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## San Diego BOTANIC GARDEN

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### MISSION STATEMENT:

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

## Upcoming Events

Asian Arts  
in the Garden  
APRIL 14-15

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Chocolate  
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May 12



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## New Plans for the New Year

Jim Ruecker  
Chairman of the Board



Another successful year has come and gone with many stories to be told about San Diego Botanic Garden. At our January 7th Annual Meeting I had the opportunity to share some of those moments. For starters, we finished the year with 5,400 member households, including 436 Larabee and Benefactor members providing extra support (a 21% increase) for the Garden in their membership gifts. The Garden received Charity Navigator's Four Star Rating, the highest possible, something we, as Garden members, should be very proud of as Charity Navigator is America's leading independent evaluator of charities and non-profits' financial health, accountability and transparency.

The year 2011 marked the grand opening of the new Lawn House Garden accompanied with a Valentine's Day event which we gave away a dream wedding to one lucky couple. Due to its success, we have once again opened the Garden for couples on February 14th. When it comes to events it is worth mentioning our expanded offerings for the arts enthusiasts. We continue to experience growth in this area with *Asian Arts in the Garden*, *Sculpture in the Garden* and *Garden Expressions*. This year, in a collaborative effort with the La Jolla Playhouse, we provided the setting for a play *SUSURRUS*, which was written with a garden setting. This brought in over 1200 theatre lovers. For most of them, it was their first visit to San Diego Botanic Garden.

In June, Peter and Margaret Jones and their team of volunteers designed and installed an award-winning garden exhibit called "Bill's Victory Lap" at the San Diego County Fair in honor of the late Bill Teague, a true contributor and friend of the Garden.

Our 2011 Gala in the Garden honored James Hubbell, a local world renowned artist, humanitarian and environmentalist. The event raised over \$166,000 with 400 guests enjoying the evening at an environmentally-friendly event. We advanced our sustainability efforts as we reduced, recycled and composted approximately 75% of the Gala's waste. Mark your calendar for this year's Gala which will be held September 8th honoring Janet Kister, a former Garden Trustee and major player in the horticulture industry.

Two events notable of mention include the Fall Plant Sale raising over \$54,000 and the Garden of Lights with record-breaking attendance of nearly 18,000 visitors. All it took was a little snow for the kids, and young at heart, plus very excellent weather with only one night called off due to rain.

I am not sure you are aware that a botanic garden is considered a museum. Our Garden is a collection of plant species nurtured for our enjoyment and preserved for future generations to enjoy. We are a living museum. Thus we are part of a national program called Blue Star Museums which provide free admission to active duty military and their families from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Frances Hamilton White has underwritten our participation in this program for a second year with 1,405 adults and 693 children benefiting. She has offered to support this great program for a third year. It should be noted she also encouraged military families to become members of the Garden. In September, Frances paid two-

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thirds of their membership. A total of 113 families took advantage of the generous offer.

Last year brought us into the international world of botanic gardens as we developed a relationship with the Jerusalem Botanical Garden in Israel. The Leichtag Foundation initiated and supported this collaboration between the two gardens with representatives from each garden visiting the other garden. We are working on a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize our collaborative efforts. In addition, we are developing plans for an Eastern Mediterranean Garden interpreting plants of the Holy Land with guidance from the Jerusalem Botanical Garden.

Having covered 2011 highlights, I would like to give you a sneak peak at what the Board of Trustees and Garden Staff have agreed to pursue based on our January 2011 Trustee Planning with a presentation on Garden development by Dr. Jim Folsom of the Huntington Botanical Gardens who stressed the importance of acquiring land when opportunity presents itself. The Huntington

Botanical Gardens has 200 acres but is boxed in and wishes it had more space. Dr Folsom's point of view is that a botanic garden never has enough open space. On the other hand we have only 37 acres and there is still land surrounding us that someday could be pursued and added to our preserve before it is developed for more homes and businesses. At this year's retreat Paul Redman, Director of Longwood Garden and President of the American Public Garden Association, stressed the importance of preserving open space and the need to assure its availability for public enjoyment. We also heard the same message from Eric Friedenwald-Fishman, President of the Metropolitan Group, stressing the importance and the responsibility of public gardens to be the leaders in the preservation of these community treasures.

The vision for 2012 is to refurbish the Native Plants/Native People exhibit by mid-year with the generosity of The Donald C. & Elizabeth M. Dickinson Foundation, and Edward and Ellen Wong. Also included in the projects this year is a new Welcome Center to expedite admissions and provide a more convenient membership processing. Funding for this was provided by the County of San Diego, Charles and Ruth Billingsley Foundation, the Maurice J. Masserini Charitable Trust and the 2011 Gala Fund-a-Need Donors. We are also working on improving and expanding the Gift Shop, thank you support from Carol and Martin Dickinson.

In wrapping up this report and looking into the near future, we are working on implementing a significant part of our Master Plan: to build out the Hamilton Children's Garden with the addition of an Outdoor Classroom. We are in the conceptual design stage and expect to have an identified preliminary design and funding strategy this summer with desires of starting construction in 2013.

## San Diego Botanic Garden Southeast Asia Tour 2012

San Diego Botanic Garden President & CEO Julian Duval serves as host of a member's journey to Singapore and Vietnam. Enjoy a private guided 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 some private gardens. Explore the vibrant natural beauty of Vietnam, visit colorful markets, and enjoy fresh regional cuisine prepared from local produce. For more details visit <http://www.sterlingtoursllc.com/Asia2012.html>

Land price for the basic tour is \$3980 per person based on 2 persons sharing a room and a minimum of 15 guests on the tour. An additional \$1238 supplement is required for a single room. Angkor Wat extension is \$938 per person double occupancy, single supplement \$188. A nonrefundable deposit of \$400 per person is required to secure a reservation.

## Free Admission to Active Duty Military



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

duty military and their families (card carrier + 5) will have free admission to the Garden from May 1st through September 3th, 2012. Additionally, Frances will again underwrite discounted memberships during the month of September. Frances has always been supportive of the active duty military. Back in 2007, she encouraged the Garden to invite them on Valentines Day. Since then, SDBG has had a policy allowing active duty military and their immediate families to visit the Garden at no charge on every patriotic holiday. We thank Frances for supporting the Garden in this worthy effort.



# Upcoming Events

## Asian Arts in the Garden

April 14, 9AM – 5PM • April 15, 9AM – 4PM

San Diego Botanic Garden will be celebrating the art of Asian horticulture with outstanding displays, lectures, and demonstrations.

The Ikebana Exhibition features floral arrangements from the Sogetsu School made by the students of Rumi Rice—the Keiri Study Group—who has been teaching Ikebana since 1972, first in Japan and now in San Diego. Ikebana, which means “fresh flower arrangement,” can be traced back to the mid-sixth century when Buddhism was introduced in Japan and floral arrangements were laid at the altars. Sogetsu, one of the three main schools of Ikebana, promotes the idea that Ikebana may be created any time, anywhere, by anyone, and with any material.

Complimenting this display will be a Bonsai Show in the Walled Garden featuring styles of bonsai from Japan, China, Vietnam, and the West. There will be displays of Tray Landscape, Saikei, Kusamono, Penjing, Hon Non Bo, Suiseki, and Scholar Rocks. This display is by the Bonsai and Beyond Club, whose members study all the above art forms.

On Sunday, Soryo Ayako Stott will perform a tea ceremony at 12 noon; and at 2 pm, the Shokenji Taiko, a Japanese style drumming group from the Vista Buddhist Temple, will perform. Experts with international recognition will be available all weekend at both exhibits to answer questions and give lectures and demonstrations.

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

## Lady Bug Day

Saturday, April 21, 10AM – 12:30PM  
Please see page 11 for details.

## Chocolate Festival

Saturday, May 12, 10AM – 4PM

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

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

## Palm, Cycad, Bamboo and Tropical Plant Sale

Saturday, May 26, 9AM – 3PM

This one-of-a-kind event features rare and exotic species of palms, cycads and other tropical plants. These will be provided by exceptional Southern California nurseries. This event is co-hosted by the Palm Society of Southern California and San Diego Botanic Garden. This year, the Bamboo Society will be joining the sale with unusual and hard to find bamboos, so this year's sale should be better than ever. For more information call Phil Bergman at 619/ 291-4605.

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



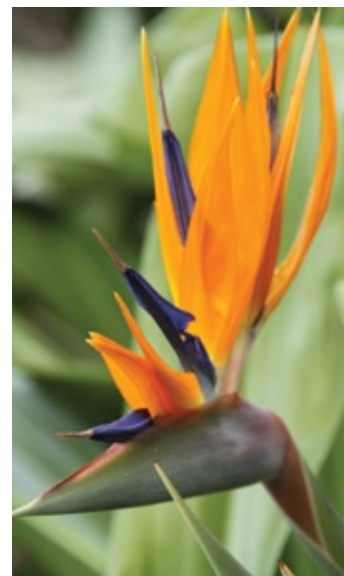
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Photo: Heather Main





## Encinitas Rotary Wine Festival

Presented by the Encinitas Rotary Club to benefit 17 local charities

**Saturday, June 2, 5 - 8PM**

We invite you to join us in the Garden for the 9th Annual Encinitas Rotary Wine Festival, a celebration of international wines, local microbrews, and cuisine. The festival will again be held in the Hamilton Children's Garden. San Diego Botanic Garden is one of the beneficiaries of this event.

We will receive \$60 of your \$90 ticket if you select San Diego Botanic Garden as your charity of choice at the time of purchase. Tickets and sponsorships benefiting the Garden at higher levels are also available. For more details and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.encinitaswinefestival.com](http://www.encinitaswinefestival.com).

## Strings in the Garden

Sponsored by Carlsbad Strings Education Association, Inc.

**Sunday, June 3, 4 - 7PM**

Enjoy an evening of string serenades by children of all ages and a silent auction during this collaborative fundraising celebration of San Diego Botanic Garden and Carlsbad Strings. Refreshments will be served. For ticket information email [carlsbadstrings@gmail.com](mailto:carlsbadstrings@gmail.com) or call 760/ 652-9631. [www.carlsbadstringsea.org](http://www.carlsbadstringsea.org)

## Fairy Festival

Presented by Affiliated Dental Specialists

**Saturday, June 23, 10 am - 1:30 pm**

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

**Cost: Free with admission or membership. Small fee for crafts.**

## Thursday Family Fun Nights

The Garden will stay open until 8 pm on Thursday nights from May 31 - August 30. There will be activities for children and, on selected nights, music in the Lawn Garden. We will open on May 31st with Hullabaloo, San Diego's own award-winning kid-folk duo, who will also perform on July 19 and August 30. On June 14th, Intrepid Shakespeare Company will perform *Androcles and the Lion*. For the 2012 line-up visit [SDBGarden.org](http://SDBGarden.org).

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



The Lung Hsiang Chapter of the American Artists of Chinese Brush Painting will have their beautiful paintings on display in the Ecke Building from April 25 to July 9. This is their sixth annual show at SDBG. The group meets every second Tuesday at the Garden. Painting shown is by award-winning Chinese brush painting artist Carmen Mannarino.



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# Volunteer and Docent News

## January Volunteer of the Month: **ED BEIMEL**

Ed Beimel was born in Connecticut, graduated high school and college in California, worked in Maryland for several years, and eventually retired in 2004 in La Jolla. Ed's parents loved nature, gardening and the outdoors. He became a blended "Harry Homeowner" and "Mr. Green Jeans" enjoying landscape design; building fences, stone walls, patios, arbors, pergolas, fish pond, flower beds and vegetable gardens; propagating plants, canning veggies, making jam... He was introduced to the Garden by his bride, Pamela, their combined family includes five sons and seven, almost eight, grandchildren; and by Sandy Shapiro. Since becoming a volunteer here, Ed has worked in propagation, garden maintenance, making plant labels, membership, the Gala, plant sales, docent/volunteer admission and the raffle. Ed believes that its the people who work and volunteer here that make it so enjoyable. They enjoy what they do, love to share their knowledge, and he feels their contributions just enhance the beauty and calmness of the Garden. Ed's fondest memory is meeting Bill Teague, then learning about and working with the many colleagues/friends to rebuild the African bank as a tribute to Bill's life and his many contributions.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

## February Volunteer of the Month: **FRAN & BOBBY HINOSTRO**

Fran was born in Chicago, IL and Bobby in Ventura, CA. They met in Camarillo. Fran's extended family grew vegetables and grapes. While Bobby's family grew a Victory Garden where he weeded and planted vegetables and melons. Married 38 years, with a daughter and son, it was only after they retired that they came to the Garden. Now they are both Docents. Before retiring, Fran was a Parole Agent and Bobby was a Longshoreman. Fran has served on the Gala Planning Committee the past two years as the Auction Co-Chair and will serve on the Committee again this year. They both worked in Seeds of Wonder where they were the first Beautification Team Captains, then moved on to the Succulent Display Garden and the Mexican Garden while always assisting at our special events. They enjoy the way Seeds of Wonder children serve themselves second helpings of salad after they have picked and washed and spun their freshly picked lettuce. They enjoy the volunteers, staff and visitors; telling folks about their favorite parts of the garden; being able to volunteer here; and what they have learned from Bill Teague.

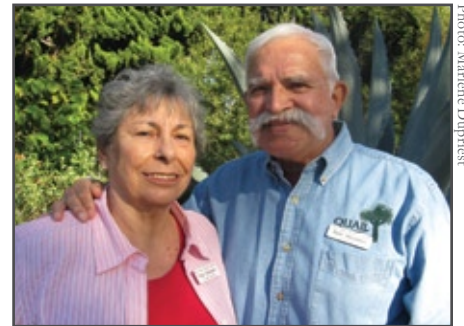


Photo: Marlene Dupriest

## March Volunteer of the Month: **JEAN JUNG**

Born in Long Island, New York, Jean met her husband Rick at college in New York, they moved throughout the Northeast 13 times in 22 years with his Health Care IT job, until the last move brought them to Carlsbad three years ago. Jean started her professional life as a math teacher, continuing into finance while pursuing landscape design and finally leaving the world of stock brokers for the garden. Her family has always gardened, so on Jean's numerous moves she found the local botanic garden a great starting spot. SDBG offered a fantastic way for Jean to learn San Diego's very unique climate and meet new people. She is now a Docent, Captain of the Lawn Garden Beautification Team, and has helped in many special events from plant sales to the Gala. She especially enjoys working and learning from the many talented volunteers and staff here. Her fondest memories include working with Bill Teague on the South African Bank including the arrival of multiple large boulders. As well as working, thinking and planning with the inspirational Sally Sandler.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest



Photo: Rachel Cobb

### Gift Shop

10AM – 4PM daily

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





These smiling faces are new volunteers who attended our most recent Volunteer Orientation. Our volunteers come from diverse backgrounds, some new to the area as well as long term residents. Those interested are invited to the next orientation on Friday, April 27, 2012. Photo: Courtesy of Margaret Jones.

## Volunteer Orientation

**Friday, April 27, 9:30 AM – 12 PM**

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 News

The Spring Docent Classes are well under way. There are a total of eight classes and several other requirements to complete in order to be awarded the title of San Diego Botanic Garden Docent. All of the information is on our website, [www.sdbgarden.org/docent.htm](http://www.sdbgarden.org/docent.htm). There will be another series of classes beginning in the fall. The dates are not set yet, so please check on the website for the dates in early summer. If you are interested in more information or signing up, please call Linda Stewart at 858/488-8234, Michael Wolfington at 760/ 436-3036 x206, or e-mail at [docentinfo@sdbgarden.org](mailto:docentinfo@sdbgarden.org).

## Docent Meetings — Everyone Welcome

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

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

**May:** Barry Disch LAC and Marie Shieh MD will speak about the benefit of Herbs from the East to the West.

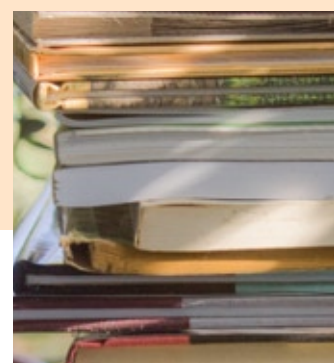
**June:** Summer Potluck - Bring a dish to share and join us for lunch.



Photo: Julian Duval

## Library

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





# The Birds of SDBG



Here at San Diego Botanic Garden, you will discover a bountiful array of fascinating birds that live, migrate, breed or just pass through the Garden. Many of us do not realize that there is a unique art to bird watching and the monthly birding group, led by Rita Campbell, is prepared to help you with your journey. Campbell noted that last December many birders made a trip to the Garden and were pleasantly surprised to find that the Pacific Wren, a rare bird for our county, is still present in the Garden today. “Another interesting development in recent years is that the first record nesting of Allen’s Hummingbird occurred here in 2010. The Garden has since become a hot spot for this species, which now outnumbers the Anna’s Hummingbird, previously the dominant breeding hummingbird in our local area. Over the last decade, the Allen’s Hummingbird, previously only seen during migration, has been shifting its distribution south and is now a resident and regular breeder at the (Garden),” said Rita.

Of SDBG birds, about 25% are resident and known to breed in the Garden. Others use the as their winter home but breed elsewhere, or use the Garden as their winter home but breed elsewhere, or use the Garden as a resting and refueling place during their southerly and/or northerly migrations in fall and spring. The Garden provides a wonderful sanctuary for birds, offering them needed cover and protection, an accessible source of water and a rich food supply provided by the great variety and density of plantings here. There is an abundance of fruit for fruit-eating birds like orioles and tanagers, nectar for hummingbirds and migrating warblers, insects and insect larvae for wrens and other insect-eating birds, and a variety of seeds for birds like sparrows and finches.

The best time for birding is usually early morning or late afternoon, when birds are most active. Walk quietly, listen for bird song or watch for movement, and, if you have them, binoculars will bring the birds closer and a field guide will help you identify them. When looking at a bird, pay close attention to details such as size, shape, color, and wing and head markings and bill shape. Observe first, and then look at the book, because the bird may move quickly out of sight. Our Bird Check List will help you keep track of the birds you have seen, and you can build on your sightings with each visit. We hope that observing and knowing more about our birds will add to your enjoyment of San Diego Botanic Garden.

Come prepared with binoculars, pencil and the birding check list, available in the Gift Shop. For more information on the seasonality and breeding of different bird species in the Garden, please visit our website and bird webpage at [www.SDBGarden.org/birds.htm](http://www.SDBGarden.org/birds.htm)

Allen's hummingbird



Photo: Anthony Mexican





Merlin

Photo: Vic Murayama



Townsend Warbler

Photo: Toni Wong

#### VULTURES/HAWKS/FALCONS

- \_\_\_ Turkey Vulture
- \_\_\_ Osprey
- \_\_\_ White-tailed Kite
- \_\_\_ Northern Harrier
- \_\_\_ Cooper's Hawk
- \_\_\_ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- \_\_\_ Red-shouldered Hawk **B**
- \_\_\_ Red-tailed Hawk
- \_\_\_ American Kestrel
- \_\_\_ Merlin
- \_\_\_ Peregrine Falcon

#### WOOD-WARBLERS

- \_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler **B**
- \_\_\_ Nashville Warbler
- \_\_\_ Yellow Warbler
- \_\_\_ Magnolia Warbler **R**
- \_\_\_ Yellow-rumped
- \_\_\_ Audubon's Warbler
- \_\_\_ Myrtle's Warbler
- \_\_\_ Black-throated Gray Warbler
- \_\_\_ Townsend's Warbler
- \_\_\_ Hermit Warbler
- \_\_\_ Blackpoll Warbler **R**
- \_\_\_ Prothonotary Warbler (Rare)
- \_\_\_ MacGillivray's Warbler
- \_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat
- \_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler



Photo: Heather Main

Every first Monday of the month you will find our birding group exploring the garden for new and rare bird species.

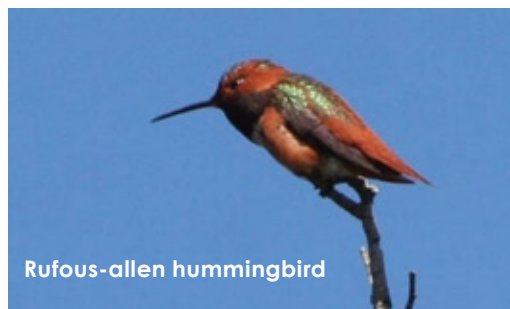


Pacific Wren

Photo: Vic Murayama

#### BUSHTIT/WRENS

- \_\_\_ Bushtit **B**
- \_\_\_ Bewick's Wren **B**
- \_\_\_ House Wren **B**
- \_\_\_ Pacific Wren **R**



Rufous-allen hummingbird

Photo: Toni Wong

#### SWIFTS/HUMMINGBIRDS

- \_\_\_ Vaux's Swift
- \_\_\_ White-throated Swift
- \_\_\_ Anna's Hummingbird **B**
- \_\_\_ Costa's Hummingbird
- \_\_\_ Black-chinned Hummingbird **B**
- \_\_\_ Rufous Hummingbird
- \_\_\_ Allen's Hummingbird **B**
- \_\_\_ Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird

Photo: Toni Wong



California Quail

#### QUAIL

- \_\_\_ California Quail **B**





Photo: Susanne Brueckner



## QUESTIONS?

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



FOR CHILDREN AGES 1 TO 6

## Upcoming Events

### Spring Party with Bunny

**Saturday, April 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

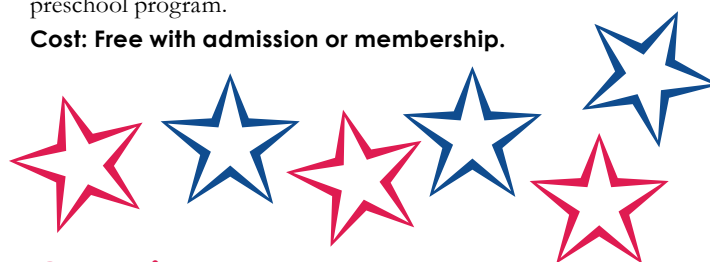
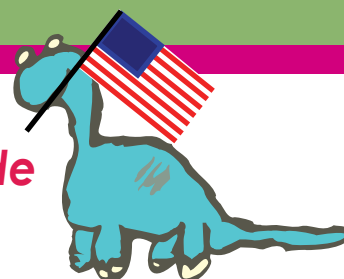
## 4th of July Parade

**Wednesday, July 4**

**9:30 AM – 11:30 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, or participate in our Red, White and Blue Garden, Arts and Crafts preschool program.

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



## 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 10:30 - 11 am.

### Wednesdays

**10AM - 11:30AM**

**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

**10AM – 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.



## Chocolate Festival

**Saturday, May 12**

**10 AM – 4 PM**

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

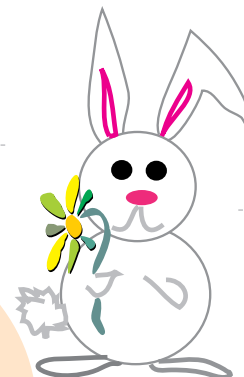


## Birthday Party at Seeds of Wonder

**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

Photo: Rachel Cobb

## 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

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.

## LADYBUG DAY

Saturday, April 21, 10 am - 12:30 pm



Calling all ladybug lovers and citizen scientists--please join us in participating in the "Lost Ladybug Project" sponsored by Cornell University. We will be searching the garden for ladybugs and reporting our information back to Cornell University. In addition, there will be lots of craft activities located in the Eucalyptus Grove by Seeds of Wonder and a release of ladybugs at noon to benefit our garden.

Again this year the San Dieguito Garden Club will be in the Ecke building doing flower arranging. Children will be able to make their own fresh flower creation to take home.

**Cost: Free with admission or membership.**  
**Small fee for crafts**

## FAIRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 23, 10 AM - 1:30PM

See details for this magical event on page 5.



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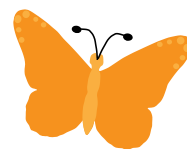
## INDIVIDUAL CLASS FIELD TRIPS

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 fieldtrip 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**

**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 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. 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)

Young visitors experiencing the Herb Garden



## Spring 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.

### Best Friends Victorian Tea Party

**Monday, April 9, 2 pm**

Calling all Grandmothers (Moms are welcome, too)! Come to a Victorian Ladies' Tea with your favorite granddaughter. We will sip tea from fancy teacups and nibble small cakes. Help your granddaughter make Victorian-era crafts to take home.

**Cost per person: Members \$20, non-members \$25 Register by April 5.**

### Succulent Turtle Class

**Tuesday, April 10, 9 am – 12 noon**

Take home a charming succulent turtle that you make yourself in this class taught by the SDBG succulent team. Bring clippers, water, and a snack, and dress in layers since the class is held outside. Fee includes materials.

**Cost: Members \$35, non-members \$45 Register by April 6.**

### Build Your Own Hydroponic Spring Garden

**Saturday, April 28, 9 am – 1 pm**

Learn the principles of the hydroponic wick method by building your own sustainable garden to take home.

Instructor: Alex Kallas of AgPALS. Fee includes materials.

**Cost: Members \$70, non-members \$90 Register by April 25.**

### Waterwise without the Compromise

**Saturday, April 28, 10 am**

Tom Jesch, horticulturist extraordinaire, will show you how to have a lush and beautiful garden that does not require excess water. Tom manages Waterwise Botanicals, a wholesale/retail nursery specializing in drought tolerant and cutting-edge plant varieties. With an emphasis on succulents and other low-water plants, Tom is ready with solutions for your landscape that provides real savings, careful use of our valuable resources, and a beautiful result.

**Cost: Members \$10, non-members \$12 Register by April 25.**

### Social Media 101

**Saturday, May 5, 9 – 11 am**

Join Heather Main, the Garden's Marketing and PR Manager, to discover the new and advanced world of social media. In this step by step workshop, Heather will use examples from the Garden to help you understand how social media functions and how to use it. If available, you may bring your laptop or tablet to this class. This is for beginners.

**Cost: Members \$10, non-members \$12 Register by May 2.**

### Free Composting Workshop

**Saturday, May 5, 10 am – 12 noon**

This workshop for San Diego residents covers backyard composting strategies and vermicomposting (composting food scraps with worms). Made possible through the support of the City of Encinitas. To register contact the Solana Center at 760/ 436-7986 or [www.solanacenter.org](http://www.solanacenter.org).

### Succulent Wreath Class

**Tuesday, May 8, 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 May 7.**

### WaterSmart Landscaping Lab Series:

#### Saving Water One Zone at a Time

San Diego Botanic Garden, San Diego County Water Authority, and MiraCosta College are teaming up to offer a WaterSmart Landscape Lab Series study. This educational study will provide participants with hands-on learning through modules designed to walk them through three key competencies necessary for a landscape retrofit. The series is designed to provide homeowners a comprehensive overview and basic skills necessary for the successful conversion of the typical front yard into a WaterSmart Landscape.

**Each Lab Series includes three workshops and two coaching sessions from May 19 – June 23. The workshop series, a \$250 value, is FREE for selected participants.**

To apply visit [www.SDBGarden.org](http://www.SDBGarden.org)

### Watercolor Journaling in the Garden

**Sunday, May 20, 9:30 am – 4 pm**

Embrace the day exploring botanical details with watercolor and ink journaling style. This workshop taught by Helen Shafer Garcia, will focus on combinations of drawing and painting botanical elements with thoughtful descriptive words. This method will strengthen your drawing and painting skills at every level. Discover form and color while developing plant studies and record reflective, descriptive annotations.

**Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$75 Register by May 16.**

Materials list on website.

### Tips on Designing a Water-smart Landscape with Color, Interest, and Budget Savings

**Saturday, June 2, 2 – 4 pm**

Join award-winning landscape designer Ruth E. Wolfe for an introductory class on how to design a colorful and more interesting drought-tolerant landscape using an array of unusual, low-water plants and layers of water-wise bulbs for four seasons of bloom. The design instruction will focus on formal design fundamentals and Wolfe's common sense approach to developing beautiful, water-wise gardens for both flat and sloped areas. A budget strategy will be introduced.

At the end of the class, one person's garden photo will be randomly selected for a 15 minute group exercise where students can identify possible ideas and solutions for the landscape.

**Cost: Members \$15, non-members \$20 Register by May 30.**

### In the Garden with Photoshop Elements

**Saturday, June 10, 8:30 – 1:30 pm**

This five-hour workshop is packed with ways to improve your photography using easy to learn techniques with Photoshop Elements. The first half of the class will be spent in the garden taking photographs under the instruction of nature photographer Bob Bretell. For the second half, Bob will demonstrate more amazing ways to enhance your creativity using digital filters to enhance color, add emphasis by selectively blurring, and hand-coloring black and white.

Class size limited to 10.

**Cost: Members \$69, non-members \$79 Register by June 13.**

### Attracting Birds, Hummingbirds, and Butterflies

**Saturday, June 30, 10 am – 12 noon**

Master Gardener Marcia Van Loy will cover the A-Z of attracting birds, hummingbirds, and butterflies to your garden. Topics for attracting birds and hummingbirds include how to provide food, water, and nectar; and the benefits of having birds in our garden such as insect control and pollination. To attract butterflies she will discuss their life cycle and migration as well as nectar and host plants for monarch and other butterflies. Presentation includes handouts and educational resources.

**Cost: Members \$15, non-members \$20 Register by June 27.**

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

**We're in a Pickle now!!!**

**Saturday, May 5, 1:30 – 4 pm**

Chef Elizabeth will share her coveted recipes for Sweet Pickles, Dill Pickles, and Pickled Beets. Although these beauties will keep in the fridge for months, Chef E. will share tips on canning to keep your pickles pantry fresh for up to one year. Your homemade pickles will leave a lasting impression with your friends and these recipes are time tested and family favorites. Recipes and tastings given for each dish taught.

**Cost: Members 25, non-members \$30 Register by May 2.**

### Food and Wine Pairing

**Saturday, June 16, 1:30 – 4 pm**

It's that time of year again—our third and very popular food and wine pairing class. This time around, Chef Elizabeth will share her recipes for Roasted Vegetable and Goat Cheese Salad, a slowly cooked Beef Brisket, and for dessert, a Chocolate Red Wine Cake. The wines will surely include the Decadencia chocolate red wine from Wilson Creek. Recipes and tastings given for each dish taught.

**Cost: Members \$35, non-members \$40 Register by June 13.**

### 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.



# Glitz in the Garden for the Annual Benefactor Dinner

Our Benefactor Members and Corporate Partners were honored guests at the annual Benefactor Dinner on December 1, 2011. The weather cooperated and a lovely night in the Garden was enjoyed by all. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served in the new Lawn House Garden followed by dinner in a large heated tent on the lawn. The entire Garden sparkled with colored lights artfully placed in preparation for Garden of Lights, which opened a week later. Guests were given a special treat when they entered the dining area which was brought to life with the *Glitz in the Garden* theme so beautifully designed by the San Dieguito Garden Club. Their handcrafted centerpieces were created with gifts from nature including the Garden's own bamboo and were topped with gorgeous orchids.

The North Coast Singers Capella High School Choir performed wonderful holiday music. Guests were then brought up to date with highlights of our 2011 milestones and a glimpse of what's on the horizon for 2012. Thanks to all who attended and for all that you do in support of the Garden's mission *to inspire people of all ages to connect with plants and nature!*



**Docent Chairperson and Member of the Board of Trustees Liz Woodward with her husband Scott Woodward.**



**Richard and Mary Borevitz enjoying the evening.**



**The North Coast Singers sang beautifully.**

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## Volunteer Spotlight

The Development Department is fortunate to have stellar volunteers who come to the office on a weekly basis. Their help is important as our office is busier than ever. Since 2009 we have experienced an increase in memberships largely attributed to the opening of the Hamilton Children's Garden. We are so pleased that many parents who bring their children for a first time visit often become members on the spot. The name change in 2009 has also brought wider visibility to the Garden and has attracted many new members.

With this increase comes added activity in our department. Our volunteers help with preparing new membership packages, renewal packages, and filing. They are always willing to lend a hand with Gala and other event tasks such as preparing for guest registration and auction checkout.

We thank these volunteers, and the many volunteers working in other parts of the Garden, for their dedicated service to San Diego Botanic Garden. The Garden wouldn't be what it is without our loyal volunteers. If you are interested in joining the team, please visit [www.SDBGarden.org](http://www.SDBGarden.org).



Photo: Jill Kastrup

**Two of our volunteers, Jennifer Siemer and Ed Beimel, assisting with membership fulfillment. Not pictured are volunteers Elena Pitt, Joanne Kroll and Mickey Santana.**

## Are you looking for a Mother's or Father's day gift that your loved one can use all year long?

San Diego Botanic Garden memberships make great gifts. For a full year your loved one can walk the garden trails, experience nature, and enjoy the many events. The Garden also provides a wonderful setting to spend time as a family.

For more information on the benefits of annual membership or to purchase a gift visit [www.sdbgarden.org](http://www.sdbgarden.org) or call Stasi at (760) 436-3036 x214.

## Gala in the Garden Save the Date – September 8, 2012

### Honoring past Trustee Janet Kister

Gala ticket prices are \$175 per person. Ticket price will increase to \$200 per person on August 10, so act now to join the fun and save! Visit [SDBGarden.org](http://SDBGarden.org) to purchase tickets and to learn more.



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## Member Spotlight: Anita Noone

*At the Garden, members visit, support and connect with the Garden for a variety of reasons. We would love to hear and share your stories. Each scenario is unique and reveals a connection more personal than just belonging to a public garden. Delightful experiences, education, conservation and community are just a few of the reasons that drive people's choices and motivate them to return, share, and support the Garden. We will be posting member stories on our website as well as in our quarterly newsletter. If you have a special story to share, please send it to me. Enjoy and many happy returns,*

*Paula Isley, Membership Manager • [pisley@sdbgarden.org](mailto:pisley@sdbgarden.org)*

I first started visiting San Diego Botanic Garden when it was still a County park, in the late 70's or early 80's. I had just moved here from Maryland and wanted to learn all I could about gardening in Southern California.

As a life-long gardener, I've felt physical and mental strain when working on a difficult garden task. And, I've felt the pleasure being in a beautiful garden can bring. As a Feldenkrais Practitioner® I teach people to bring the sense of ease they feel when walking in the Garden to their daily tasks.

I love working with gardeners, because we share an awareness of the transforming effect of nature. Beautiful outdoor places, and our responses to them, can be our guides to better living!

Being a member of the Garden means I often introduce people to the Garden for the first time - locals and out-of-towners alike. I also enjoy attending cultural events in the Garden and was very impressed by the *SUSURRUS* performance last year. But my favorite time in the Garden, year after year, is the Fall Plant Sale. Being able to arrive early to the sale is the best member benefit, even though I always attend both days.

Anita Noone  
Larabee Society Member



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