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

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April 16 & 17

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Chocolate Festival May 7



Fairy Festival

June 18

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San Diego Botanic Garden Events and Highlights 2010

by Wm. D. Rawlings
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
2005 – 2010



Photo: Herb Krauken

The past year has been another very busy as well as a successful one for the Garden. With this fact in mind, it is important for me to give well-deserved thanks and appreciation to the people who continue to help stage our many events. This important group is composed of our 300 enthusiastic and well-organized volunteers who contributed over 26,000 hours of their time in 2010. Effectively leading the Garden's efforts is our President and CEO, Julian Duval. Leslie, Julian's wife, offers strong support to his efforts. She is a long-time volunteer skilled in many areas, even providing medical assistance (she is an R.N.) when needed.

I have attempted to recognize or highlight many of the 2010 Garden events and chosen to arrange them into several groups for more effective review. This listing is by no means complete, but one necessarily edited to fill the allotted space.

New to the Garden in 2010:

Major donation of cycads from Ken Hennell, renovation of the African Bank in honor of Bill Teague, Jim Farley's important presentation to the Board regarding a "Vision for a New Commons in Encinitas," completion of a new storage building adjacent to the West Wing building, new PR/Marketing position added to our staff with the hire of Becky Reeb, a new Encinitas town in the SOW Garden Railroad, new Sculpture Exhibit opening at Garden Expressions, participation in the Blue Star Museum program for military members and their families (courtesy of a generous donation by Frances Hamilton White), first time hosting the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Show, completion of an updated Garden Master Site Plan (thanks to support from the Parker Foundation, the Donald C. & Elizabeth Dickinson Foundation, the Leichtag Family Foundation,



Photo: Rachel Cobb

and the Fieldstone Foundation), completion of the Lawn House Garden (thanks, in part, to gifts from our Gala in the Garden Fund-a-Need donors), and winning the \$10,000 SDG&E People's Choice Eco Ambassador Award which will fund school field trips to the Garden (see page 13 for more about this).

Continuing Garden activities and events:

Further enhancement of the Garden's website; Herb Festival, Spring Plant Sale, and Tomatomania®; Lady Bug Festival; Chocolate Festival; Fairy Festival; the Encinitas Rotary sponsored Encinitas Wine Festival; 10th Annual Gala in the Garden honoring Dr. Jody Holt; successful Fall Plant sale; 20 nights of Garden of Lights; as well as the completion of many improvements and upgrades throughout the Garden.

It should also be announced that our membership hit an important milestone — an all-time high of 6,200. This represents an increase of 58% over the prior year. We also saw a corresponding increase of 49% in our Larabee Society, a group of generous supporters who make annual membership gifts of \$125 or more to provide extra support for the Garden.

In November, we bid a sad farewell to Bill Teague with a Celebration of Life attended by over 350 people. He will be remembered as a man who, for many years, both literally and figuratively touched every part of the Garden by sharing his advice and masterful skills. A scholarship fund in Bill's name was established to provide stipends for Garden interns, almost \$10,000 has been contributed so far.



Jim Ruecker

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow Trustees and the staff of the Garden for their support during my five years as a trustee and four years as Chairman of the Board. A current trustee, Jim Ruecker, was elected to succeed me as Chair at our recent Annual Meeting. Jim has my full support in this important position. I have every confidence that his enthusiasm, experience, and talents are ideally suited to further the goals of our Garden. It is easy to see that 2011 is already "shaping up" to be yet another exciting and successful year.

Free Admission to Active Duty Military



Thanks to the generous support of Frances Hamilton White, the San Diego Botanic Garden will once again participate in the Blue Star Museums program of the National Endowment for the

Arts. Active duty military and their families (card carrier + 5) will have free admission to the Garden from May 1st through September 5th, 2011. Frances has always been supportive of the active duty military. Back in 2007, she encouraged the Garden to invite them on Valentines Day. Since then, SDBG has had a policy allowing active duty military and their immediate families to visit the Garden at no charge on every patriotic holiday. We thank Frances for supporting the Garden in this worthy effort.

Upcoming Events

Asian Arts in the Garden

April 16, 9 AM – 5 PM

April 17, 9 AM – 4 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.



Photo: Karen Morikawa

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 Sunday, the Shokenji Taiko, a Japanese style drumming group from the Vista Buddhist Temple, will perform at 2 pm.

Experts with international recognition will be available all weekend at both exhibits to answer questions and give lectures and demonstrations.

Cost: Free with admission or membership

Gourd and Basket Weekend in the Garden

April 30 and May 1

Over 30 basket and gourd art workshops will be offered by well-known artists from across the nation. To sign up for a class go to SDBGarden.org or pick up a catalog at the Garden. Although pre-registration is highly recommended, walk-in registrations are welcome for unfilled classes between 8:00 and 8:45 am both days. For more information contact Carol Lang at 760/ 431-1645 or caldesigns@roadrunner.com. Throughout the weekend, artists' exhibits, supply vendor booths, a teacher's marketplace, and self-guided basket-makers' tour will be open to students and Garden visitors. Presented by the Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild and sponsored by San Diego Botanic Garden.





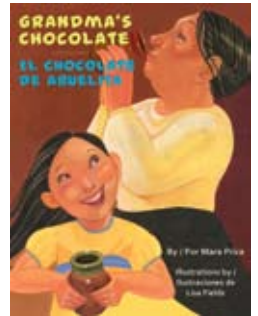
Chocolate Festival

Saturday May 7, 10 AM – 4 PM

Spend the Saturday before Mother’s Day at San Diego Botanic Garden’s famous Chocolate Festival. Enjoy dozens of delectable chocolate tastings, demonstrations, a chocolate fountain, and more. This family-friendly event also features lots of children’s activities and a variety of Mother’s Day gifts. “Tasting” tickets will be sold on site.

This year, distinguished children’s author, Mara Price, will be here with her bi-lingual book, *Grandma’s Chocolate / El chocolate de Abuelita*. Mara has been selected by LatinoStories.com for the 2011 Top Ten New Latino Authors to Watch (and read).

Cost: Free with admission or membership, plus tasting tickets as desired.



Lady Bug Day

Saturday, May 21, 10 AM – 12:30 PM

Please see page 11 for details.

Palm and Cycad Sale

Saturday, May 28, 9 AM – 3 PM

This one-of-a-kind event features limited and rare palm and cycad species from exceptional Southern California nurseries. This event is co-hosted by the Palm Society of Southern California and San Diego Botanic Garden. For more information call Phil Bergman at 619/ 291-4605.

Cost: Free with admission or membership.

Encinitas Rotary Wine Festival

Presented by the Encinitas Rotary Club to benefit 18 local charities

Saturday, June 4, 5 – 8 PM

We invite you to join us in the Garden for the 8th Annual Encinitas Rotary Wine Festival, a celebration of international wines, local microbrews, and cuisine. The festival, which is always here at the Garden, will be held for the first time in the new Hamilton Children’s Garden. We are one of the beneficiaries of this event. With the purchase of a \$135 or a \$500 ticket and the selection of San Diego Botanic Garden as your charity of choice, we will receive 100% of your ticket price. We will receive \$60 from your purchase of an \$85 ticket. After May 15th, the minimum ticket price increases to \$100, with \$75 coming to the Garden. To purchase event tickets, and to find out more, please go to www.encinitaswinefestival.com.

Strings in the Garden

Sponsored by Carlsbad Strings Education Association, Inc.

Sunday, June 5, 4 – 7 PM

Enjoy an evening of string serenades by children of all ages and a silent auction during this collaborative fund-raising celebration of San Diego Botanic Garden and Carlsbad Strings. Refreshments will be served. For ticket information email carlsbadstrings@gmail.com.

The Lung Hsiang Chapter of the American Artists of Chinese Brush Painting will have their beautiful paintings on display in the Ecke Building from March 30 to June 7. This is their fifth annual show at SDBG. The group meets every second Tuesday at the Garden.



Photo: Jan Macauley

Hemerocallis Show and Sale

Saturday, June 11, 1 – 4 PM

In this spectacular display, members from the Southwest Hemerocallis Society showcase their best daylilies from the garden, judged for ribbons. Activities include a plant sale and tours of the daylilies at San Diego Botanic Garden.

Cost: Free with admission or membership.



Fairy Festival

Presented by Affiliated Dental Specialists

Saturday, June 18, 10 AM – 1:30 PM

Fairies! Come celebrate summer at the Hamilton Children's Garden. Wear your fairy costume or come just as you are. Create a fairy house, make fairy treasures, leave messages on the wishing bush, or shop in the Fairyland market. Enjoy singing and dancing with Snap Tap N Sing and be sure to bring your camera for a picture with the Fairy Queen.

Cost: Free with admission or membership. Many free activities, small fee for some crafts.

Thursday Family Fun Nights

The Garden will stay open until 8 pm on Thursday nights from June 2 – September 1. There will be activities for children and, on selected nights, music in the Lawn Garden. We will open on June 2nd with Hullabaloo, San Diego's own award-winning kid-folk duo, who will also perform on July 14 and August 25. To find out the rest of the schedule visit SDBGarden.org.

Cost: Free with admission or membership.

Gala in the Garden

Save the Date - September 10, 2011
Honoring James Hubbell

Gala ticket price: \$175 per person. Ticket price will increase to \$200 per person on August 1, so act now to join the fun and save! Visit SDBGarden.org for details.

Gift Shop

10 AM – 4 PM DAILY

Check out the many new items in the Gift Shop. Remember that members, volunteers, and staff receive at least a 10% discount. Patrons and above receive 20% discount on all items except membership, water, gift certificates, and sale items.

Library

The Library is open by appointment. Please call 760/ 436-3036 x210. Members can check out books for free. Library motto: Books can help you plant ideas.

🌿 Remembering Friends 🌿

Juli Gillett & Candice Porter



Photo: Rachel Cobb

Volunteer and Docent News

January Volunteer of the Month: **ALLYSON SAMMONS**

Allyson Sammons is a real California native, born in San Diego. She is happily married, with a young daughter, and a wiemeraner. With vast administration experience and quite a bit of graphic design and media work, she believes she has a few more careers to go. She first became interested in gardening through her dad who grew a bit of everything. Allyson enjoyed harvesting the fruits and some of the vegetables from his labors. Her interest has since turned to succulents, “green” plants, and some of the ancillary subjects like composting and re-using plant materials. She first visited the Garden about 20 years ago and loved the diversity of landscapes, the hidden nooks and crannies, and the lack of commercialization. Allyson volunteers in the administration office where her skills are greatly appreciated. What Allyson likes most about SDBG is its diversity, the people, and discovering the artsy stuff planted about. She feels the Garden is amazing—the Hamilton Children’s Garden hosted her daughter’s Brownie Troop Bridging Ceremony and it was perfect. Her fondest memory of SDBG is her first visit to the Garden of Lights—it is a family Christmas tradition to come with friends, drink a bit of mulled wine, watch the kids char marshmallows, and wander through the Garden in the twinkling light.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

February Volunteer of the Month: **MARILYN NELSON**

Marilyn grew up on a farm in Michigan. Her married son and two grandchildren live in Seattle. Marilyn’s life in San Diego county could be her fourth career. The first three careers included teaching French and English; then Human Resources Development taking it from nothing to programs serving 15,000 people; then, after getting her law degree, working with a DC tax firm before starting her own practice. Finally she retired in 2007 and moved to California. Marilyn has always been interested in gardening having had, at one time, over 4000 azaleas, then daylilies, and now, in her CA home, replanting with succulents. Marilyn first became interested in SDBG by a talk given to her garden club urging members to volunteer. Marilyn did, becoming a docent in 2009. Soon Marilyn was the team leader for the Succulent Overlook Garden. What Marilyn enjoys most about SDBG is working with other dedicated volunteers and staff, having Bill Teague as a mentor, creating beautiful surroundings, and continuing to learn.

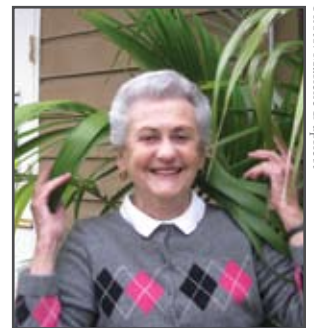


Photo: Marlene Dupriest

March Volunteer of the Month: **JANE SOHER**

Jane is originally from Minnesota. In 2004, she married her husband Tom; between them they have 8 children and 7 grandchildren. Jane has had a Radio and TV broadcasting career including building, programming, marketing and managing an eight-station Fox group and then program director for a four-station CBS group before moving to California. Once here, Jane was training manager for 135 floral shops and corporate stores, and public relations designer for 1800flowers.com. On moving from LA to Carlsbad, she began as a design teacher for Mira Costa College. Jane feels there is a natural connection between flowers and design, which led her to SDBG where she found lots of flowers and became interested in succulents. She became a docent in 2009.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest



Garden Groomers working in the Desert Garden (bottom row, left to right: Shauna McKellar, Sally Sandler, Anne Spindel; top row: Margaret Jones, Barry Martin, Peter Jones, Marilyn Nelson)

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.

Volunteer Orientation

Thursday, April 28, 9:30 AM – 12 NOON

Want to help? Not sure where or when your talents are needed? Join the over 300 volunteers who contribute time to San Diego Botanic Garden. You will meet interesting people while learning and contributing in your own way. Our volunteers find this to be an exciting and rewarding place to work. Join us for Volunteer Orientation and discover the many varied opportunities available. A short tour of the Garden is included.

RSVP 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. For more information call 760/ 436-3036 x206.

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.

Docent Meetings — Everyone Welcome

First Wednesday of the Month

Arrive at 11 AM for the program

April: Docent Sally Sandler will share the complete history of Charles and Ruth Larabee, founders of San Diego Botanic Garden. Born at the turn of the last century, these philanthropists were true Renaissance people of their time. There is a story of wealth, adventure, the Old West, natural history, heartbreak, and tragedy. Sandler and the History Team at SDBG have spent months researching their complete genealogy and history. Be prepared for lots of photos, authentic documents, and surprises about these fascinating people who created a lasting legacy.

May: Docent Celia Kiewit will explain the research of Captain Charles Moore, discoverer of “The Great Pacific Garbage Patch” (1997) and founder of Algalita Marine Research Foundation.

June: Summer Potluck—Bring a dish to share and join us for lunch.

A Tribute to Bill

by Dave Ehrlinger, Director of Horticulture



Bulbine frutescens Tiny Tangerine™



Astroemeria 'Casablanca'



Cordia boissieri

Last fall, our colleague and dear friend, Bill Teague, passed away.

We miss Bill—his warmth, generosity, and friendly smile. To all who knew him, Bill was one of the nicest, warmest people you could ever meet. Always helpful and encouraging, he inspired everyone around him.

A tall, “gentle giant,” Bill was kind and mild-mannered, but passionate about plants, their aesthetic qualities, how to use them in gardens, and how to grow them. For many of us, he was a sort of *Star Wars*-like “Yoda” of the Garden—a mentor to the horticulture staff and many of its docents and volunteers, and to the San Diego horticulture community in general.

Bill grew up in a horticultural family and was the grandson of pioneering citrus growers. He graduated from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona. For many years, he grew proteas, eucalyptus, and other plants for the cut flower markets. Later, he found his calling in landscape design and was involved in dozens of residential and civic landscape projects.

Bill was a founder of the American Bamboo Society and in 1980, he traveled to Costa Rica to acquire a number of bamboo species. Later, at the Garden, he worked with architect and artist James Hubbell to install Hubbell’s fountain and stream by the Bamboo Pond as well as bamboo plantings.



In 2001, Bill became a part-time horticulture staff member at the Garden. His first projects were the stream and pond by the Visitor Center and later the dry stream in the Australian Garden. The Seeds of Wonder Children’s Garden came next in 2003. Here he devoted months of time and energy planting, building bamboo structures, installing fountains, benches, green roofs, and garden features.

The Undersea Succulent Garden became one of Bill’s favorites. Inspired by Jeff Moore of Solana Succulents, Bill collaborated with Jeff in creating a simulated marine coral reef composed of volcanic rock and dozens of succulents and other quirky flora, all with a maritime flavor.

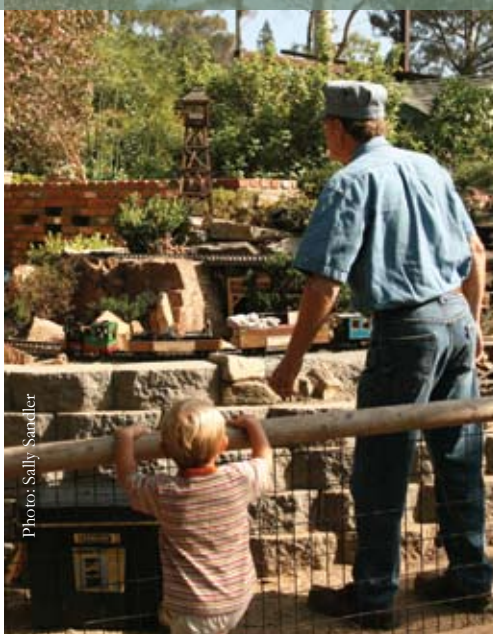
Later, Bill moved into the central core areas of the Garden adding to, developing, and accentuating existing plantings. These gardens included the Walled Garden, Herb Garden, Lawn Garden, and Mediterranean Garden. The Succulent Display Garden, the Overlook Succulent Garden, and the African Garden were his last projects. In all of these gardens, he worked with a variety of staff members and docents, inspiring, sharing, tutoring, mentoring, and befriending.

Bill readily shared his design techniques to create landscape interest and drama. A key principle was changing elevations, especially through building mounds of soil to showcase plants

Australian Garden



Seeds of Wonder Train Station



Hubbell Sculpture by Bamboo Pond



and large boulders. These boulders were often quite interesting geologically and gave solidity, permanence, and strength to his landscapes. His plant selections were often the “new and trendy” together with great “old tried and true” plants. His favorites provided color year-round—he was fond of saying, “Color is the name of the game.”

Some of his favorites were: *Alstroemeria* ‘Casablanca,’ *Arbutus* ‘Marina,’ heartleaf geranium (*Pelargonium cordifolium*), Texas olive (*Cordia boissieri*), *Cordyline* ‘Electric Pink’, island bush poppy (*Dendromecon rigida* var. *harfordii*), elephant’s foot trees (*Beaucarnea* species), sweet pea shrub (*Polygala x dalmaisiana*) and milkwort (*P. virgata*), *Salvia* ‘Indigo Spires,’ *Geranium* ‘Jolly Bee,’ *Ceanothus* ‘Cliff Schmidt,’ Tibetan princess bamboo (*Himalayacalamus asper*), and bulbs like *Babiana* and *Nerine*. Since doing the Undersea Garden Bill expanded his interests in succulents, especially ones with few to no spines including the everblooming little pickles (*Othona capensis*),

bulbine (*Bulbine frutescens*), pearl bluebush (*Maireana sedifolia*), aloes, and a variety of aeoniums including ‘Kiwi,’ ‘Zwartkop,’ ‘Sunburst,’ and *Aeonium urbicum*.

Bill was a longtime board member of the San Diego Horticultural Society, active in monthly meetings and a key player over the years in the spring and fall Home and Garden Shows and the displays at the San Diego County Fair. In addition, Bill was the inspirational leader in the Garden’s own annual display at the Fair, working for weeks with docents and volunteers to create award-winning displays.

This gentle giant made a lasting impression on the lives of many and an impact on the Garden that will be enjoyed by the multitudes who will visit in years to come.

For more photos of Bill’s plants and gardens at San Diego Botanic Garden, visit our website at www.SDBGarden.org/BillTeague.htm

African Garden



Photo: Rachel Cobb

Seeds of Wonder Garden

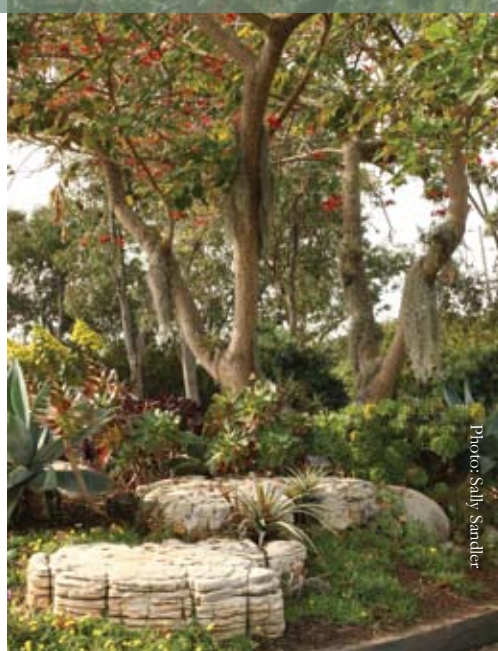


Photo: Sally Sandler

Walled Garden Container Plantings



Photo: Sally Sandler

Herb Garden



Photo: Rachel Cobb

Succulent Display Garden

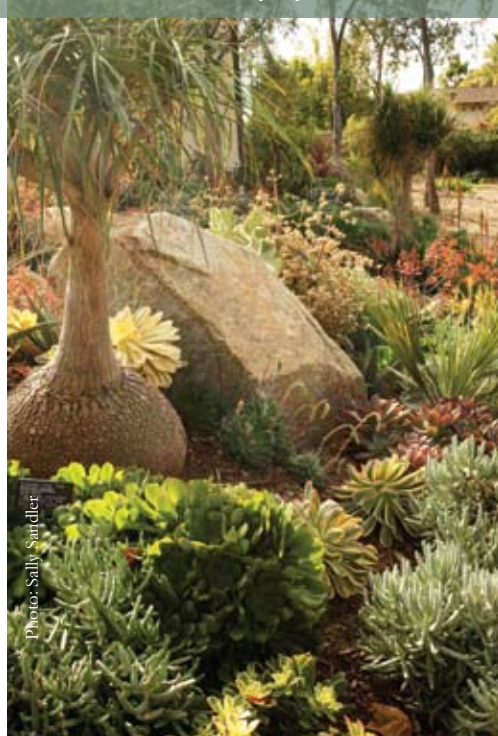


Photo: Sally Sandler

Undersea Garden



Photo: Sally Sandler



QUESTIONS?

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



FOR CHILDREN AGES 1 TO 6

Upcoming Events



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.



Photo: Susanne Brueckner

Seeds of Wonder Volunteer of the Season



James Smolten had just retired from the San Diego Public Library in June 2010, when he read in Quail Tracks that SDBG was looking for help with the garden railroad in Seeds of Wonder. After contacting the Garden, James saw how he could help — he sold parts of his own train collection to buy some new G scale equipment for the enjoyment of our young visitors. Today, “motorman engineer” James runs his engines and Bruce the Shark every Thursday during Trains, Paints, and Plants, and on free Tuesdays. Thank you James!



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.

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.

Chocolate Festival

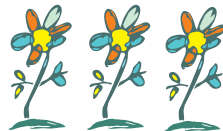
Saturday, May 7 10 AM – 4 PM

The Chocolate Festival is filled with fun activities for kids. For a small fee, children can decorate a plant pot, create a colorful flower bonnet, make a Mother's Day card, and more. See page 4 for details.



4th of July Parade

Monday, July 4 9:30 – 10:30 AM



Join us for our annual 4th of July Parade through the Garden. Bring decorated strollers and wagons (no bikes and scooters please) and wear red, white and blue. We will meet at Seeds of Wonder at 9:30 am and the parade will start at 10 sharp. After the parade, you are welcome to stay and enjoy the garden.

Cost: Free with admission or membership.

Birthday Party at Seeds of Wonder 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



Photo: Rachel Cobb

Hamilton Children's Garden

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Linda at ldavis@SDBGarden.org or 760/ 436-3036 x225



FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 AND UP

Upcoming Events

Ladybug Day

Saturday, May 21, 10 AM – 12:30 PM

Calling all ladybug lovers and citizen scientists — please join us in participating in the “Lost Ladybug Project” sponsored by Cornell University. We will be going out into the garden searching for ladybugs and reporting our information back to them. In addition, there will be lots of ladybug crafts located in the Eucalyptus Grove by Seeds of Wonder and a release of ladybugs to benefit our Garden at noon.

New this year, flower arranging for children will be available from 10 am – 3 pm in the Ecke Building courtesy of the San Dieguito Garden Club. Each child will be able to take home their own bouquet of fresh flowers.



Fairy Festival

Saturday, June 18, 10 AM – 1:30 PM

See details of this magical event on page 5.

Hamilton Happenings

Science Friday

2 – 4 PM

Start your weekend with a visit to the Hamilton Children’s Garden to learn more about nature. There may be insects to observe, plants to study, or birds to watch. Maybe sitting quietly with some of our new books about nature would be your choice. Offered every Friday.

Saturday Slugs

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 and Fifth Saturday: Art

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

Day Camps at the Garden

Destination Science

Build Robots, Rockets, & Rovers this summer at San Diego Botanic Garden. Ages 5 - 11. Enroll in April \$50 off/wk Full Day. www.destinationsscience.org

Abrakadoodle

Abrakadoodle is offering two sessions of Garden Art Adventure to connect with nature through art: July 11 - 15 and July 25 - 29. To enroll go to Abrakadoodle.com or call 760/ 731-0555.

Individual Class Field Trips

A variety of field trips for up to 30 students are available for 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 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



Photo: Rachel Cobb

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

Spring Classes

To see full class descriptions and to pre-register go to www.SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x206. You can also pick up flyers at the Ecke Building.

Make Your Own Succulent Container Arrangement

Saturday, April 2, 10 AM – 1 PM

Instructor: Docent Bette Childs.

Fee includes materials.

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

Register by March 30.

Free Composting Workshop

Saturday, April 2, 10 AM – 12 NOON

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

Low Water Use Plant Pairing

Thursday, April 13, 6 – 7:30 PM

Pam Homfelt, horticulturist and landscape designer, will show you how to assemble plants for color, texture, aesthetics, and ease of maintenance; how advance planning will ease future maintenance issues; definition of a specimen plant and its role in the Mediterranean garden; and the mystery of ground cover.

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

Register by April 11.

Succulent Wreath Class

Tuesday, April 26, 9 AM – 2 PM

Take home a beautiful succulent wreath that you make yourself. Taught by the SDBG wreath team. Fee includes materials.

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

Register by April 21.

Growing and Landscaping with Orchids Outdoors in Southern California

Thursday, April 28, 6 – 9 PM

Instructor Paul Tuskes will tell you which orchid species and hybrids are ideal for our area; how to use them in landscaping; and how to care for, bloom, and propagate your orchids.

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

Register by April 25.

A California Guide to the Trees Among Us

Wednesday, May 11, 7 – 8 PM

Dr. Matt Ritter's presentation will be a photographic exposé of the lives and stories of some of the fascinating trees featured in his new book. Dr. Ritter is professor at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and director of the plant conservatory there.

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

Register by May 9.

Reimagining the California Lawn

Thursday, May 12, 7 – 8 PM

Carol Bornstein will present you with alternatives to the traditional lawn that can reduce water use, beautify the landscape, and attract birds and butterflies. She is co-

author of *Reimagining the California Lawn* and *California Native Plants for the Garden* both with David Fross and Bart O'Brien.

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

Register by May 9.

More Artistic Effects Garden

Photography Workshop

Saturday, May 14, 8:30 AM – 2 PM

Join acclaimed garden photographer Bob Bretell in the Garden as he shows you some new creative camera techniques that will convert ordinary photos into a work of art.

Cost: Members \$69, non-member \$79.

Register by May 11.

Grow Up Vertical: The Future of Farming

Thursday, May 19, 6 – 7 PM

Gordon Smith, chef, organic farmer, founder of "Slow Food San Diego," and chair of Encinitas Community Garden, will show you how to have a bounty of herbs and vegetables on the corner of a terrace or even on concrete using the Grow-Up method.

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

Register by May 16.

Facelift for Your Succulent Container

Saturday, May 21, 10 AM – 12 NOON

Laura and Don Starr of The Grateful Shed will talk about ways to bring your succulent container back to life and how to keep it looking good going forward.

Cost: Members \$15, non-members \$20.

Register by May 18.

Build Your Own Hydroponic Summer Garden

Saturday, May 28, 9 AM – 12 NOON

Instructor: Alex Kallas of AgPALS.

Fee includes materials.

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

Register by May 25.

Succulent Reproduction, A Gardener's Guide to Taking Pups and Cuttings

Sponsored by Landscaping Network

Saturday, June 4, 10 AM – 12 NOON

Debra Lee Baldwin, author of *Designing with Succulents* and *Succulent Container Gardens*, will show you how to rejuvenate old plants and start new ones as she explains the growth habits of agaves, aloes, and other succulents. Includes demo.

Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$35.

Register by June 1.



Botanical Color Pencil Drawing

Saturday, June 11, 9 AM – 4:30 PM

Lesley Randall, botanical illustrator, covers blending and layering to create vivid colors, the basics of color theory, how to select papers, and color pencils.

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

Register by June 8.

Father/Daughter, Father/Son, Tamale Making 101

Sunday, June 19, 1 – 4:30 PM

In celebration of Father's Day, kids are encouraged to bring their dads and make tamales together. Enjoy hands-on fun learning to spread masa dough on corn husks and add delicious fillings, one savory one sweet.

Cost Members: \$35/Dad, \$15/child (8 years and up). Cost Non-Members: \$40/Dad, \$20/child (8 years and up).

Register by June 15.

Cooking Classes with Chef Elizabeth, the Opera Singing Chef

From the Garden to the Table

Saturday, April 9, 1:30 – 4 PM

Use some of those delectable homegrown vegetables in Lamb Stew with wine, herbs, sugar snap peas, peppers, onions, carrots, and spices; Grilled Vegetable Pasta Salad with fresh pesto dressing; and Blackberry Cobbler with peach brandy. Register by April 6.

Three Summery Vegetarian Dishes

Saturday, May 14, 1:30 – 4 PM

More meals from your garden: Herbed Tomato Tart, Victory Garden Vegetable Soup with a tomato pistou, and Vegetarian Cous Cous made with peppers, carrots, raisings, and some surprising spices, great for reducing inflammation. Register by May 11.

Wine Pairing Cooking Class

Saturday, June 4, 1:30 – 4:30 PM

Chef Elizabeth will pair some local wines with recipes from her new book due out this summer. Chardonnay Shrimp with garlic and capers, Southwest BBQ Pork Ribs with Mexican Mashed Potatoes, and a Skyrocket Arugula Salad with champagne grapes and blue cheese. Register by June 1.

Recipes and tastings provided for each dish taught.

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

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.

Meet Our New Trustees

Randi Coopersmith

Randi re-joined the Board in January 2011. He was previously on the Board from 2000 to 2009 and served as Chairman of the Board for two years in 2003-04. He also chaired the Operations Committee and worked closely with the Committee and Julian Duval to acquire the land for the Hamilton Children's Garden from the City of Encinitas and receive the required City and County permit approvals. Randi has degrees from both UC Berkeley and SDSU. He currently serves as President of Latitude 33 Planning and Engineering, a company he co-founded in 1993. Randi and his wife live in the Olivenhein area of Encinitas, and in his free time he enjoys traveling, photography and succulent and native plant gardening.



Ross Fogle

Ross has an undergraduate degree in pre-med and a graduate degree in Hospital Administration. He spent 13 years as an officer in the Army Medical Service Corps in field units and army hospitals. After leaving the military, he remained in the field of healthcare delivery as the Chief Executive Officer of Professional Corporations. During this time he was active in the national organization, Medical Group Management Association. After some 25 years in health care, he obtained his California license as a Life and Health Agent and formed Ross Fogle & Associates Insurance Agency, Inc. in early 2004. He was most fortunate to spend a wonderful 22 years of marriage with Debra. Their son Tyler, now 21, is a junior at UC San Marcos. Ross' special interests are family and his hobby is golf.



Debbie Wilson

Debbie began her banking career in 1973. She is currently a Vice President at Union Bank, where she has worked since 1989. She has been in the role of Division Promotions Manager in San Diego for 12 years. Debbie is responsible for marketing and community support of 73 offices within San Diego, Coachella/Riverside and Imperial Counties. She is a graduate of the University of Phoenix, the BAI School of Bank Marketing, and Lead San Diego. Her broad current and previous community involvement includes: the Better Business Bureau of San Diego/Imperial County, Junior Achievement (teaching banking to high school students), San Diego Zoological Society RITZ, Old Globe Gala Honorary Committee, Mama's Kitchen, San Diego International Sports Council, the YWCA and many others. She obtained her love of gardening, nature and the outdoors from her parents who were avid gardeners who stopped to point out even the smallest plants and flowers to her from a young age.



SDG&E and the Sempra Energy Foundation support the Garden with grants for field trips and conservation education



San Diego Botanic Garden is a leader in connecting the public to our natural world. We inspire adults and children to play their parts as environmental stewards by providing a beautiful natural setting and helping them understand how we all are connected to the plants, animals, and world around us.

The Sempra Energy Foundation and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) are helping the Garden connect children with nature by funding field trips for elementary school children through their Environmental Champions and Eco Ambassadors awards. Through these two programs hundreds of children will learn about sustainable gardening, plant biology and conservation in an interactive outdoor environment.

We have also partnered with SDG&E to help you learn more about their new Smart Meters, which will soon be in all homes and businesses in San Diego. This new technology will provide you with information about your energy use and help you find the best ways to save. For more information see www.sdbgarden.org/conservation.htm.

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The Arbor Vitae Guild was established to honor the Garden's friends who have indicated that they have included the Garden in their will, trust, or other deferred giving method. Gifts of all sizes are welcome, as they ensure the Garden's natural beauty and vitality for the enjoyment of future generations. We invite you to begin a conversation about how a planned gift can benefit you now and the Garden in the future. Please contact Tracie Barham, Director of Development, at 760/ 436-3036 x216 for more information.

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On December 2nd, we kicked off the 2010 season of Garden of Lights with the Annual Benefactor Dinner. In appreciation for their support, all Benefactor and Corporate members were invited to San Diego Botanic Garden to enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and a chance to catch up with other Garden supporters. The San Dieguito Garden Club transformed the gazebo and a heated tent in the Lawn Garden into a perfect setting for a Fiesta. Magician Joel Ward, who was born and raised in Cardiff, mingled amongst the guests performing amazing magic tricks. Joel later took the stage and performed a wonderful magic show requiring the assistance of a few of the guests! Thanks to all who came to the Garden on a crisp, clear December evening. We greatly appreciate the support and dedication of all our Benefactor members.



Left:
 Magician Joel Ward mystified and entertained guests with illusions delivered in an easy-going comedic style.

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 Marjory Kaplan, Jim Farley, Judy Farley, Jean Jacques Surbeck

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