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A Successful Gala and the Largest Unrestricted Capital Support Gift.

Julian Duval President/CEO



This issue of *Quail Tracks* acknowledges the many people and businesses who contributed to making our Gala in the Garden a huge success this past September. There is a long list of contributors and a stellar group of volunteers led by two good friends of the Garden: Board Member and Honorary Gala Chair Carol Dickinson and Gala Committee Chair Kathy Segal. Carol is a longtime Garden advocate and champion whose enthusiasm for our mission helps attract new friends and supporters. Kathy's great creative talent, wonderful people skills, boundless energy and "can do" attitude make her an ideal leader.

Another keystone individual who has been very important to nearly every one of our Galas is René van Rems. Internationally recognized for his talent and leadership in floral design, René and his team of floral designers construct a unique floral creation for each of the incredible restaurants and beverage providers who have donated all of the food and drink for the Gala. In addition, René and his team design the most gorgeous table decorations, and fittingly, huge floral arrangements that highlight the most prominent Gala areas.

During preparation the Ecke Family Building's meeting room, a space measuring 40 by 50 feet is stuffed wall-to-wall with donated floral material of every imaginable type, which these floral artists use as their palette to create masterpieces.

The Garden's volunteers and docents are also pivotal to producing this amazing party; from acquiring and organizing all of the unique items for the silent auction to taking on our eco-steward roles. The eco-steward system allows the Garden to reduce waste that would other wise be a product of this large-scale event. In order to produce a party for over 400 guests, it literally takes over a 100 of the Garden's volunteers and an "all hands on deck" effort by staff.

As our single most important fundraiser in support of the Garden, it is clearly a huge undertaking. However, by far the best return on all of this work is the rave reviews we receive from our guests. Strolling about in the Garden and encountering delicious food from San Diego's best restaurants having a variety of engaging live music and spectacular floral displays makes the Gala in the Garden a uniquely enjoyable evening. Every nonprofit has a major annual fundraiser, but unlike the others, we are lucky to have a world-class botanic garden as our venue. No doubt, this is fundamental as to why we get such glowing reviews. The money raised during the Gala is also critical to funding the care and maintenance of the Garden for the first three quarters of 2014.

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All of those who attended this past September's Gala will be certain to not miss the next one. However, if you are among those who have not yet experienced our Gala, please mark your calendar for September 6, 2014. If you attend, I am confident you will be very glad you did.

At each of our Galas, we have recognized a special individual with the Paul Ecke Jr. Award in Excellence. Typically, these individuals have played an important role in helping support the Garden. This past September, we were pleased to honor Pam Slater-Price,

someone with a long history of supporting the Garden.

Pam spent over 20 years serving as Board County Supervisor for our district and was always keenly concerned about the welfare of the nonprofits in the county and particularly, her own third district. Pam had only recently become a county supervisor when the Garden became self-supporting. The county, which had managed the Garden since its opening in 1970, had been hit by hard financial times in the late 1980s and early 90s. Because of this, it looked like the Garden might close. To address the situation, we brought in the Garden's support group, the Quail Botanical Gardens Foundation, to take over management of the Garden and ensure its future. It took a while for Pam and her fellow county supervisors to rectify the county's financial woes, but Pam never forgot that the county could still help insure the Garden's success now that its operational support needed to come from private as opposed to public funds.

Pam did this by helping us improve the visitor experience with capital support that resulted in building a strong base of visitors, members, and donors. Over the years, each time we mounted a campaign to improve an area or add something new, Pam was able to provide capital support from the county. The most significant gift was \$250,000 which she, along with the other supervisors, advocated for in order to help fund the construction of the Hamilton Children's Garden, the largest interactive children's garden on the west coast.

Another success we have Pam to be thankful for is helping Dave Roberts, who succeeds Pam as board supervisor for the third district, get elected. Dave is also keenly interested in seeing the Garden grow into its potential as a leading asset for the entire county, and its vital role as a tourist destination.



(L to R) Garden Board Chair Tom Applegate, San Diego Board County Supervisor Dave Roberts, Hershell Price, Honoree Pam Slater-Price, Paul Ecke III, Garden President and CEO Julian Duval.

Though Dave has only been in office about a year, he has already helped arrange to cover the expense of replacing a worn out, 20-year-old floor in the Ecke Family Building through the county's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program. When Dave took the podium on the night of the Gala to help honor Pam, it was evident that he intended to continue her interest in improving the Garden. In fact, he showed this in a very big way when he announced that he had arranged to make a million dollars of county capital funds available to be used for the Garden's capital needs, and in particular, pursuing implementation of its master plan!

Garden staff and our design and project consultants have just begun planning how this incredible opportunity will be best used to benefit the Garden so it is too early to say exactly what the impact will be other than knowing it will be substantial. However, I expect what may be most obvious to the Garden's guests is the restoration of historic buildings in the Garden, and now moving staff work spaces into more appropriate areas away from display areas. Certainly, there will be other improvements given the size of this capital improvement opportunity and we will be very disciplined and judicious about how the money will be spent. Needless to say, we are very pleased with the interest Dave Roberts, our 3rd District San Diego County Supervisor, has shown and are very thankful for the largest unrestricted capital support gift in the Garden's history.

Annual Membership Meeting Saturday, January 25, 2014, 10 am

All current members are invited to attend and participate in the Annual Membership Meeting and election of our new Board of Trustees. Our guest speaker, Dr. Timothy Baird, Superintendent of the Encinitas Union School District, will share information about the Agro-Ecology Learning Center, which is currently being installed on the property across from the Hamilton Children's Garden on Quail Gardens Drive. For more details, contact Jessica Brandon at jbrandon@ SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x218.



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.

5K Paw Walk in the Garden

Saturday, February 22

9 am - 12 noon

San Diego Botanic Garden is teaming up with the Rancho Coastal Humane Society to produce the second annual "5K Paw Walk in the Garden." Both organizations will be benefiting from this event.

Participants will follow a 5K walk through the 37-acre garden with their dog/s in tow. The route winds through spectacular garden areas including: California Gardenscapes, South African, Australian, Canary Islands, Bamboo, Subtropical Fruit, Herb, and Mexican Gardens.

There will be pet products, food for people, treats for dogs, lots of great information for dog lovers, and, of course, dogs!

Cost: Adult \$24, Adult \$DBG Member/RCHS Volunteer \$12 Youth \$12, Youth \$DBG Member/RCHS Volunteer \$6 Family/Team Discount (min. 4) \$10/ team member

Register at:

https://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=2119244 (a convenience fee will be charged at \$1.25/ registration plus 6.7%).



Looking for a venue for your event?

Our Garden is a unique and exceptional location for all special occasions. We are now booking 2015 dates. There are also dates available for 2014 for various size weddings, parties and events, but weekends are nearly filled. The Walled Garden, Herb Garden and Gazebo lawn combination work very nicely for large evening weddings and receptions of 100 to 250 guests. The Waterfall Deck is a tranquil ceremony location for small intimate groups. The Lawn House Garden is a unique location for a reception, shower, or when life dictates a memorial.

To learn more about our Garden venue rentals for your upcoming celebrations please call Lyzah Douglass at 760/436-3036 x205.



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Herb Festival, Spring Plant Sale, and Tomatomania®

March 15 and 16, 9 am - 5 pm

We are very excited to have Sharon Lovejoy as our special guest speaker at this year's Herb Festival, Spring Plant Sale and Tomatomania[®]. Sharon's passion for the natural world guided her to become an award winning nature, gardening, and children's book author and watercolor illustrator.

As a graduate with Distinction in the Field of Art from San Diego State University, Sharon successfully combined her training in art with her love of botany and natural science. She worked as a docent naturalist for the Morro

Bay Museum of Natural History and for the Smithsonian Institution in the lagoons of Baja, California.

During the course of her brilliant career she has founded organizations, written and appeared in countless books and publications, been a guest on many radio and television shows, and serves as a consultant to over 10 museums, gardens, and garden societies.

As a recognized gardening expert, Sharon has lectured throughout the United States at conferences, educational symposia, museums, botanic gardens, arboreta, public and private educational institutions, and for professional trade associations and gardening organizations.

In addition to Sharon's presentations, there will be on-going speakers on garden and herb-related topics, guided tours of the Herb Garden, Herb Festival Marketplace, the A-Z or 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 – Artemisias

Learn about this marvelous plant and its uses. The aromatic leaves of some species are used for flavoring, such as *A. dracunculus* (tarragon), which is widely used as a culinary herb, particularly important in French cuisine. However, most species have an extremely bitter taste.

Botanical Printers

For details on speakers, vendors, coupons and more, visit SDBGarden.org as we get closer to the event.

Cost: Free with admission or membership







March 8 - 18, 2014

SDBGarden.org/travel.htm

San Diego Botanic Garden (SDBG) will sponsor a spring tour to visit Israel and our sister garden, the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens (JBG). 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. Explore dozens of wildflower species, including native irises, poppies, tulips, and cyclamen. Along with many outstanding gardens, discover famed cultural and historical sites of Israel that stretch back thousands of years, including the Old City of Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, Ein Gedi, Masada, Jordan's ancient city of Petra, and the lowest elevation on the Earth - the Dead Sea.

Dave Ehrlinger, former SDBG Director of Horticulture will lead the trip. He has traveled to Israel and led tours to East Africa, Egypt, and India. For more information, please contact info@SDBGarden.org and 760/436-3036 x201.



Volunteer and Docent News

We apologize for omitting the Month of July in a previous issue.

July Docent of the Month: PEGGY BRUCE

San Diego Botanic Garden Docent of the month for July is Peggy Bruce, D11, a California native growing up in LA and Redondo Beach. She became interested in gardening early — "Mom always had a beautiful garden." She retired from court reporting in 2010, joined SDBG in 2011 and has been involved ever since. She started by working on the SD Fair exhibit and joining the Docent class. Since then she has worked: topiaries, Seeds of Wonder, propagation, Gift Shop, Saturday beautification teams, and is currently co-captain of the Herb Garden with Faith Meakin. She loves the friends she's made here, finds the peace & tranquility of the garden to be her soul food, and finds her senses coming alive with the sights, smells, tastes (Herb Garden), and sounds of children laughing, birds and the wind. Her favorite memory is accompanying and getting pearls of wisdom from the Comprehensive Medical Tour on their yearly "walk and teach" through the Herb Garden.



November Docent of the Month: MARY COZZA

San Diego Botanic Garden Docent of the month for November is Mary Cozza, D12. Born in Missouri, raised in Ohio, then Colorado and Florida before moving to California in '97. After running a Florida company manufacturing equipment and software that monitored the health of electric motors, Mary and her husband were recruited to Qualcomm where Mary worked on-and-off for 14 years. Following a few years of consulting she was hired full time and now does an outstanding job of balancing work and volunteering here in the Garden. Mary first started volunteering in the office as part of her interest in being of service for the greater good. One Saturday, she discovered the work parties, particularly bamboo, and has been a regular ever since. After leaving the corporate life, Mary needed something to "refill her tank" — SDBG was perfect — beautiful surroundings, terrific people, and a good workout to boot (her health care professionals are very happy with Mary's new "numbers"). Mary, who has worked in virtually every job in the garden, believes that it would be impossible to get a better bunch of volunteers anywhere. Her fondest memory is the Saturday work parties with wonderful food by Barry and Peggy, and Marilyn's scones.



December Docent of the Month: ALLAN DODDS

San Diego Botanic Garden Docent of the month for November is Allan Dodds, D09. Allan was born, raised, and married in England. As a plant pathologist his career took him to Canada and Connecticut, working with different plants but ultimately ending up as a full professor at UCR, California concentrating on oranges (instead of England working on potatoes). His garden interest was a natural as Mum and Dad had a Victory garden with vegetables including potatoes, a small greenhouse and ten lines of chrysanthemums. He found SDBG in 1993, but it was in 2007 when he retired and they relocated to Encinitas that he started volunteering and became a docent. His jobs have included propagation, Bloom Board, GIS Mapping, Docent class instructor, occasional lecturer and tour guide. He likes to sit in a quiet garden corner; he enjoys the fun and games of the Bloom Board crew; he appreciates our trips both local and beyond; he feels flower folk are good folk, with a community that has nothing to do with politics, religion or whatever — just a common desire to make SDBG a better place.



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.



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

Volunteer Orientation

February 7, 9 am - 12 pm

Want to help? Not sure where or when your talents are needed? Join 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: February 6, February 20, March 6, March 20, April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15

The Spring Docent Classes will begin soon. Please join us for a wonderful eight-class series learning about different aspects of the Garden. This will prepare you to interact with members and visitors as they ask questions about our delightful Garden. In addition, you can lead weekly tours. But most of all, the docent classes provide you with a wonderful education on our Garden's history, the plants and the interaction of nature and humans. The classes meet on alternate Thursdays from 9:30am to 1pm. Please call Michelle McKinney for more information. I hope to see you there.

Docent Meetings — Everyone Welcome

First Wednesday of the Month

Arrive at 11AM for the program

January 8: Cynthia Steiger, from Charitable Solutions, will speak on creating legacies benefiting yourself, your heirs and charity through legacy planning.

February 5: Nicholas Paoni, a local photographer, will share his garden photos and discuss the many photo opportunities available in a garden. Learn more about techniques you can use to maximize your pictures.

March 5: Ken Rundle, from the City of Encinitas Parks and Recreation Department, will give an update on the big 44-acre park. Of interest will be the current plans for landscaping and hardscape. Audience members will be given the opportunity to ask questions.

Book Sale Success

This year's book sale, part of the Annual Plant Sale, grossed just over \$1000. We dedicated this year's book sale to The San Diego Book Man. The Book Man, Irwin Herman, has supported us for many years and sent us 10 boxes of books this year. This year's volunteers included Elf Mitton (every day), Lan Lin, Deb Batey, Nel McChesney, Bob Hinostro, and Leslie Duval. Thank you to all the volunteers, and patrons who made this a success!



Blue Star Museum Program and Membership for Active Duty Military

Over the past four summers, San Diego Botanic Garden has offered free admission to active duty military personnel and their families through the Blue Star Museums

program. The Garden's participation was made possible thanks to the generous support of Frances Hamilton White.

This past summer, 1,600 active duty military family members took advantage of the program and visited the Garden free of charge. We are honored to be able to provide a special place for healing, family fun, or peace and reflection for these community members who bravely serve our country.

Until June 30, 2014, Frances Hamilton White is also underwriting two-thirds of the cost of each San Diego Botanic Garden annual Basic Membership sold to active duty military families. New or renewing active duty military members may visit the Garden with their military I.D. to participate in this special offer.

We thank these servicemen and servicewomen and are happy to be able to provide these meaningful programs honoring the military.



2013 Gala in the Garden

n September 7, 2013, over 400 guests attended San Diego Botanic Garden's 14th Annual Gala in the Garden, A Stroll Around the World. Under the incredible leadership of Honorary Gala Chair Carol Dickinson and Gala Committee Chair Kathy

Segal, with the assistance of our dedicated Gala Committee and about 100 amazing Garden volunteers, it was truly a memorable and magical evening. Colorful lights and elegant floral displays adorned the Garden as guests strolled through and sampled exquisite cuisine and cocktails while enjoying live music from around the world. Attendees also participated in a silent auction featuring unique items such as a pair of President Julian Duval's old gardening boots planted with succulents.

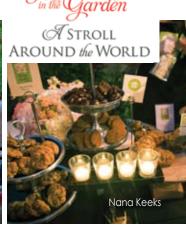
The evening began in the Gala Pavilion with a champagne welcome and greeting by our Emcee KUSI Anchor Sandra Maas. Then, guests explored gardens representing different areas throughout the world, including: the Canary Islands Garden, where a fun photo booth with props under-written by sponsor Westfield UTC was accompanied by delicious offerings by Gen 7 Wines, the Lawn House Garden where The Promiscuous Fork and Fallbrook Winery dazzled us with their cuisine and wine pairings, and the Bamboo Garden where oysters on the half shell were provided by The Fish Market. More than 23 local businesses, restaurants and wineries participated in this event showcasing their most delectable wares.

As is tradition, noted local floral designers created extravagant arrangements to be paired and displayed with each cuisine station. These arrangements highlighted the event's theme featuring designs from around the world. Gala Artistic Director René van Rems and his team of designers and volunteers worked for three days and used over 10,000 flowers to construct these impressive artistic displays. We are so appreciative to this team for the time and talents that they dedicate to the Gala.

At sunset, guests gathered in the Gala Pavilion for dessert and the Paul Ecke Jr. Award of Excellence presentation. This year's honoree, former San Diego County Board Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, has been an important supporter in the growth and evolution of the Garden. Current Diego County Board Supervisor Dave Roberts joined Paul Ecke, III, President and CEO Julian Duval and Board Chair Tom Applegate to present Ms. Slater-Price with this prestigious award. Another evening highlight was our Fund-A-Need live auction to help purchase a skip loader tractor. Thanks to the generosity of our guests, we exceeded our Fund-A-Need goal and raised nearly \$30,000. A skip loader tractor will help to deliver mulch and topsoil more efficiently to all areas of the Garden and improve the overall look and health of our treasured community resource. With the support of our generous sponsors, wonderful in-kind donors, hard-working Gala Committee and terrific volunteers, the Gala netted over \$116,000. The funds raised will help provide vital enhancements to our exhibits, important garden maintenance, and the educational programs and classes enjoyed by thousands of community members. We are thankful to the many people and businesses who contributed to the success of this year's event. We encourage you to take a look at the list of Gala donors and support them with your business.

Please mark your calendars for next year's Gala on September 6, 2014. This magical evening will continue to thrive with your continued support. We hope to see you next year. For additional Gala in the Garden information, please email Jessica at jbrandon@SDBGarden. org.





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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 am – noon

Toddler Tales and Tunes (recommended for ages 1 - 4)

Play in the garden and pot plants to take home.

Preschool stories and songs are offered on the patio of the Ecke Building from 10 – 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

Herb Festival, Spring Plant Sale and Tomatomania®

Activities for children will be offered during the Herb Festival on March 15 and 16. For detailed information on this event, see page 5.

For Kids: Special Craft Activity Featuring the Herb of the Year – Artemisias

Learn about this marvelous plant and its uses. The aromatic leaves of some species are used for flavoring, such as, *A. dracunculus* (tarragon), particularly important in French cuisine. However, most species have an extremely bitter taste.



Lady Bug Day

Saturday, April 5th, 10 am - 12:30 pm



Children are invited to join docent-guided lady bug search teams through the garden and learn about lady bugs and other insects that live in our back yards. Insect-related craft activities will be offered in the Eucalyptus Grove. Children may show off their favorite bug costume, if desired. We will release hundreds of lady bugs at the end of the event.

Birthday Parties

On Saturdays and Sundays, we reserve the picnic area in Seeds of Wonder or Hamilton Children's Garden and provide special activities like plant potting, rock painting, easel painting and bubble play for birthday parties. Please visit our website SDBGarden. org/birthday.htm for detailed information or contact Susanne at SOW@SDBGarden.org, if you would like to book a party.

School Field Trips

We offer self-guided and docent-guided tours for grades I-12. Detailed information on the registration procedure and online tour request forms can be found on our website at SDBGarden. org/hcg_tours.htm. Teachers who would like to see specific

garden-related themes covered during their visit (for example: native plants, native people, plant adaptation, different habitats) please contact Susanne at SOW@SDBGarden.org.

Preschool and kindergarten group visits

Preschool and kindergarten groups are welcome to attend our ongoing preschool programs "Toddler, Tales and Tunes" and "Trains, Paints and Plants" on most Tuesdays and Thursdays. If visiting on a Monday or Friday, we will set up a plant potting activity and bubble play for your group in Seeds of Wonder. We do not accept preschool and kindergarten group visits on Wednesdays. Printable material for a self-guided tour for young children can be

Hamilton Children's Garden

Ongoing Hamilton Children's Garden Happenings

Free with admission or membership. Occasionally a program may be modified or cancelled without prior notice. Craft activities are not available on rainy days.

Nine to Five – Seven Days a Week



Find out which vegetables and fruits are in season and help us water the raised plant beds in the Incredible Edible Garden. Don't forget to check out the worm composting bin! Pot a succulent plant into a biodegradable pot to take home and watch it grow in your yard. Spell your name in plants in the Spell and Smell Garden. Have fun in the sand and use big wood blocks to build a balsa fort in the Earth Builder area. In the Art Garden, you can paint pictures on giant chalk boards or draw on paper with chalk

pastels. Try out all the different instruments in the Music Garden and make some "noise." Get your feet wet in the Mountain Stream and let boats and floating toys go down the stream. When the sun is out, try reading the time by the shadow cast on the sundial and find your way through the maze. Be creative with huge foam blocks, ramps and balls at the Tropical Surround, or enjoy reading a book from our Book Nook. Last but not least, have an amazing time playing in Toni's Tree House.

downloaded from our website at SDBGarden.org/seeds_wond. htm. Please contact Susanne at SOW@SDBGarden.org to arrange for a preschool or kindergarten visit.

Scout Visits

The Garden is the perfect place to work on requirements for the Bug Badge and Forester Badge, or celebrate a Bridging Ceremony at one of the bridges of Toni's Tree House. We are happy to work with the troop leader on an individual basis to design a program that fits the group's needs. Please contact Susanne at SOW@SDBGarden.org to arrange for a scout visit.



Scavenger Hunt

Material for a scavenger hunt through the Hamilton Children's Garden can be found in one of the flyer boxes at the shed in the Earth Builder area. We will post a new scavenger hunt for each month.

Mondays, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Tuesday of the Month, Thursdays and Fridays

10 am - 12 noon

Art Garden Happenings

Study a poster featuring our Artist of the Month, and then do a mixed media project, which is inspired by this artist. Craft activities are always open ended and are fun on all skill levels.

Saturdays

11 am - 3 pm

Hamilton Children's Garden Explorers

Children may learn about our Plant of the Month in a hands-on display in the Incredible Edible Garden and a poster featuring this plant in the Art Garden. A craft project, inspired by this plant, will be offered as well.



Winter Classes

Free Composting Workshop

Saturday, January 18, 10 am – 12 noon

In our two-hour, 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. We invite you to join us to learn more about composting and how it can benefit your garden, home, and community. Additional workshops are held throughout the county, there is sure to be a workshop near you!

The link for registration is:

http://www.solanacenter.org/free-compost-workshops

Photoshop WOW in the Garden Saturday, January 18, 9 am – 1 pm

With digital photography, taking the picture is only the beginning. The shots you capture can always be made better on the computer. This four-hour workshop will simplify and provide a step-by-step approach on how to improve your photos using Photoshop Elements. This fun hands-on class will be a combination of outdoor shooting and indoor computer demonstration.

Cost: Members \$59, Non-Members \$71 Register by January 10

Succulent Container Creations Saturday, February 1, 9 am – 1 pm and

Saturday, February 8, 9 – 11 am

Come and enjoy the tactile quality of clay and have fun with a variety of stamps and other objects to create your own unique textured slab for a succulent container. Many options will be demonstrated and you may create several containers based on size and how quickly you work. All tools will be provided. Bring a lunch or snack for the first day.

Cost: Members \$65, Non-Members \$78 Materials fee paid to instructor on the first day: \$25/student Register by January 24

Chef Elizabeth's Cooking Class Saturday, February 8, 1:30 – 4 pm

My favorite French recipes: Petatou de Chevre Fraise au thyme et olives. (Warm Potato Goatcheese Salads with Thyme and Olives.), Coq au Vin served with a roll and for dessert. Strawberry Mascarpone Crepes.

Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$36 Register by January 31

Watercolor Botanica

Sunday, February 23, 9:30 am - 4 pm

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. The process allows the colors to blend and fuse naturally without interference from over brushing. Expertise level: all levels welcome

Cost: Members \$70, Non-Members \$84 Register by February 14. Materials list available upon request.

Outstanding Trees of San Diego Saturday, February 15, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Outstanding trees for our area are presented in this informative tour by Dave Ehrlinger, former Director of Horticulture at the San Diego Botanic Garden. Both recommended ornamental trees for homeowners and many of the most notable trees in the Botanic Garden will be seen.

Cost: Members \$20, Non-Members \$24
Register by February 7

Succulent Wreath Class

Tuesday, February 25, 9 am – 2 pm

Take home a beautiful succulent wreath that you make yourself. Taught by the SDBG Succulent Wreath Team. *Fee includes materials.

Cost: Members \$60, Non-Members \$72 Register by February 17

Chef Elizabeth's Cooking Class Saturday, March 8, 1:30 pm – 4 pm

That's Italian. Featuring Easy eggplant Parmesan, Chicago Style Italian Beef Sandwiches and Panetone Bread. Recipes and Tastings given of each dish taught.

Cost: Members \$30, Non-Members \$36 Register by February 28

Succulent Wreath Class

Saturday, March 22, 9 am - 2 pm

Take home a beautiful succulent wreath that you make yourself. Taught by the SDBG Succulent Wreath Team. *Fee includes materials.

Cost: Members \$60, Non-Members \$72 Register by March 14

Build Your Own Hydroponic Spring Garden

Saturday, March 22, 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 14

Succulent Turtle

Tuesday, March 25, 9 am - 12 noon

Take home a charming succulent turtle that you make yourself in this class taught by the SDBG

Succulent Wreath Team. *Fee includes materials.

Cost: Members \$35, Non-Members \$42 Register by October 25

New Plants for Southern California Saturday, March 29, 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 used in low-water areas like Arizona. Plant sale will follow her presentation.

Cost: Members \$10, Non-Members \$12 Register by March 21

Photo Workshop: Desert to Rainforest Garden Photography Workshop

Saturday, March 29, 9 am – 1 pm

Go on a photo nature safari with Flower and Garden photographer Bob Bretell to explore two amazing yet very different worlds within the Garden. We begin our adventure in the New World Desert where Bob will show how to modify sunlight by using mirrors, reflectors and filters. Bob will also demonstrate his new "Wall of Light" technique. This workshop is for all levels regardless of whether you are using a point and shoot, or an expensive single lens reflex. Students must bring a digital camera and tripod. *Recommended for photographers of all levels.

Cost: Members - \$59, Non-Members - \$71 Register by March 21

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

Coming Soon to the Garden in Early 2014 WaterSmart Landscape Makeover Workshop



Fall Plant Sale

Once again, our Fall Plant Sale was a smash hit! Co-Chairs Stacy Gaudet and Liz Woodward with special help from Jane Hunt led an incredible team of hardworking volunteers and docents and raised a notable \$50,000, with a net of \$40,000. These funds will support the Garden and its many valuable programs. Each year, the Garden receives a generous outpouring of donations for this popular and well-attended event. We would also like to thank those who donated books, gifts and items to the Botanic Attic, as well as yummy donations of baked goods, jams and jellies and much more. The Fall Plant Sale continues to be one of our most successful events thanks to our volunteers, donors, members, visitors and plant enthusiasts who support this wonderful event and San Diego Botanic Garden.

Please take a moment to look over the list of our generous sponsors who donated \$200 or more toward the 2013 Fall Plant Sale.

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Spring Reception for Premier Level Members Friday, March 14

We are pleased to extend a special invitation to San Diego Botanic Garden's Larabee and Benefactor Society members and our Corporate Partners to celebrate the start of the 2014 Herb Festival, Spring Plant Sale and Tomatomania® weekend. Invitations will be sent in February.

Every year, the Spring Reception brings together Garden supporters for appetizers, wine, and presentations by renowned experts. This year's special guest speaker is Sharon Lovejoy, an award-winning nature, gardening, and children's book author and watercolor illustrator.

If you would like to join or upgrade to a premier membership level to take part in our Spring Reception and other exclusive benefits and events, please contact Jill Kastrup, Membership Manager, at 760/436-3036 x215 or jkastrup@SDBGarden.org. We look forward to seeing you in March!

You can be a Paw Walk Sponsor

There are many wonderful sponsorship opportunities for the 2nd Annual 5K Paw Walk in the Garden on February 22, 2014.

For sponsorship information, please contact Nancy Kelly at 760/ 436-3036 x219

San Diego Botanic Garden thanks our 2013 Garden of Lights sponsor for supporting this fun and festive family event!





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