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The Best Possible First Step

Julian Duval President/CEO



On April 6th the Leichtag Foundation issued a press release announcing their having secured a one year option for the purchase of the entire 67.5 acre Ecke Ranch. This is the property that spans the entire northern border of SDBG and is also adjacent to the top of the bluff on the west side of our Hamilton Children's Garden. This property has dramatic ocean views and, for its size and location, represents something unique, not only in Encinitas but in all of San Diego County.

Given the Leichtag Foundation's expressed interest in the property, the purchase will eventually serve as a huge public benefit to the greater San Diego metropolitan area. The announcement is also particularly wonderful news for San Diego Botanic Garden as one of the expressed purposes in the purchase of the land is to accommodate the expansion of SDBG. The Ecke Ranch is zoned for agricultural purposes and, fortunately, the Specific Plan includes botanic gardens under this zoning designation.

Admittedly, ever since becoming the President/CEO for the Garden 17 years ago, I have hoped that someday the Garden might be able to grow onto this adjacent land. It is the only remaining adjacent land where this could happen. Early on, this seemed only a dream. Now, however, with all the accomplishments brought about by people who have loved, worked, and believed in the Garden—staff, volunteers, and donors—the Garden is now worthy of expanding.

For some perspective on the intended expansion it is important to remember that the existence of San Diego Botanic Garden was nurtured in its early stages by Paul Ecke Sr. He was a founding member of the Quail Botanical Gardens Foundation. He played an important role in convincing the County that the originally titled Quail Park should become a botanic garden. He also provided land for the Paul Ecke Sports Park when the County was considering putting sports facilities into Quail Park. Furthermore, he purchased land originally owned by the Larabees and donated it to the County to be included in the Garden where the Paul Ecke Family Building is located. I have little doubt that Paul Ecke III's grandfather would be very pleased in how the Garden has grown in purpose and significance and would find it worthy of expanding onto some of the Ecke family land.

Like Paul Ecke Sr., there are others who have been pivotal in the success of the Garden. One of these is James S. Farley who served on the Quail Botanical Gardens Foundation board for a full nine years with four years as its chair. It was during this time that the Garden truly became visitor-focused, which accelerated the public support it needed after the County turned over the management of the Garden to QBGF and it became self-supporting.

Jim has substantial experience in non-profit management and he was tireless in bringing about the maturation of the Garden's governing structure. He saw to it that new and applicable bylaws were instituted and helped set the direction for growth of the Garden with a master plan. The very successful Seeds of Wonder Children's Garden was realized, and design and fundraising for the much larger Hamilton Children's Garden took place during his board tenure and leadership.

Clearly, the Garden is blessed to have Jim Farley as a friend and advocate. And now, in his current role as President/CEO of the Leichtag Foundation, his continued influence is helping to establish a legacy unlike any other for all the generations that will follow us in their love and care for San Diego Botanic Garden. We are at a unique moment in time, the last opportunity to expand the Garden.

Jim is a close personal friend and mentor to me and has on numerous occasions reminded me that the Leichtag Foundation does not fund botanic gardens. However, he is also the person who coined the phrase I often use as a tagline for SDBG, "A place where plants grow people" and the Leichtag Foundation is clearly interested in funding those efforts that encourage human development.

There is a great deal of work that lies ahead before we can realize an expansion of the Garden. Ideas are just in the budding stage for what a greatly enlarged SDBG would offer. Given that the majority of the current Garden is on land leased to QBGF from San Diego County, we believe the County needs to play a significant role in supporting the expansion. Fortunately, we have time to develop our plans and partnerships as Paul Ecke III will

have three years to use the land from the time the sale is finalized.

Also, before we occupy new land, we have exciting and significant work yet to be accomplished on the existing property—such as the second phase for the Hamilton Children's Garden which goes by the working title "The Outdoor Classroom." But it is with a sense of great satisfaction that this opportunity has come to be. Even greater is the gratitude to all the volunteers, staff, and donors who have worked so hard to establish the Garden. I firmly believe it is on the shoulders of all these dedicated and talented people that we are now poised to ensure the greatest legacy that could possibly be left to the many generations who will love and cherish SDBG into the future. That is, to secure additional acreage.

Yes, there is a great deal of the proverbial heavy lifting before the Garden can and will expand, but I am confident that we have proven worthy and we are at the best possible first step.



San Diego Botanic Garden

Southeast Asia Tour



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.sterlingtoursltd.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.



WHAT'S NEW 10 Spectacular Gardens Around The World

Laura DeMugno names San Diego Botanic Garden as one of the 10 Spectacular Gardens Around the World! Julian Duval, President and CEO of SDBG, is particularly pleased with being included in the 10 listed gardens. "I have been to many of these prestigious gardens and can say it is a real honor to be listed among them."

See the full article at http://huff.to/KBybc6



Upcoming Events

Thursday Family Fun Nights Every Thursday, to 8PM

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

June 21: Clint Perry and the Boo-Hoo Crew

June 28: Snap Tap -N- Sing with Bridget Allen

July 5: No Program (4th of July weekend)

July 12: Avian Eyes Interactive Outreach

July 19: Hullabaloo

July 26: Wild Wes

August 2: Dance Around the World with Nikola Clay

August 9: Clint Perry and the Boo-Hoo Crew

August 16: Wild Wes

August 23: Avian Eyes Interactive Outreach

August 30: Hullabaloo

To see a complete lineup with details visit SDBGarden.org/thursnights.htm.

Cost: Free with admission or membership



Dedicated to the Memory of Dennis Batt July 9, 2012 – April 15, 2013

This unique exhibition showcases sculptures from 25 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. Premier level members will be invited to the opening reception; invitations will be mailed in June. For participating artists visit SDBGarden. org/sculpture.htm.

Insect Festival

July 14 - 15, 10am - 4pm

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

Cost: Free with admission or membership. Free for all children 12 and under.







Native Plants and Native People Trail – Grand Re-Opening

July 21, 10:30 AM

Join us for the Grand Re-Opening of our Native Plants and Native People Trail. This upgrade has been made possible thanks to generous support from The Donald C. & Elizabeth M. Dickinson Foundation, Rain Bird Corporation, and Edward and Ellen Wong. Enjoy the wonderful native sounds of the flute while exploring the new amenities including a Ewaa, ramada, native plants and more. There will be demonstrations on basketry and refreshments to go around. Children are encouraged to attend, and there will be various native activities for every age. An early special breakfast is planned for donors who have supported this project and premier level members; invitations will be mailed in June. For more information please contact Cheryl Mergenthaler, cmergenthaler@SDBGarden.org.

Garden Expressions of Art

August 11 - 12, 9AM - 5PM

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

Our honored guest for this event is Isabelle Greene, known for her artistic and enduring designs, and recently featured in the film, Women in the Dirt. Join us on **Saturday at 3pm** for her presentation "Beauty is the Truth: Designing with Land," which showcases this prominent landscape architect's inspired work. Following her presentation, she will be interviewed by designer Jeri Deneen of Deneen Powell Atelier, who will help us explore Isabelle's artistic journey. As an added bonus, several pieces of Isabelle's fine art will be on display, many of which are the basis for her beautiful and environmentally sensitive designs.

Cost: Free with admission or membership



Bromeliad Bash September 1 - 2, 9AM - 5PM

Join us on Labor Day Weekend for the second annual Bromeliad Bash presented by the San Diego Bromeliad Society. There will be many varieties of bromeliads for sale and on-going workshops on culture and care. Bromeliads are some of the best plants to grow in Southern California – easy and water wise.

Cost: Free with admission or membership.

Gala in the Garden

Nature & Learning: Infinite Possibilities Saturday, September 8, 5pm — 9:30pm Honoring past Trustee Janet Kister



Isabelle

Enjoy fantastic food and drink, stunning floral displays, lively music, unique auction items, and the company of friends in our new location – the Hamilton Children's Garden! Gala ticket prices are \$175 per person until August 10, when they increase to \$200, so act now to join the fun and save! Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please contact Jennifer Turner at 760/436-3036 x218, or visit SDBGarden.org to purchase tickets and to learn more.



Volunteer and Docent News

April Volunteer of the Month: SARAH CLAYTON

Sarah was born and raised in Bristol, England. One of her earliest memories was "going up the allotment" to help her father pick fava beans and raspberries. After marrying her student sweetheart, who held various assignments for an international company, Sarah lived in Greece, Singapore, Belgium and finally San Diego. She always loved visiting gardens—both public and private. In Greece, she learned of fresh-from-the-tree citrus. While living in Singapore, Sarah would cut orchids daily for their home; and in San Diego, it was picnicking in the Eucalyptus grove and the newly constructed Overlook that struck her fancy. In 2006, Sarah took the Garden's Docent



Training Program and started volunteering. What Sarah favors most, is working with Phyllis Flechsig in succulent propagation each week. Her favorite event of the year is the Fall Plant Sale.

May Volunteer of the Month: LINDA WAGNER

Linda Wagner, born in Connecticut, lived in New York and Pennsylvania before moving to San Diego a year after she married her husband, Win. Linda began her professional life as a teacher, but developed her career as a Registered Veterinary Tech, and eventually retired after 18 years of working at the San Diego Wild Animal Park. Prior to moving to California, Linda's garden consisted of just a few houseplants. The Wagner home had a small yard which she turned into her "Garden of Eden." Four years later, the couple bought their current home which boasted a large back yard perfect for landscaping and recently enjoyed by docents and volunteers on tour planned by the Trip Trio. Soon after becoming a member of the



Garden, Linda found herself working in propagation where she still enjoys the conversation, learning and accomplishing. Linda has helped at special events, in Seeds of Wonder, and with our Topiaries. One of her fondest memories, in spite of the hard work (she recruited Win to help) was working on the Del Mar Fair exhibit with a wonderful crew lead by Peter and Margaret Jones. Another favorite pastime is to peacefully sit by the bamboo garden pond, quietly talking with a friend.

June Volunteer of the Month: RITA MARSA

Rita, currently a Docent in training, grew up on her family's farm in Michigan where she would always keep busy in her mother's vegetable and flower gardens. Rita and her husband Blaine have resided in Encinitas with their two daughters for over 30 years. Rita started volunteering in the main office and when their daughters were little she would bring them to the Garden. Since their children have grown, Rita has volunteered at the Chocolate Festival, Garden of Lights, many other special events, and children's craft projects. In addition, for the last five years, she has worked with our Succulent Wreath Team. Rita especially enjoys working and learning new things from the dedicated volunteers, docents and staff. Her fondest memories of the Garden include the friendly environment, beautiful landscape and the tranquility of the garden.



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.

Remembering Friends

Loren Batchman

Dennis Batt

John Becker

Thelma Carrington

Lois Kline

Jo Moss



Volunteer Orientation

Saturday, July 28, 9:30AM - 12PM

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 Training Program is 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. There will be another series of classes beginning in the fall. The dates are not set yet, so please check our website in early summer. If you are interested in more information or in signing up, please call Linda Stewart at 858/488-8234, Michael Wolfington at 760/436-3036 x206, or e-mail at docentinfo@ sdbgarden.org.

Docent Meetings — Everyone Welcome

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

July: No Meeting. Have a great summer!

August: President/CEO Julian Duval will talk about the future of San Diego Botanic Garden

September: Pat Welsh, plantswoman extraordinaire, will discuss bulbs and sell her book



It's spring cleaning time for those of you who procrastinate! It's also time to designate any extra books for SDBG's annual book sale at the Fall Plant Sale (October 20 - 21).

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



Containing more than 115 different species of bamboo, our Bamboo Garden is one of the oldest and most beloved gardens at San Diego Botanic Garden. The Bamboo Garden is large, grows rapidly and needs constant maintenance. Without the help of our volunteers and docents, we would not have the well-maintained garden we do today.

"Just five years ago, docent Sally Sandler spearheaded an effort to organize a volunteer gardening effort, which until then had been haphazard," says Docent and Volunteer Coordinator Peter Jones. Now, each garden has a Garden Beautification Team comprised of volunteers who spend their time and expertise maintaining that garden.

The Garden has teams comprising over 150 volunteers working in 19 distinct areas of the Garden. The Bamboo Team is one of those teams who assists and works closely with the Garden's horticultural staff to cultivate and sustain the Bamboo Garden. Team Members Peter Jones, Mary Cozza, Barry Martin and Tim Jara, work endless hours to make this garden beautiful and with great results. In the words of Docent Barry Martin, "without the direction and resources from staff gardener, Joe Prather, we wouldn't be able to do this. He tells us what projects need special attention and provides the materials to get the job done."

Each Garden Beautification Team converges at its assigned location in the Garden on Wednesday mornings. On Saturdays, the volunteer teams can be found in one specific garden area. For example, the first Saturday of each month all volunteers can be found working in the Bamboo Garden. These Saturday work parties are a great way for volunteers to help in Garden areas they don't see on a regular basis and an opportunity to work with other volunteers.

One thing you may find the teams working on in the Bamboo Garden is the pathway which must be cleared frequently of leaves and debris for visitors. "Visitors notice us cutting bamboo culms and often ask why we do so. Many clumping bamboos grow in a tight clump and for the health of the plant older culms need to be removed to give breathing space for the plant. When a tight clump of bamboo is selectively pruned the result is also aesthetically pleasing. Removed culms are sold in the gift shop, used for construction projects or recycled as mulch," said Peter.

If you get to the Garden early in the morning, travel through the Bamboo Garden first as bamboo stands release 35% more oxygen than equivalent stands of trees; they also eliminate more carbon dioxide from the air. "Who needs coffee when you have an abundance of oxygen from our beautiful, earth-friendly, bamboo!" adds Barry.

Within the area of our Bamboo Garden we have a visitor favorite that we cannot leave out...the pond! "To the delight to the many children who spend time enjoying looking at the food of the panda bear, bamboo, we have a beautiful pond filled with colorful water lilies and a few ducks, turtles, many small fish and a couple of bull frogs who occasionally entertain everyone to a croaking melody," says Barry.

We have plenty of work to go around at the Garden. Volunteer or become a Docent at San Diego Botanic Garden today. Help the Garden grow!





QUESTIONS?

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



FOR CHILDREN AGES 1 TO 6

Upcoming Events 4th of July Parade

Wednesday, July 4

9:30 - 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.



Thursday Family Fun Nights

Enjoy family-oriented entertainment every Thursday evening from Memorial Day to Labor Day (see page 4 or 5)

Insect Festival

Don't miss this one of a kind event! July 14 and 15, 10AM – 4PM (see page 4 or 5)

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 - 12NOON

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 10:15 - 11am.

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.



Birthday Parties



Please contact Susanne at SOW@SDBGarden.org or 760/436–3036 x222.
Or visit www.SDBGarden.org/seeds_wond.htm

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









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



STRAW BALE GARDENING

Come and see our newest garden across from the picnic tables. The gardeners have created raised beds using straw bales. There are tomatoes, corn, chard, squashes, melons and flowers growing inside of the straw bales. We anticipate using less water to keep the plants growing and we are reusing the straw bales that were used as a base for the sledding area during our Garden of Lights event.

This is a photo of the bales when they were first planted in the Spring. Come and see how they have grown.



Summer Camps

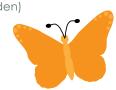
Pirates and Princesses Drama Camp from Intrepid Shakespeare Company

Designed for children ages 7-12 with an interest in theater, this camp offers an opportunity to explore creativity and storytelling through theater arts, culminating in a short musical theatre performance.

July 16 - 20, 9AM - 3PM

Performance: Friday, July 20 at 2PM

Tuition \$175 (includes admission to the Garden) SDBG members take \$10 off tuition.
To register call 760/ 652-5011 or email info@intrepidshakespeare.com



Garden Art Adventure with Abrakadoodle Art

Children ages 7 - 12 will create paintings, sculptures, prints, and other multi-media artwork based on explorations of different areas of the Garden.

July 23 - 27 or July 30 - August 3, 9AM - 3PM

Tuition \$189

(includes admission to the Garden and a camp tee-shirt)

SDBG members take \$10 off tuition

To register visit SDBGarden.org/hcg_home.htm

INDIVIDUAL CLASS FIELD TRIPS

A variety of field trips for up to 25 students are available for schoolage 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

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 with a minimum of 8 scouts. 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.

Summer Classes

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

Introduction to Knotting

Tuesday, July 24, 10AM – 3PM

This versatile art form will be taught by fiber artist Carol E Lang who will provide all necessary materials. The class will explore the sculptural form using simple knots. The only tools involved are your hands and a pair of scissors. All levels welcome.

Cost: Members \$50, non-members \$60 Register by July 19.

Build Your Own Hydroponic Summer Garden

Saturday, July 28, 9AM - 1PM

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 July 25.

Low Water, Low Maintenance Plants for Year Round Beauty

Saturday, July 28, 2 – 3_{PM}

Using before and after pictures of front lawns and entryways typical of tract housing, landscape designer Linda Bresler will inspire you with lots of ideas for plants that require little water or care, including succulents.

Cost: Members \$12, non-members \$15. Register by July 25.

Free Composting Workshop

Saturday, August 4, 10AM - 12NOON

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.

Botanical Art Series Saturdays: August 18 & 25, and September 15, 9AM – 3PM

Join us for a series of workshops exploring different media to create botanical art with instructor Lesley Randall. First using graphite, an extremely versatile method of capturing the image of a plant. Next is pen and ink, a traditional medium. Lastly, we will tackle adding color to a subject with color pencil. All levels welcome.

Cost per series: Members \$145,

non-members \$175 Cost per class (if you take less than three): Members \$55, non-members \$65 Register by August 15. Materials list on website.

Kundalini Yoga in the Garden Wednesday, August 22, 5:30 – 7_{PM} Join Tracie Barham for yoga and meditation in the beautiful outdoor setting of the Walled Garden. Kundalini yoga offers many benefits, including increased awareness, peace of mind, and relief from stress. Beginners are welcome. Please bring a yoga mat and a blanket.

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

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

Saturday, August 25, 10AM - 12NOON

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

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

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

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. 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. From September 15 – November 17. This is FREE for selected participants. To apply visit www.SDBGarden.org

In the Garden with Photoshop Elements

Saturday, September 22, 8:30AM – 1:30PM Bob Bretell, professional flower and garden photographer, will demonstrate digital hand coloring, hand tinting, different ways of achieving a high dynamic range effect to your photographs, and the power of using layers and masks to enhance and improve your photography.

Cost: Members \$69, non-members \$79 Register by September 19.

Backyard Chickens Class Saturday, September 22, 9 – 11:30_{AM}

Join Paul Barbano to find out the basics: Are backyard chickens legal? Which breed is best for you? Paul will also discuss housing and outdoor pens; feed, water, sunlight, and shade; common chicken problems; and answer your questions.

Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$40

Register by September 19.

Fall Harvest: Watercolor Journaling in the Garden

Sunday, September 23, 9:30AM – 4PM

Explore 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. Discover form and color while developing plant studies.

Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$75 Register by September 12. Materials list on website.

Succulent Wreath Class

Tuesday, September 25, 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 September 21.

Fused Glass Workshop with Glass Artist Cherrie La Porte Saturday, September 29,

9:30AM - 12:00NOON

Learn the fundamentals and techniques of making fused glass jewelry, suncatchers and/or plate-making from award-winning glass artist Cherrie La Porte. Students will be working with pre-cut glass pieces, powdered glass called "frit," glass stringers, and dichroic glass to make their own designs. No experience necessary. Children 8 and older are welcome with an adult.

Cost: Members \$95, non-members \$115 (fee includes materials).
Register by September 19.

Cooking Classes with Chef Elizabeth, the Opera Singing Chef

That's Italian Autumn Recipes Saturday, August 25, 1:30 – 4PM

Increase your Italian recipe repertoire by learning how to make Baked Eggplant Parmesan; Chicken Piccata with mushrooms, lemons and capers; and, for dessert, a Hazelnut-Espresso Cheesecake. **Register by August 22**.

Soups of the Season Saturday, September 15, 1:30 – 4 PM

Warm the cockles of your family's heart with these full-flavored hearty soups. Smokey Black Bean Turkey, Canadian Cheese Soup, and Beggars

Bean Turkey, Canadian Cheese Soup, and Beggars Fish Soup made with bits of tomato, potato, rosemary and of course very fresh fish. Register by September 12.

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.



Members Only Summer Benefit: direct access to the Hamilton Children's Garden on Friday mornings

Beginning on June 1st and running through August 31st current members will be able to park in the Hamilton Children's Garden lot and enter through a Members Only gate on Friday mornings. Active Duty military families may also use this gate as part of the Blue Star Museums program. Please have your current membership card and ID or your military ID available. Guests may also enter using a guest ticket, but anyone needing to pay admission will have to do so at the main entrance. This gate will be open for entry between 9am and noon, and you may exit at any time. We hope that you enjoy this extra benefit of your membership. Have a beautiful summer in the Garden!

Spring Reception

On March 16th, over 120 members enjoyed a lovely evening at the Spring Reception to kick off the Garden's popular Herb Festival, Spring Plant Sale, and Tomatomanial® weekend. Guests sampled delicious food by The Flavor Chef, Lance Roll and were treated to a talk by Scott Daigre of Tomatomanial® on bringing the farm home. Scott even offered early access to the Tomatomanial® plant sale for our eager attendees.

We would like to thank all of the Larabee and Benefactor Society members, Corporate Partners, and Arbor Vitae Guild members who spent the evening here at the Garden. We greatly appreciate these members' annual gifts and future commitments which will provide vital funding for the Garden's programs and exhibits.

If you are interested in upgrading your membership to help more people connect with nature, while receiving additional benefits such as invitations to exclusive events and earlier access at the Fall Plant Sale in October, please contact Paula at 760/436-3036 x217.



Young garden explorers dig into our new sand and water activity table in Seeds of Wonder. We are grateful to the Encinitas Garden Festival Committee for their donation, which funded this table and other educational enhancements to both of our children's gardens.



Encinitas City Council member Teresa Barth, Dolores Welty, SDBG CEO Julian Duval, Brian Pickett, and Amelia Eastman at the Spring Reception.



Rudy Stuber, SDBG Director of Development Tracie Barham, SDBG Board Chairman Jim Ruecker, and Julie Ruecker at the Spring Reception.

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 to view our Annual Report for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

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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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In Their Own Words Wendy and Tom Graham share how the Garden connects to their passions

To Tom and me, San Diego Botanic Garden represents a living laboratory in ecology, plant biology, entomology and ornithology. SDBG sponsors workshops, events and activities to educate in these areas. Ladybug Day, held every April, is one such event. Children collect ladybugs to document their population in the Garden as part of the "Lost Lady Bug Project," sponsored by Cornell University. This is a nice association for us since Cornell is our alma mater.

If science isn't your passion, what about the arts? Sprinkled throughout the year are artistic events such as Asian Arts in the Garden and Garden Expressions. Visitors have an opportunity to meet sculptors, ceramicists, painters, and other artists. We find that this is a wonderful learning opportunity that sometimes finds its way into our own hobbies.

In essence, then, SDBG is an extension of our universities, providing educational opportunities to people of all ages. Tom and I have spent our entire careers dedicated to research and teaching, which is why we have chosen to support the Garden in our trust planning.

Besides stimulating scientific and creative minds, there is something very special about the Garden — a place of quiet solitude amidst the beauty of nature. As population pressures in North County spawn more congestion in our everyday living, SDBG's legacy will be this tiny gem situated within a sea of madness.

-- Wendy and Tom Graham, Larabee Society and Arbor Vitae Guild members



Members often ask if a nanny or grandparent can bring their children to the Garden...YES!!! By adding an optional third adult member to your Family membership you can receive a card for a nanny, caretaker, grandparent, or adult child at a discounted annual price of \$40.00.

Your membership contribution supports the care of the Garden and our educational programs, including our children's activities. Please note that membership cards may not be loaned to others. We appreciate your support and understanding.

Please call Stasi at 760/436-3036 x214 to add a third member today.



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Corporate partners receive recognition on our web site and on signage in the Garden, Family membership benefits, guest admission tickets, invitations to special events, and other attractive benefits, depending on their level of support. For information on how your organization can support the Garden as a Corporate Partner, please contact Paula Isley, Development Manager, at 760/436-3036 x217.

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