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## San Diego BOTANIC GARDEN

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#### MISSION STATEMENT:

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

### San Diego International Orchid Fair

OCTOBER 5 - 6

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### Fall Plant Sale

OCTOBER 19 - 20

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### Garden of Lights

DECEMBER 7 - 23 AND 26 - 30

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## A Garden that Lasts



Julian Duval  
President/CEO

Something that makes practicing horticulture special in a public garden like your San Diego Botanic Garden is planning for the long term. When I give a tour of the Garden I like to tell my guests “Let’s all come back in 500 years and see how big the dragon trees are.” That may not be practical but it does bring home the point that this Garden provides a home for some very long-lived plants.

Our iconic dragon trees (*Dracaena draco*) are one example. Another tree with a very long life span is the Queensland Kauri, (*Agathis robusta*), ours is already the tallest tree in the Garden where it anchors the Gazebo Lawn area. Still small and largely overlooked, there is a baobab from Madagascar (*Adansonia digitata*), located in the Old World Desert Garden that, given a couple of centuries, will become something visitors will want their pictures taken with.

Actually there is a long list of woody plants in the Garden that are still babies, belying what they will become; and it is with great satisfaction that I use the words “will become” and not just “can become.” Ever since becoming self-supporting 20 years ago in 1993, establishing the long-term stability of the Garden has been a major focus. Public gardens are amongst the very few things that actually appreciate over time but that can only happen through securing their good care for the long term.

In the early 1990s, the Garden’s future was uncertain. In fact, we had to be focused on the immediate short-term, given the financial challenges the Garden faced, but I firmly believe we have turned that corner. Not that we can ever take good financial management of the Garden for granted, but we can now focus on some of the long-term issues that are important in securing the Garden’s future; I want you to understand I am talking many centuries here. Focusing on being true to our Mission and making sure that the Garden holds purpose for a growing audience of visitors and supporters is what now makes the Garden’s future secure. There are things now under review that are important to this long-term stability and you will hear more at the beginning of next year.

If you are reading this, most likely you are a member of the Quail Botanical Gardens Foundation and clearly among those we thank for helping to ensure the stability of the Garden. The Garden’s success is also, in large part, due to the dedication and talent of some individuals that are sadly no longer with us. The list is long and full of familiar names, but one who passed away recently and deserves to be honored is Don Walker.

Don was on the QBGF board when I arrived here 18 years ago and in fact he was one the people who provided me my first tour of the Garden when I was interviewed for the position of Executive Director. To this day, he ranks as one of the all-time horticultural luminaries of the San Diego area. Just two of the highlights of his legacy are having collaborated with Steve Brigham on producing the book “Ornamental Trees for Mediterranean Climates”, which remains the best reference on trees for our area. Don was also the

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person who founded and then led the San Diego Horticultural Society, which is still one of the most supported and attended such groups in North America.

Don was an important member of the QBGF board when the Foundation warded off the closing of the Garden by taking over its management from the then cash-strapped San Diego County. He also became a docent for the Garden and soon became one of the docent class teachers. However, while Don was a professional graphic designer his real passion was “hands on” horticulture. Don was an important “go to” plant expert for the Garden and one of the best for knowing which plants performed well in Southern California. He adopted the Rain Forest area as his particular focus and came out every Thursday and spent the day working hard to keep this very popular area in the Garden in great shape.

Don would, I am sure, be very pleased with the Rain Forest area now given the many volunteers who have helped Lesley Randall, Collections Curator here at the Garden, build on Don’s Rain Forest work and have it realize its potential as one of the genuine beauty spots in the Garden with incredible plant diversity and its spectacular water fall.

The Garden is forever grateful for Don’s generous volunteer work at our events, which included his main squeeze, the annual Fall Plant Sale. He loved it, helped manage it and trumped most other volunteers with the hours he dedicated to the effort. Well, the Fall Plant Sale tradition continues on October 19 and 20 this year and it’s not to be missed. If you like plants you will see why Don loved it and worked hard to make it the best opportunity to acquire plants anytime and anywhere in Southern California.

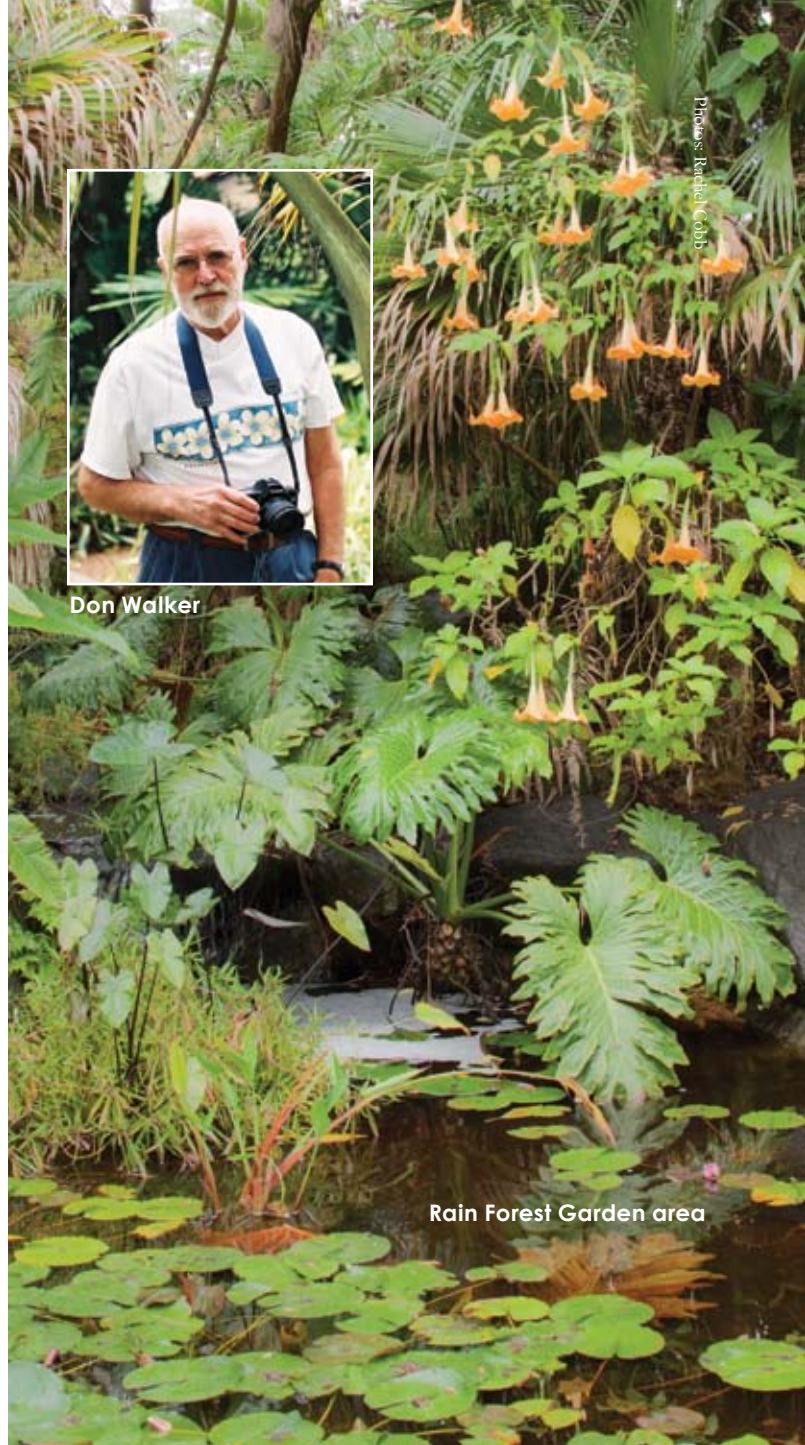
We will always remember Don as a stellar volunteer for the Garden and, in addition, there is also paid staff that deserves credit for helping to bring the Garden to where it is now. One of those individuals is Dave Ehrlinger. Dave has been the San Diego Botanical Garden Director of Horticulture for over 11 years and has been at the helm of the Garden’s horticulture during a time when it has made its greatest advances in improving and adding to the visitor experience. The list of improvements is long and includes expanding the Garden’s acreage and the establishment of the Hamilton Children’s Garden. Dave has also seen the Garden greatly advance its conservation mission as we are now members of The Center for Plant Conservation and The North American Plant Collection Consortium.

Dave made it known of his intention to retire this fall more than a year ago. This gave us lots of time to plan for the transition for this key staff position. Fortunately, we were able to secure a grant from the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust to allow for an extended overlap while Dave is still here with our new Director of Horticulture. We early on advertised the opening of this position and received applications from qualified persons from all over the US and three foreign countries. It was not easy paring down the list, but in the end we found the best fit from the person coming the shortest distance.

Paul Redeker, started as our new Director of Horticulture this past August and was most recently the Director of Horticulture over several years for our neighboring public garden next to the campus of Cuyamaca College: the Water Conservation Garden. We are fortunate to have caught Paul’s interest in taking on this job. He has great skills in design and project management, which will be critical as we pursue continued design refinement and implementation of the Education and Events Pavilion.



Don Walker



Rain Forest Garden area

Dave thankfully intends to remain in the area and I know he wishes to stay involved in the Garden. In fact, Dave will be leading the Garden’s Member Tour to Israel and Jordan next spring. This trip will be very special not only because of the rich plant diversity and equally rich human cultural diversity, but also because we will be welcomed by our sister public garden, the Jerusalem Botanical Garden (JBG). Our good friends at JBG will be very involved in making this trip an especially rich and enjoyable chance of a lifetime.

I do dream about a grand reunion in the Garden of the many people who have been so important in caring for this jewel, the San Diego Botanic Garden. Yes, something like 500 years from now, let’s all come back to look-over how the garden has grown and prospered and yes to see how big those dragon tree have become.

**See page 6 for Israel tour details or  
visit [SDBGarden.org/tours](http://SDBGarden.org/tours)**



# Upcoming Events

## Sculpture in the Garden

Now – April 2014

This unique exhibition showcases sculptures from 23 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](http://SDBGarden.org/sculpture.htm).

## San Diego International Orchid Fair

October 5, 9 am – 5 pm

October 6, 9 am – 4 pm

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.

Learn from the experts how to care for your newly purchased orchids at 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 San Diego Botanic Garden Ecke Building on Thursday, October 3, 4 – 7 pm and Friday, October 4, 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 promptly at 1 pm on Friday, October 4, so please have your plants registered by 12 noon.

For information on vendors, judging and more, visit our website at [www.SDBGarden.org/orchid.htm](http://www.SDBGarden.org/orchid.htm).

**Cost: Free with admission or Garden membership.  
Free for AOS members (must show card)**



Photo: Ben Mach

## 30th Annual Fall Plant Sale

October 19 and 20, 10 am – 4 pm

- Larabee and Benefactor Society Members Only Pre-Sale: October 19, 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 x215
- Members-Only Pre-Sale, all levels: October 19, 9 – 10 am
- NEW: Monday, October 21 all remaining plant stock is half price

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. 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 Garden membership.  
Members can bring one guest to the sale FREE of charge!  
\$5 adult admission on Sunday, October 20 (all day) and  
Monday, October 21 (till 12 noon)**



## 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 14 – 18, please contact Stacy Gaudet at 760/ 207 - 4259 or sfmermaid@cox.net
- Again this year, the Bakery Shoppe will be in the Ecke Building. 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.
- Let your surplus of books rejoin the world's circulation. We sell all kinds of books (fiction, non-fiction, hard cover, soft cover, pocket, and audio), magazines, cassettes, CDs, VHS movies, and DVDs. Bring your donations to the Administrative Office 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 26, 9 am – 5 pm and October 27, 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 7 – 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. Snow on selected nights.

**Admission: Members \$8; Seniors, active military, and students \$10; Children ages 3–12, \$6; Non-members \$14. There will be additional fees for some activities.**



## Gala in the Garden

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the 2013 Gala in the Garden, *A Stroll Around the World*. Our print deadline for this issue of *Quail Tracks* was prior to the Gala on September 7th. Please see the next issue for a complete Gala review.

**Save the Date:**  
**Annual Meeting –**  
**January 25, 2014**  
**All current members**  
**are invited to attend.**  
**Look for your e-mail**  
**invitation in December.**

# Volunteer and Docent News

## August Volunteer of the Month: **NANCY MCMAHON**

Originally from California and a graduate from UCLA, Nancy McMahon always had a knack for gardening, which stemmed down from her grandmothers. After she married, she and her husband moved east to Colorado and then Washington State. In Washington, Nancy worked in the Administration department at Washington State University for 34 years. When her husband passed in 2009, Nancy moved back to California in the Carlsbad area to be closer to their daughters. Back in Colorado, Nancy found she had limited growing conditions so was interested in identifying wildflowers and mushrooms, and growing houseplants. Once in Washington, she started a flower and vegetable garden grown from seeds. Finally, here in California, Nancy started a vegetable garden and grew mixed succulent pots. Nancy works mostly in propagation and in the Mediterranean Gardens, she volunteers at the Plant Sales, and sometimes the Saturday work parties. Nancy enjoys the great people she gets to work with and the beautiful surroundings of the Garden.



Photo: Rachel Cobb

## September Volunteers of the Month: **SHARON METZ**

This Wisconsin native fell in love with the beautiful dahlias and roses her father grew in Milwaukee as a child. As time went on, Sharon married and she and her husband moved to Arizona for a bit and then Texas where they opened a retail store. Eventually Sharon and her husband settled in San Diego where she worked as a buyer for her landscape contractor. Sharon still says that was by far the most fun job she ever had the pleasure of working. She came across an ad for volunteers at San Diego Botanic Garden and knew it was the perfect fit for her. Sharon has worked in several areas of the garden, special events, and, on occasion, can be found driving the cart for visitors. She enjoys the company of the people she has met at the Garden and what she enjoys most is the serenity and beauty of the garden. Being around dedicated enthusiastic people who love their work is also a something she cherishes.



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

## October Volunteer of the Month: **KAREN O'NEILL**

Karen O'Neill, born and raised right here in California, grew up on a property that boasted about 100 grand oaks, orange and lemon groves, and strawberry fields. Up until 8 years ago, Karen and her husband decided to leave the corporate world and pursue a love for the nonprofit and education sector. In this field, Karen worked in Human Resources at various San Diego companies. Her very first visit to the Garden was back in 2001 to see the ever popular corpse flower. Now, you can find Karen volunteering at the gift shop and during special events, and she takes part in designing the Botanic Leaf print cards. She enjoys volunteering alongside all the wonderful volunteers, staff and meeting all the interesting guests from all over the world. She feels the garden has something for everyone!



Photo: Marlene Dupriest

## Spring Tour with San Diego Botanic Garden

In March we will host a tour to visit Israel and our sister garden, the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens. Led by botanists from JBG we will see spring wildflowers in natural areas from Mt. Meron in the north to the Negev Desert in the south. We will visit a selection of outstanding gardens along with many of the famed cultural and historical sites of Israel, including the Old City of Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea, Ein Gedi, Masada and Jordan's ancient city of Petra.

Dave Ehrlinger, former Director of Horticulture will lead the trip. He has traveled to Israel and led tours to East Africa, Egypt, India and Nepal. Please contact Dave Ehrlinger at [dehrlinger@sdbgarden.org](mailto:dehrlinger@sdbgarden.org) and 760-634-6904 for more information or [SDBGarden.org/tours](http://SDBGarden.org/tours).





Our newest volunteers pose for a group photo after their Volunteer Orientation.

## Volunteer Orientation

Friday, November 1, 9:30 am

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 next Fall

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. 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

**October:** Bert and Sharon Kersey will present "Bring on the Birds". Their colorful pictures highlight local birds and feature a humorous and informational dialogue.

**November:** Speaker and designer of the 2012 Garden of the year in San Diego Home and Garden Magazine, Linda Bresler, will discuss the plants and design of that garden and low water use gardens.

**December:** Potluck!

## 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. Patron Members and above receive a 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.

## 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 20 guests, your group can enjoy the entertainment and atmosphere of Garden of Lights.

For more information please call Lyzah Douglass at 760/ 436-3036 x205.



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## Fall Plant Sale

By: Elizabeth Woodward and Liz Rozycki

On October 19 and 20, 2013 the San Diego Botanic Garden will hold our 31st annual Fall Plant Sale. If you have been to this sale in the past, you know that this sale features the absolute best selection of plants at the most amazing prices. If you have never attended the Fall Plant Sale before, you need to make sure that you check out this year's event to see what you have been missing.

The Fall Plant Sale is one of the Garden's biggest fundraisers and is organized by over 150 volunteers who transport, tag, price, groom and organize the plants for weeks prior to the sale. The plants come from over 100 generous local growers and nurseries in San Diego County in addition to many plants that are propagated right here at the Garden.

The Fall Plant Sale is held annually in October because this is the best time to begin planting in your Southern California garden so the plants can get established well in time for the blooming season. We have everything from your traditional garden favorites to many

unusual plants that you simply won't find at your neighborhood garden center. We also have an extensive selection of houseplants and succulents.

In addition to plants, the Fall Plant Sale event includes a used book sale, homemade jams and jellies, Bakery Shoppe, silent auction and the Botanic Attic which features new and gently used garden items.

Shop early for the best selection! The sale begins on October 19 at 9am. Bring a wagon or garden cart since shopping carts are limited. Can't make it on Saturday morning? Not to worry, Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday are also great times to shop as the area is less crowded and you can take advantage of expert advice from volunteers and staff. Last chance sales will be available at half price on October 21 from 9am to noon. As always, members are FREE and, this year only, you can bring a friend along with you for FREE!



Photos: Heather Main



Our volunteers and staff love to propagate plants here at the Garden. Here are a few interesting and unique plants that you will find at this year's Fall Plant Sale:

***Mackaya bella*** or the forest bell bush is a native of South Africa. Lavender blooms show up in spring on the 6-8 foot evergreen bush. It does best in part shade.

***Scabiosa farinosa*** is called the dwarf pincushion bush. It forms an almost perfect mound of glossy dark green ruffled foliage that is highly ornamental in its own right. Top that with lavender button flowers for most of the spring and summer and this plant becomes a show stopper! It stays short (under 2ft) but if given room will continue gently widening its mound to 3-4 ft.

***Dracaena draco***, the dragon tree, slowly grows to 15-25 feet tall and just as wide. It is one of our iconic plants here at the garden but surprisingly is seen frequently planted about town.

***Encephalartos altensteinii* and *Encephalartos natalensis*** are both cycads endemic to South Africa. They may look like palms but are more closely related to pines. They have separate male and female plants and each produces a very ornamental cone. These cycads add a stunning focal point and a collector's touch to your garden.

We have hundreds more from the common scented geraniums to the more unique and rare official hibiscus of Hawaii, *Hibiscus brackenridgei*. In addition, we highlight California natives with a large selection because fall is the best time to plant them.



*Dracaena draco*



*Encephalartos altensteinii*



*Scabiosa farinosa*





# SOW

## Seeds of Wonder

### Ongoing Seeds of Wonder 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 10:00 am – 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 10:00 - 10:30 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 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.



### Upcoming Seeds of Wonder Events



#### Halloween Party with the Big Pumpkin

Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:30 am – 12 noon

Children ages 2 to 6 are invited to wear their favorite costume and participate in Halloween and Fall inspired crafts and activities. At the end of the event the Big Pumpkin will lead our parade through the garden, followed by a "kitty hunt". Limited to 50 children, pre-registration required. No scary masks or adults in costumes please. In case of rain, we will meet inside the Ecke Building and parade around the patio.

**Cost: Members \$15 per child, nonmembers \$18 per child. Regular admission fees apply to accompanying adult(s) payable upon arrival. Free for adult members. Please pre-register online ([www.SDBGarden.org/seeds\\_wond.htm](http://www.SDBGarden.org/seeds_wond.htm)) or in person at our office. Pre-registration by phone, e-mail, or mail are not accepted.**



Bill Teague's grandson, Kevin Teague helped rebuild the Bamboo entrance as his Eagle Scout project in SOW.

### Birthday Parties

We offer garden parties in Seeds of Wonder (recommended for children ages 1 through 6) and the Hamilton Children's Garden (recommended for children ages 5 through 12). Please visit our website <http://www.sdbgarden.org/birthday.htm> for detailed information or contact Susanne at [SOW@SDBGarden.org](mailto:SOW@SDBGarden.org) or 760/ 436-3036 x 222

### Preschool Visits, School Field Trips and Tours for Girl and Boy Scouts

Detailed information on group visits for children and online tour request forms can be found on our website at [http://www.sdbgarden.org/hcg\\_tours.htm](http://www.sdbgarden.org/hcg_tours.htm)

### Classes for Children

To register, go to <http://www.sdbgarden.org/classes.htm> or call 760/ 436-3036 x 204

#### Build a Fairy Garden

Sunday, November 10, 2013, 2 pm – 4 pm

Children ages 6 and up bring your favorite adult, or adults come by yourself.

Learn to build a fairy garden. We will provide the pot, soil, rocks, ideas and a selection of succulents. If desired, fairy accessories will be available for purchase, or you may bring your own.

**Cost: Members \$25 (per child/adult team or single adult), non-members \$30 (per child/adult team or single adult)**



# HCG

# Hamilton Children's Garden



## Ongoing Hamilton Children's Garden Happenings

Discover plants, animals, sounds, smells and more at the Hamilton Children's Garden.

**Incredible Edibles:** Find out what vegetables and fruits are in season, help water the raised plant beds, check out the worm composting bin, and pot a succulent plant to take home.

**Spell and Smell Garden:** Spell your name in plants and test your sense of smell.

**Quail Haven:** Observe native California Quails.

**Earth Builders:** Have fun in the sand and use big balsa wood blocks to build a "house".



## Make ornaments from natural material

Sunday, December 15, 2013, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Children ages 6 – 12

Use all sorts of dried plant materials, glitter, glue, ribbons and paint to create seasonal decorations. We will provide all materials. You may want to plan visiting Garden of Lights after the class.

**Cost:** Members \$15, non-members \$18

## Orchid Festival

Activities for children will be offered during the Orchid Fair on October 5 and 6. For detailed information on this event, see page 5

**Art Garden:** Draw a picture on a giant chalk board.

**Garden Rhythms:** Make music with instruments made of natural materials.

**Mountain Stream:** Check out what floats and what sinks, or simply let a boat go down the stream.

**Birds & Butterflies:** Observe butterflies and hummingbirds. Depending on the season you may find all stages of the Monarch metamorphosis in the Butterfly Bed and Breakfast.

**Amazing Sundial:** When the sun is out, try reading the time by the shadow cast on the sundial, find your way through the Maze, or play a game of Tic-Tac-Toe and Hop Scotch.

**Toni's Tree House:** Go on a "jungle adventure" through Toni's Tree House.

## Saturdays

11 am – 3 pm

**Hamilton Children's Garden Explorers**  
(recommended for ages 5 through 12)

Children may learn about our Plant of the Month in a hands-on display. An art project, inspired by this plant, will be offered in the Art Garden.



Photos: Rachel Cobb

Questions regarding  
Seeds of Wonder and the  
Hamilton Children's Garden?

Please contact Susanne at  
[SOW@SDBGarden.org](mailto:SOW@SDBGarden.org)  
or call 760/ 436-3036 x 222



## Fall Classes

### **New Plants for Southern California** Saturday, October 12, 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 October 4**

### **Book Signing – Gardening with Free-Range Chickens for Dummies**

Saturday, October 12, 10 am – 11:30 am

Garden writer, speaker, and photographer, Bonnie Jo Manion has been combining her love of gardening with her joy of chickens for more than a decade. In her coauthored book, *Gardening with Free-Range Chickens for Dummies*, Bonnie details how to successfully companion garden with backyard chickens.

**Cost: Free with membership or admission**  
**Please RSVP at 760/ 436-3036, x201 or**  
**[vjohnson@sdbgarden.org](mailto:vjohnson@sdbgarden.org) by October 4**

### **Succulent Wreath Class**

Saturday, October 12, 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 October 4**

### **Watercolor Journaling: Fall Harvest**

Sunday, October 13, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Embrace the day exploring botanical details with watercolor, collage, 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.

**Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$78**  
**Register by October 4**

### **Succulent Turtle Class**

Tuesday, October 29, 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 \$42**  
**Register by October 25**

### **Build Your Own Hydroponic Fall Garden**

Saturday, November 2, 9 am – 12 noon

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 October 25**

### **FREE Members-Only Plant Clinic: Fruit for our Area**

Sunday, November 3, 11-12

Join us for a tour of the Fruit Garden to learn about the common and not-so-common fruit trees that grow well in our area and the basics of fruit tree care from one of SDBG's Gardeners.

**Please RSVP for this free Members-Only Plant Clinic by calling Stasi at (760) 436-3036 x214.**

### **Photo Workshop: Compositions in Nature**

Saturday, November 9, 9 am - 1 pm

Students will learn powerful compositional techniques and apply them in the Garden using a variety of tools from Instructor Bob Bretell. The class is broken down into easy to learn steps. Students will learn how to pre-visualize their compositions and see in terms of line, pattern, texture and geometric shapes.

Each lesson/demonstration will be followed by an exercise with lots of shooting time.

Recommended for photographers of all levels.

**Cost: Members \$59, non-members \$71**  
**Register by November 1**

### **Watercolor Batik Tree of Life**

Sunday, November 10, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Reach into the sky and create connections between branches and earth while creating universal Tree of Life themed mixed media paintings on Masa paper and canvas. A special batik-like technique with Masa rice paper will create wonderful textures and crevices for the paint to flow in to. You'll play with colored pencils, ink lines and collage elements to further embellish your paintings.

**Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$78**  
**Register by November 1**

### **Free Composting Workshop**

Saturday, November 23, 10 am – 12 noon

In this interactive workshop you will learn the basics of backyard composting and vermicomposting (composting with worms). Using trial-tested advice and hands-on demonstrations, our expert educators will teach you all you need to know to get started with a bin that fits your needs and lifestyle.

**Register here <http://www.solanacenter.org/free-compost-workshops>**

### **Holiday Kitchen Gifts**

Saturday, November 23,  
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Join Chef Elizabeth for her annual Holiday Kitchen Gifts Class where she will teach you three unique and very approachable kitchen gifts.

The first is a beautiful turkey veggie platter, healthy addition to anyone's holiday buffet. Second, turn your traditional cheese ball into a sculpted pine cone cheese ball. Finally, learn how to make Springerle cookies, almost too beautiful to eat. These sculpted cookies are an Austrian tradition dating back to the early 1600's. They are rare to see and will amaze anyone you give them to.

**Cost: Members \$25, non-members \$30**  
**Register by November 15**

## 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.



# Save the Dates

## for these Upcoming Member Events and Benefits

### Fall Plant Sale Weekend

**Friday, October 18 – Reception and Pre-Sale (Invitations to follow)**

This exclusive event is open to **Larabee Society Fellow level members, Benefactor Society members**, and all supporters who contribute a minimum of \$200 in cash or plant material or volunteer at least 20 hours during the set-up of the Fall Plant Sale. Guests will enjoy beer and wine, light hors d'oeuvres, and first choice of plants! The evening concludes with a live auction, led by President and CEO Julian Duval, featuring rare and unusual botanical treasures.

### October 19 and 20 – Fall Plant Sale

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. **Every member may bring one guest to the Plant Sale for FREE!**

- Larabee and Benefactor Society Members Only  
Pre-Sale October 19, 8:00AM-9:00AM
- Members Only Pre-Sale October 19, 9:00AM-10:00AM

### Annual Benefactor Dinner

**Thursday, December 5 (Invitations to follow)**

Preview the twinkling beauty of Garden of Lights! **Benefactor Society members and Corporate Partners** are invited to enjoy a delicious dinner and beautiful decorations created by the San Dieguito Garden Club. We hope you will be able to join us at this special start to the holiday season.

### Garden of Lights

**Dec 7 – 23 and 26 – 30**



**Larabee Society Fellow level members** plus two accompanying guests and **Benefactor Society members** plus three accompanying guests receive **FREE** admission to Garden of Lights.

If you would like to upgrade your Garden membership to enjoy exclusive events and benefits please contact Jill Kastrup at (760) 436-3036 x215 or [jkastrup@sdbgarden.org](mailto:jkastrup@sdbgarden.org).

Have you seen the new signs in the Incredible Edibles and Permaculture gardens in the Hamilton Children's Garden? You can now learn more about the many plant parts that we eat, and how to utilize sheet mulching in your home garden, thanks to a generous grant from the Encinitas Garden Festival Committee.



Photo: Angela Venuti



Photo: EcoVivarium

Danni Kasa of EcoVivarium introduces Big Red, a 20 year old corn snake, to our Insect Festival attendees.

Thank you to our **BUGtastic Insect Festival Sponsors!**



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Garden of Lights sponsorship opportunities are now available. If your organization 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 Nancy Kelly at (760) 436-3036 x219 or [nkelly@sdbgarden.org](mailto:nkelly@sdbgarden.org).



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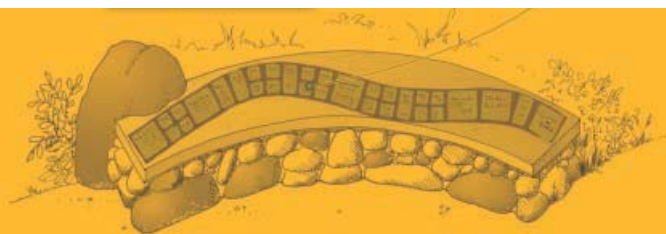
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