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## We Can Never Thank Them Enough

by Julian Duval  
President/CEO



I'm sure you have heard the expression "a labor of love." The 300+ individuals who volunteer at San Diego Botanic Garden are prime examples of those in a labor of love. They are some of the most talented people around and, if not for them, the Garden would not exist.

I am so fortunate, along with other employees, to work at a place that so many others find important enough to donate their time and considerable talent. Getting to know these people and seeing them in the Garden is always a highpoint in my work day. The volunteers outnumber the paid staff by a factor of 10 so you can imagine how much the Garden depends on volunteer support.

There are many subsets of volunteer specialists. One group, and probably the most numerous, is Garden Beautification, composed of many teams. Dave Ehrlinger, SDBG Director of Horticulture, rightfully considers them golden. The quality of horticulture we are able to sustain would not be possible without these teams. Each has adopted nearly every distinct garden as their special place where they do the gardening creating beauty for others to enjoy.

A long-standing unique group of volunteers are those who manage and staff the Gift Shop. Joyce Sapp who has worn many volunteer hats over the years has been the ultimate team leader in the Gift Shop. She is on her fourth three-year-term as a trustee of the Quail Botanical Gardens Foundation, among 27 other trustees who are community leaders and volunteers. Joyce received her 25 year pin this year, joining a distinguished group of others who have reached this worthy goal: Jean and Ken Nikodym, John and Nadine Starr, and Thelma and David Montag.

As this issue of *Quail Tracks* comes to you, our annual Garden of Lights holiday event will soon begin—running December 8th through 30th—for its 16th consecutive year. It started small but has always depended on our volunteers. It has grown to be one of our busiest events and could not happen without the 25 or more volunteers helping *each* night for 21 days.

Every Saturday morning at 10:30 there is a specially trained volunteer who leads a tour of the Garden for our visitors. These tours are general in what they cover but on the fourth Saturday they focus on the 17 garden displays that feature many ways to conserve water in a managed garden. Our tour volunteers provide an interpretation of the Garden that is simply not otherwise possible.

Most of the tour guide volunteers are also members of the San Diego Botanic Garden Docent Society, which requires completing a docent training course. Over 70 docents and volunteers attend monthly docent meetings, which are run by the very competent Liz Woodward, current Docent Society Chair. The enthusiasm for the Garden is clearly palpable at these meetings; and while I attend lots of different meetings, this is one I always look forward to. It is a chance to keep in touch with the wide range of activities run and staffed by docents and volunteers.

Too many jobs are covered by our many volunteers to list here, but there is one more I want to include. Rita Campbell has been leading the monthly bird walks at 8:00am on the first Monday of each month in the Garden for over 15 years. This group includes some beginner birders as well as those who are clearly expert. Rita's predecessor, Freeman Hall, started the monthly bird walks over 20 years ago and because of his efforts, and those of many others, we



now have record of birds seen in the Garden for all those years. This list is available on our website and Rita tells me that soon a list of the most commonly seen birds will become available at our Gift Shop. There have been over 117 different birds seen in the Garden over the years. Clearly, the Garden is providing an important refuge for avian wildlife and thanks to our birding volunteers we know much more about them. Rita would also want me to tell you that these walks are open to any member of the Garden who has an interest in helping out.

So how can you thank all those who volunteer for the SDBG enough? Well, you can't. However, one form of acknowledgement of their work comes from another form of critical support for the Garden—our many donors.

One of the activities I most enjoy is providing a personal tour of the Garden to existing and potential donors. During these tours, the vast majority of people we see working in the Garden are volunteers. Anybody in fundraising will tell you that people give not so much because they have excess funds but because something tugs at their heart strings. I know that meeting volunteers in the Garden during one of my tours is sure to make the tug ever stronger. My goal in providing these tours is to raise awareness of how the Garden serves a wide audience; the number of volunteers we have and seeing them in action is a very powerful testament that the Garden is most deserving of donor support.

Our 28th Annual Fall Plant Sale on October 15 and 16—not to be missed by anyone into plants—is being chaired by Stacy Gaudet and Kitty Sparrow. This huge event is run entirely by docents and other volunteers; and as a fund raiser is second only to the annual Gala in the Garden in funds raised for operating the Garden.

Sherri Johnson, SDBG Special Events Coordinator and the primary staff person managing the Gala, will tell you it takes over 100 volunteers to put on our Gala. Like the plant sale, there are simply so many jobs to make it happen. The Gala also provides the chance for our “Fund-A-Need” auction item. This seems like it should not work—as auctioneer I ask people to bid on something that they pay for and the Garden keeps. But given the good hearts of the attendees it does work and has been the source of funds for equipment and many improvements to the Garden over the years.

In this issue of *Quail Tracks*, Dave Ehrlinger tells us about the new Lawn House Garden. This latest addition to the visitor experience at SDBG is a good example of the how we get things done. Along with material support from Rain Bird and Euro American Propagators, funds obtained at our 2010 Gala Fund-a-Need auction made this addition possible.

By the time you read this article, our 2011 Gala in the Garden, a Celebration of Nature, Art and James Hubbell, will have already taken place. Our guests have been asked to help us replace the little admissions booth at our entrance with a larger structure we are calling a “Welcome Center.” Our current admissions booth was designed and built by volunteers about 12 years ago and is an excellent facility but simply too small for current needs. We have our sights set on a manufactured “green” building that will accommodate at least two people.

Collecting admissions has historically been yet another job volunteers have done for the Garden. We are able to have paid staff to cover most of these needs now but with space for at least one more person we can include a volunteer to answer visitor questions and process memberships.

As I am writing this, I feel confident that donors to the Fund-a-Need auction will come through again this year making for a better facility for volunteers and staff to work together welcoming visitors. And, thanks to a challenge grant from Supervisor Pam Slater-Price and the County of San Diego, their donations will be doubled. In fact, the County has pledged to match up to \$25,000 in contributions for the new Welcome Center, so please consider lending your support to this worthwhile project.

Finally, October is the last month to double contributions to the Garden from Frances Hamilton White's challenge grant. So there is still time to have your donations and membership upgrades matched. I know how Frances feels about the many SDBG volunteers and I am willing to say it has been a great influence on her substantial philanthropic support for many years.

No, we can never thank our volunteers enough.

*Julian*

## San Diego Botanic Garden Annual Report

The management team and Board of Trustees are committed to the responsible stewardship of this 37-acre public garden and the funds that have been raised and earned to care for it. Please visit [www.SDBGarden.org/governance](http://www.SDBGarden.org/governance) to view our Annual Report for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

### Baja Trip

San Diego Botanic Garden is giving you the chance to experience the Baja California Peninsula March 1 through 11, 2012. Get the opportunity to take a boat ride among Whales in Scammon's Bay (a Gray Whale Sanctuary), follow the “Tres Virgenes” volcanoes to the steepest part of the peninsula leading to the blue waters of the Sea of Cortes. You will also get the chance to explore the San Javier Mission and take Espiritu Santo Island Excursions. Trip includes meals, accommodations, guided tours, return airfare and more! For more information call Andiamo Travel at 800/ 661-1325 or E-mail at [info@andiamo-travel.com](mailto:info@andiamo-travel.com)



### Party Venues Available for the Holidays

The Walled Garden is available for daytime or evening rental during the month of December for your intimate holiday wedding or party. Rental includes tables and chairs for up to 70 guests.

The Larabee House is available for evening rental in December. After a private dinner or cocktail party for up to 40 guests, your group can enjoy the entertainment and beautifully lit Garden of Lights.

A festive, heated party tent with clear side walls is available on the nights of December 2, 3 and 4. Set in the middle of the Gazebo Lawn and beautifully lit in celebration of Garden of Lights, the tent can accommodate 150 guests.

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

# 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](http://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.

### Orchid Fair

**September 30, 3:30 – 5:30 PM**

Members Only Presale and Exhibit Preview (New!)

**October 1, 9 AM – 5 PM**

**October 2, 9 AM – 4 PM**

Join us for the splendidly colorful San Diego International Orchid Fair where countless varieties of orchids grace the grounds, some in exhibits and some for sale. Shop early at our new Members Only Pre-sale on Friday afternoon and enjoy a preview of the orchid exhibit in the Ecke Building. Another great reason to renew your Garden membership!

Learn from the experts how to care for your newly purchased orchids at "Orchids 101," our ongoing lectures on culture and care.

Have your orchid judged. The show is an official AOS (American Orchid Society) judging event and there will be ribbon judging as well. To register your plants for judging bring them to the Ecke Building on Thursday, September 29, 4 – 7 pm and Friday September 30, 9 am – 1:30 pm. Someone will be available to help you classify your plants. Please make sure they are pest-free, flowers are staked, and plants are clean. Judging begins at 2 pm sharp.

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

**Cost: Free on Saturday in celebration of Encinitas' 25th birthday (see below); on Sunday, event is free with admission or membership.**



Photos: Rachel Cobb

### Happy Birthday Encinitas!

**Saturday, October 1, 12 - 4 PM**

In celebration of Encinitas' 25th birthday, the Garden will be FREE to all on Saturday, October 1. Enjoy the many festivities at the San Dieguito Heritage Museum, which is adjacent to the Hamilton Children's Garden. Then come on over to the Garden. Be sure to check out the Orchid Fair in the Ecke Building area. For more information about the festivities visit [www.encinitasparksandrec.com](http://www.encinitasparksandrec.com) or call 760/ 633-2740.

**Cost: Free**



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## 29th Annual Fall Plant Sale

**October 15 and 16, 10 AM – 4 PM**

- Larabee and Benefactor Society Members Only Pre-Sale: October 15, Early Access at 8 am. Members at basic levels may upgrade to the \$125 Steward level to enjoy access to the best selection. To renew by phone call 760/ 436-3036 x217.
- Members Only Pre-Sale, all levels: October 15, 9 – 10 am

Plant donations from over 100 local growers, wholesalers, retail nurseries, and individuals make this one of the most interesting and diverse plant sales of San Diego County. Plant selections include California natives, cacti, succulents, bromeliads, fruit trees, and sub-tropicals. Visit our Botanic Attic for garden-related items. Also be sure to check out our huge selection of used books and homemade goodies such as specialty jellies. Enjoy a silent auction and the popular sit-down Bakery Shoppe, which serves cakes, cookies, pies, and coffee.

**Cost: Free with admission or membership.**

**Help Make the Plant Sale a Success- See [sdbgarden.org/plantsales.htm](http://sdbgarden.org/plantsales.htm)**

## Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale

**October 22, 9 AM – 5 PM and October 23, 10 AM – 4 PM**

The Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society will be having a plant show and sale at the San Diego Botanic Garden. Vendors of plants and pottery will be selling on both days. Judging will take place on Saturday from 12 noon – 3 pm. The public can follow along as judges comment on entries and make their selections. Winners will be available for viewing both days.

**Cost: Free with admission or membership.**



## Bromeliad Bash

**November 12 and 13, 9 AM - 5 PM**

Join us for the 1st Annual Bromeliad Bash at San Diego Botanic Garden featuring some of the best plants to grow in Southern California—bromeliads! Enjoy presentations, demonstrations, plant sales, and book sales all weekend long. Special exhibition showcases 37 original 19th century botanical illustrations of bromeliads and orchids from the collection of Jack Kramer, prolific author and collector. These one-of-a-kind original works come with documented sources—they are rare in the trade and are for sale. So is Jack's book, *Bromeliads for Home and Garden*. Sponsored by the San Diego Bromeliad Society and San Diego Botanic Garden.

**Cost: Free with admission or membership.**

## Garden of Lights

**December 8 – 23 and 26 – 30, 5 – 9 PM**

After the sun goes down, the Garden is transformed into a dazzling winter wonderland with over 100,000 sparkling lights illuminating the Garden for a magical holiday experience. Many of these lights are LED, which are much brighter than regular lights. Numerous activities include horse-drawn wagon rides, holiday crafts, marshmallow roasting, visits with Santa, live music, hot mulled wine, and refreshments. Snow on selected nights.

**Admission: Members \$6; non-members: adults \$12; seniors, active military, and students \$8. All children ages 3-12, \$4. There will be additional fees for some activities.**

## Gala in the Garden

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the 2011 Gala in the Garden, our largest fundraising event of the year. Our print deadline for this issue of Quail Tracks was prior to the Gala on September 10th. Please see the next issue for a complete Gala review and photographs.

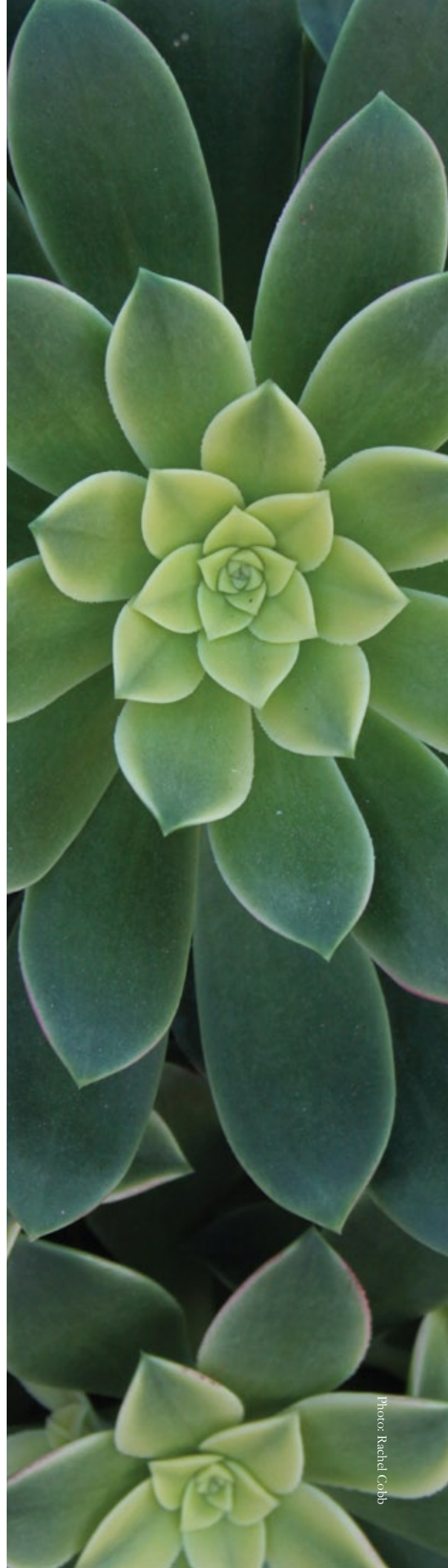


Photo: Rachel Cobb

# Volunteer and Docent News

## July Volunteer of the Month: **SUE RUDDICK**

Sue hails from Hertfordshire, England and was raised in South Wales in a home surrounded by a BIG garden. Her Mum and Dad were passionate about gardening and encouraged her to “help.” In London she met her husband Nick. While raising their son and daughter, Sue had the opportunity to explore the world of volunteering. In 1973, due to a company transfer, she volunteered at the Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden. When they moved to Oceanside, San Diego Botanic Garden seemed like a perfect fit. Sue became a docent in 2002. She has helped with the succulent cup garden creations; Seeds of Wonder activities—in particular the Brooke Foundation Encinitas Migrant School Children visits; Fall Plant Sale plant pick-up; membership table at various events; roving ambassador on free Tuesdays; and Santa’s helper during the Festival of Lights. Sue feels that folks who become involved in environments like SDBG are among the most wonderful people you could ever wish to know. There is a common bond and so much to learn from the staff, other docents and volunteers.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

## August Volunteer of the Month: **PAULA EOFF**

Paula is originally from the Midwest where her mother was a “bit of a gardener.” After college and traveling in Europe, she came to Cardiff to visit and decided to stay. She met her husband at the beach. While raising two sons, Paula volunteered in the PTA, Friends of the Library, and Meals on Wheels. She made friends with some fellow gardeners who introduced her to California native plants, succulents, and bromeliads. Upon their suggestion, she checked out SDBG and has been involved since 1988. She became a docent in 2001 and has helped with the Fall Plant Sale, Gift Shop, and hospitality for the volunteer monthly meetings. She assisted with the Gala volunteer refreshments and in several SDBG cooking classes. Last year she started with the Botanical Printers who make cards for the Gift Shop. Paula likes to see the Garden as an oasis of beauty and tranquility in an ever growing urban area.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

## September Volunteer of the Month: **ROSEMARY STAFFORD**

Rosemary grew up in Memphis with its fantastic trees. She can’t remember a time when plants and flowers didn’t interest her; as a preschooler she got into trouble for picking the neighbor’s flowers. Rosemary and her family—husband Irv of 56 years, son and daughter—have been living in San Diego County since 1956. She was introduced to the Garden by Joyce Wilder who told her about the concerts and the need for volunteers. When Rosemary retired from her job as a social worker for the County Child Protective Services, she started volunteering at the Garden. In 2003, she became a docent. She has helped in propagation, worked at most Fall Plant Sales and special events, led preschool tours, was co-Volunteer Coordinator, and now works recording volunteer hours. Rosemary finds the “people at SDBG are an inspiration. There’s so much talent in the arts and with landscaping and plants. It is a positive environment.”



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

## **Gift Shop**

10 AM – 4 PM daily

There is something for everyone at the Gift Shop! Check out our monthly specials. It’s not too early to think about holiday shopping—there are many gift items to choose from—and it’s a great way to support the Garden. Remember, your membership gets you 10% discount off all purchases (20% for Patron level and up).



Photo: Rachel Cobb





Photos: Margaret Jones



Photos: Heather Main. SDBG Staff

## SDBG Wins Top Prize at SD County Fair

The Paul Ecke Sr. grand prize for the overall best landscape display at the San Diego County Fair was awarded to San Diego Botanic Garden's "Bill's Victory Lap," a tribute to Bill Teague. Bill, who passed last September and who was a friend and mentor to all of us, designed many garden spaces for our botanic garden, the fair, and many public and private gardens. Peter and Margaret Jones, who designed the exhibit, wanted to showcase Bill's work so they included replicas of four garden segments that Bill executed here at SDBG. Twenty five volunteers pitched in to create the display and several growers donated plants. In addition to four other awards, the Joneses were pleased to receive the compliments of many in the local horticultural community who agreed that the display looked just as if Bill had done it.

## Volunteer Orientation

**Saturday, October 29, 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 will be offering its next Docent class series in February. It is not too early to get on the waiting list to become a docent and enjoy volunteering in this wonderful garden. The program includes eight classes: Introduction to SDBG and the Docent Program (this class should be taken first); Trees in the Garden and Sustainability; 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 (next will be October 29), have volunteered at least 10 hours at the Garden and completed the required background check. For more information call 760/ 436-3036 x206.

## Docent Meetings — Everyone Welcome

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

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

**November:** Under the guidance of docent Mary Roper, volunteers will make angel ornament musicians from corn husks, split-leaf philodendron, and other natural garden materials to be sold at Garden of Lights.

**December:** Annual Holiday Potluck.



Photo: Sally Sandler

A jewel box garden grows above the nursery, thanks to the creative talents and dedication of volunteers like Karen May, Marilyn Nelson and Barbara Osthaus (pictured l to r). Over the last two years, and with the design guidance of the late Bill Teague, Team Captain Marilyn Nelson and her crews transformed this area on the way to the Overlook into a show stopping succulent gem, proving that garden beautification volunteers can make a big difference and have fun doing it! Interested in helping with garden beautification? Contact Peter Jones at [peter3496@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peter3496@sbcglobal.net) or Sally Sandler at [ssandler@san.rr.com](mailto:ssandler@san.rr.com) for information.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

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# A New Tropical Retreat: The Lawn House Garden

by Dave Ehrlinger, Director of Horticulture

Imagine your backyard transformed into a tropical haven with luxuriant palms, exotic flowers, ginger, ferns, and jungle vines. The backyard of the Lawn House site has a wonderful view into our Tropical Rain Forest, overflowing with exotic flora and the sights and sounds of streams and cascading waterfalls. Palms, bamboos, and flowering trees and vines create a luxuriant idyllic scene, truly reminiscent of Hawaii, Fiji, and the South Seas.

Last year we decided to develop the backyard of the Lawn House into a garden that could be used for outdoor gatherings, classes, and weddings, using the existing deck off the main room and kitchen. Shellene Mueller of Designs by Shellene created the overall design with paver surfaces and retaining walls. For the landscape planting in this new space, instead of using the palette of high water use plants in the Tropical Rain Forest, we decided to use plants that look tropical and yet, use less water but still blend in with the Tropical Rain Forest ambiance beyond.

In order to suggest the diversity and complexity of tropical foliage a variety of plants of varying foliage texture, size, and form are planted here. Along the entrance walkway grow statuesque portea bromeliads (*Portea petropolitana*) and South Africa crinum (*Crinum moorei*) with their exotic flowers and sword-shaped foliage. Giant bird of paradise (*Strelitzia nicotai*) with its large leaves is much more drought tolerant than bananas with similar foliage and contrasts dramatically with palms in the background. Plants with glossy, lush



Photo: Herb Knufken



Photo: Herb Knufken

leaves grow throughout the garden from clivias (*Clivia miniata*) to cast iron plants (*Aspidistra elatior*). Texas olive (*Cordia boissieri*) has relatively large foliage, large white blooms, and is very drought tolerant. Foxtail agave (*Agave attenuata*) grows in several key spots with its bold, exotic foliage. For contrast, an Australian *Macrozamia* cycad (*Macrozamia montana*) displays its palm-like appearance, yet needs less water. Ferns are fine-foliaged plants that are wonderful for tropical effects. California's giant chain fern (*Woodwardia fimbriata*) thrives in the garden and is more drought tolerant than most large ferns. Another California native plant growing here is island coral-bells (*Heuchera maxima*) with its large foliage and modest water needs.

Mediterranean plants grow in several beds, adding exotic allure while using less water. Gladwin iris (*Iris foetidissima*) has striking, lance-like evergreen leaves and attractive orange-red fall fruits. Marina arbutus (*Arbutus 'Marina'*) is a small to medium-sized tree with large, lustrous evergreen leaves and attractive bell-shaped blooms and orange red fruits. A compact white oleander (*Nerium oleander 'White Sands'*) has fragrant flowers and evergreen leaves. It is, of course, very drought tolerant, requiring little water besides rainfall.

Because the garden is used for a number of weddings as well as evening events white flowers are seen throughout the garden. The seedless Snow Princess® sweet alyssum (*Lobularia maritima* Snow Princess®) flowers throughout the summer with its pleasing aroma. Perennial gerbera daisies - Garden Gerberas™ White and Daisy



May daisies (*Leucanthemum* Daisy May) grow well in light shade. Thriving in even more shade, Japanese anemone (*Anemone* 'Honore Joubert') has large attractive leaves and exquisite white blooms in late summer.

Fragrant flowers are especially prized for evening events when scents are often stronger. A florist favorite, stephanotis vine (*Stephanotis floribunda*), provides evening fragrance at the entry arbor. Gardenia 'First Love' is a flowering gardenia variety that is grafted onto the tougher, more drought tolerant South African gardenia (*Gardenia thunbergia*). Several of these grafted gardenias grow in the garden. The night air is further perfumed by angelwing jasmines (*Jasminum laurifolium nitidum*) with their starry, aromatic blooms. In addition, angel's trumpet (*Brugmansia*) grows in nearby landscapes and captivates all in its olfactory range.

The Lawn House Garden was made possible thanks to the generosity of several cash and in-kind donors. Euro American Propagators donated a variety of annual and perennial Proven Winner® and Proven Selection® plants and the Cycad Center donated Australian cycads. Rain Bird donated a smart irrigation controller, equipment, and supplies, including subsurface driplines. Financial support came from the Fund-a-Need donors at the 2010 Gala in the Garden, as well as a bequest from the late Arch Owen.

On your next visit to the Garden be sure to see what's new at the Lawn House Garden.



Photo: Rachel Cobb

Marina arbutus (*Arbutus* 'Marina')



Photo: Herb Knufken



Photo: Rachel Cobb

Texas Olive (*Cordia boissieri*)



Photo: Rachel Cobb

The new Lawn House Garden has quickly become a popular location for weddings and parties for up to 100 guests. The sounds of the waterfall cascading through the rainforest create a tropical atmosphere enjoyed by all. Pricing can be found in the Wedding Brochure on our website. Please contact Carla Henry, Wedding Site Coordinator, for further information at 760/ 436-3036 x205 or [chenry@sdbgarden.org](mailto:chenry@sdbgarden.org)





Photo: Susanne Brueckner



## QUESTIONS?

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



FOR CHILDREN AGES 1 TO 6

## Upcoming Events

### Fall Festival and Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 29, 2011

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Children ages 2 to 10 will celebrate the season with fall and Halloween themed crafts. "Snap Tap n Sing" will engage children and their families with interactive music making. At noon we will go on a Halloween Parade through the Garden. Children may wear costumes—no scary masks, or adults in costumes please!

**Cost: Free with admission or membership, plus small fee for crafts.**

Snap Tap n Sing, Fall Festival 2010



Photo: Susanne Brueckner



Photo: Rachel Cobb

## 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.



Photo: Susanne Brueckner

## Orchid Fair

**October 1 and 2 (see page 4 for details)**

There will be crafts for kids at the Orchid Fair so be sure to come by Seeds of Wonder after seeing the beautiful orchids on exhibit in the Ecke Building (and buying a few).

## Bromeliad Bash

**November 12 and 13 (see page 5 for details)**

Bromeliad-related crafts will be available for children in Seeds of Wonder at this exciting new event.



## 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](http://www.SDBGarden.org/seeds_wond.htm)





# 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

### Hamilton Happenings

### Fun on Fridays

11 AM – 1:30 PM

Come and enjoy the autumn weather. Children can make art, help in the Garden, or read a book.



### Saturday Slugs

11 am – 1:30 pm

Every Saturday there will be extra activities for children. Painting, making a craft, or using clay will be available. Fertilizing the edible garden with worm tea is another popular activity for children. Making a house and mud pies to serve are fun in the Fall.

## THE GARDEN

### What's Growing in Incredible Edibles?

Now is the time to plant winter vegetables. We have root vegetables such as radishes, carrots, and beets. Lettuces and spinach can be found in the salad bowl. Broccoli and cauliflower are examples of flowers from plants that we eat. A variety of peas grow at this time of year. Sugar snap peas are great to plant since children can pick and eat them right from the vine. Growing your own vegetables is a great way to encourage your family to try some new vegetables.

### Bird and Butterfly Garden

Fall is still a good time to observe the birds and butterflies that live in this garden at HCG. Last year there were Monarch butterflies throughout the fall and into the winter months. As long as milkweed plants are growing there will be caterpillars, chrysalises, and butterflies to see. Hummingbirds also enjoy the nectar from the flowering plants that we have planted for them.

## INDIVIDUAL CLASS FIELD TRIPS

A variety of field trips for up to 25 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 12 or more. To book a field trip please e-mail ldavis@SDBGarden.org. Here are some of the field trips we offer:

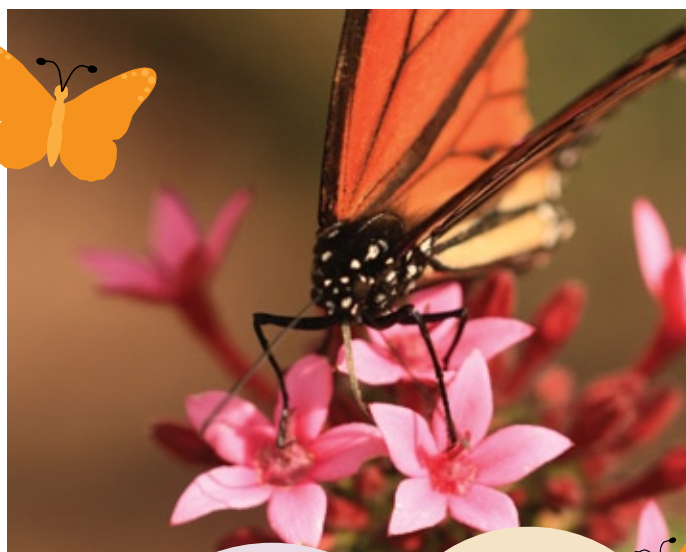
**Why is a Strawberry a Suitcase?**

**Eating With Your Eyeballs**

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## 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. Tours are available for second grade or older. A self-guided tour is available on our website for grades K-1. 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.



Both Photos: Rachel Cobb

## Birthday Parties

The Hamilton Children's Garden is available for birthday parties for children ages 6 - 12 (up to 20 children and 20 adults).

For more information visit  
[www.SDBGarden.org/hcg\\_home.htm](http://www.SDBGarden.org/hcg_home.htm)



## Fall Classes

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

### Compositions in Nature Part II

**Saturday, October 8, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

Understanding composition is such an integral part of learning how to take better pictures that we added a second class. In this workshop taught by Bob Bretell, you will work with design elements such as line, shape, and texture in more detail and learn how to use brightness and color to strengthen your photos. Recommended for beginners and intermediate level photographers who own a digital camera.

**Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$75. Register by October 5.**

### Designing with Native Plants by Greg Rubin

**Saturday, October 8, 9 AM – 12 NOON**

Learn how to design a garden using our very own California native plants from one of the most respected and knowledgeable people in the field, Greg Rubin. Owner of California's Own Native Landscape Design, Greg has designed over 500 native landscapes in San Diego County. Greg's new book is due out in spring of 2012.

**Cost: Members \$25, non-members \$30. Register by October 5.**

### Fall Harvest: Watercolor Journaling in the Garden

**Sunday, October 9, 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. We'll create pockets in the journal or our collaged harvest of dried leaves and other found nature elements. Don't worry if you've never painted before—this method will strengthen your drawing and painting skills at every level. Materials list provided.

**Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$75. Register by October 5.**

### Build Your Own Hydroponic Summer Garden

**Saturday, October 22, 9 AM – 12 NOON**

Instructor: Alex Kallas of AgPALS.

Fee includes materials.

**Cost: Members \$70, non-members \$90. Register by October 19.**

### Succulent Wreath Class

**Tuesday, October 25, 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 October 24.**

### Table of Plenty

**Sunday, October 30, 2 – 4 PM**

At this hands-on workshop taught by floral designer extraordinaire David Root, you will create a botanical napkin ring to complement a cornucopia centerpiece to take home. Bring your floral design tools: knife, clippers, scissors, wire cutters, and hot glue gun. Fee includes materials. Note: 50% of profit goes to the Garden.

**Cost: Members \$50, non-members \$55. Register by October 26.**

### Angels, Naturally

**Thursday, November 3, 10 AM – 1 PM**

Learn to make angel ornament musicians from corn husks, split-leaf philodendron, and other natural materials from the Garden. Students will be able to take home two to three angels which they make under the guidance of Mary Roper. Class fee includes materials.

**Cost: Members \$25, non-members \$30. Register by November 1.**

### Free Composting Workshop

**Saturday, November 5, 10 AM – 12 NOON**

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

### Succulent Wreath Class

**Tuesday, November 29, 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 November 28.**

### Cooking Classes with Chef Elizabeth, the Opera Singing Chef

#### Frightfully Fiendish

**Saturday, October 8, 1:30 – 4 PM**

In this frighteningly fiendish cooking class, Chef Elizabeth will share her recipe for Hungarian Goulash with tender beef cooked in a deeply seasoned tomato sauce, a family favorite; Oregano Onion Rolls with poppy

seeds, an old fashioned yeast roll that will be savored by all who taste it; and Smooth Pumpkin Flan topped with caramelized pecans, a perfect treat for the season. Register by October 5.

### Feast of the Forest

**Saturday, November 5, 1:30 – 4 PM**

Chef Elizabeth spent most of her childhood playing in the woods. This well-balanced menu was an Autumn favorite: Cumin-scented Pork Roast with wild mushroom gravy; Native American pudding, a sweet and savory pudding that pairs well with the roast; and, for dessert, Ruby Pear Tart with Poire William Sabayon. Register by November 2.

### Kitchen Gifts (All New)

**Saturday, December 3, 1:30 – 4 PM**

This year, Chef Elizabeth has found some wonderful and beautiful kitchen gifts. Cherry Swiss Cheese Bread, Coffee-Can Panettone, Oatmeal Drums, and paper towel tubes filled with seasoned nuts and cookies and wrapped to look like colorful drums and beautiful candies. There is always a number of different gift ideas displayed to inspire your creative gift-giving. Register by November 30.

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 Printers

**1st Sunday of each month, 9:30 AM**

Volunteers can help raise money for the Garden by creating gift cards using natural elements to be sold in the Gift Shop.

**Cost: \$20 initial fee to cover expenses.**

### 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 Newest Trustee: John DeWald

Originally from the Midwest, John has been living in the Encinitas area for over 25 years and currently resides in Cardiff. He has a varied educational background in science and engineering, has managed environmental engineering and software firms, and is now developing sustainable communities. John has been a board member of the Downtown Encinitas Mainstreet Association (DEMA) and the California Urban Forestry Council (CaUFC), and has been active in a number of other organizations in the San Diego and Chicago areas. His interests include hiking, camping, kayaking, and biking as well as gardening and cooking. He has a great love of natural history that was instilled in him by his father and grandfather.

### Upcoming Premier Level Member Only Events & Benefits

#### Fall Plant Sale Reception and Pre-Sale

**Friday, October 14th (Invitations will follow)**

This is an exclusive event open to Larabee Society members at the Fellow level and all Benefactor Society members. Guests will enjoy beer and wine, light hors d'oeuvres, and the first choice of hundreds of beautiful botanical delights for the home garden. The evening concludes with a live auction, led by President and CEO Julian Duval, featuring rare botanical treasures and one-of-a-kind specimens.

#### The Annual Benefactor Dinner

**Thursday, December 1st (Invitations will follow)**

In December the Garden is filled with beautiful lights, musical entertainment, and a welcoming holiday spirit. Our Benefactor Society members are invited to kick off the month-long Garden of Lights celebration at a private dinner and enjoy an exclusive preview of the Garden in its glittering glory. There will be an appetizer hour, a delicious dinner, entertainment, and beautiful floral décor created by the San Dieguito Garden Club.

#### Garden of Lights

Larabee Society members at the Fellow level and all Benefactor Society members, plus their accompanying guests (limits apply according to membership level), enjoy FREE admission to Garden of Lights as often as they would like.

If you would like to join at a premier membership level and enjoy exclusive events and benefits, please contact Paula Isley, Membership Manager, at 760/ 436-3036 x217 or [pisley@sdbgarden.org](mailto:pisley@sdbgarden.org).

**Garden of Lights sponsorship opportunities are now available. If your company is looking for an effective way to reach over 8,000 visitors at a unique holiday event while contributing to the care of San Diego Botanic Garden, please contact Tracie Barham at 760/ 436-3036 x216 to learn more.**



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

By giving a gift membership to a friend, neighbor or colleague as a holiday greeting or graduation present, you can share your love of plants and nature. Basic membership benefits include free admission for one year, two free guest passes, discounts at the Garden's Gift Shop & Nursery, free parking, our quarterly *Quail Tracks* newsletter, and much more.

Gift memberships at higher sustaining levels are also available and offer additional attractive benefits. Go online at [www.SDBGarden.org](http://www.SDBGarden.org), or call Paula at 760/ 436-3036 x217, to purchase a gift membership today.

**Save the Date**  
**Annual Meeting – January 7, 2012**  
**All current members are invited to attend.**  
**Look for your e-mail invitation in December.**



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