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## New Plans for the New Year

by Julian Duval  
President/CEO



I am writing this a bit before our annual meeting when officers will be elected by our board. I am very pleased to report and thank Jim Ruecker, our past QBGF Chairman, who has agreed to continue in this role for another year. Having the San Diego Botanic Garden's leadership in place for the New Year is a very important starting point but I also want to share other things we can expect for the Garden in 2012.

In this issue of *Quail Tracks*, we recap our Gala in the Garden where Paul Ecke III presented well-known artist and humanitarian, James Hubbell, with the Paul Ecke Jr. "Award of Excellence." In its role as our largest important fundraiser, the Gala also produced the seminal funds for a new Welcome Center that will replace the admissions booth we have clearly outgrown. So, later in 2012, you can expect the new Welcome Center which will provide a new look for the entrance of the Garden. Most importantly, it will better serve visitors and the growing number of members who have discovered the Garden as worthy of their support.

A leading gift for the Welcome Center was made at the Gala by the Leichtag Foundation through their CEO Jim Farley. The Leichtag Foundation is one of our major corporate sponsors and has played a pivotal role in nurturing the relationship the San Diego Botanic Garden has with the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens. Important ground work has been made for this relationship and I am confident we will see results in 2012.

In the July – September 2011 issue of *Quail Tracks*, I reported that the Director of the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens, Oren Ben Yosef and the JBG Head Scientist Dr. Ori Fragman Sapir were able to visit and see some of the rich floristic diversity of San Diego County. They both visited twice and it was clear a bond had developed that would result in a long-lasting relationship between our respective gardens.

In the interest of further encouraging this sister garden relationship, the Leichtag Foundation this past November provided funding for three of us from the SDBG to visit Israel and the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens. Dave Ehrlinger, SDBG Director of Horticulture, Anne Spindel, SDBG Docent and past Docent Chair, and I shared a trip of a lifetime.



We were not only warmly, but royally received and hosted by Oren and Ori. We were in Israel for 10 days and traveled extensively with Oren and/or Ori nearly the entire time. The few days when they could not be with us they provided a very capable professional tour guide and driver.

We traveled from the Galilee to the Negev desert and of course focused on the botanical richness of Israel; but you could not look at the plants without being immersed in the incredible human history of the land from which the plants grew from. I hope you can join us at the SDBG annual meeting on Saturday, January 7th where the program will be a presentation on this trip the three of us will never forget.



Photos from the SDBG visit to Jerusalem.  
Courtesy of Julian Duval.



We stayed in Jerusalem for three days which included an extensive tour of the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens. We met many of their staff, volunteers and board members. As part of a symposium on interpretation held at JBG that included their leadership as well as public garden representatives from all over Israel, I gave a well received presentation on SDBG. Thankfully Jim Farley and Charlene Seidel of the Leichtag Foundation were in Jerusalem while we were there and participated in a meeting we had afterward with Alan Berkley, Chair of the JBG board, and JBG senior staff to discuss how we would move the relationship between the two gardens going forward. These discussions continued into the evening where we were guests at Alan's lovely home for dinner.

Our talks brought results in that we now have language for a memo of understanding which will formalize the relationship between the two gardens. We also agreed to focus on something tangible and worked on concepts for reciprocal exhibition projects. The JBG will help us with the design, interpretation and acquisition of appropriate plant material to develop an Eastern Mediterranean section with a focus on plants from the Holy Land for our Mediterranean Garden. We will, in turn, help JBG with design, interpretation and plant acquisition for their intended SW North American display.

While the permit process for plant importation can take some time we hope to have our Eastern Mediterranean section come in fruition during the coming year.

In June 2012, Oren and I will meet at the American Public Gardens Association national conference in Columbus, Ohio where we hope to provide a presentation on the relationship we are growing between our gardens. We also expect Ori to join us on our Baja trip that leaves March 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, which will provide background for the SW North American section at JBG. There may be some individuals of the JBG membership that will also be on this trip and there may still be opportunities for members of our Garden to participate. If you are interested, please check our website for more information.

It is hard for Dave, Anne or me to select one highlight from our trip, but something that ranks at the top would be the ancient grove of olive trees we visited with Ori near the village of Roma in the Galilee. Each is a unique living sculpture and some are easily over a thousand years old yet still producing olives. You cannot help be emotionally impacted when presented with trees of this age and beauty and this was just one of the many treasures of Israel our brothers and sisters of the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens have shared with us.

*Julian*

## Annual Membership Meeting

January 7, 2012, 10AM – 11:15AM

All members of San Diego Botanic Garden are invited to participate in the Annual Meeting and Election of the Board of Trustees. Refreshments will be served. Please see your e-mail invitation for more information or contact Sherri at 760/ 436-3036 x218.

## San Diego Botanic Garden Southeast Asia Tour 2012

SDBG President and 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 *AnkorWat* in Cambodia. To join the interest list, contact Sterling Tours: 619/ 299-3010, 800/ 976-9497 or [www.sterlingtoursltd.com/Asia2012.html](http://www.sterlingtoursltd.com/Asia2012.html)



## Upcoming Events

### Valentines Day Event

February 14, 2012

Join us for a romantic Valentine's Day in the Garden on February 14, 2012. Stroll the Garden from 5pm – 8pm while enjoying romantic touches including champagne, gourmet appetizers, chocolate dipped strawberries, flowers, photographs, music and dancing.

Cost: Tickets are \$75 per couple.



### Sculpture in the Garden

Now – April 2012

The unique exhibition showcases sculptures from 26 talented artists set against the beautiful backdrop of 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 and their sculptures visit our website and click on events.



Download FREE QR Code Reader app on your smartphone and scan for more information on the sculptures.

### Through the Eyes of an Artist

Saturday, March 3, 9AM – 1PM

In celebration of Sculpture in the Garden (see above) we are having a panel discussion recognizing the value of art in the garden with stunning illustrated examples. Participations include:

Sculpture Artists:  
Madelynne Engel  
Jeffery Laudenslager  
Benjamin Lavender

Landscape artists:  
Glen Schmidt of Schmidt Design Group  
David Reed of David Reed Landscape Architects  
Paul De Martini of Classic Gardens

All participants are extremely accomplished in their fields so it promises to be a most insightful day. After the program and light refreshments, there will be a tour of the sculptures on exhibit in the Garden.

Cost: Free with admission or membership



Photos: Rachel Cobb

Jeffery Laudenslager



Benjamin Lavender



Madelynne Engel

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# Herb Festival, Spring Plant Sale, and Tomatomania®

March 17 and 18, 9AM – 5PM



We are happy to announce that Rosalind Creasy will be our honored guest at this year's Herb Festival.

Rosalind is a garden and food writer, photographer, and landscape designer with a passion for beautiful vegetables and ecologically sensitive gardening. She began her career in horticulture in the 1970s as a landscape designer and restaurant consultant. By 1982 she had published her first book, *The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping*, which won the Garden Writers Association's Quill and Trowel award, was chosen as a Book of the Month selection, and hailed by *The Wall Street Journal* as the best garden book of 1982. Considered a classic, it coined the term "Edible Landscaping," now a part of the American vocabulary. Her latest book is a complete update of *The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping*, now called *Edible Landscaping* (2010). Recently, Rosalind was awarded a 2011 American Horticulture Society Book Award for *Edible Landscaping*. She resides in Northern California.

Today, Rosalind continues to share her knowledge of gardening and cooking. She will give a presentation for us at 1 pm both days:

## Edible Landscaping – The New American Garden

One of today's gardening buzzwords is sustainable. You'd be hard put to find a more sustainable landscape style than an organically grown edible garden. Rosalind Creasy, pioneer in the field of edible landscaping, will give a mouth-watering slide presentation. Among the topics she will cover are an A to Z of her recommended beautiful edible plants for home gardens, an overview of the wide variety of edible landscapes, as well as the principles of landscape design particular to edibles.

In addition to Rosalind's presentation, there will be on-going speakers on garden and herb-related topics, guided tours of the Herb Garden, Herb Festival Market-place, the A-Z on Herbs information booth, and the SDBG Spring Plant Sale with a multitude of vendors.

Back by popular demand is Tomatomania® with lectures on culture and care and plenty of tomato seedlings.



## For Kids: Everything's Coming up Roses

In honor of the 2012 Herb of the Year, the Rose, kids will learn how roses are used in cooking, perfume and for nutrition. They will make a rose-inspired bracelet, rose petal potpourri dream pouches, or wild Irish paper rose in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Saturday only, 10 am – 12 noon. Small fee to pay for materials.

For details on speakers, vendors, coupons and more, visit [www.SDBGarden.org](http://www.SDBGarden.org) as we get closer to the event.

**Cost: Free with admission or membership**



# Volunteer and Docent News

October Volunteers of the Month:

## MAGGIE AND CHARLIE GARREN

Before they married in 1989, Charlie had received a PhD, worked in Germany, then Atlanta, North Carolina and Virginia. Maggie had received two Masters, worked in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the Phillipines. Charlie was a Professor at John Tyler Community College and Maggie was the director of a rehab clinic for adults with severe mental, physical and behavioral challenges. It seems that Charlie was the vegetable gardener while Maggie was the struggling gardener until she met Charlie. When they moved to San Diego in 2006, they immediately joined SDBG, enjoying the very-different-from-the-east-coast plants. They saw a request for volunteers in Quail Tracks and today, Maggie and Charlie are both docents and Beautification Team Leaders for the Hamilton Children's Garden. They have also helped at several events. They enjoy seeing families having fun making discoveries in the Hamilton Children's Garden, the unquenchable spirit of the volunteers, the helpful SDBG staff, the company of fellow docents and volunteers, the details demonstrating the love and knowledge of past and present gardeners, the joy of working with people who are remarkable and unforgettable, and going back to an area in the Garden where they have worked and seeing the positive changes. A fond memory is the first day as a volunteer, raking leaves in the Bamboo Garden—a very peaceful moment.



Photo: Marlene Dupre



November Volunteer of the Month: **WENDY GRAHAM**

Wendy grew up in New Jersey. Her family moved every few years to another east coast location but her dad always had a half-acre garden and some fruit trees. At that time Wendy had “cooler things to do” than to garden, but interestingly enough when she went off to college at age 19 she bought a 40-acre farm and started organic farming (clearly Dad had an influence). She met her husband Tom while in graduate school at Cornell; he needed to do a post doc which brought them to the Salk Institute in San Diego and they never left. Wendy's work history ranges from Cornell, UCSD, Navy, and Gemological Institute of America, Research and Education to a Masters in Environmental Science with a PhD in Evaluation Research. When they moved to San Diego, they immediately joined the Garden. Wendy said to herself, “When I retire I want to be a docent here.” And she did, nine years ago. The jobs she's had include Docent Coordinator, Plant Nursery coordinator, Succulent Cups coordinator, Quail Tracks coordinator, Docent chair, and working at every Plant Sale. Wendy especially likes her gardening buddies in the different venues where she works—it is always a learning opportunity. Her fondest memory could be the opening of the Hamilton Children's Garden and finding her Mom's memorial plaque there (now Mom is always with her in the Garden).



Photo: Nick Kaudrick

December Volunteer of the Month: **RON MCAFEE**

Ron was born in Indiana but considers himself a native as he has been here so long. As a kid, Ron always had a garden project going in his parents' yard—mainly corn, tomatoes, and squash. After a stint in the Navy, Ron worked in the electrical power industry and retired as chief of the office responsible for the daily operation of the California State Water Project. He and his wife Norma have a combined total of seven children and eight grandchildren. A long-time docent at SDBG, Norma's enthusiasm gradually brought Ron into volunteering at the Garden. Currently he is working in the Bamboo area, having just finished a big bamboo construction project for the San Diego County Fair Exhibit, and is working on more bamboo construction projects for the Garden. He has also volunteered at special events and garden beautification. Ron enjoys his time in the Garden and seeing young children showing an interest in all of the plants. He especially likes the enthusiasm, knowledge, and hard work of all the volunteers who keep SDBG in top shape and make it a joy to visit.



Photo: Rachel Cobb

## Gift Shop

10AM – 4PM daily

Visit our Gift Shop for everything from garden gifts to live plants! Members receive a 10% discount and those at Patron level and above receive 20% discount (you must show your membership card). We are always happy to see you, so come in and say hello to our great workers who are all volunteers. Each purchase helps support the Garden.



## Volunteer Orientation

**Saturday, January 28, 9:30AM – 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.

## Become a Docent

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: Overview of Docent Program and SDBG (this class should be taken first); Botany Boot Camp and Herbs; Palms, Cycads, and the Rainforest; Native Plants and Native People; Mediterranean Plants; Succulents and Desert Plants; Bamboo and Subtropical Fruits; Trees in the Garden and Sustainability. If you are interested in becoming a docent, you must attend a volunteer orientation (next will be January 28), 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

**January:** Jason Kubrock of the MiraCosta College Horticulture Department will teach you how to prune your plants.

**February:** Anne Spindel will tell us about her trip to Israel and the Jerusalem Botanic Garden.

**March:** Chris Garcia, gardener at SDBG, will be discussing healing gardens.

While volunteer gardeners can be found any day somewhere in our Garden, on Wednesday, November 9th, 26 volunteers came together with staff to do a make-over on the big bank in Hamilton Children's Garden. Recent rains had encouraged invasive weeds, which now were crowding out agaves, aloes and other planted species. Once the invading plants were cleared, it was time to take a break and feast on some of the delicious snacks. Once refreshed, the crew planted many native species to take the place of the weeds. Referred

to as Power Wednesday, this occasional event, may take place in any part of the Garden and is looked forward to by many for the opportunity to spend time with their fellow volunteers, sample their baking, as well as work in a part of the Garden they otherwise might not see. To become part of our growing volunteer Garden Beautification team, contact Michael at 760/ 436-3036 x 206.

## Jams and Jellies 348 Jars – 23 Varieties

Thanks to the diligent and hard working efforts of four docents—Leslie Duval, Robert Kopfstein, and Jean and Ken Nikodym—the October 2011 sale of jams and jellies has again exceeded the prior year sales. This year's sales amounted to \$1445. For the first time, we offered samples on breads and crackers, very much welcomed by the buyers. Thank you to all the buyers for making the sale of Jams and Jellies so successful. For next year, we are looking for more than four jam makers. Just think how we could do if we had eight or ten jam and jelly makers.



## Library Book Sale

Once again, the library staged an impressive book sale during the Garden's Annual Fall Plant Sale spearheaded by librarian Kenneth Hayward. Nine volunteers made light work of the sale, which made about \$500. The San Diego Bookman sent us 18 boxes of books in honor of John Becker. Other Garden supporters provided another substantial amount including 24 shelf feet of VHS tapes. Helpers included Elf Mitton, June Andersen, Deb Batey, Pat Amador, Georgie Dennis, Maggie Garren, Joan Herkowitz, June Hunt, and Nell McChesney.

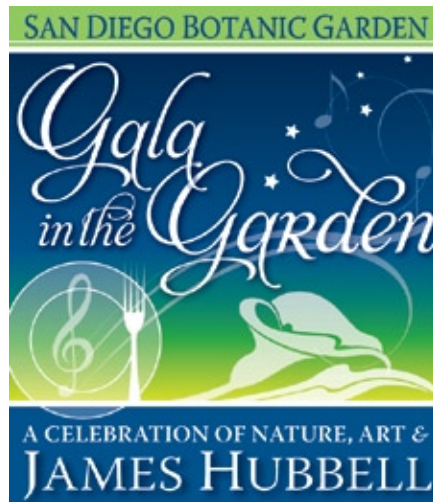


On September 10th, 400 guests gathered at San Diego Botanic Garden for the Gala in the Garden: A Celebration of Nature, Art and James Hubbell. As our largest fundraiser, the Gala raised over \$165,000 to support the Garden's exhibits and educational programs.

The evening began in the Gala Pavilion, the Garden's parking lot magically transformed into an artful display of greenery, natural materials, lights and artistic floral designs. Guests enjoyed champagne, hors d'oeuvres and an eclectic silent auction. They later meandered through many of the Garden's most stunning areas including the Bamboo Garden and the Walled Garden and enjoyed music, floral displays and the very best in food and drinks. As a special treat this year, guests visited the new Lawn House Garden, which officially opened February 2011. The creation and installation of this new water-conserving backyard garden was partially funded by the 2010 Gala's Fund-a-Need auction.

Over forty of the finest local restaurants, caterers, micro-breweries and wineries offered their delicious specialties. Guests were welcomed and served by a team of volunteer Eco Stewards who ensured that roughly 75% of the event waste was recycled or composted at this environmentally-friendly affair. In true Garden spirit, local florists' impressive arrangements were displayed at each food and drink station.

At sunset, guests gathered again in the Gala Pavilion for desserts and the rousing action of the Fund-a-Need auction. An all-time record of over \$24,500 was raised for the new



Welcome Center which will replace the existing Admissions Booth. Thanks to a matching grant from the County of San Diego and a \$10,000 grant from the Charles and Ruth Billingsley Foundation, over \$60,000 has been raised towards the \$70,000 project budget. The Garden then paid tribute to the evening's esteemed guest, James Hubbell, who was honored with the Paul Ecke Jr. Award of Excellence. Paul Ecke III was on hand to present the award to Mr. Hubble, world renowned artist, humanitarian and environmentalist.

The Gala in the Garden was truly a special time for Garden friends. We appreciate the support of all who attended. Thank you to our Sponsors and In-Kind Donors who provided underwriting for the event. The Gala would not have been possible without our hard working committee members and volunteers. We are grateful to Jim Ruecker, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Gala Chairman the past three years, for his fine leadership.

We thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Gala and by doing so, made a true commitment to the prosperity and beauty of our community's treasure: San Diego Botanic Garden. We encourage you to take a look at the list of Gala donors and support them with your business. Mark your calendar for next year's Gala on September 8th, 2012 – we hope to see you there! For additional Gala in the Garden information, please call Sherri at (760) 436-3036 ext. 218.

*Photos by Pat Bellgardt, Bill Dean and Heather Main*



**Paul Ecke III, James and Anne Hubbell, Julian Duval and Jim Ruecker following the award presentation.**



**Kathi Byers, Carla and Tom Applegate and Dean Byers enjoy the sculptures on display in the Garden.**



**Jim Ruecker takes a moment with Honoree James Hubbell and his wife Anne Hubbell.**

**Attendees Julie Pardee and Linda Davis enjoy the live music on the Gazebo Lawn.**



**Tom and Peggy Cozens take a break from the silent auction in the Gala Pavilion.**



**Julian Duval announces our Fund-A-Need in the Gala Pavilion.**





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## THE GARDEN TO HONOR JANET KISTER

We are pleased to announce that the 2012 Paul Ecke Jr. Award of Excellence Honoree is Janet Kister. Janet and her husband John are the co-founders and co-owners of Sunlet Nursery, Inc. in Fallbrook.

Janet has made significant contributions as a volunteer and past trustee here at the Garden and as a leader in the local, state and national agriculture industry. She will be the guest of honor at the 2012 Gala in the Garden on 9-8-12. Please plan to join us as we celebrate Janet's accomplishments.

The Fish Market was just one of dozens to cater our Gala.



Gala Eco-Stewards Faith Meakin, Edward Frederick, and Steve and Akiko Piercy make recycling look good!



Robin Reid-Anderson shows us how to recycle.

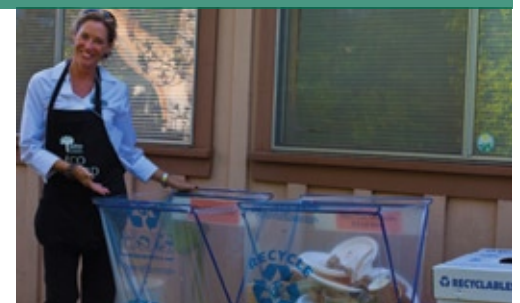


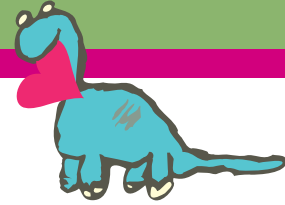


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## QUESTIONS?

Please contact Susanne at  
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FOR CHILDREN AGES 1 TO 6

## Upcoming Events

### Spring Party with Bunny

**Saturday, April 7, 2012**  
**Early Party 10AM – 11:30AM**  
**Late Party 11:30AM – 1PM**

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 picnic. 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](http://www.SDBGarden.org/seeds_wond.htm)) or in person at our office. Pre-registration by phone, e-mail, or mail are not accepted.**



Spring Party with Bunny Parade, 2011

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, 10AM – 12 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

**10:30 - 11:00AM**



#### 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 – 11AM**

#### 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 – 11AM**

**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.



Spring Party with Bunny, Rabbit Picnic 2011



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## Herb Festival

Children's activities will be offered at this event. Please see page 5



## 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)





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# Hamilton Children's Garden

## QUESTIONS?

Please contact Linda at [ldavis@SDBGarden.org](mailto:ldavis@SDBGarden.org) or 760/ 436-3036 x225



FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 AND UP

## Upcoming Events

### Hamilton Happenings

### Fun on Fridays

11AM - 1:30PM

Come and play in the tree house, paint a picture or help water the edible garden.



## Saturday Slugs

11AM - 1:30PM

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.

## THE GARDEN



### What's Growing in Incredible Edibles?

Our salad bowl is full of different kinds of lettuce and spinach. Root vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower, carrots and potatoes are growing at this time of year. The punch bowl has bananas, pineapple, and watermelon. Come and learn about our worm bin and help feed our plants.

### Looking Ahead to Ladybug Day

We will be having our annual Ladybug Day on April 21 from 10am-12:30pm. We will be searching the garden for ladybugs, making crafts of ladybugs and releasing live ladybugs.



## INDIVIDUAL CLASS FIELD TRIPS

A variety of field trips for up to 30 students is 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](mailto:ldavis@SDBGarden.org). Here are some of the field trips we offer:

**Why is a Strawberry a Suitcase?**

**Eating With Your Eyeballs**

**Native Plants/Native People**



## 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 Children's for Hamilton Children's 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](mailto: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](http://www.SDBGarden.org/hcg_home.htm)

## Winter Classes

To see full class descriptions and to 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.

### Free Composting Workshop

**Saturday, January 21, 10AM – 12 NOON**

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

### Batik Flora & Fauna:

#### A Mixed Media Approach

**Sunday, January 22, 9:30AM – 4PM**

Create beautiful nature-themed mixed media paintings on Masa paper and canvas with instructor Helen Shafer Garcia. We will explore a special batik-like technique with Japanese Masa rice paper mounted on canvas and use the “dropped-in color” watercolor technique to paint flora and fauna on the paper support.

**Cost: Members \$80, non-members \$90 (fee includes \$15 for supports and varnish).**

**Register by January 18. Materials list on website.**

### Designing with Native Plants by Greg Rubin

**Saturday, February 4, 9AM – 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.

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

### New Plants for Southern California

**Saturday, February 11, 10AM – 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 February 8.**

### Hypertufa Container Workshop

**Saturday, February 18, 9AM – 12 NOON**

Join us to make a durable, lightweight plant container out of hypertufa. These pots are organic and slightly porous so the pots are perfect for succulents. Materials will be provided to make one small container.

**Cost: Members \$35, non-members \$45 Register by February 15.**

### Build Your Own Hydroponic Winter Garden

**Saturday, February 25, 9AM – 1PM**

Instructor: Alex Kallas of AgPALS. Fee includes materials.

**Cost: Members \$70, non-members \$90. Register by February 22.**

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

**Saturday, February 25, 10AM – 12 NOON**

Greg Bullock, founder of Water Recycle and Senior Level Certified Greywater Installer, will help you build a safe, reliable, and gravity-based system and will share which plants do best with greywater.

**Cost: Members \$25, non-members \$30 Register by February 22.**

### Succulent Wreath Class

**Tuesday, February 28, 9AM – 2PM**

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 February 27.**

### Photoshop Elements for Nature Photographers

**Saturday, March 10, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

This class combines the fun of shooting in the garden with the magic of enhancing your photos using Photoshop Elements. Professional photographer Bob Bretell will demonstrate how to work in several camera modes. Class size is limited to 10 students so sign up early. Recommended for all levels.

**Cost: Members \$69, non-members \$79. Register by March 7. Materials list on website.**

### Succulent Wreath Class

**Tuesday, March 20, 9AM – 2PM**

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 March 19.**

### Botanical Art Series

**Saturdays: March 24 & 31, and April 7, 9AM – 3PM**

Join us for a series of workshops exploring different media to create botanical art with instructor Lesley Randall. First in the series is graphite, next is pen and ink. In the last class of the series we will tackle adding color to a subject. All levels welcome. A discount is given when you sign up for more than one class in the series.

**Cost (one class): Members \$55, non-members \$65**

**Cost (two classes): Members \$100, non-members \$120**

**Cost (three classes): Members \$145, non-members \$175 Register by March 21. Materials list on website.**

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

#### That's a Cheesy Italian: A Vegetarian Italian Cooking Class

**Saturday, February 4, 1:30 – 4PM**

Here are some fantastic Italian dishes to add to your recipe repertoire: Finocchi Gratinati (fennel stuffed with smoked provolone and parmesan), Tortino de Ricotta di Bietole (Ricotta and Swiss chard pie), and as a sweet finish, Strawberry Mascarpone Crepes. **Register by February 1.**

#### Soups for the Soul

**March 10, 1:30 – 4PM**

Learn how to make these delicious and nourishing soups: Creamy Asparagus Potato Bisque, Smoky Split-pea Soup with turkey sausage, and Tomato Basil Bisque. Chef Elizabeth will also share her recipe for Old-fashioned Onion Dinner Rolls, an award-winning recipe from 1967.

**Register by March 7.**

**Recipes and tastings provided for each dish.**

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

## Ongoing Programs

### Docent-led Guided Tours

**Saturdays, 10:30AM**

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, 9:30AM**

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, 8AM**

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

# Premier Level Members Only Event Spring Reception

Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 5PM -7PM (Invitations will follow)

This complementary event is for all Larabee and Benefactor Society members and Corporate Partners. Celebrate the kick-off to the Herb Festival, Tomatomania® and Spring Plant Sale Weekend.

Enjoy a glass of wine while sampling “Farm to Table” foods, visiting with fellow Garden supporters, and hearing from special guest speaker Scott Daigre of Tomatomania®.

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

## Providing Military Families with a Nature Connection

Over the past two summers San Diego Botanic Garden offered free admission to active duty military personnel and their families through the Blue Star Museums program. This initiative was created by the National Endowment for the Arts to recognize the sacrifices made by the members of our military and to thank them by providing free access to fun and enriching activities at more than 1,500 museums and gardens across the country. Our participation was made possible thanks to generous underwriting from Frances Hamilton White.

During the summer of 2010 we welcomed 770 adults and 502 children from military families to the Garden. In 2011 Frances chose to launch the program a month earlier than the national program and that, combined with fantastic word-of-mouth, contributed to a 65% increase in visitors with 1,405 adults and 693 children visiting the Garden. We found that families appreciated the opportunity to explore and discover, and solo visitors took advantage of the peace and solace found throughout the Garden.

Because Frances believes so strongly in the value of time spent in nature, she took the program one step further and underwrote two-thirds of the cost of memberships for military families during the month of September in both 2010 and 2011. This year we saw a 55% increase in participation, with 113 families and individuals purchasing memberships at a reduced price. Feedback from our military members was overwhelmingly positive. Amanda S. said, “My husband, son and I look forward to making many happy memories there. Thank you, also, for your support of our military and their families. It inspires us to keep going.” Lisa S. told us, “It is my son’s favorite place to go and thanks to (Frances’) generosity, we can now go as often as we desire.”

We are grateful to Frances for making it possible for us to share the Garden with so many military servicemen, servicewomen and families. She pointed out an unexpected bonus as well in saying, “I think all of those involved from the Garden got much pleasure from and appreciation of this outreach program. The military families were not the only beneficiaries of the program. We all were made aware of the fact the Garden experience can be a healing process.”

## Meet our Newest Trustee: Larry Campbell

Larry Campbell was born and raised in Anaheim, CA. He and his wife Tina have twin 3 year-old boys, William and Michael. He graduated from the University of San Diego in 1997 with a degree in accounting and began working for Lavine Lofgren Morris & Engelberg, LLP (LLME) where he has been a partner since 2008. He is a licensed CPA with a practice focusing on providing tax and consulting services to small and medium sized businesses as well as high net worth individuals.



He is interested in San Diego Botanic Garden because of his role as a father. One area of particular interest is our country’s obesity epidemic. For his family, one of the most important preventative measures is spending more time outdoors and less in front of the TV. He thinks it is critical to support organizations in our community that provide valuable and fun educational opportunities for children and families to enjoy the outdoors. He is happy to have the opportunity to serve on the board of San Diego Botanic Garden to help preserve and grow this important community resource for his children and those of generations to come.

In addition to the Garden, he has volunteered his time for other local organizations such as Kiwanis, Second Chance, Boys and Girls Club and the Junior League (his wife was a past president). He was on the golf team at USD, so when he is not spending time with his family he tries to get out on the golf course as much as possible.

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2011 was a challenging year for the Garden – in a good way! We are pleased to announce that our members and donors contributed the funds needed to exceed the matching grant challenges put forth by Frances Hamilton White, the County of San Diego, and the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation in celebration of their 30th Anniversary. Thanks to our challenge donors and the many who upgraded or joined at premier membership levels or made outright donations, over \$94,000 was raised for the care and program needs of the Garden and over \$60,000 has been raised for our new Welcome Center. Thank you to all who participated in helping your Garden grow!

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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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## 2011 Fall Plant Sale

The 2011 Fall Plant Sale was a great success! The Garden's dedicated team of volunteers, led by Committee Co-Chairs Stacy Gaudet and Kitty Sparrow, raised over \$50,000 to support the Garden's programs and exhibits. The sale featured a wide selection of plants thanks to the generous donors listed below. We would also like to thank the individuals who donated books, baked goods, jams and jellies, garden items, and raffle and auction items. The Fall Plant Sale would not be a success each year without the generosity of our donors and the support of our members and visitors. Thank you! Please mark your calendars for next year's Fall Plant Sale on October 20 and 21, 2012.

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