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The Garden's Growth Continues



Jim Ruecker
Chairman of the Board
2011 and 2012

For the past two years, it has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as Chairman of the Board for San Diego Botanic Garden (SDBG). During that time, I have seen wonderful new growth and exciting opportunities realized. During our recent Annual Meeting, I shared 2012's dynamic highlights.

We kicked off March with our popular Herb Festival, Spring Plant Sale and Tomatomania!®. Special guest Roz Creasy, a highly-regarded garden and food writer, photographer, and landscape designer, spoke to a full house on Edible Landscaping. In March, our Board also approved use of the remaining funds from the Hamilton Children's Garden first phase to begin the actual design and fundraising for a new education and event pavilion. The building will offer a greatly enhanced space for educational events, classes, weddings, meetings and conferences.

2012 was a year of international recognition for the Garden. On April 30, we hosted 18 professionals from around the world who were on tour with the U.S. State Department and who are involved with conservation in their respective countries. In May, the San Diego Botanic Garden was selected as one of the 10 Most Spectacular Gardens in the World as reported by Laura DiMugno in "The Huffington Post." We also took part in a panel discussion on international collaborations in June at the American Public Garden Association's national conference in Columbus, Ohio. Oren Ben Yossef, Executive Director of the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens (our sister public garden), Jim Farley, CEO of the Leichtag Foundation and SDBG's President and CEO Julian Duval gave a presentation on the collaboration between our gardens. We also introduced the video produced on our collaboration titled "Plants Grow People."

On July 21, we celebrated the grand re-opening of our Native Plants and Native People Trail. I wish to extend special thanks to the Donald and Elizabeth Dickinson Foundation, the Rain Bird Corporation, and Edward and Ellen Wong for their contributions in support of this project. This complete renovation provided a substantial upgrade to this highly-important area of the Garden where we provide sanctuary for native populations of endangered plants and their use by our local Native Americans, the Kumeyaay. In fact, our work in the preservation of these native species was a key factor in the Garden's acceptance into the Center for Plant Conservation (CPC).

In September, we held our 13th annual Gala in the Garden in the Hamilton Children's Garden for the first time. During the evening, Janet Kister of Sunlet Nursery was honored as the recipient of the Paul Ecke Jr. Award of Excellence. In addition to being a most deserving honoree, Janet's efforts insured that the 2012 Gala had the highest level of sponsorships of any previous Gala, and helped to net \$133,335.

October was a month of great accomplishment for the Garden. We completed our new, attractive and more efficiently functional Welcome Center. This handicapped-accessible, green building accommodates up to three staff or volunteers and enables us to

serve more than one visitor at a time through drive-up and walk-up windows. This much-needed upgrade to the Garden ensures that we can serve the hundreds of visitors we see daily in a safer and more effective manner. Thank you to the County of San Diego, the Masserini Charitable Trust, the Charles and Ruth Billingsley Foundation, and the donors to the 2011 Gala's Fund-a-Need, all of whom made this remarkable addition possible.

After our Gala, the Fall Plant Sale is our single biggest fundraiser for the Garden and this year marked the 30th anniversary of the event. Held on October 19, the sale was tremendously successful, grossing just under \$48,000 with, by all accounts, the best selection of plants ever thanks to many hours of hard work by our docents and volunteers.

In October, San Diego Botanic Garden also became a full Participating Institution in the Center for Plant Conservation (CPC). The CPC is a national organization dedicated solely to preventing extinction of America's imperiled, native flora. Made up of a network of 38 leading botanical institutions located throughout the country, the CPC maintains the National Collection of Endangered Plants to further their mission of conserving and restoring the rare native plants of the United States.

During November, 18 volunteers and donors enjoyed a Garden-led trip to Singapore and Vietnam. The inspiration for this trip was to see the newly opened "Gardens by the Bay" botanic garden in Singapore.

December was another busy month for the Garden. On December 1, we officially opened our completely renovated gift shop and plant sales area. This project got its start almost a year ago when SDBG board member Carol Dickinson told us she would underwrite the renovation. This renovation tripled the indoor sales area and greatly improved the accessibility of the plant sales area. Not only is the new space an attractive addition to the visitor experience, we have already seen a 41% increase in sales income.

We concluded 2012 with one of our biggest annual events, Garden of Lights, which opened on December 8 and ran for 21 nights. A holiday tradition for many San Diegans, "Garden of

Lights" requires close to 500 volunteers, and features 125,000 lights. Thanks to everyone's hard work and dedication, 12,000 people enjoyed this year's festive event. We ended the year on a high note with 5,700 members, including 462 Larabee and Benefactor members, up from 436 in 2011.

Our 2013 Annual Meeting proved to be a seminal moment for the Garden as Jim Farley, CEO of the Leichtag Foundation outlined an exciting challenge and a unique opportunity for future expansion. The Foundation, which purchased the Ecke Ranch, said that it would consider donating 12 acres of the land to SDBG if the Garden addressed three areas: 1) the dual ownership of SDBG's land by the City and the County, 2) the Garden's status as a voting member organization, and 3) the ability to raise sufficient funds to care for and preserve the donated property. This potential Garden expansion would provide an important and lasting legacy for generations to come. Julian will discuss more about the Leichtag Foundation challenge in an upcoming issue of Quail Tracks.

We already have great news for 2013. Thanks to the wonderful response from donors to the 2012 Gala Fund-A-Need effort, we are planning upgrades to several key areas in our popular Seeds of Wonder Garden. We are also thrilled to announce that we will honor former County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price with the Paul Ecke Jr. Award of Excellence at the Gala in the Garden on Saturday, September 7, 2013. Personally and professionally, Pam Slater-Price has been a long-time champion and advocate for the Garden and for preserving open spaces. Additionally, Carol Dickinson will serve as Honorary Chair and Kethy Segal will chair the planning committee.

Speaking of wonderful advocates, I would also like to thank all of the staff and volunteers for making 2012 a banner year for the Garden. Finally, I would officially like to welcome the new Chairman of the Board, Tom Applegate, who brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm for the Garden to his position. Happily, I will remain on the Board and continue to actively support San Diego Botanic Garden as it continues to grow and flourish.

Annual Meeting

Members, Docents and local politicians gathered to listen to Jim Farley talk about his plans for Ecke Ranch.



Photos: Heather Mann

Free Admission and Discounted Membership for Active Duty Military



Thanks to the generous support of Frances Hamilton White, the San Diego Botanic Garden will once again participate in the Blue Star Museums program of the

National Endowment for the Arts. Active duty military and their families (card carrier +5) will have free admission to the Garden from May 1 through September 2, 2013. Additionally, Frances is underwriting two-thirds of the cost of basic memberships for military families through the month of August 2013. Contact Stasi at 760/ 436-3036 x214 to learn more.



Photo: Rachel Cobb

Upcoming Events

Asian Arts in the Garden

April 13, 9 am – 5 pm April 14, 9 am – 4 pm

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

The Ikebana Exhibition features floral arrangements from the Ohara School of Ikebana, which means “fresh flower arrangement,” and can be traced back to the mid-sixth century when Buddhism was introduced in Japan and floral arrangements were laid at the altars. The Ohara School was one of the earliest of the 60+ schools of Ikebana, now spread throughout the World.

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

Cost: Free with admission or membership.

Lady Bug Day



Saturday, April 20, 10 am – 12:30 pm
Please see page 12 for details.



Photo: Heather Mann

Gourd & Basket Weekend in the Garden

May 4 -5 , 9 am – 4 pm

Sponsored by the San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly Quail Gardens), we expect approximately 250 students to attend a great variety of classes in basket making and gourd art taught by instructors from all over the United States. Additionally, basket making and gourd art suppliers will have booths accessible to the public. An exhibition of original work by Guild members and Weekend instructors will also be held.

To complete your registration, please download the form online at www.sdbgarden.org/classes.htm and send a self-addressed stamped BUSINESS SIZE envelope to 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024.

Chocolate Festival

Saturday May 11, 10 am – 4 pm

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

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



Photo: Heather Mann

Endangered Species Day Celebration

May 16, 17 and 18, 9 am – 5 pm

Endangered Species Day is an opportunity for people young and old to learn about the importance of protecting endangered species and everyday actions that people can take to help protect our nation’s disappearing wildlife and last remaining open space. On all three days, visitors will enjoy a multitude of information from our on-site gardening staff, FREE tours, and children’s activities.

Cost: Free with admission or membership.

Palm, Cycad, Bamboo and Tropical Plant Sale

Saturday, May 25, 9 am – 3 pm

This one-of-a-kind event features rare and exotic species of palms, cycads and other tropical plants. These will be provided by exceptional Southern California nurseries. This event is co-hosted by the Palm Society of Southern California and San Diego Botanic Garden. For more information call Phil Bergman at 619/ 291 - 4605.

Cost: Free with admission or membership.

Encinitas Rotary Wine Festival

Saturday, June 1, 5 - 8 pm

Hamilton Children's Garden

We invite you to join us for the 10th Annual Encinitas Rotary Wine Festival, a celebration of international wines, local microbrews, and cuisine.

San Diego Botanic Garden is one of 18 beneficiaries of this event. We will receive \$60 of your \$90 ticket if you select San Diego Botanic Garden as your charity of choice at the time of purchase. Tickets and sponsorships benefiting the Garden at higher levels are also available. For event details and to purchase tickets, please visit www.encinitaswinefestival.com, or contact Jen Turner at (760) 436-3036 x218 about sponsorships.

Fairy Festival

Saturday, June 22, 10:00 am – 3 pm

Fairies! Come celebrate summer at the Hamilton Children's Garden. Wear your fairy costume or come just as you are. Create a fairy house, make fairy treasures, leave messages on the wishing bush, or shop in the Fairyland market. Be sure to bring your camera for a picture with the Fairy Queen. The Fairy Festival is sponsored in part by Affiliated Dental Specialists and Grangetto's Farm & Garden Supply.

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

Thursday Family Fun Nights

The Garden stays open until 8 pm on Thursday nights from May 30 – August 29.

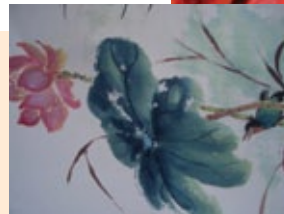
There will be activities for children and, on selected nights, music in the Lawn Garden. We will open on May 30 with Hullabaloo, San Diego's own award-winning kid-folk duo, who will also perform on July 18 and August 29. To find out the rest of the schedule visit SDBGarden.org.

Cost: Free with admission or membership.

Pictured Clint Perry from ReverbNation's #1 Kids Band in the World, Clint Perry & The Boo Hoo Crew.



The Lung Hsiang Chapter of the American Artists of Chinese Brush Painting will have their beautiful paintings on display in the Ecke Building from April 23 to June 10. An artist's reception is scheduled for Sunday, April 28 from 2 pm – 4 pm. This is their seventh annual show at SDBG. The group meets every second Tuesday at the Garden.



Photos: Rachel Cobb

Volunteer and Docent News

January Volunteer of the Month: **BARRY MARTIN**

Barry, a California native, was introduced to gardening while playing in his grandfather's vegetable garden, and enjoying all the produce that was grown. For 40 years, Barry worked for the city of Oceanside in water-related jobs from representing Oceanside at the San Diego County Water Authority to City Manager. He first learned of the Garden through the San Diego Water Authority with its reputation as a water conservation garden, and not to mention, its outstanding native plant collection. Since becoming a docent in 2011, Barry has worked tirelessly in the garden beautification program and has learned so much from the staff. He enjoys working with the fantastic volunteers and loves the beauty of the gardens. One of his fondest memories is working on the San Diego County Fair project last year which was a tribute to Bill Teague.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

February Volunteer of the Month: **DEBORAH BATEY**

Deborah, born in Massachusetts where her father always grew vegetables and flowers, started her career as a Medical Librarian at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Deb continued her work at Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital and finally San Diego VA Medical Center where she retired in 2008. She first became a member of the Garden in 1976 then again in 2008. Deb first volunteered in Propagation where she is now a Team Captain. You may also see her in the Fire Safety Garden and Old World Desert Garden. She likes the activities, everything growing, and the fun she has while at the Garden. Her fondest memory is of the huge transformation made by the Beautification Teams working their magic and being part of a whole group effort.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

March Volunteer of the Month: **JUDY DUNNING**

Judy grew up in Ohio and made the move to California in 1961. In 1975, Judy and her husband moved to Jamul, California where they owned 4 acres of avocado trees where she first experienced the art of gardening. After Judy was widowed, she and her sister started growing flowers and herbs, taught various classes and even developed an herb newsletter. Judy took early retirement from PacBell and in 1993 Judy and her sister started the San Diego Herb Club which, to this day, is still going strong. Every since Judy heard about the 1st Annual Herb Festival at the Garden, she has been an active vender and a few years later joined the Herb Festival Committee. She enjoys the people she has met and worked with at the Garden, and of course, the beautiful gardens themselves.



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 selecting a date in October 2013 and finalizing the price for this tour, and we want to hear from you! Please Contact Anne Spindel at annespindel@gmail.com and 760/ 271-9914 to learn more.



On February 7, our newest group of volunteers completed the Volunteer Orientation. Not pictured: Kathleen Duval.
Photo Courtesy of Margaret Jones.

Volunteer Orientation

Saturday, July 27, 9:30 am – 12 pm

Want to help? Not sure where or when your talents are needed? Join the over 300 volunteers who contribute time to San Diego Botanic Garden. You will meet interesting people while learning and contributing in your own way. Our volunteers find this to be an exciting and rewarding place to work. Join us for Volunteer Orientation and discover the many varied opportunities available. A short tour of the Garden is included. RSVP 760/ 436-3036 x206

Docent News

Next series begins September 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

April: Docent, Alan Dodd, will present “Something Old-Something New” featuring The Royal Botanic Garden and the Eden Project, both located in England.

May: We will feature photos and commentary on the November 2012 SDBG trip to Singapore and Vietnam. Of special interest will be the new Garden by the Bay in Singapore.

June: Annual Potluck

Garden by the Bay
Singapore



Photo: Rachel Cobb

Thank You, Gil Voss

In 1974 Gil Voss was hired by San Diego County as a Gardener at Quail Botanical Gardens. Here, in 1975, he married Alison Rowe in the Walled Garden. Gil is responsible for much of the flourishing Garden we see today. Gil renovated the cactus and succulent collections—incorporating a focus on parallel evolution and biodiversity (Old World/New World); developed the nursery; setup the Docent Society; computerized the plant records and co-founded the American Bamboo Society. Finally, he developed the first grid and map of Quail Botanical Gardens and studied their three most important collections: bamboos, cycads and palms. This only covers a fraction of the dedication he had to the now, San Diego Botanic Garden.

Please visit www.sdbgarden.org/history for a more comprehensive history of the life of Gil Voss.



Gift Shop 10 am – 4 pm 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.

Library

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



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Doing our part, one plant at a time

By Dave Ehrlinger

Director of Horticulture at San Diego Botanic Garden

At San Diego Botanic Garden plant conservation has played an important role for many years in our collections and gardens. From cycads and bamboos to palms and native plants rare species have been cultivated and displayed here.

To highlight the importance of plant conservation this May we will celebrate Endangered Species Day along with thousands of others across the country.

Plants are the basis of life on earth and are critical to all the other living organisms. Although animals like tigers, gorillas, and polar bears are widely known as endangered species many plant species are likewise endangered and imperiled by human activities like agriculture, settlement, over-collecting, climate change, and introduced invasive species. It has been estimated by the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew that over 20% of the world's 380,000 plant species are endangered.

Although thousands of plant species are facing extinction today, there are a number of plants that may be rare in the wild or even extinct, however, they are cultivated in gardens throughout the world. Here at SDBG our logo plant, the dragon tree (*Dracaena draco*), is endangered in its native Canary Islands. Some of the relatively common palms in cultivated gardens are endangered in the wild

Dragon Tree (*Dracaena draco*)



San Diego County sunflower (*Bahiopsis laciniata*)

such as majesty palm (*Ravenea rivularis*), areca palm (*Dyopsis lutescens*), and triangle palm (*Dyopsis decaryi*), all from Madagascar.

Ancient trees known from fossils that are now planted in gardens include ginkgo and dawn redwood trees from China and the more recently discovered Wollemi pines of Australia. The popular golden barrel cactus, (*Echinocactus grusonii*), is almost extinct in its native habitat of Mexico along with numerous other New World cacti species. Likewise, the decorative Queen Victoria agave (*Agave victoria-reginae*) has almost vanished in its habitat. Both have been over-harvested by collectors, but are now easily propagated in nurseries. The insect-eating Venus fly-trap (*Dionaea muscipula*), although grown in greenhouses by the thousands, is almost extinct in its Carolina swamps along with several other species of pitcher plants.

It is well known that the world's tropical rain forests have the richest ecosystems with the most plant species. In addition to being the most endangered habitats it is not surprising that they also have the most endangered species. On a worldwide basis California ranks as one of the regions with a relatively high number of species and likewise has a corresponding high number of rare and threatened species. In Southern California our local southern maritime chaparral is one of the nation's rarest habitat types and

has a high number of rare plant species. In our natural areas at SDBG, this type of chaparral is the predominant plant community. Southern maritime chaparral is found only within five miles of the coast from southern Orange County to Point Loma and primarily from Carlsbad to Del Mar. This habitat is located on sandstone slopes where plants benefit from the coastal fog and humidity. Most of this habitat has been developed and today only 10% remains. Most of the plants in this type of chaparral are evergreen shrubs and adapted to drought and fire. This habitat is characterized by a number of rare species, including the federally endangered Del Mar Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos glandulosa* ssp. *crassifolia*), Orcutt's spineflower (*Chorizanthe orcuttiana*), and the federally threatened Encinitas baccharis (*Baccharis vanessae*). Here at the Garden, the Del Mar Manzanita grows wild in our natural areas along with warty-stemmed ceanothus, coast dudleya, and bush rue. Other rare regional species that are grown in the Garden include Orcutt's goldenbush (*Hazardia orcuttii*), Nevin's barberry (*Berberis nevinii*), Shaw's agave (*Agave shawii*), San Diego County sunflower (*Bahiopsis laciniata*), and cliff spurge (*Euphorbia misera*).

To increase our commitment to native plant conservation San Diego Botanic Garden recently joined the Center for Plant Conservation (CPC). CPC is a national conservation organization whose mission is to conserve and restore the rare native plants of the United States through a network of almost forty botanical institutions across the United States. The network is currently involved in the conservation of over seven hundred species, many of which are federally or state listed species. CPC institutions work with imperiled plants both in cultivation and in the wild. We at San Diego Botanic Garden will be working with some of our local endangered species.

**Celebrate Endangered Species Day this May!
Rah! Rah! Rah!**



Photos: Rachel Cobb

Shaw's agave (*Agave shawii*)

Orcutt's goldenbush (*Hazardia orcuttii*)



Del Mar Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos glandulosa* ssp. *crassifolia*)





QUESTIONS?

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



FOR CHILDREN AGES 1 TO 6

Upcoming Events

Lady Bug Day Saturday, April 20

10 am - 12:30 pm

Come to the Eucalyptus Grove next to Seeds of Wonder to participate in activities that focus on ladybugs and other beneficial garden insects. We will be searching the Garden for ladybugs at 10:30 and 11:30 am. Children are welcome to wear their favorite insect costume and show it off as we parade around the Grove at both 11 and 12 noon. After both parades we will be releasing live ladybugs to benefit the garden.

There will be crafts to do and an opportunity to make a fresh flower arrangement to take home. This activity is provided by the San Dieguito Garden Club inside the Ecke building. Children can also learn about worm composting and take a look to see what is under the microscope!

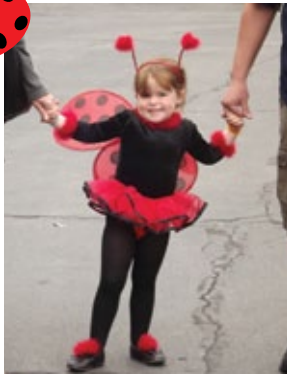


Photo: Heather Mann

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 - 11:30 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 - 11:30 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. The Preschool Explorer Sprouts will guide children through seasonal activities every first Thursday of the month.

Chocolate Festival

Saturday, May 11

10 am - 4 pm

The Chocolate Festival is filled with fun activities for kids. For a small fee, children can create a Mother's Day keepsake. See page 4 for details.

4th of July Parade

Thursday, July 4
9:30 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.



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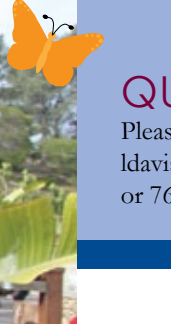


Birthday Party at Seeds of Wonder

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 ldavis@SDBGarden.org or 760/ 436-3036 x225



Photo: Rachel Cobb

FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 AND UP



Upcoming Events Hamilton Happenings Fun on Fridays

11 am – 1:30 pm

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



Saturday Slugs

11 am – 1:30 pm

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.



FAIRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 22 10 am – 3 pm

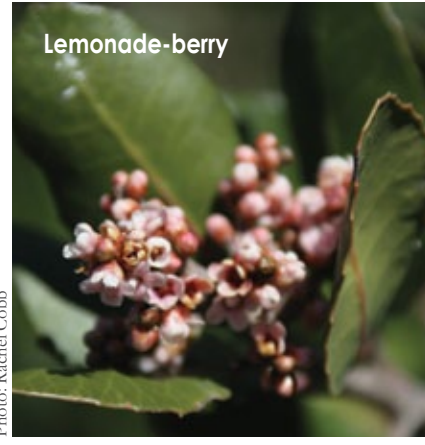
Calling all fairies!! Come to the Hamilton Children's Garden wearing your favorite costume. There will be a Fairyland Market where you can purchase wings and other things. Crafts will be offered for a small charge. This year the natural Fairy Houses and Potpourri will be available from noon until 3:00 only. Snap Tap-N-Sing will be performing dance and sing-along music from 11:00-2:00. Face painting will also be available. Don't forget to stop in to have a photo taken with a Fairy Princess.



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



Lemonade-berry

Photo: Rachel Cobb



Photo: Heather Mann

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.



Photo: Susanna Bruckner



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



Spring Classes

Children's Dance and Movement in the Garden

Through stories, games, movement and song, this class focuses on seasonal themes designed specifically for children and their creative imaginations. Children will improve concentration, focus and balance while promoting healthier and greener choices for the environment. (Please bring a mat if you have one).

Mommy and Me – Ages 2 – 3

Session I - Mondays, April 8 – May 13,
10 am – 10:45 am

Session II - Mondays, May 20 – July 1,
10 am – 10:45 am
(excludes May 27)

Preschool Age – Ages 4 - 5

Session I – Mondays, April 8 – May 13,
11 am – 11:45 am

Session II – Mondays, May 20 – July 1,
11 am – 11:45 am
(excludes May 27)

Cost: Member \$62, non-member \$74

Succulent Wreath Class

Tuesday, April 23, 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 April 12.

Super-Efficient Irrigation

Saturday, May 18, 1 – 4 pm

Learn how to create super-efficient irrigation systems with researcher David Bainbridge. Cut water use 50-90%, reduce weeds and diseases, and improved growth. 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 research. Learn why these 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 "Super Efficient Irrigation" that explains these systems in detail.

Cost: \$36, non-members \$43
Register by May 10.

Watercolor Journaling in the Garden

Sunday, May 19, 9:30 am – 4 pm

Embrace the day exploring botanical details with watercolor and ink journaling style. This workshop taught by Helen Shafer Garcia, will focus on combinations of drawing and painting botanical elements with thoughtful descriptive words. Don't worry if you've never painted or drawn before—this method will strengthen your drawing and

painting skills at every level. Discover form and color while developing plant studies and record reflective, descriptive annotations which will provide valuable information about the experience.

Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$75
Register by May 10. Materials list on website.

Succulent Wreath Class

Tuesday, May 28, 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 May 17.

Gardening From the Ground Up: Making Soils Work for You

Saturday, June 1, 1 pm -3:30 pm

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!

This class will provide 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
- How to take a soil sample and what to do with it
- Using amendments to create healthy soil
- Maintaining healthy soil

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!

Instructor: Sharon May, Director of Marketing and Sales, Agri Service

Cost: Member \$30, non-members \$36
Register by May 17.

Build Your Own Hydroponic Summer Garden

Saturday, June 1, 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 \$90
Register by May 24.

Flowers for Dinner – Cooking Class

Saturday, June 8, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Spring has come and so have the flowers. For eons many cultures have used flowers to flavor and decorate their food. From Capers, to Jasmine to Roses, flowers are pleasing to the eye and the pallet. In this class, students learn the properties of many flowers as well as tasting olive taenade with pasta, rose petal salad, lavender white chocolate tea cookies

and jasmine green tea.

Instructor: Mary Dralle

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

FREE Members-Only Spring Plant Clinic: Diagnosing Your Plant Problems

Sunday, June 9, 1-3pm

Let our panel of experts help you diagnose what's wrong with your plant. From insects and disease to soil and drainage issues, SDBG's Director of Horticulture Dave Ehrlinger and the Garden's experienced staff will help address what's ailing your plant. Please RSVP for this free Members Only Plant Clinic by calling Stasi at (760) 436-3036 x214.

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 sponsor a WaterSmart Landscape Workshop Series. These FREE workshops are designed to provide homeowners a comprehensive overview and basic skills necessary for the successful conversion of the traditional turf yard into a WaterSmart Landscape. The series will provide participants with an opportunity for hands-on learning through modules designed to walk them through three key competencies necessary for a successful landscape retrofit.

The Spring Workshop Series will include three workshops and one coaching session and is scheduled for May 18 through June 15. For detailed information visit www.SDBGarden.org.

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.

Annual Benefactor Dinner – Winter Wonderland

In appreciation of their generous support, all Benefactor Members were invited to San Diego Botanic Garden for a festive dinner, an evening of entertainment and an opportunity to catch up with other friends of the Garden. Thanks to the San Dieguito Garden Club, the gazebo and a heated tent in the Lawn Garden were transformed into a beautiful silver and white winter wonderland. Guests were entertained with a medley of holiday music performed by The Full Measure Carolers and the Caroling Hand Bell Quartet. A special thank you to Authentic Flavors who prepared a delicious meal and who kindly underwrote a portion of the costs. Thank you to our Benefactor Members for their continued dedication and support of the Garden..



Mary Rawlings and SDBG Board member Bill Rawlings with Carla Applegate and SDBG Board Chair Tom Applegate.



Former SDBG Board member Dale Snyder, SDBG Board member Mark Petrie, Jennifer Petrie, Michael Snyder.

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Gala in the Garden

SAVE THE DATE
Gala in the Garden
Saturday, September 7, 2013

2013 Paul Ecke Jr Award of Excellence Honoree Pam Slater-Price, former County of San Diego Board Supervisor

Carol Dickinson, *Honorary Chair*
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Ticket information: \$175 per person -
\$200 per person after August 9

Visit SDBGarden.org/gala.htm to learn more.



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

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

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



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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 2011-12 fiscal year.

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Ruth Larabee believed in the importance of preserving open spaces and gardens for the enjoyment and education of the community. This belief led her to bequeath her 30-acre estate for just that purpose, a gift that became San Diego Botanic Garden. Planned giving is the cornerstone of the Garden's history and the key to its future.

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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Member Spotlight Chuck and Joan Ades Dragon Tree Benefactor Members

Members find many different reasons to connect with San Diego Botanic Garden (SDBG). Over 40-years ago Chuck and Joan Ades were introduced to the Garden while visiting Joan's parents in 1969. Joan's father knew Chuck would appreciate this special place because of his love for plants. Chuck's interest in horticulture began at the age of five when he learned how to propagate a Geranium plant, and this interest developed into a life-long occupation that he still enjoys in semi-retirement.

In the 1970s, Chuck and Joan moved to Encinitas and enjoyed bringing friends to see the Garden. Chuck recalled one funny story from that time when the County operated the property, then known as Quail Park. He said he got a firm "No" when he asked if it was okay to have a picnic. The Garden sure has come a long way, encouraging such activities now!

Chuck's deep interest and involvement in SDBG includes three terms as a Board member and his many generous donations through his business, Ades & Gish Nursery. In recognition of his many contributions to the horticulture industry, Chuck was the honoree at the 2000 Gala in the Garden.

Joan's love for the Garden really blossomed when their grandchildren arrived. She enjoys weekly trips to the Seeds of Wonder Children's Garden with her granddaughter Cheyenne, as well as an occasional trip to the Hamilton Children's Garden to watch Cheyenne climb on Toni's Tree House.

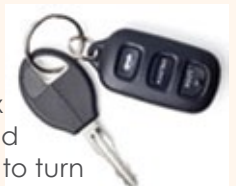
One of Joan's favorite membership benefits is visiting the Garden as often as she and Chuck wish. Frequent travelers, they also enjoy using the Reciprocal Admissions Program. While Chuck likes to tell people about the Giant Victorian Water-Lily and the relationship between woodpeckers and the Cork Oak trees, he's most impressed with how President and CEO Julian Duval has created a garden that is more welcoming to the community. In short, he and Joan are glad to be part of the SDBG family.



Joan Ades with her granddaughter Cheyenne

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