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Stewardship

Julian Duval
President/CEO



The San Diego Botanic Garden has developed a rightful reputation for its promotion and practice of things that are sustainable or green. It just seems right for a botanic garden to be green in the current use of the word. Also, from feedback, I have found our visitors and members have come to expect the Garden to be a leader in sustainable practices.

We have tallied an impressive list of sustainable practices. Over 20 of our displays throughout the Garden are featured as good landscape examples for water conservation. We use and interpret weather-based irrigation controllers, and irrigate about one third of our garden with recycled water.

We have just added our fifth building with a planted, or green, roof with the opening of the new “Welcome Center,” which replaces the old ticket booth. Green roofs provide many environmental advantages including reducing run off, alleviating the urban heat island effect and providing good insulation.



Green roof in Seeds of Wonder

Photo: Rachel Cobb

The Garden also contracted for an energy audit and with board approval replaced the vast majority of our lights and other electrical appliances for more energy efficient ones. We also offer incentives for energy savings. If you come to the Garden with four or more people in your car we waive the parking fee. Not to mention, we have also installed three electric vehicle charging stations in the Hamilton Children's Garden parking lot and will waive the parking fee for anyone driving an electric vehicle.

Waste reduction has also been a focus; we are particularly proud of how we have been able to vastly reduce waste, at our annual Gala that would normally go to a landfill.

The mission of the Garden is to *inspire people of all ages to connect with plants and nature*. I firmly believe it is part of our genetic makeup to desire and derive benefit from connecting with plants and nature. My long time favorite quote is from a Senegalese conservationist who said, “in the end we will only conserve those things we love and will only love those things we know and only know those things we have been taught.”



Hazardia orcuttii

Photos: Rachel Cobb

Our two very popular children’s gardens are some of the best examples of where a connection to plants and nature occurs. While aimed at families with children, these places are very popular with adults as well. However, it is most rewarding to see how children still respond to being outdoors surrounded by living things when they have so many alluring electronic means to occupy their time. One just knows that an outcome of having their developing minds stimulated by the wonder and beauty of nature is important in preparing these young people to become good stewards of the world we depend on.

Our stewardship responsibilities include stemming the loss of the planet’s biodiversity. Botanic gardens around the world are increasingly being called into becoming an “Ark” for a rapidly growing number of plants under threat of extinction. In the Garden’s native areas we are home to at least three native plant species which are in serious threat of extinction: the Del Mar manzanita, Encinitas baccharis, and the Orcutt’s goldenbush. The Garden, while not one of the larger public gardens in size or budget, is one of the very few to have such rare habitat naturally harboring federally listed endangered species.

We recently were able to make a major renovation to one of our native preserve areas through generous donations from the Donald C. & Elizabeth M. Dickinson Foundation, Edward and Ellen Wong, and Rain Bird Corporation. It is called the Native Plants and Native People Trail and it brings in the interpretation of the native Kumeyaay uses of plants to help illustrate their value. We are indebted to Jane Dumas, a Kumeyaay elder and herbalist, who graciously provided the Kumeyaay names and uses of the plants. Before European occupation, the Kumeyaay derived many of their foods and medicines from native plants. Given the diversity of plant life in what remains of our local habitat, it is foolhardy for us not to be concerned about preserving these plants for the yet undiscovered purposes they could have for humans.

The gardens concerned with the conservation of plants are well aware that while the task is daunting we can accomplish more if we collaborate. An organization focused on the conservation of North American plants species under threat of extinction is the Center for Plant Conservation based out of the Missouri Botanical Garden in Saint Louis. SDBG has applied for membership in the CPC and by the time this issue of *Quail Tracks* is out we should know if our membership has been approved.

The Garden also houses many species that are from outside the US that also are under possible threat of extinction. The American Public Garden Association has a program called the North American Plant Conservation Consortium which we are also preparing to join. We expect to start our involvement with the NAPCC in collaboration with the San Diego Zoo and focus on taxa of bamboo, coral trees, and Ficus.

Saving species through preserving them in botanic gardens is what we must do given the increasing level of threat to so many different plants, a situation that has become more serious now with the impact of climate change. However, while we save what we can in botanic gardens and in preserves where these plants belong it is important to remember that if we are to become good stewards of the planet; “we will only conserve that which we love and only love that which we know and only know that which we have been taught.”



Naked Coral Tree Flowers



Party Venues Available for the Holidays

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

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

For more information please call Jennifer Bergen at 760/ 436-3036 x205.

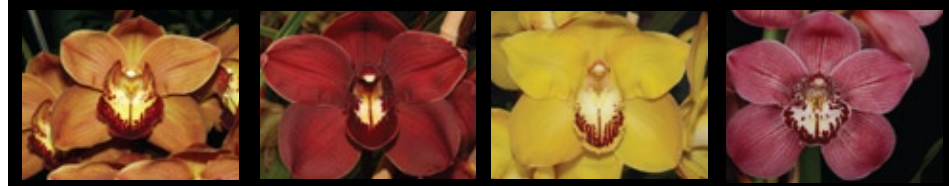
Upcoming Events

Sculpture in the Garden

Now – April 2013

This unique exhibition showcases sculptures from 24 talented artists set against the beautiful backdrop of the Garden's lush and natural 37 acres. Curator Naomi Nussbaum Art & Design has orchestrated an eclectic exhibition ranging from functional "garden" artwork to large abstract work with an emphasis on diversity of media and scale. Take a self-guided tour with the Garden's dedicated Sculpture Map. For participating artists visit SDBGarden.org/sculpture.htm.

Photos: Loren Batchman



Orchid Fair In Memory of Loren Batchman

October 6, 9AM – 5PM

October 7, 9AM – 4PM

Join us for the splendidly colorful San Diego International Orchid Fair where countless varieties of orchids grace the grounds, some in exhibits and some for sale. This year's sale is dedicated to the memory of Loren Batchman, whom we will dearly miss.

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

Have your orchid judged. The show is an official AOS (American Orchid Society) judging event and there will be ribbon judging as well. To register your plants for judging bring them to the Ecke Building on Thursday, October 4, 4 – 7 pm and Friday October 5, 9 am – 12 noon. Someone will be available to help you classify your plants. Please make sure they are pest-free, flowers are staked, and plants are clean. Judging begins at 1 pm sharp on Friday, October 5, so please have your plants registered by 12:00 noon.

For information on vendors, speakers, judging and more, visit our website at www.SDBGarden.org/orchid.htm.

Cost: Free with admission or Garden membership.

Free for AOS members (must show card)

30th Annual Fall Plant Sale

October 20 and 21, 10 AM - 4 PM

• **Larabee and Benefactor Society Members Only Pre-Sale: October 20, Early Access at 8 am.** Members at basic levels may renew early and upgrade to the \$125 Steward level to enjoy access to the best selection. To renew by phone call 760/ 436-3036 x214.

• **Members Only Pre-Sale, all levels: October 20, 9 – 10 am**

Plant donations from over 100 local growers, wholesalers, retail nurseries, and individuals make this one of the most interesting and diverse plant sales of San Diego County. Plant selections include California natives, cacti, succulents, bromeliads, fruit trees, and sub-tropicals. As an added bonus, if you spend over \$100 you will receive two guest passes to the Garden! Visit our Botanic Attic for garden-related items. Also be sure to check out our huge selection of used books and homemade goodies such as specialty jellies. Enjoy an opportunity drawing and the popular sit-down Bakery Shoppe, which serves cakes, cookies, pies, and coffee.

Cost: Free with admission or membership.

Help Make the Plant Sale a Success

The success of our plant sale depends upon the generosity of members from the community. You can help in the following ways:

- To donate plants or gently used garden-related items, to help underwrite the event, or participate in set-up on October 15 – 19, please contact Stacy Gaudet at 760/ 207-4259 or sfmermaid@cox.net.
- Again this year, the Bakery Shoppe will be in the Ecke Building. Stop by and relax with a treat while you attend the Fall Plant Sale. As always, we need cakes and pies to sell by the slice or large cookies. Please bring your baked goods to the Ecke Building on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. If you have any questions call Thelma Montag at 760/ 436-4601. Thank you for your help. We look forward to impressing you with our selections.
- Let your surplus books rejoin the world's circulation. We sell all kinds of books (fiction and non-fiction, hard cover, soft cover, pocket, and audio), magazines, cassettes, CDs, VHS movies, and DVDs. Bring your donations to the the Administrative Offices during regular business hours (9 am – 5 pm, Monday through Friday) and we will put them in the sale. Please do not bring encyclopedias or Reader's Digest condensed books as they do not sell.

All supporters who contribute a minimum of \$200 in cash, plant material valued at \$200, or help at least 20 hours with the set-up will be invited to attend a special VIP Pre-Sale/ Wine and Cheese Reception, followed by an exciting live auction that features unusual collector plants.

Thank you for your support.

Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale

October 27, 9 AM – 5 PM

October 28, 10 AM – 4 PM

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

Cost: Free with admission or membership

Garden of Lights

December 8 – 23 and 26 – 30, 5 – 9 PM

After the sun goes down, the Garden is transformed into a dazzling winter wonderland with over 100,000 sparkling lights illuminating the Garden for a magical holiday experience. Many of these lights are LED, which are much brighter than regular lights. Numerous activities include horse-drawn wagon rides, holiday crafts, marshmallow roasting, visits with Santa, live music, hot mulled wine, and refreshments. Be sure to check out our exclusive Nutcracker display in the Ecke building. Snow on selected nights. Many thanks to our Silver Sponsor Shea Homes!

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

Gala in the Garden

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the 2012 Gala in the Garden, our largest fundraising event of the year. Our print deadline for this issue of *Quail Tracks* was prior to the Gala on September 8th. Please see the next issue for a complete Gala review.



Volunteer and Docent News

July Volunteer of the Month: **EMY MEIORIN**

Emy Meiorin, born in Indiana, moved to California in 1955. She joined our docent team in 2008. She graduated as the first-ever Ecology major from University of California, Berkley and worked for 27 years in various environmental jobs before teaching computers and science. Emy and her husband, who have traveled extensively, have two sons. She says her green thumb runs in the family so when it was time to retire, she knew the Garden was a perfect fit with its gardening opportunities, ecology, and being one of the best places to paint watercolor landscapes and flowers. Since becoming a docent, Emy has taken on the volunteer directory for four years and volunteered as the email list manager. In addition, she has worked at Garden of Lights, admissions, and the Fall Plant Sale. What Emy likes most about the Garden are the friendly volunteers, the interesting docent program, and the best potluck feasts around!



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

August Volunteer of the Month: **MARY MANASTER**

Originally from Chicago, Mary has lived in San Diego with her husband for 38 years. She started her professional life in city planning and, following that, she worked for the San Diego Housing Commission and taught violin. She first noticed the beauty of gardens when visiting family friends as a child. Mary and her young family moved into a new un-landscaped San Diego house and found it very challenging to maintain a garden. Approximately eight years ago, Mary began looking for volunteer activities in the area and the Garden was a natural fit. Mary has worked solely in propagation and enjoys the lovely atmosphere and forming some very rewarding friendships with people she works with. Her fondest memories include seeing a mother quail with her chicks and introducing the Garden to a friend's grandson who was then the apprentice gardener for the Gardens of Paris.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

September Volunteer of the Month: **LAN LIN**

Lan, born in Taiwan, has lived in San Diego for 32 years and became a docent in 2008. For many years, she worked at UCSD Medical Center as a registered nurse. Growing up, both her parents loved gardening so when she retired, a friend introduced her to the Garden because of the wonderful bamboo. While at San Diego Botanic Garden, she has volunteered in propagation, the library, admissions, the gift shop (she really likes the new computer system) and, of course, special events like the Insect Festival and Lady Bug Day. Lan loves everything about the Garden – the fresh air, flowers, quail and, most of all, learning from the friendly people at the Garden.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest



Photos: 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, on all items except membership, water, gift certificates, and sale items. Patrons receive 20% discount.



Our newest volunteer group gathered in the Ecke Building for the Volunteer Orientation.

Volunteer Orientation

Thursday, October 25, 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

Have you ever thought of becoming a docent? San Diego Botanic Garden has a wonderful docent program that includes 8 classes and time in various locations throughout the Garden. Once you complete the program you can work in one of the many places in the Garden and even educate visitors to our wonderful paradise. We are almost through the fall series and the spring series will start in early February. The dates are not set as of this article's composition, so check the website for the dates. We'd love to have you join us. Call Michael Wolfington at 760/ 436-3036 x206 for more information.

Docent Meetings — Everyone Welcome

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

October: Let's get ready for the Fall Plant Sale! Bring your "go-to plants" and come prepared to share information.



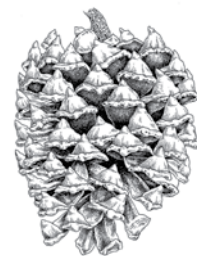
November: Docent, Mary Roper, will demonstrate a Fall table display using natural materials.

December: Annual Holiday Potluck.



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Get exclusive information on
your favorite SDBG events!

A Celebration of Nature: the Native Plants and Native People Trail



By Dave Ehrlinger, *Director of Horticulture*

In July the trail leading through the natural area east of Seeds of Wonder Children's Garden was renovated with new signs that interpret the plants and animals of these rare habitats along with educational displays of the Kumeyaay, people who lived in this area long ago.

Perhaps the San Diego Botanic Garden's most priceless legacy is the preservation of its rare natural habitats—the southern maritime chaparral and coastal sage scrub plant communities. Both of these are adapted to drought and fires and found along the coast where they benefit from coastal fog and humidity. Because of human development, less than 10% of these natural areas remain today.

Southern maritime chaparral is largely found only from Carlsbad to Point Loma and only within a few miles of the ocean. Evergreen shrubs mainly grow here, primarily on sandstone-derived soils. Most of these shrubs have small leathery evergreen leaves that are adapted to conserve water in our dry climate. This community contains a number of rare plant species, including the federally endangered Del Mar Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos glandulosa* ssp. *crassifolia*), which grows wild on the property here.

Coastal sage scrub is composed mainly of shrubs that lose most of their leaves during the dry summer to reduce water loss. These include aromatic sages and sagebrush along with summer-flowering buckwheats as well as some evergreen shrubs like lemonade berry and laurel sumac.

These arid-adapted habitats along with our re-created wetlands are home to a range of animal life from lizards and insects to birds and mammals. Some of the most frequently seen or heard species

here are California quail, cottontail rabbits, California towhees, and western fence lizards along with the many *Gambusia* (mosquito fish) in the pond. For thousands of years Native Americans, including the local Kumeyaay, lived harmoniously in these ecosystems.

Other new educational bilingual labels along the trail interpret habitats, rare plants, conservation, wildlife, and wildfires. David House did the graphics and design for the signs with additional botanical illustrations created by SDBG staff member Lesley Randall. Cheryl Hinton, Curator of the Barona Cultural Center and Museum, provided valuable assistance in reviewing the interpretive sign text and graphics.

The project renovation was graciously made possible through the Donald C. & Elizabeth M. Dickinson Family Foundation, Edward and Ellen Wong, and irrigation supplies were made possible by the Rain Bird Corporation. The Garden hosted a breakfast and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, July 21 to thank and honor our important donors. Special guest Jane Dumas, a Kumeyaay elder and traditional medicine specialist, gave a beautiful mid-summer's day blessing. Our thanks and appreciation go to event participants and friends of the Garden Richard Bugbee, Martin Espino, Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild, Mary Roper, Boy Scout Troop 777, St. Germain's Café, and the many volunteers and staff who helped make the morning a success.

On your next visit to the Garden come wander through the Native Plants and Native People Trail, enjoy the minty fragrance of sages and sagebrush, view our local wildlife, and learn how the Kumeyaay people lived in these special, precious habitats.



Photo: Heather Mann

Grand Opening of Native Plants and Native People Trail with Kumeyaay Jane Dumas performing the cutting of the ribbon.



Photo: Heather Mann

Kumeyaay elder, Jane Dumas, President/ CEO Julian Duval and Kumeyaay Richard Bugbee pose for a photo after the Grand Opening ceremony.

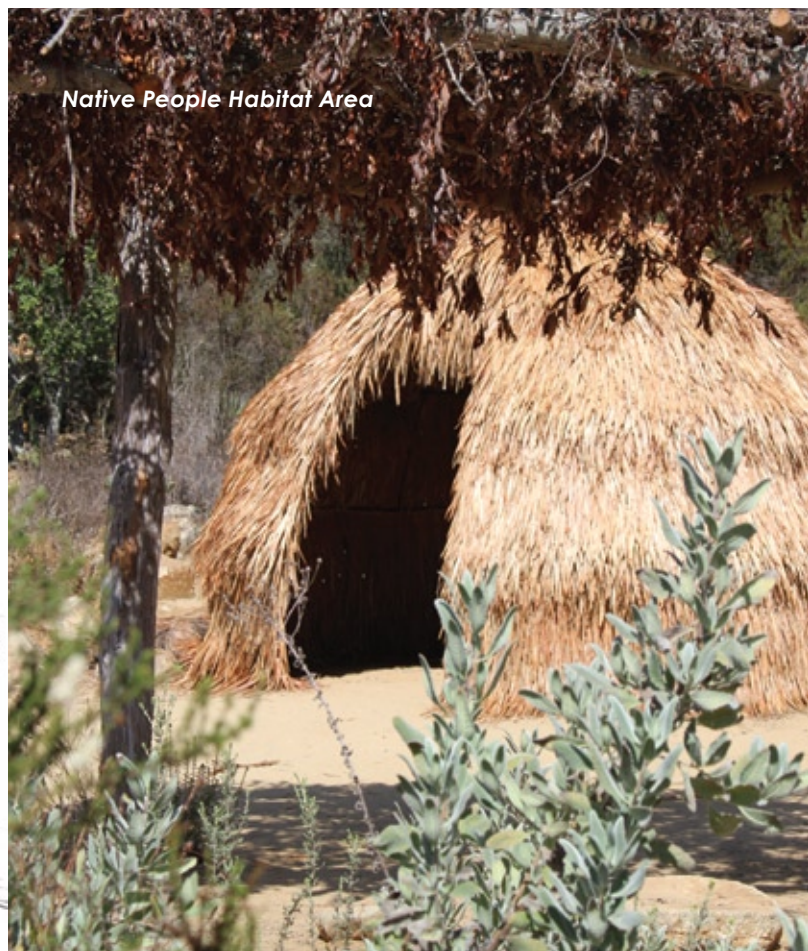


Del Mar Manzanita



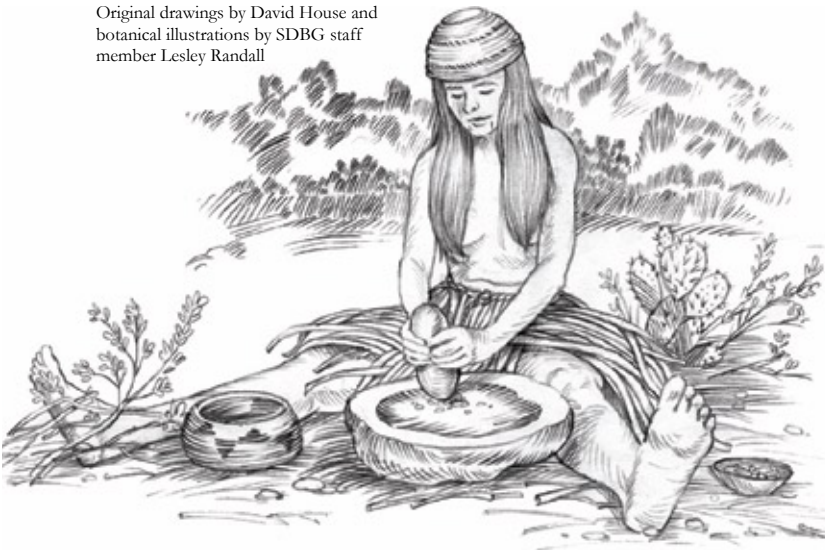
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Photos: Rachel Cobb



Native People Habitat Area

Original drawings by David House and botanical illustrations by SDBG staff member Lesley Randall





QUESTIONS?

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



FOR CHILDREN AGES 1 TO 6

Upcoming Events



Fall Festival and Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 27

10:30 am – 1 pm

Children ages 2 to 6 will celebrate the fall season with Halloween themed activities and crafts in several locations along the newly remodeled Native Plant and Native People Trail and Seeds of Wonder children's garden. Princesses and pumpkins can visit our gentle witch at the decorated playhouse and secret garden to receive a special treat. Beginning at 12:30 pm we will go on a Halloween Parade through the Garden.

No scary masks or adults in costumes please!

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



Photo: Susanne Brueckner

Orchid Fair



October 1 and 2 (see page 4 for details)

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

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 – 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 10:15 – 10:45 am.

Garden of Lights

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



Photo: Rachael Cobb

Wednesdays

10 – 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

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.



Birthday Party at Seeds of Wonder

We offer garden parties for children ages 1 to 6.

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



Hamilton Children's Garden

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Linda at
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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.

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

A variety of field trips are available for school groups. A docent-led tour lasting for about an hour will end in the Hamilton Children's Garden where there are facilities for lunch and an opportunity for children to explore. Self-guided tours are also available. For either type of tour please visit our website and fill out the request form for a school tour. Here are the field trips that we offer:



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.

STRAW BALE GARDENING

Our straw bale garden full of summer vegetables—tomatoes, corn and squash—is now a place for fall fruits and vegetables. We have pumpkins, chard, kale, melons and edible flowers growing.

Who's Living in the Garden

Come learn about isopods. We have two containers—one with pill bugs and one with sow bugs. Children can learn the difference between the two types and are welcome to hold them. Isopods are sometimes called the “scavengers of nature” because they eat dead leaves and bugs.

Another new educational exhibit is the praying mantis. This is a predator/carnivore insect which is called a mantid. They are beneficial insects that help rid a garden of pest insects.

- Why is a Strawberry a Suitcase?
- Eating With Your Eyeballs
- Native Plants/Native People



Photos: Rachel Cobb



TOURS FOR GIRL AND BOY SCOUTS

San Diego Botanic Garden is a delightful place to schedule your next Girl or Boy Scout outing. Come to learn about plants and critters that make the garden their home, or to experience the beauty of nature. Including time to explore the Hamilton Children's Garden is the perfect way to end your visit. Tours are available for second grade or older with a minimum of eight scouts. A self-guided tour is available on our website for grades K-1. There is a special discounted rate for Scout groups. Your group can schedule a docent-led visit or do a self-guided one by filling out the tour request form on our website.

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/birthday.htm



Fall 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.

Succulent Wreath Class

Saturday, October 13, 9 AM – 2 PM

Take home a beautiful succulent wreath that you make yourself. Taught by the SDBG wreath team. Fee includes materials.

Cost: Members \$55, non-members \$65.

Register by October 10.

Gardens for all-Seasons: Designing with Water-wise Plants and Bulbs

Saturday, October 13, 2 - 4 pm

Join award-winning landscape designer Ruth E. Wolfe and Mediterranean bulb and rhizome expert Mary McBride for an introductory class on how to design a colorful and more interesting drought tolerant landscape using low-water plants and layers of water-wise bulbs for four seasons of bloom.

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

Register by October 10.

Succulent Turtle Class

Tuesday, October 30, 9 am – 12 noon

Take home a charming succulent turtle that you make yourself in this class taught by the SDBG succulent team. Fee includes materials.

Cost: Members \$35, non-members \$45.

Register by October 26.

Build Your Own Hydroponic Fall Garden

Saturday, November 3, 9 am – 1 pm

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

Cost: Members \$75, non-members \$95.

Register by October 31.

Native Plants and Native People Trail

Saturday, November 3, 10 am–12 noon

Join Dave Ehrlinger, Director of Horticulture at SDBG, for a tour of the newly refurbished Native Plants and Native People Trail. Discover two of our most precious and rare natural habitats—the southern maritime chaparral and the coastal sage scrub plant communities. Learn about some of the most common as well as rare species. Learn how the Kumeyaay and other Native Americans used many of these plants. Since November is one of the best times to plant natives, Dave will give you tips on planting native plants. All participants will receive an informative brochure.

Cost: Members \$10, non-members \$12.

Register by October 31.

New Plants for Southern California

Saturday, November 10, 10 am–12 noon

Wendy Proud of Mountain States Wholesale Nursery will introduce you to some exciting plants for our dry Southern California landscapes. New to Southern California, these plants have been successfully used in low-water areas like Arizona. Plant sale will follow her presentation.

Cost: Members \$10, non-members \$12.

Register by November 7.

Batik Flora & Fauna: A Mixed Media Approach

Sunday, November 11, 9:30 am – 4 pm

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. We'll use the "dropped-in color" watercolor technique to paint flora and fauna on the paper support. This method involves hue fusion, allowing the water to move color on the paper surface to create interesting values changes and textures. Colored pencils, ink lines and collage elements will be added to embellish the shapes. The artwork will be sealed with an acrylic varnish to protect the surface.

Cost: Members \$80, non-members \$90.

(fee includes \$15 for supports and varnish)

Register by November 7.

Materials list on website.

The Latest and Greatest on Baja Botany

Thursday, November 15, 7 pm

Over 715 different plants in more than 350 genera in 111 families are described in the third and newest edition of *Baja California Plant Field Guide*. Authored by Jon P. Rebman, Curator of Botany at the San Diego Natural History Museum and the 2011 San Diego Horticulturist of the Year, the book offers tribute to the late Norman C. Roberts, author of the first two editions. As the definitive work on the plants of Baja California, this title will be of great interest not only to botanists on the peninsula, but also to plant enthusiasts in southern California, as 50% of the species listed are also found in southern California and the Sonora desert. Join us for Dr. Rebman's presentation, which will be followed by a book signing.

Cost: Members \$10, non-members \$12.

Register by November 13.

Succulent Wreath Class

Tuesday, November 27, 9 am – 2 pm

Take home a beautiful succulent wreath that you make yourself. Taught by the SDBG wreath team. Fee includes materials.

Cost: Members \$55, non-members \$65.

Register by November 23.

Free Composting Workshop

Saturday, December 1, 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

Cooking Classes with Chef Elizabeth, the Opera Singing Chef

Holy Mole!

Saturday, November 10, 1:30 – 4 pm

Learn now to make a deeply flavored mole that can enhance flavors of roast duck, turkey, chicken, and pork and a delicious dish of Black Cherry Studded Wild and Basmati Rice. Garlic and herbs added to rice are a perfect accompaniment to your Mole Duck. Finish with a very European Pumpkin Walnut Cake with Candied Orange Slices and Allspice Kernels.

Register by November 7.

Kitchen Gifts

Saturday, December 1, 1:30 – 4 pm

Chef Elizabeth will share her mother's recipe of Holiday Nut Bread called Kolache, which makes a classy and tasty gift. She will also share her family's recipe for chocolate fudge. It's tricky to make, but when made perfectly, melts in your mouth—not gooey, more granular, a superior fudge. She will demonstrate how to make a Gingerbread and Chocolate Cookie—a German Cuckoo Clock, one dimensional, very beautiful with added clock features. It's fun to make and give as a kitchen gift.

Register by November 28.

Recipes and tastings given for each dish taught.

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

Ongoing Programs

Docent-led Guided Tours

Saturdays, 10:30 AM

Meet at the Visitor Center. On last Saturday of the month, the tour focuses on water-wise plants.

Cost: Free with admission or membership.

Botanical Printers

1st Sunday of each month, 9:30 AM

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

Cost: \$20 initial fee to cover expenses.

Bird Watching

1st Monday of each month, 8 AM

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



Photos: Rachel Cobb

Upcoming Premier Level Member Only Events & Benefits

Fall Plant Sale Reception and Pre-Sale

Friday, October 19th (Invitations will follow)

This is an exclusive event open to Larabee Society members at the Fellow level, all Benefactor Society members, and all supporters who contribute a minimum of \$200 in cash, plant material valued at \$200, or help at least 20 hours with the set-up at the Fall Plant Sale. Guests will enjoy beer and wine, light hors d'oeuvres, and the first choice of hundreds of beautiful botanical delights for the home garden. The evening concludes with a live auction, led by President and CEO Julian Duval, featuring rare botanical treasures and one-of-a-kind specimens.

The Annual Benefactor Dinner

Thursday, December 6th (Invitations will follow)

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

Garden of Lights

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

If you would like to join at a premier membership level and enjoy exclusive events and benefits, please contact Stasi Kubrock at 760/ 436-3036 x214 or skubrock@sdbgarden.org.



Give the gift of a San Diego Botanic Garden membership for holiday, birthday, and other gift giving occasions.

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

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

Gift memberships at higher sustaining levels are also available and offer additional attractive benefits. Go online at www.SDBGarden.org, or call Stasi Kubrock at 760/ 436-3036 x214, to purchase a gift membership today.

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



Save the Date

Annual Meeting – January 5, 2013

All current members are invited to attend. Look for your e-mail invitation in December.

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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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County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price presents a check for \$25,000 to President and CEO Julian Duval surrounded by Garden staff and incoming Chairman Tom Applegate. The grant matches funds raised at the 2011 Gala in the Garden to build a new Welcome Center to replace our old admissions booth (shown in the background). Pictured are L-R Diana Goforth, Paula Isley, Julian Duval, Pam Slater-Price, Stasi Kubrock, Tom Applegate, Dave Ehrlinger, and Jill Kastrup.

Pictured on the right is the New Welcome Center.



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