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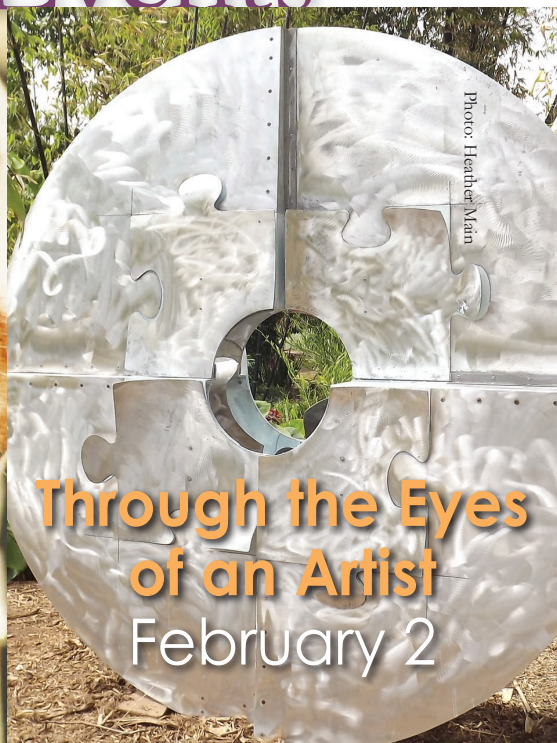


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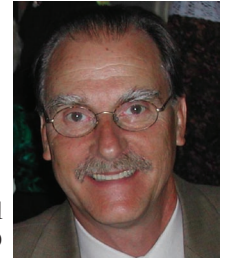
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Something You Are Sure to Notice



Julian Duval
President/CEO

If there is one thing I enjoy, it's getting out in the Garden to help greet our guests. I may help someone with directions for those not familiar with the Garden but I also get a chance to hear from them what they think of their experience. Now I have to admit that one of the reasons I find this so enjoyable is that I hear lots of compliments.

It is very common for first time visitors to tell me that they are pleased beyond what they expected. In fact there are still many local North County residents who are just discovering the Garden. These folks admit feeling a bit guilty they waited so long before visiting and likewise will often say: "... wow I had no idea visiting the Garden would be so enjoyable". Then there are those who have been regular visitors and most likely are members who often are the most enthusiastic about telling me what they think of what the Garden offers.

The fact is, the visitor experience has improved remarkably over the years and people have noticed it. The saying is "necessity is the mother of invention" and it has been a great motivator for the San Diego Botanic Garden.

It was back in October of 1993 that the Garden became self-supporting. The Garden which had been operated and staffed by the County of San Diego suddenly was left to make sure it could earn the revenue it needed to not only stay open but offer more to the visitor experience.

From that time on our goal was to improve the visitor experience under the guidance of our mission to "inspire people of all ages to connect with plants and nature". So, the goal has and continues to offer a quality experience in everything we do. Well, it has worked and anyone can see that we have not only kept the Garden from closing but have secured its future.

In fact, given the success of the Hamilton Children's Garden, which could be considered the jewel in the Garden's crown, we are excited about a second phase for the HCG. You will be hearing more about that in the course of this year.

With so many changes, there has been one element in the growth of the Garden I have to admit has lagged behind some of our other accomplishments. And that is our gift shop and plant sales



Photo: Heather Main

area. It may seem strange that an opportunity for earned income would have been a later improvement for the Garden but our gift shop had some large hurdles to overcome.

One of the biggest challenges for our gift shop and one we still have until the Garden can expand, is its location. Not everyone visiting the Garden has to pass by our gift shop and any public garden, museum or zoo gift store can only maximize its potential if located where visitors are sure to have seen it.

So investing a great deal in modifying our woefully too small gift shop has never been a practical venture. It took the good minds of staff, volunteers, our project manager, Rudy Stuber of JRS Construction and DPA Atelier, our designers, to come up with a plan to expand the gift shop and give the whole area a fresh look to insure a return on our investment.

Well it is a reality now and while I have to admit that personally I am more apt to get excited about a new addition to the Garden displays, I really love what has happened to our gift shop. We have been able to preserve the iconic original heavy post supported A-Frame structure and add a solarium-like addition which has more than doubled the interior space. We have also completely upgraded the plant sales area with a very attractive new fence and new and uniform plant display benches all of which makes the entire area more inviting.

We had only recently come up with the concept for upgrading the gift shop and plant sales area when it caught the attention of one of our board members, Carol Dickinson. Carol has a keen appreciation for the financial welfare of the Garden and has long believed that if we approved the gift shop it would become a better income source for us.

There was another reason Carol wanted to make the upgraded gift shop possible with her donation: she knew the history and how it is entirely a volunteer produced endeavor. Not to mention there was one person, in particular, whose decades of dedication as our volunteer gift shop manager tugged at Carol's heart strings. That person is Joyce Sapp. Joyce has been tenacious and tireless in her efforts to make the gift shop as successful as possible and we cannot thank her enough for all she has done.

It is only recently that Joyce found someone to take the reins of managing the gift shop and that person is docent and volunteer, Roberta Dotson. I can tell you that Joyce is celebrating the wonderfully improved gift shop but also for the great job Roberta is doing in managing the gift shop.

We are so fortunate to attract such talented people to the ranks of our volunteer ranks. Roberta has extensive experience as an interior designer and has been our principle source for the completely new look on the interior of the gift shop. I also have to mention Dave Merritt who is wonderfully handy at carpentry and has played an important role in implementing the improvements.

Another volunteer who has been very involved with the gift shop project is Heather Spadone. Through contacts she and her husband Paul Spadone of Streamline Development, have provided, we were able to have a beautiful recycled teak floor donated for the project by Indo Teak Design. Heather took over as buyer for the gift shop for Elspeth Yin who was a very talented volunteer buyer for many years.

Clearly, the gift shop is an important asset to the visitor experience and I think you will now be more likely to find something – plant or other unique item - you will want to buy and by doing so add to your support of the San Diego Botanic Garden.

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Tour Israel with
San Diego Botanic Garden
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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.

Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 5, 10 am

Join us for an update from Jim Farley, President and CEO of the Leichtag Foundation, on plans for the future of the Ecke Ranch property. All current members are invited to attend. Look for your e-mail invitation in December for more details or contact Jen Turner at jturner@SDBGarden.org or 760/ 436-3036 x218.

Art in the Ecke Building – Botanical Artists Guild of Southern California

January 12 – March 23 (open during Garden hours)

The Botanical Artists Guild of Southern California (BAGSC) is dedicated to encouraging the development of botanical art and the promotion of public awareness of this artistic tradition. This show will feature the works of 11 artists who are members of BAGSC and committed to improving their artistry and technical abilities.

Through the Eyes of an Artist

Saturday, February 2, 10 am – 1 pm

In celebration of Sculpture in the Garden (see above) we are having a panel discussion recognizing the value of art in the garden with stunning illustrated examples. Sculpture Artists include Matt Devine, Jerry Dumlao, Lynn Forbes. Garden Artists include Susan Oddo, Bonnie Teckemeyer, Robert Kopfstein presenting the garden of John Allen.

All participants are extremely accomplished so it promises to be a most insightful day. After the program and light refreshments, there will be a tour of the sculptures on exhibit in the Garden. Sponsored in part by Synergy Art Foundation

Cost: Free with admission or membership

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5K Paw Walk in the Garden

Saturday, February 23, 9 am – 12 noon

Join us for a fun way to enjoy the beautiful and scenic San Diego Botanic Garden with your pooch (es) for this annual event. The morning will feature a fun course through the Garden, pet-related vendors, t-shirt and, of course, fresh air! For details and registration visit <http://encinitas5kpupwalk.eventbrite.com>.

Herb Festival, Spring Plant Sale, and Tomatomania®

March 16 and 17, 9 am – 5 pm



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

Since returning as Executive Director of the U.S. Botanic Garden in November 2000, Holly Shimizu has led the Washington D.C. Garden in many new and exciting directions. The Garden was accredited by the American Association of Museums in 2007 and has received numerous awards. In addition to many prestigious positions in horticulture, she served as Curator of the National Herb Garden at the U.S. National Arboretum.

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

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

For Kids: special craft activity featuring the Herb of the Year – Elderberry, "Respect Your Elders". Learn about this marvelous plant and its uses.



Botanical Printers – Elizabeth How

For details on speakers, vendors, coupons and more, visit www.SDBGarden.org.

Book Launch – The California Native Landscape

Saturday, March 23, 10 am – 12 noon

Join us for the exciting book launch of *The California Native Landscape: The Homeowner's Design Guide to Restoring Its Beauty and Balance*, a new book by Greg Rubin and Lucy Warren. With over 25 years of experience, Greg is a recognized leader in the field of native plant design and owner of California's Own Native Landscape Design. Lucy is a longtime Southern California garden writer and Master Gardener sustainable landscaping expert. A book signing will follow a joint presentation by the authors.

Cost: Members \$10, non-members \$12 Please register by March 20.

Library Book Sale

This year's Book Sale held at the Fall Plant Sale offered an outstanding array of books, magazines, and recorded media. There were 14 boxes of books from the Bookman of San Diego in honor of John Becker and over 50 boxes from Docents, Garden members and other Garden supporters. This year we had over 20 jigsaw puzzles. More than 6 volunteers helped to stage and staff the book shop and to dismantle it after the sale. The helpers included Kenneth Hayward, Elf Mitton, Pat Amador, Mary Roper, Deb Batey, Lan Lin, and Bob Hinostro.



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Volunteer and Docent News

October Volunteer of the Month: SUSAN KARTZKE

Susan was born in Calgary, Canada. She is married to her husband, Paul, and they have three children and four grandchildren. Susan was a kindergarten teacher for five years and then became a stay-at-home mom and school volunteer. As the children grew older, Susan decided to volunteer at the Mercer Arboretum in Houston, Texas. She was a volunteer for 12 years up until she and her husband moved to Vista, California. Here, Susan soon discovered the San Diego Botanic Garden, became a volunteer, and started working in California Gardenscapes. Over time, you could find her in the Herb Garden, Mediterranean Garden, and the Walled Garden. She has participated in the Fairy Festival, Gala in the Garden, Fall Plant Sale and Garden of Lights. Susan, a docent since 2008, says the docents and volunteers at the Garden are extremely helpful and always willing to share their knowledge. She enjoys every hour she spends in the garden and is especially indebted to Sally Sandler who has made her days at the garden such a pleasure.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

November Volunteer of the Month: JAMES SMULLEN

California native, James Smullen, was born in Santa Monica, lived in Los Angeles and eventually moved to San Diego in 1995 where he lives with his wife. James, who is now happily retired, says he is “not much of a gardener” so about seven years ago when he saw an article in Quail Tracks asking for help with the trains in Seeds of Wonder he was able to start his life at “Quail Mountain Railway”. Now every Thursday morning, free Tuesday, and some special events James transforms into the Garden’s very own engineer, running his special trains and maintaining the tracks. James finds the garden peaceful, loves the bamboo section, and the helpful, nice and polite people here. His fondest memory is of a little boy who would come faithfully every Thursday just to watch the trains and the shark puppet who lives in the tank car.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

December Volunteer of the Month: PAULA MCDONALD

Paula McDonald, a docent since 2008 is a California native. Born in Orange County, she grew up mostly in Laguna Beach and later met her husband at San Diego City College. Paula, a graduate of University of California, Irvine was a school librarian for 15 years. She came across San Diego Botanic Garden when she was looking for places to take her grandsons. They discovered the Seeds of Wonder which soon became one of their favorite places to go on Wednesday mornings. She has dedicated her time during special events, propagation for the nursery, and the Undersea Succulent Garden. Paula enjoys working with such a diverse group of volunteers with unique backgrounds and interests. Her fondest memory of the Garden was when Margaret showed her the beautiful engagement ring Peter Jones gave her.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest



Tour Israel with San Diego Botanic Garden

We are creating a unique member’s tour of Israel to visit our sister garden, the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens, and other sites of botanic and cultural significance. Participants will enjoy private guided tours of the JBG, Ein Gedi Tropical Botanical Garden, the Dead Sea, Bahai Gardens, Mt Meiron Reserve and more on this ten day excursion.

We are currently finalizing the dates and prices for this tour and we want to hear from you! Departure dates being considered are March 10, 2013 or in late April/early May 2013. Please contact Tracie Barham at 760/ 436-3036 x216 or tbarham@SDBGarden.org to learn more and indicate your preferred time frame.



Our newest group of volunteers are eager and ready to help! Photo courtesy of Margaret Jones

Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, February 1, 2013

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

Next series begins February 7, 2013

Have you ever thought of becoming a docent? San Diego Botanic Garden has a wonderful docent program that includes eight 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 about our wonderful paradise. The spring series will start in early February. Dates are not set as of this article's composition, so check our website for dates. We'd love to have you join us. Call 760/ 436-3036 x206 for more information.

Docent Meetings — Everyone Welcome

First Wednesday of the Month

Arrive at 11AM for the program

January: San Diego is an ideal place to live and garden. Chris Garcia, gardener at SDBG, will discuss Community Gardening.

February: Ray Pawley, former Curator of Herpetology at the Chicago Zoological Park, will travel from New Mexico to speak on living in Rattlesnake Country.

March: Well-known lecturer, Patrick Anderson, will share a recent pictorial spring tour of Holland and Belgium.



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GALA IN REVIEW 2012

Jim Ruecker, Alissa Adams-Simmons, John Kister, Janet Kister, Danielle Leggett, Emily Barre, Paul Ecke III, Julian Duval

On September 8, 2012, 440 guests gathered at San Diego Botanic Garden for the **13th Annual Gala in the Garden, Nature and Learning: Infinite Possibilities.**

As our most successful fundraiser to date, the Gala raised over \$187,000 to support the Garden's educational programs and exhibits. This event would not have been possible without our hard working committee members and volunteers. We are thankful to our sponsors and in-kind donors who provided the underwriting for the event. Special thank you to co-chairs Alissa Adams-Simmons and Jim Ruecker for their leadership and dedication to the Garden.

The Hamilton Children's Garden, which opened in 2009, was transformed into an artful display of greenery, lights and artistic floral designs. Adding to the experience were the area's finest restaurants and caterers serving an array of their most celebrated dishes.

In the true spirit of the Garden, local florists' impressive arrangements were displayed at each food and drink station. Guests had the opportunity to stroll through the Hamilton Children's Garden and explore its different landscapes, listen to live entertainment, and participate in a silent auction filled with garden treasures, art, and one-of-a-kind experiences. With the assistance of our Eco Stewards, 75% of the event waste was recycled or composted at this environmentally-friendly affair.

At sunset, guests gathered in the gala pavilion for desserts and the Paul Ecke Jr. Award of Excellence presentation to Janet Kister, a past trustee of San Diego Botanic Garden and co-owner of Sunlet Nursery in Fallbrook. Janet currently serves on the Nursery

Growers Leadership Board, California Farm Bureau Finance Committee and San Diego County Farm Bureau Treasurer. Paul Ecke III was on hand to present the award. During her acceptance speech Janet made a special plea for guests



to support a project that was near to her heart. Thanks to the generosity of our guests, an all-time record of nearly \$30,000 was raised through the Fund-a-Need auction to make improvements to the Seeds of Wonder Children's Garden. Seeds of Wonder is geared towards children ages one to six years old, and these funds will enable us to replace the old water pump, beautify the rolling hill, and much more.

The Gala in the Garden was truly a special time for garden friends. We thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Gala and by doing so, made a true commitment to inspire people of all ages to connect with plants and nature. We encourage you to take a look at the list of Gala donors and support them with your business. Mark your calendar for next year's Gala on September 7, 2013 – we hope to see you there!

For additional Gala in the Garden information, please email Jennifer at jturner@SDBGarden.org.



Pam Hyatt, Jim Farley, Tracie Barham



Mary Friestedt, Stacy Gaudet, Heidrun Meador, Jim Ruecker



Jeff Segal, Kathy Segal, Virginia Tapia, Mo Ecke, and Epi Tapia

Groovy Tunes at Tony's Tree House

Nana Keek's Cookies & Scones

Rimel's Rotisserie & Zenbu Sushi

Nobleza Tequila



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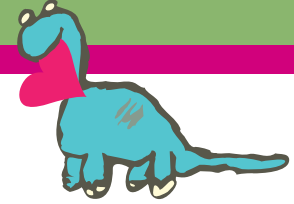




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QUESTIONS?

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, March 30

Early party: 10 -11:30 am
Late party: 11:30 am – 1 pm

Children ages 2 to 6 are invited to meet our gentle bunny and make colorful spring crafts. In addition, everyone is welcome to join our 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) or in person. Pre-registration by phone, e-mail, or mail are not accepted.



Photo: Susanne Brueckner

Herb Festival

March 16 and 17

Children's activities will be offered at this event. Please see pages 4-5



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
10 am – 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 10:15 - 10:45 am

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.



Photo: Susanne Brueckner

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

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.



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

Winter vegetables are growing in our straw bales. It's a perfect time to plant all those nutrition dense leafy green vegetables. Kale, chard and lettuces love our winter weather.

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.

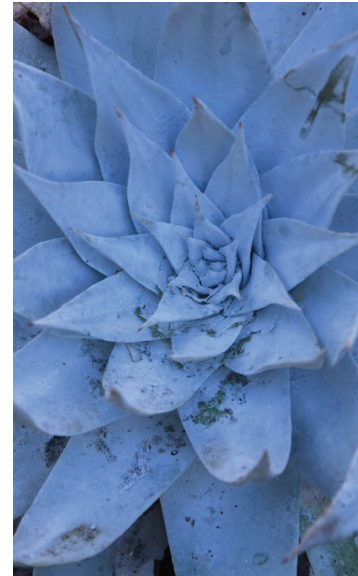
SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

A variety of field trips are available for school groups. A docent-led tour lasting 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:

- 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/hcg_home.htm

Winter Classes

To see full class descriptions and to pre-register go to www.SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x204. You can also pick up flyers at the Ecke Building.

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 February-April. This is FREE for selected participants. To apply visit www.SDBGarden.org

Gardening From the Ground Up: Making Soils Work for You

Saturday, January 12, 9 am -11:30 am

A great garden always starts below the ground ... with the soil! Have fun learning how to identify your soil type, how to test your soil, and how to improve your soil to get the best results from your own garden! Taught by instructor Sharon May, Director of Marketing and Sales at Agri Service. This class will provide an understanding of basic components of soil, importance of the Soil Food Web, soil as a tool for water efficiency, identification of your own soil type, how to evaluate and remedy soil drainage and more. Please bring 2 cups of your own garden soil, dug from the root zone, in a plastic bag for identification using your hands. Dirty hands, clean heart!

Cost: Member \$30, non-members \$36
Register by January 4.

Watercolor Botanica

Sunday, January 20, 9:30 am – 4 pm

Presented by instructor Helen Shafer Garcia

This workshop will focus on garden botanical elements using a “dropped in color” technique, which incorporates luminosity and brilliance in watercolor. The method involves hue fusion, allowing the water to move color on the paper surface and to create interesting value changes, color mixtures, and textures. Pigment characteristics, color theory, composition, and design will also be covered with demos and individual instruction. Pours, mark making and surface textures will also be introduced to create glaze layers in exploratory compositions. All levels welcome.

Cost: Members \$70, non-members \$84
Register by January 11.
Materials list on website.

Beyond Drip

Saturday, January 26, 9 am – 12 noon

Learn how to create a super-efficient irrigation system with restoration ecologist David Bainbridge. Learn about demand responsive traditional irrigation methods that are more efficient than drip. Buried clay pot, porous capsule, wick and deep pipes have been adapted and tested in over 30 years of desert restoration research. Learn why it works so well and how these rediscovered systems can help you save water in your garden! David Bainbridge is the author of A Guide to Desert and Dryland Restoration (Island Press) and is currently completing a book “Beyond Drip”.

Cost: \$36, non-members \$43
Register by January 18.

Gardening Basics for Beginners

Saturday, February 16, 9 am – 11 am

Want to learn how to garden? Get the info you need to get growing! Although this class is designed for the beginner, everyone will learn something new! We will cover soil basics, amending, preparation and care, microclimates and how to select plants which will succeed where they are planted, how to plant correctly for great results, including how to handle “fussy” plants, watering and irrigation basics, including water efficiency tricks and more! You CAN change your brown thumb to green! Instructor: Sharon May, Director of Marketing and Sales at Agri Service

Cost: \$28, non-members \$34
Register by February 8.

Succulent Wreath Class

Tuesday, February 26, 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 \$60, non-members \$72
Register by February 18.

Backyard Chickens Class

Saturday, March 2, 9 – 11:30 am

Join Paul Barbano to find out the basics: Are backyard chickens legal? Which breed is best for you? Start with chicks or full-grown hens? Paul will also discuss housing and outdoor pens; feed, water, sunlight, and shade; common chicken problems; and answer your questions. Handouts provided. A bonus: two lively hens in a portable cage will attend!

Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$36
Register by February 22.

Succulent Wreath Class

Saturday, March 9, 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 \$60, non-members \$72
Register by March 1.

New Plants for Southern California

Saturday, March 9, 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 to follow.

Cost: Members \$10, non-members \$12
Register by March 1.

Free Composting Workshop

Saturday, March 23, 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.

Build Your Own Hydroponic Fall Garden

Saturday, March 30, 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 \$75, non-members \$95
Register by March 22.

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, 8 am

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

Spring Reception for Premier Level Members

Friday, March 15

We cordially invite Larabee and Benefactor Society members and our Corporate Partners to join us as we celebrate the kick-off to the Herb Festival, Tomatomania® and Spring Plant Sale weekend. Invitations will be sent in February.

While visiting with fellow Garden supporters, enjoy appetizers and a glass of wine and hear from our honored guest speaker Holly Shimizu, Executive Director of the U.S. Botanic Garden.

If you would like to join or upgrade to a premier membership level and enjoy exclusive benefits and events, please contact Jill Kastrup, Membership Manager at 760/ 436-3036 x215 or jkastrup@SDBGarden.org.



The BIG Exchange

January 5-13, 2013

Membership Has Its Privileges!

The BIG Exchange gives San Diego Botanic Garden members reciprocal admission at 15 organizations throughout San Diego County January 5-13, 2013! Show your current membership card and get free or reduced entry to the organizations listed below.

- California Surf Museum
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Frances Hamilton White is generously underwriting two-thirds of the cost of each active duty military membership sold at San Diego Botanic Garden through August 31, 2013.

- Annual Family/Dual Membership offered at \$25.00 (regularly priced \$75.00)
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Membership provides many benefits each year including free admission 363 days a year, 2 complimentary guest tickets, free participation in our weekly children's programs, and free admission to many events. New or renewing active duty military members, please stop by San Diego Botanic Garden with your military I.D. to participate in this special offer. Please call 760/436-3036 x214 with any questions.

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The 2012 Fall Plant Sale was a great success! Committee Co-Chairs Stacy Gaudet and Liz Woodward led a fantastic team of volunteers and docents raising over \$50,000 to support the Garden's programs and exhibits. This year's sale included a wide variety of plants thanks to the generous donors listed below, as well as individuals who donated plants valued at \$200 or more. We would also like to thank the individuals who donated books, baked goods, jams and jellies, garden items, and raffle and auction items. The Fall Plant Sale continues to be a success thanks to the generosity of our donors and the support of our volunteers, members and visitors. Thank you! Please mark your calendar for next year's Fall Plant Sale on October 19 and 20, 2013.

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