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A New Collaboration

by Julian Duval
President/CEO



One of the many perks of having a job in a botanic garden is the camaraderie that exists between public gardens around the world. I often think of how lucky I am compared to so many people who work in a corporate environment, where competition rather than collaboration is the standard operating procedure.

This collaboration stems from a common purpose—to conserve the increasingly threatened flora and heighten public awareness and concern over the disappearance of plants around the world. It is my belief that this common engagement is why working in a botanic garden is one of those “labor of love” professions. Whether we volunteer or have a paid position, much of the reward comes from the belief that we are accomplishing something important.

Recently, staff and volunteers at the San Diego Botanic Garden had the opportunity to meet colleagues from the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens. This came about through one of our past board presidents, Jim Farley, who is now the President and CEO of The Leichtag Family Foundation. Jim had traveled to Israel and while visiting Jerusalem he was able to tour the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens and meet its Executive Director, Oren Ben Yosef. When Jim discovered that Oren would be traveling to the US to visit other botanic gardens, he helped add SDBG to his itinerary.

Oren's first visit was brief but enlightening. Through a power-point presentation on the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens, we learned that the two gardens have much in common. In addition to sharing a Mediterranean climate, both are similar in size and history: SDBG became self-supporting after being funded by the San Diego County and the JBG has become self-supporting after being funded by The Hebrew University.

Fortunately, Oren made a second visit this past March and was accompanied by Dr. Ori Fragman Sapir who is the Head Scientist for the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens. Having more time in their itinerary, we were able to visit the botanical collection department at the San Diego Zoo with Michael Bostwick and spend a day at the Huntington Botanical Gardens hosted by Dr. Jim Folsom, Garden Director. In addition, Dave Ehrlinger, SDBG Director of Horticulture, and I took Oren and Ori out to the Anza Borrego Desert for their first experience in an American desert.

The opportunity for a plant enthusiast to see flora of interest in habitat for the first time is a special occasion. Clearly, Oren and Ori had great interest in the iconic plants of the Anza Borrego as they could not stop exclaiming in superlatives. They both speak perfect English so most of the time Dave and I were tuned in to how they felt about this desert experience. Occasionally some Hebrew, which neither Dave nor I understand, slipped in with “Wow!” interspersed (must be commonly understood around the world).

Their visit also provided the time for Ori to give a wonderful presentation to our staff and Benefactor members on the flora of the Eastern Mediterranean. His presentation has inspired a project at SDBG to establish a section in our Mediterranean Garden featuring plants from Israel and other areas of the Eastern Mediterranean. Plant material for this project will, in part, be available from the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens.

We, in turn, have agreed to provide plant material for a JBG project that will feature plants of the North American deserts. The JBG also has a children's garden in the planning stages so Oren and Ori were



L-R: Dave Ehrlinger, Ori Fragman Sapir (scientist), and Oren Ben Yosef in the Anza Borrego Desert

particularly interested in the design of our children's gardens and seeing how they function.

In return for our hospitality, our guests from the JBG have invited us to visit Israel. We are excited to see their garden and look forward to an itinerary that includes some of the most interesting botanical areas of this small but floristically diverse country. Dave and I are sure to exclaim with some "wows!" as we have our first opportunity to visit areas such as the Negev desert.

The time spent with Oren and Ori has allowed a friendship to evolve that goes beyond our common interests. They both are very warm, friendly, likable individuals and the resulting social capital between us as individuals is the real basis for the relationship between our respective gardens.

We are still developing what a more formal relationship would entail but we have already agreed that, for starters, we would provide a reciprocal membership benefit of free admission to each Garden. So, it is with pleasure that I can announce to our members that you are now also a member of the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens!

I do wish to express my thanks to Jim Farley and The Leichtag Family Foundation for igniting and helping to sustain the collaboration between the two institutions. Their support has already helped to enhance and enrich our shared "labor of love"—the conservation of the world's increasingly threatened flora—reinforcing the fact that we are doing something important.

San Diego Botanic Garden Southeast Asia Tour 2012

SDBG President & CEO Julian Duval serves as host of a 2012 members' journey to Singapore and Vietnam. Take a private tour of the brand-new Gardens by the Bay in Singapore and see what a billion dollar budget can produce. Visit the pristine Singapore Botanic Garden, the National Orchid Garden, and several private gardens. Explore the vibrant natural beauty of Vietnam, browse colorful markets, and enjoy fresh regional cuisine prepared from local produce. Optional extension to historic Angkor Wat in Cambodia. To join the interest list, contact Sterling Tours: 619/299-3010, 800/976-9497 www.sterlingtoursltd.com/Asia2012.html

Double your gift to the Garden through a challenge grant opportunity.

Learn how your gift can be matched by Frances Hamilton White.

The response to the addition of the Hamilton Children's Garden has been wonderful, and during its first year, membership and admission income surpassed our greatest expectations. This garden is now two years old and it, along with the Seeds of Wonder Children's Garden, continues to be a powerful draw for families with children.

However, we did expect that some of the initial growth in membership (nearly a 60% increase) and admission income would be reduced in the second year, and it has. Unfortunately, that decline has been made worse by the recession and its slow recovery.

We must maintain a strong commitment to taking care of not only that which is brand new, but all of the 26 exhibition areas in the Garden. We believe that the classes, educational events, and children's programs that you have come to expect, and some new additions, should not be compromised and we have a way to make all this happen.

Frances Hamilton White, who spent nine years as a board member and has provided leadership philanthropy for the Garden for many years, has agreed to help us with our care and program needs for the Garden. She has presented us with a challenge, one that is open to participation by all individuals and foundations. **Frances will match up to \$40,000 raised from now until October 31, 2011, resulting in an ultimate increase of \$80,000 to our capacity to care for the Garden.**

Frances has made this challenge to us, and ultimately to all of our donors and supporters, to help increase our overall capacity from philanthropic income. **We are confident that we can meet this challenge and we invite you to think about how you would like to participate. Here are a few ideas: 1) Make an outright contribution of cash or appreciated securities, 2) Contribute through your family foundation – up to \$10,000 – or donor advised fund, 3) Join today or upgrade your membership (the full price of a new membership or the amount of your upgrade will apply to the challenge – early renewals are allowed).**

We are confident that we will be able to meet the challenge Frances has presented, but we need your help make it happen. Please do not miss this opportunity to double the impact of your contribution to the Garden and ensure the best care and programs that both the Garden and its visitors deserve. Please make your gift today.

Please call Tracie Barham at 760/436-3036 x216 to learn more about how you can participate.



Gil Voss 1946 – 2011

We are sorry to report the passing of Gil Voss who played an important role in the growth of the Garden. As curator from 1974 to 1990, he was instrumental in computerizing plant records, designing and installing landscape for the waterfall system, establishing a docent program with his wife Alison, and arranging plant collections according to their geographic nativities, a system still in place today.

Upcoming Events

Sculpture in the Garden

Now – April 2012

This unique exhibition showcases sculptures from 26 talented artists set against the beautiful backdrop of the Garden's lush and natural 37 acres. 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 participating artists visit SDBGarden.org/sculpture.htm.



We're trying something NEW! Download FREE QR Code Reader app on your smartphone and scan for more information on the sculptures.



Photos: Rachel Cobb

Thursday Family Fun Nights

Every Thursday, to 8 PM

The Garden will be open on Thursday evenings until 8 PM from Memorial Day to Labor Day. We will have activities for children every Thursday in the Hamilton Children's Garden from 4:30 – 6 pm followed by entertainment in the Lawn Garden from 6 – 7 pm. Bring a blanket or low chair to sit on.

To see a complete lineup see page 9.

Cost: Free with admission or membership

Insect Festival

July 9 and 10, 10 AM – 4 PM

This one-of-a-kind event features thousands of fascinating creepy-crawlies including live insects, lizards, snakes, and the famous "Madagascar hissing cockroaches." Children can practice bug collecting, hands-on insect arts and crafts, and even taste cooked mealworm larva (in various flavors such as mesquite, teriyaki, and barbecue!). Entomologists and other bug experts will be available for questions and more than 20 informational booths will teach and entertain children and adults alike. In addition, Dr. Mike Glassey will bring his hawks and owls for close viewing. Sponsored by the County of San Diego Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures, Lloyd Pest Control, and the San Diego Botanic Garden.

Cost: Free for members and children 12 and under.

Non-members free with admission (visit website for coupon).

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favorite SDBG Events!



Garden Expressions

August 20 and 21, 9 AM – 5 PM

The Garden will be buzzing with selected regional artists of all kinds—sculptors, painters, glass artists, potters, gourd artists, fiber artists, and more—creating and selling their work, much of it inspired by nature.

To help celebrate this wonderful dynamic between art and nature we are honoring James Hubbell for his amazing contribution to the world of art. Please join us on Sunday, August 21, at 1:30 pm in the Ecke Building for his presentation, “Gardens—the bridge between the Wild and the Order.”

Everyone is invited to participate in a community sculpture using recycled materials inspired by participating artist Rodney Rodrigo.

Cost: Free with admission or membership

Gala in the Garden

Celebrating Nature, Art and James Hubbell

Saturday, September 10, 5 PM – 10 PM



Please join us for an elegant evening in the Garden as we honor world renowned sculptor, artist and architect, James Hubbell with the Paul Ecke Jr. Award of Excellence.

Enjoy art, exquisite floral arrangements, and live music while taking a twilight stroll through the Garden's many landscapes. Feast on an array of dishes prepared by thirty of the area's finest restaurants and caterers. The Gala will again be a Green Event with all food waste and service ware recycled or composted. Carpool to the Gala in a vehicle with three or more people and be entered into a special drawing.

Be a part of San Diego Botanic Garden's largest fundraiser and contribute directly to the growth and enhancement of this community treasure. Tickets start at \$175 per person. After August 10, the price increases to \$200. Tickets may be purchased at www.SDBGarden.org. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, please contact Sherri Johnson at 760/ 436-3036 x218 or sjohnson@SDBGarden.org.



La Jolla Playhouse

Experience the San Diego Botanic Garden through *Susurrus*, a fascinating piece presented by La Jolla Playhouse to launch its innovative, site-specific Without Walls program. Audiences experience this captivating audio play by listening on iPods, where a subtly woven narrative unfolds while following a mapped route through the Garden. Written by internationally-renowned playwright David Leddy, *Susurrus* was designed specifically for a garden setting, and Leddy and the Playhouse have chosen the San Diego Botanic Garden as its exclusive local venue. *Susurrus* runs September 16 - October 2 and tickets are available by visiting www.lajollaplayhouse.org beginning on June 20 for members and June 23 for the general public. Members use promo code GARDEN2243 when ordering tickets June 20 -22. Please note: for mature audiences.

Gift Shop

10 AM – 4 PM DAILY

Our Gift Shop is well stocked with plant-related items and new nursery stock comes in by the truck load often. The Gift Shop is also the Visitor Center where we try to be helpful to all. Reminder: members get a discount and if we forget to ask, be sure to let us know you are a member. Hoping to see you in the Gift Shop soon.

Save the Date

Orchid Fair, September 30 – October 2

Fall Plant Sale, October 15 and 16

Garden of Lights, December 8 – 23, 26 – 30



Volunteer and Docent News

April Volunteer of the Month: TOM SOHER

Tom is originally from San Francisco, a California native. He moved to the San Marcos area in 2000 upon retiring from the Forging and Petrochemical Industries where he was a Manufacturing Controller. In 2004, he married last month's Volunteer of the Month, Jane Soher. Between them they have eight children and seven grandchildren. Tom, who adamantly states that he has a "Non-Green Thumb", became interested in SDBG because his wife Jane loves gardening and this is a wonderful place for your skills and interests to blossom. Tom's jobs include working in the library, book sales, admissions, membership, and at Garden of Lights' mulled wine and marshmallow roasting booths. What he most enjoys about SDBG is the congenial staff and the opportunity to meet people and enjoy the quiet beauty of the Garden.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

May Volunteer of the Month: BOBBI HIRSCHKOFF

A California native originally from Los Angeles where she met her husband Gene of 45 years, Bobbi moved to San Diego in '65 as a student at San Diego State University. Back in the late '70s, she remembers standing in a plant sale line at "Quail." When she retired in 2001 from teaching biology and science to middle and high school students, she knew she wanted to be actively involved in a garden program. Fortunately, the Docent Training Program was about to begin and she joined right in, completing the training in 2002. Her initial interest in gardening is credited to her Italian grandmother who felt that if you grow it, you eat it—from figs and squash to grapes for wine. Besides being active in the Docent Society (she is a past co-chair), she has worked with the tour guides, and now propagation. Her entire family volunteers during Garden of Lights, and Bobbie and her husband volunteer at the Gala. What Bobbi likes most about SDBG is the people and the plants, touching all facets of society; a nice, no longer secret get-away place; and the perfect fit of art in the Garden. Bobbi is an accomplished artist.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

June Volunteer of the Month: CAROL LANG

Carol is originally from Michigan where she was a physical education, aquatic, and health teacher in the public school system while her husband owned an antique shop. Twenty years ago, they both retired and moved to Carlsbad because the weather was just right. While in Michigan, Carol would come home from teaching and enjoy a mental health break by going out into the garden. She especially remembers the spring bloom of tulips, hyacinths, lily in the valley, and lilacs, to name a few. So it is not surprising that the first tourist activity she and her husband did when they moved here was visit the Garden. Later, a friend teaching a pine needle basket class asked her to join her and also teach (Carol's work has been on exhibit at the Mingei), which eventually lead to the first Gourd & Basket Weekend in the Garden in 1996. This year marks their 10th year. She and her husband were volunteers at the first Garden of Lights and she continues to do so. What Carol likes most about SDBG is that there is always something new—it is very forward thinking, always changing for the better. Carol is also a volunteer at Buena Vista Adobe.



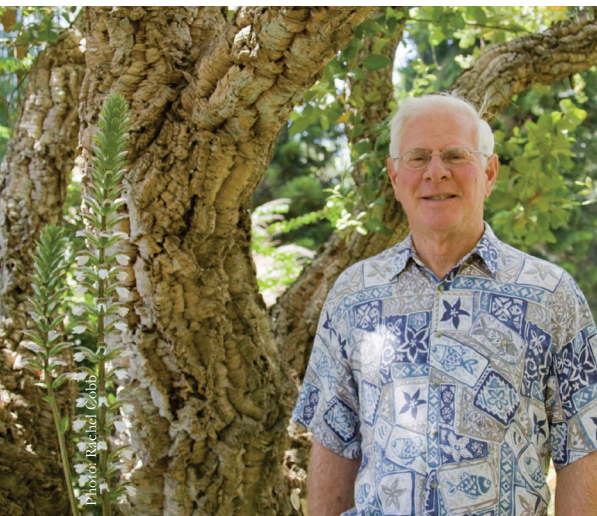
Photo: Marlene Dupriest

Book Sale

It's spring cleaning time for those of you who procrastinate!

It's also time to designate any extra books for SDBG's annual book sale at the Fall Plant Sale (October 15 and 16).

- Please hang on to book sale donations until September—we have limited storage space.
- Place a sticky note on any books of special value so we can price them appropriately.
- We can use books for all subjects, i.e., fiction, cook books, art, history, gardening.
- We can use all media: CDs, DVDs, VHS, audio books, magazines.



Volunteer of the Year

Sanford "Sandy" Shapiro was nominated by Pat Hammer to be the RSVP volunteer of the month, which he easily won in March 2011. In fact, the RSVP folks were so impressed with his bio that they made him Volunteer of the Year. We are extremely fortunate to have Sandy volunteering at SDBG. His willingness to help finds him doing anything from digging in the soil planting daylilies to parking vendors in the early morning at our events. His passion for gardening, his ability to solve problems, and his friendliness to all make him a great role model and mentor for other volunteers. He is well known throughout the community because he volunteers for so many organizations including the Encinitas Sheriff Department's Senior Volunteer Patrol and the Encinitas YMCA as a fitness instructor. He is a certified member of the Encinitas Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team. He is also a member of the Encinitas Parks & Recreation Commission, the Encinitas Invasive Plant Committee, the Encinitas Community Garden Organizing Committee, the Encinitas Garden

Festival Organizing committee, and the Encinitas Environment Day Organizing Committee. He is active with the University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners and the San Diego Horticultural Society. It is no wonder that RSVP made him Volunteer of the Year. His energy and talents are inspirational.

Docent and Volunteer Hours

Many of the jobs at the Garden are done by our dedicated and talented volunteers. In 2010, the docents (volunteers who have taken docent training) contributed 21,111 hours and the volunteers 7,218. In addition to their enormous accomplishments, their level of support is a tremendous asset when applying for grants. Thank you all!

Volunteer Orientation

Saturday, July 30, 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 Class

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 volunteer orientation (see above) and have volunteered at least 10 hours at the Garden.

For more information call 760/ 436-3036 x206.

Docent Meetings — Everyone Welcome

First Wednesday of the Month
Arrive at 11 AM for the program

July: No meeting—Have a great summer!

August: Join us to learn about the ancient practice of Bonsai. Phil Tacktil, a well known expert in this art form, will give a presentation and have beautiful examples for us to see.

September: Eric Gronborg, artist and plant expert, will speak on how to build walls and fences using plant material.

Volunteers took a break from gardening in South Africa on "Power Wednesday" in February. The group of 22 included team captains and volunteers from various garden areas who joined forces in the battle against spring weeds and South African veldt grass.

**Interested in helping with garden beautification?
Contact Peter Jones at peter349@sbcglobal.net or
Sally Sandler at ssandler@san.rr.com for information.**



Larabee History

by Sally Sandler

Ruth and Charles Larabee, founders of San Diego Botanic Garden, were both born in the Midwest and became heirs to considerable family fortunes. Ruth Robertson Baird was born in 1904, the daughter of a successful bank owner in Kansas City, Missouri, whose holdings included several thousand acres of farmland in the south plains of Texas. She was well educated, graduating with a major in Latin from Vassar College in 1926.

Charles Wright Larabee was born in 1901 in Stafford, Kansas, where his father and uncle established a prosperous bank and developed Larabee Flour Mills, which eventually became the base of their extensive fortunes. At his death, Charles's father, Frederick, was referred to as a "millionaire mill owner."

Ruth and Charles grew up within a block of each other in Kansas City, Missouri, and they married in June 1926, just days after her graduation from Vassar. Ruth was a public school teacher, while Charles was co-owner of a nursery in Kansas City. During the late 1930s and mid-40s, shortly after he inherited a fortune of his own, Charles gave lectures on gardening topics and traveled extensively throughout the Southwest, capturing stunning black and white photographs of scenery, cowboys, ranchers, rodeos, and indigenous people.

In 1942/43, Ruth Larabee purchased 26.5 acres of ranch land in Encinitas, California and together they made their home in the modest dwelling we now know as the Larabee House. Since neither of the Larabees was gainfully employed during residence here, there was ample time to travel, acquire plants, and establish gardens on the property. They did not have children of their own, but generously sponsored young students involved in scouting, treating them to camping adventures and river trips to share their love for the outdoors.

After only six years on the ranch, Charles moved to the marina on Balboa Island in Newport Beach, California, and in 1950 he and Ruth were divorced. By then, Charles was widely known for his photography, had become an expert lecturer on the Old West, and guided boating expeditions on the Green and Colorado Rivers. Ruth stayed on the ranch for another six years, cultivating the gardens and nurturing its wildlife resources. She was particularly fond of the quail and collaborated with fish and game officials to enhance their survival.

In 1957, Ruth donated her 26.5 acres in Encinitas to the County of San Diego to be preserved as a public park. She told friends that she considered attending nursing school in Mexico to help the poor. While there are no records to validate this, her will and trust make several references to specific people in nursing school in Puebla, Mexico. Later, she lived in Lubbock, Texas, and returned to Kansas City, Kansas in 1966.



Charles
(Source: Larabee Family Trust)



Close-up of Ruth from
photo above



Ruth's Vassar College photo
(Source: Vassar College)



Ruth with Camp Fire Girls at the Garden.
(Source: Jan Bitner, former troop member)

In December 1969, Ruth Larabee died in a tragic hotel fire in England. She was returned to the United States and buried in the Baird family plot in Kansas City, Missouri. While her history between 1957 and 1969 is vague, much can be learned about Ruth's friends, her generous nature and philanthropic interests from the will and trust she left behind. She inherited thousands of acres of farmland in Texas, most of which she entrusted to Texas Tech University; she also named 70 beneficiaries, people who had been her friends and loved ones, from all over the country and around the world; she bequeathed \$10,000 to the San Diego Camp Fire Girls organization and she directed money to Tuskegee Institute in Alabama to establish scholarships for African American women.

Charles was eventually remarried to Lila Pihlblad Hopkins and inherited two stepchildren who reside in southern California. He was a lifetime member of the Encinitas Rotary Club and sponsored underprivileged local students through college. In addition, Charles and Lila pursued numerous other philanthropic interests of their own.

In 1954, they moved to Palm Desert, California, where Charles managed the Larabee Family Trust until February 1968 when he died from lung cancer. His name can be seen today on a crypt in the Larabee family mausoleum in Stafford, Kansas. In reality, his stepchildren took his ashes from the crypt, and together with those of their mother Lila, who passed away in 1988, they delivered them to the desert sky and sand from the top of Shadow Mountain.

Ruth Larabee's determination to preserve the ranch as a public park was an act of true generosity and vision. And through his photography and philanthropic endeavors, Charles Larabee demonstrated a love for the Southwestern United States, documenting and preserving it for those who followed. Together they were generous benefactors, passionate about the outdoors and dedicated to sharing their discoveries with others, particularly the

younger generations.

(Condensed from the original narrative and research by Sally Sandler, Docent. All sources are cited in the document collection in the SDBG offices. Look for the Larabee's complete story and additional photos in the near future on the San Diego Botanic Garden website at www.sdbgarden.org.)

Thursday Family Fun Nights

Every Thursday, to 8 PM • Now - September 1st

Summer evenings are a delightful way to enjoy the beautiful grounds of the San Diego Botanic Garden in Encinitas. The Garden will be open on Thursday evenings until 8 PM from Memorial Day to Labor Day. We will have activities for children every Thursday in the Hamilton Children's Garden from 4:30 – 6 pm and then entertainment in the Lawn Garden from 6 – 7 pm. Bring a blanket or low chair to sit on. Here is what we have lined up:

June 23, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Music from Ancient Homelands

June 30, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Snap Tap -N Sing

July 7, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Storytelling and Music from Africa

July 14, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Hullabaloo

July 21, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Clint Perry & The Boo Hoo Crew

July 28, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Dance Around the World with Nikola Clay

August 4, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Fabulously Funny Fairy Tales

August 11, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wild Wes

August 18, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Avian Eyes Interactive Outreach

August 25, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Hullabaloo

September 1, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Miss Timmaris Time



Wild Wes



Hullabaloo



Avian Eyes
Interactive Outreach



Dance Around the World



Music from Ancient
Homelands



Snap Tap -N Sing



Miss Timmaris Time

Cost: FREE with admission or membership
Entertainment is subject to change.



HCG Entrance Open for Members Only

From now until the end of August, members can enter the Garden through the Hamilton Children's Garden parking lot on Fridays from 9 am to 12 noon.

Free Admission to Active Duty Military

Thanks to the generous support of Frances Hamilton White, active duty military and their families (card carrier +5) will have free admission to the Garden through Labor Day.





QUESTIONS?

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



FOR CHILDREN AGES 1 TO 6

Upcoming Events

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.



4th of July 2010



Photo: John Bryant

Thursday Family Fun Nights

Enjoy children's activities and family-oriented entertainment every Thursday from Memorial Day to Labor Day (see page 9).

Insect Festival



Don't miss one of our most popular events, July 9 and 10, 10 am – 4 pm (see page 4).

Seeds of Wonder Volunteer of the Season

On Monday mornings you can meet Shirley Reeves working at the Garden Railroad in Seeds of Wonder, where she is taking care of the tracks and trains. Shirley likes being outdoors, and she especially enjoys the interaction with children and their parents. Thank you Shirley!



Photo: Susanne Brueckner

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

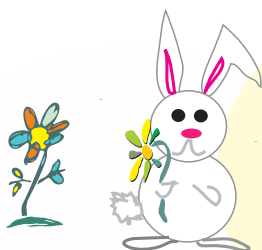
Trains, Paints, and Plants (recommended for ages 1 - 6)

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.



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



Hamilton Children's Garden

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Linda at
ldavis@SDBGarden.org
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FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 AND UP

Upcoming Events

Thursday Family Fun Nights

Every Thursday, June 2 – September 1

Come and enjoy the Hamilton Children's Garden in the cool afternoon hours from 4:30 – 6:00. We will have special art activities available. It would also be a good time to see what summer vegetables are growing in our Incredible Edibles section of the garden. Before heading to the Lawn Garden for some entertainment (see page 9 for details), the picnic tables would be a relaxing spot for dinner.

Insect Festival

July 9 and 10, 10 AM – 4 PM

Do you like bugs? Collecting bugs?
Eating bugs?
See page 4 for details.



Hamilton Happenings

Fun on Fridays

10 AM – 12 NOON

During the months of July and August, there will be special activities for children that may include art, helping in the garden, or storytelling.

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, and Rovers this summer at San Diego Botanic Garden. Ages 5 – 11. Enroll by visiting destinationscience.org or call 800/ 909-2822.

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



Both Photos: 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

Summer 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.

Build Your Own Hydroponic Summer Garden

Saturday, July 16, 9 AM – 12 NOON

Instructor: Alex Kallas of AgPALS.

Fee includes materials.

Cost: Members \$70, non-members \$90. Register by July 13.

Watercolor Journaling in the Garden

Sunday, July 17, 9:30 AM – 4 PM

Embrace the day exploring botanical details with watercolor and ink journaling style under the guidance of artist Helen Shafer Garcia. This method will strengthen your drawing and painting skills at every level. Materials list provided.

Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$75. Register by July 13.

Low Water Use Plant Pairing

Thursday, July 21, 6 – 7:30

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 July 19.

Free Composting Workshop

Saturday, July 23, 10 AM – 12 NOON

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

Kundalini Yoga in the Garden 4th Wednesdays in July, August and September, 5:30 – 7 PM

Join Tracie Barham for yoga and meditation in the beautiful outdoor setting of the Walled Garden. Kundalini yoga offers many benefits, including increased flexibility, awareness and peace of mind. Experience relief from stress, addiction, depression, and insomnia. All levels welcome, no experience required. Please bring water, a yoga mat, and a blanket.

Cost per class: Members \$10, non-members \$12. Advance registration appreciated, but drop-ins are welcome.

Compositions in Nature Part I

Saturday, July 30, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

If you want to improve the quality of your pictures in a big way, start with composition. In this class taught by Bob Bretell, you will practice compositional techniques including the rule of thirds, filling the frame, creating backgrounds, and simplifying your composition. For beginner and intermediate levels. Must own digital camera.

Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$75. Register by July 27.

How to Install a Laundry to Landscape (L2L) Greywater Irrigation System

Saturday, August 6, 10 AM – 12 NOON

Greg Bullock, founder of Water Recycle and Senior Level Certified Greywater Installer, will help you understand the rules to follow in the California plumbers code to build a safe, reliable, gravity-based system and shares which plants do best with greywater.

Cost: Members \$25, non-members \$30. Register by August 3.

Design Your Own Living Work of Art

Saturday, August 13, 10 AM – 12 NOON

Master Gardener and award-winning succulent designer Laura Eubanks shows you how to design, create, and maintain your very own living succulent creation. Fee includes materials.

Cost: Members \$75, non-members \$85. Register by August 10.

Drawing and Doodling From Your True Nature

Saturday, August 13, 2 – 4 PM

Sharon Belknap Thompson will show you how to interpret lines in nature as simple lines on paper—then add doodling to celebrate your true creative nature. Added bonus: Julie Ruecker will strum and sing folk songs.

Cost: Members \$35, non-members \$45. Register by August 10.

Make Your Own Silk Floral Scarves

August 25, 9:30 AM – 5 PM

August 26, 9:30 AM – 4 PM

In this two-day workshop, students will make four silk scarves under the guidance of master silk painter Jamie Kirkell. Located in Sarasota, Florida, Kirkell Silk Studios specializes in silk floral scarves featuring orchids and other beautiful flowers.

Cost: Members \$185, non-members \$200. Add \$75 materials fee. Register by August 22.

New Plants for Southern California

Saturday, August 27, 10 AM – 12 NOON

Wendy Proud of Mountain States Wholesale Nursery in Glendale, Arizona, will introduce you to some exciting plants for our dry Southern California landscapes. Plant sale will follow presentation.

Cost: Members \$10, non-members \$12. Register by August 24.

Create Your Own Garden Toolbox

Saturday, September 17, 9 AM – 1 PM

Design your own one-of-a-kind garden toolbox using an ordinary mailbox. Docent/artist Bobbi Hischkoff will guide you through the steps to create your new storage gem. Materials list provided.

Cost: Members \$55, non-members \$60. Register by September 14.

Three Choices for the Fall Garden

Saturday, September 17, 10 AM – 12 NOON

Diane Hollister explores which vegetables and herbs to plant, planting cover crops to

increase soil nutrients, and adding mulch to increase fertility and water holding ability.

Cost: Members \$25, non-members \$30. Register by September 14.

Succulent Wreath Class

Tuesday, September 20, 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.

Palm and Cycad Workshop

Saturday, September 24, 10 AM – 3 PM

Horticulturist Jason Kubrock will give a presentation on the cultivation of palms and cycads, followed by a tour of those plants growing in the Garden. Workshop covers identification, care, propagation, and landscaping.

Cost: Members \$45, non-members \$55. Register by September 21.

Cooking Classes with Chef Elizabeth, the Opera Singing Chef Up In Smoke

Saturday, August 6, 1:30 – 4 PM

Chef Elizabeth shares her recipes for a Smoky and Spicy Baba Ganoush Hummus made with roasted eggplants, onions, and peppers; Apple Smoked Lamb Chops with pressure-cooked applesauce and cranberries; and Cinnamon Cured and Cherry Wood Smoked Chicken Breast with cherry BBQ sauce. Register by August 3.

That's Italian—Autumn Dishes

Saturday, September 17, 1:30 – 4 PM

Learn how to make Arugula and Pear Salad; Pan-seared Salmon with linguini and a spicy vodka cream sauce; and Hazelnut Espresso Cheesecake made using Frangelico liquor and served with Chef Elizabeth's personally blended coffee. Register by September 14.

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 the last Saturday, tour focuses on water-wise plants.

Cost: Free with admission or membership.

Botanical Printers

1st Sunday of each month, 9:30 AM

You can help raise money for the Garden by creating gift cards using natural elements to be sold in the Gift Shop. 619/ 443-3047

Cost: \$20 initial fee to cover expenses.

Bird Watching

1st Monday of each month, 8 AM

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

Spring Reception

On a beautiful evening in March, over 100 members of the Larabee and Benefactor Societies, Arbor Vitae Guild, and Corporate members attended the 3rd Annual Spring Reception in the Garden's Ecke Building and the adjacent patio. Susan Belsinger, the keynote speaker for the Herb Festival, was on hand to meet guests, sign her books and address the crowd. She shared stories about her travels through Italy in her twenties and how that eventually led to her becoming a culinary herbalist, educator, food writer and photographer. Lance Roll, The Flavor Chef, served delectable organic hors d'oeuvres from both his treasured recipe collection and that of Ms. Belsinger.

We greatly appreciate the support and dedication of our charitable giving society members. Their gifts provide extra financial funding for our education programs, as well as the care and keeping of our wonderful Garden. Over the past year we have experienced a 25% increase in Larabee Society members. Even in this economic environment, people are increasing their level of commitment to the Garden. Please consider upgrading your membership today to make a charitable impact on the Garden, help more people get connected to nature, and enjoy exclusive events such as the Spring Reception.

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, arts and crafts. 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.



Special Guest Susan Belsinger with Trustee & Docent Kitty Sparrow.



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Delicious bites courtesy of Lance Roll, the Flavor Chef.

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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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Celebrating Arbor Day at the Garden

It has been over 135 years since J. Sterling Morton founded Arbor Day to encourage people to appreciate, plant, and care for trees. On Friday April 29, Brian Bishop, President of the Professional Tree Care Association, coordinated with four other PTCA members to come to the Garden for Arbor Day and donate a day of service trimming and caring for our trees. Their donated services totaled over \$7,000. Thank you Bishop Tree Service, Green Horizons Landscape & Maintenance, Inc., Green Valley Landscape, and Tree of Life Tree Service.



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