diego Botanic Garden wishes to thank everyone who helped make the 2010 Gala in the Garden a success. The Garden appreciates the support of every guest and is grateful for the generous contributions from our sponsors, cuisine providers, florists, and auction and in-kind donors. Lastly, we would like to thank Gala Chair, Jim Ruecker and the dedicated team of committee members and volunteers for their hard work and support in making this year's Gala such a remarkable event. We encourage you to take a look at the list of Gala donors and support them with your business. For additional Gala information, please call 760/ 436-3036 x218.

Event photography by Herb Knuflen, Pat Bellgardt, and Becky Reeb.







Gala guests enjoying the Lawn Garden party



Gail Gluckman, Eco Steward Volunteer



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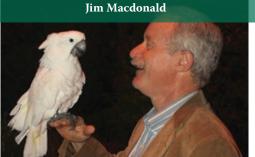
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FOR CHILDREN AGES 1 TO 6

Upcoming Events

Special Valentine's Toddler Tales and Tunes

Tuesday, February 8, 10 - 11:30 am

Please join us for Valentine's stories and songs on the patio of the Ecke Building at 10 am. A red-white-and-pink craft will be offered in Seeds of Wonder from 10:30 -11:30 am.

Cost: Free with admission or membership

Spring Party with Bunny

Saturday, April 23

Early party: 10 – 11:30 am Late party: 11:30 am – 1 pm

Children ages 2 to 6 are invited to visit our gentle bunny and make some colorful spring crafts. Children will also parade through the garden, go on a bunny hunt, and enjoy a rabbit snack. Limited to 50 children per party, pre-registration required.

Cost: Members \$12 per child, non-members \$15 per child. Regular admission fees apply to accompanying adult(s) payable upon arrival. Free for adult members. Please pre-register online (www. SDBGarden.org/seeds_wond.htm) or in person at our office. Pre-registrations by phone, e-mail, or mail are not accepted.

Herb Festival and Through Eyes of an Artist

Children's activities are offered at these events.

Please see pages 4 and 5.

Ongoing Programs

Free with admission 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

Trains, Paints, and Plants (recommended for ages 1 - 6) Watch our motorman-engineer,

James, run his special trains. He will also answer all your train questions. A nature-related craft, and plant potting will be offered.



Kids had a great time at our first Fall Festival

Fridays

2nd of the month, 9 - 11 AM

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.

Seeds of Wonder Volunteer of the Season

Kathy Campbell, a retired child development specialist, became a docent in 2002 when Seeds of Wonder was being developed. She came to the Garden hoping to be involved in our first children's garden. Kathy became the docent SOW Coordinator, introducing children's programs and events which are still being offered. When her first grandson was born four years ago, she became a full-time grandma. Kathy continues to offer Tales and Tunes for young children on Tuesday



mornings. She also helps with special events for families with young children. She encourages parents to provide frequent opportunities for their children to interact with the world of nature, as she strongly believes this will help them develop healthy bodies and minds.

The Garden Railroad Corner

During the Halloween Season our Garden Railroad was taken over

by witches, ghosts and vampires. A big "thank you!" to Sue Piper from Rainbow Ridge for providing all of the spooky decorations.



Photo: Susanne Brueckne

Birthday Party at Seeds of Wonder

Garden Parties for children ages 1 to 6.

We offer garden parties for children ages 1 to 6.

Please contact Susanne at SOW@SDBGarden.org or 760/436–3036 x222.



Or visit www.SDBGarden.org seeds_wond.htm

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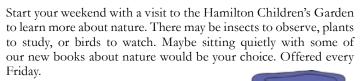
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FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 AND UP

Hamilton Happenings Science Friday





11 AM - 12:30 PM

First Saturday: Math/Science

Come and learn about the plants and wildlife in our garden.

Second Saturday: Storytelling

There will be stories to listen to under the shade structure at the upper level.

Third Saturday: Gardening

Come and help in the garden with weeding, planting, or harvesting worm castings to feed the plants.

Fourth Saturday: Art

Express yourself with paint, clay, or help create a mural for our art



What's Growing in **Incredible Edibles?**

Cool-season crops that can be grown at this time of year come from different plant parts. We have roots such as radishes, carrots, and beets. Leaves such as lettuce or spinach can be found in the salad bowl. Broccoli and cauliflower are examples of flowers and sugar snap peas are tasty seeds. Come and see what you'd like to try growing in your own garden.

To learn more about edible plants we have added these books to our collection:

Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens

Seeds! Seeds! Seeds! by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

Cucumber Soup by Vickie Leigh Krudwig

A Fruit Is A Suitcase For Seeds by Jean Richards



Individual Class Field Trips

A variety of field trips for up to 30 students are available for schoolage 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 e-mail ldavis@SDBGarden.org. Here are some of the field trips we offer:

Suggested Grade Levels K-3:

Why is a Strawberry a Suitcase? **Pollinating Parties** Eating With Your Eyeballs

Suggested Grade Levels 4-6:

Plant Parts on My Plate Where is the Energy Going? Native Plants/Native People



Dear Quail Gardens, Thank you for leting us go on your property. I envoyed making the seed neckles and touching the worms (mine pooped on me). I learned that if you keep on your chest it will get warm light sunlight. Next time I want to learn more about the rain forset. I want to come back really soon. I hope other people like the Quail Garden. Love, Natalie

Tours for Girl and Boy Scouts

San Diego Botanic Garden is a delightful place to schedule your next Girl or Boy Scout Outing. Come to learn about plants and critters that make the garden their home, or to experience the beauty of nature. Including time to explore the Hamilton Garden is the perfect way to end your visit. All age levels of Scouts are welcome. To discuss an area of interest or badge requirements e-mail ldavis@SDBGarden. org. There is a special discounted rate for Scout groups. Your group can schedule a docent-led visit or do a self-guided one.

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

Winter Classes

Tamale Makina 101 Saturday, January 15, 1 - 4:30 PM

Learn the history of the tamale, prepare two types of tamales, take home recipes and one dozen tamales to steam at home.

Cost: Members \$55, non-members \$65. Register by January 12.

Harvesting Rainwater for your Garden

Saturday, January 22, 10 AM - 12 NOON Taught by Rosalind Haselbeck and Rich Alianelli of Building Green Futures, a local company specializing in the design and installation of rainwater harvesting systems,

vegetated (green) roofs, and graywater recycling.

Cost: Members \$25, non-members \$30. Register by January 19.

Free Composting Workshop Saturday, January 22, 10 AM - 12 NOON To register contact the Solana

Center at 760/436-7986 or www. solanacenter.ora.

What's Wrong with My Plant? Saturday, January 29, 10 AM - 12 NOON

Based on the book with the same name, students use a unique, illustrated diagnostic system to discover the cause of any plant problem. Instructors: David Deardorff and Kathryn Wadsworth.

Cost: Members \$10, non-members \$12. Register by January 26.

Now That's Italian Saturday, January 29, 1:30 - 4 PM

Learn how to prepare Tuscan Stuffed Chicken Breast, Arugula and Pear Salad, and Manicotti in tomato wine sauce from scratch. Easy and delicious! Recipes and tastings offered of each dish. Taught by Chef Elizabeth, the Opera Singing Chef. Cost: Members \$25, non-members \$30. Register by January 26.

Botanical Watercolor Monotype Pastel Combo

Sunday, January 30, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Instructor: Helen Shafer Garcia, artist. All skill levels.

Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$75. Register by January 26.

Desert to Rainforest Garden Photo Workshop

Saturday, February 12, 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Acclaimed garden photographer Bob Bretell takes you on a nature photo safari

where he demonstrates his new "Wall of Light" technique and much more. Not to be missed!

Cost: Members \$75, non-members \$85. Register by February 9.

Jewels of Nature: Humminabirds in Your Garden Saturday, February 26, 10 – 11 AM

Learn how to attract hummingbirds to your garden and what to do if you find a lost hummingbird.

Cost: Members \$10, non-members \$12. Register by February 23.

From Terra's Table Saturday, February 26, 2 – 4 PM

Cooking demonstration and book signing by Jeff Rossman, author of the highly acclaimed From Terra's Table.

Cost: Members \$10. non-members \$12. Register by February 23.

Photo Botanics: Botanical Photography Then and Now February 26, 2:30 pm at OMA February 27, 12:30 pm at SDBG

Explore the history, trends, and techniques of botanical photography at a special twopart program presented by Canon USA and Oceanside Photo and Telescope (OPT). This workshop is in celebration of "Botanicals: The Photography of Imogen Cunningham," an exhibition at OMA which runs from January 9 – May 22.

Cost: \$50 To register contact Lacey Linek at OPT, cameras@optcorp.com or 800/ 483-6287.

Tired of Corn Beef and Cabbage?

Saturday, March 5, 1:30 – 4 PM

Try this wonderful Indian inspired, but Irish in origin, Mulligatawny Stew for a change in your St. Patrick's Day menu. Learn the tradition behind Colcannon and Irish Farmer's Bread "Barm Brack." Recipes and tastings offered of each dish. Taught by Chef Elizabeth, the Opera Singing Chef. Cost: Members \$25, non-members \$30.

Register by March 2.

Sustainable Landscaping Thursday, March 10, 10 AM - 12 NOON

A comprehensive presentation focusing on sustainable practices for the Southern California garden. Presented by the San Diego Chapter of the Master Gardener Association.

Cost: Free (for Members Only).

Waterwise Gardenina From the Ground Up: Soils, Plants, Design, Irrigiation, and Mulches Saturday, March 12, 9 AM - 4 PM

Instructors: Sharon May, Director of Sales and Marketing at Agri-Service and designer, and Nan Sterman, botanist, garden designer, low water plant expert, and author of the books California Gardener's Guide VII and Water-Wise Plants for the Southwest.

Cost: Members \$80, non-members \$100 (includes lunch). Register by March 8.

Build Your Own Hydroponic Spring Garden

Saturday, March 26, 9 AM - 12 NOON

Instructor: Alex Kallas of AgPALS. Fee includes materials.

Cost: Members \$70, non-members \$90. Register by March 23.

Make Your Own Succulent Container Arrangement Saturday, April 2, 10 AM - 1 PM

Instructor: Docent Bette Childs with succulent propagator John Becker. Fee includes materials.

Cost: Members \$55, non-members \$65. Register by March 30.

Ecovation: Plants for Southern California

Saturday, April 9, 10 AM - 12 NOON

Instructor: Rich Ouellet of EuroAmerican Propagators. Plants available for purchase. Cost: Members \$10, non-members \$12. Register by April 6.

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

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 Watchina

1st Monday of each month, 8 AM

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

SDBG members benefit from a collaboration with the Oceanside Museum of Art

The Oceanside Museum of Art is hosting a new exhibit, "Botanicals: The Photography of Imogen Cunningham." The exhibit's plant-based theme gives us a marvelous opportunity to collaborate with OMA in several ways. From March 14th to May 22nd, current SDBG members can visit OMA and enjoy 2 for 1 admission (please bring your SDBG membership card). In addition, there is a photo workshop taking place at both locations on February 26th and 27th (see classes, page 12), and Dave Ehrlinger, our Director of Horticulture, is giving a presentation at OMA on Saturday, April 23rd at 2:00 p.m., which is free for SDBG members. To find out more about the exhibit visit www.oma-online.org.

Bill Teague Scholarship Fund

The San Diego Botanic Garden family has been deeply saddened with the passing of Bill Teague. Thankfully, so much of Bill's contribution in plants and garden design lives on through his decades of stellar volunteer service to the Garden, and through the many people with whom he so ably shared his knowledge and ability.

Given the breadth and depth of Bill's contribution to San Diego Botanic Garden, and in coordination with his surviving wife, Linda, we have established the Bill Teague Scholarship Fund, a perpetual memorial to this wonderful man. It will be managed to generate income to be used exclusively as a stipend for interns who come to San Diego Botanic Garden to learn about a career in pubic garden service in an environment where Bill's legacy lives on. The fund is a most fitting remembrance of Bill, as so many of the Garden's employees and volunteers, present and past, have had him as their special teacher and influence.

If you would like to contribute to the Bill Teague Scholarship Fund or find out more about it please contact Tracie Barham, Director of Development, at tbarham@ SDBGarden.org or 760/436–3036 x216.

Annual Membership Meeting

All current members of San Diego Botanic Garden are invited and welcome to participate in the Annual Meeting and Election of the Board of Trustees on Saturday, January 8th, 2011. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in the Hamilton Children's Garden at 300 Quail Gardens Drive. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to the Ecke Building at the Garden. Representatives from the Encinitas Community Garden committee will present information about the community garden which is slated for ground breaking in 2011. This garden will be located across from the Hamilton Children's Garden on Quail Gardens Drive. Please join us for light refreshments, door prizes, and an informative program.

2-year memberships now available

Join or renew for two years and save \$10. A two-year membership is a wonderful way to save trees, stamps, and resources. Members receive exclusive discounts on classes, free admission to monthly events, and receive a 10% discount in our nursery and gift shop. Join or renew online at www.SDBGarden.org/membership or call Jill Kastrup at 760/436–3036 x215. Your membership support will help to preserve and enhance this community treasure, thank you!

Matching Gifts

Did you know that many employers match the charitable donations made by their employees? Membership contributions qualify under most employer guidelines for their matching gifts program. Please check with your employer or provide us with their instructions for initiating a matching gift. It is an easy way to increase your gift to the Garden and support plants and nature. San Diego Botanic Garden is a registered 501(c)(3) charity with federal tax ID # 95-6120581.Contact Paula Isley at pisley@SDBGarden.org or 760/436–3036 x217 for more information.



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Fall Plant Sale

The 28th Annual Fall Plant Sale benefited from a record number and quality of donated plants. It also holds the record as the longest running Fall Plant Sale! Heavy rains over the weekend kept some shoppers away, but our fantastic volunteer committee rallied together to extend the sale through the following week. Bargains and rare finds were enjoyed by raincoat-clad shoppers as the drizzle continued, and in the end the event raised more than \$45,000 to support the Garden's maintenance and educational programs. We wish to recognize the generosity of the growers and nurseries who support this effort each year with their donations 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 and ever-smiling 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 the next Fall Plant Sale on October 15 and 16, 2011.

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