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



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APRIL 12 – 13

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Chocolate Festival
MAY 10

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Thursday Family Fun Nights
MAY 29 – AUGUST 28

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2013 Another Landmark Year for the Garden!

Tom Applegate,
Chairman of the Board



Over the past year, it has been my privilege to serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for San Diego Botanic Garden—and *what a great year it has been!* In February, for the first time ever, we opened the Garden to our canine friends as we partnered with Rancho Coastal Humane Society for our **1st Annual 5K Paw Walk**. This successful event attracted over 350 walkers and their furry friends and raised almost \$4,900.

We held our popular Annual **Herb Festival, Tomatomania® and Spring Plant Sale** in March. Special guest, Holly Shimizu, Director of the United States Botanic Garden, spoke about “Starting the National Herb Garden.”

In April, we hosted the **Asian Arts Festival and Ladybug Day**. The **Asian Arts Festival** honors Asian horticulture with outstanding displays, lectures, and demonstrations. **Ladybug Day** celebrates beneficial garden insects with a search for ladybugs in the Garden, fun costumes, a parade around the Eucalyptus Grove and a live ladybug release.

May was a busy month with the **Misty Washington Gourd and Basket Weekend**, our **Palm and Cycad Sale**, and our popular **Chocolate Festival**. Held the Saturday before Mother's Day, the **Chocolate Festival** drew over 1,600 attendees and grossed over \$15,000. On May 29, the Garden partnered with Yelp North County as the beneficiary of “**Yelp's Garden Glamboree**,” which was held in the Hamilton Children's Garden. The event attracted over 700 attendees in the 25 to 45 age group, and generated nearly \$4,200 in revenue.

Summer also brought our **Thursday Family Fun Nights**. Family entertainment and activities drew almost 3,300 people to Hamilton Children's Garden. More than one third participated in three special Environmental Science Programs sponsored by SDG&E's Environmental Champions Grant.

The highly-anticipated **Fairy Festival** took place on June 22. Sponsored by Great Smiles Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics and Grangetto's Farm & Garden Supply Company, the **Fairy Festival** was attended by 870 people and fairies, netting \$10,000.

Another June highlight was the award-winning exhibit “**Tea House with Native Plants**,” built by our talented volunteers and docents and submitted to the San Diego County Fair. This amazing exhibit won a total of 10 awards and is now proudly displayed in our Bamboo Garden.

July brought the **Insect Festival**, a one-of-a-kind event that featured thousands of fascinating creepy-crawlies, live insects, lizards, snakes, and the famous “Madagascar hissing cockroaches.” This fun event was sponsored by the County of San Diego Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures and K & M Pest Solutions Inc.

In August, we welcomed our new Director of Horticulture, Paul Redeker, who came to us after five years as Director of Horticulture at the Water Conservation Garden in Rancho San Diego. We were able to hire Paul prior to Dave Ehrlinger's retirement thanks to a generous grant from the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust. *We ended the month with our Volunteer Appreciation Party where we feted and recognized our wonderful volunteers.*

On September 7, over 400 guests attended our **14th Annual Gala in the Garden**, A Stroll Around the World. Under the incredible leadership of Honorary Chair Carol Dickinson and Committee Chair Kathy Segal, and with the tireless assistance of our dedicated Gala Committee and 120 amazing volunteers, it was truly a memorable and magical evening. We also honored former San Diego County Board Supervisor Pam Slater-Price with the Paul Ecke Jr. Award of Excellence.

Another Gala highpoint was our Fund-A-Need live auction which raised nearly \$30,000 to purchase a new skip loader tractor. With the support of our generous sponsors, wonderful in-kind donors, hardworking Gala Committee and terrific volunteers, the Gala was our second most successful, netting over \$116,000.

In September, San Diego Botanic Garden was approved by the North American Plant Collections Consortium (NAPCC) for membership for our bamboo collection.

The San Diego International Orchid Fair took place in early October. Countless varieties of orchids graced the grounds, some in exhibits and some for sale. The much-anticipated **October Fall Plant Sale** was highly successful, netting \$40,000. A huge thank you to the many volunteers involved in this wonderful event, *especially the Co-chairs Stacy Gaudet and Liz Woodward with special help from Jane Hunt.* We appreciate the many generous plant donations that make the Garden's second largest fundraiser possible.

Our long-time and well-respected Director of Horticulture Dave Ehrlinger officially retired in November.

With December came our most successful **Garden of Lights** ever with over 19,300 people attending this festive holiday event. The month-long celebration netted \$167,000, exceeding our budgeted goal by \$37,000! Thank you to our Gold Sponsor—Shea Homes—and our Silver Sponsor—Rush Press—for their generous support of this event.

The Garden also participated in the Encinitas Holiday Parade, which was themed "Growing Holiday Cheer." Happily, *our float took home several awards: 3rd place for Best Use of Lights, 2nd place for Best Overall and 1st place for Best Use of Theme.*

This past year, Supervisor Dave Roberts and the County of San Diego have not only provided a grant that funded the beautiful new Ecke Building floor, they are also directing \$1 million in capital support to the Garden, which can be used to update and pursue implementation of our master plan on County-owned property. We are tremendously grateful for their generous support and for the opportunity to make these important improvements to the Garden.

With 209,823 visitors, 2013 was our second largest annual attendance ever. 2014 also promises great things. During our recent Annual Meeting, we were able to make an important step toward securing the Garden's future by amending our bylaws to change the Garden's statutory membership status—Thank You! to all members who participated in the discussion and vote.

We have initiated a dynamic project to expand our educational outreach while addressing steady growth in the Garden's utilization and demand from the community for a large meeting and event



Photo: SDBG Staff

San Diego County Board Supervisor Dave Roberts cuts the ceremonial ribbon for the new Ecke Building meeting room floor, which was made possible by a generous grant from the County. With Supervisor Roberts are (L to R) Encinitas Mayor Teresa Barth, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Tom Applegate and Garden President and CEO Julian Duval.

space. The planned Education and Events Pavilion (EEP), which will be located adjacent to Hamilton Children's Garden, will be an important and innovative addition. This unique 9,300 square foot facility will be an enclosed meeting and event space for up to 400 visitors and promises to become the new hub for education and community involvement for people of all ages in North County and the region. The Pavilion will feature an iconic design and will include a large main hall, classrooms, kitchen for catering and cooking classes, amphitheater, and easy access from the adjacent parking lot. Additionally, exotic botanical wonders that are not typically found in the Garden or in the region will thrive in the glass conservatory environment, making it a visitor destination even when there is not an organized program taking place.

During the 2014 Annual Meeting, Garden CEO and President Julian Duval and I were thrilled to share that The Donald C. & Elizabeth M. Dickinson Foundation has pledged a \$1 million challenge grant in support of the Education and Events Pavilion. Foundation Chairman Martin Dickinson and his wife, Carol, who serves on our Board, were on hand for this momentous announcement. In order to meet the Foundation's generous challenge, we must raise \$3 million by December 31, 2014. It is a big challenge, but there will be opportunities for everyone to participate at some level, and we are excited about engaging you, our members, and the greater community to meet the challenge. I hope you will join me as we embark on this latest chapter in the Garden's growth.

Thank You, for all you do to support our wonderful and beloved community resource.

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 2012-13 fiscal year.

Photo: Rachel Cobb



Photo: SDBG Staff

Upcoming Events

ArtFest 2014

**Fine Art, Quick Draw Contest, and Asian Art
Saturday and Sunday, April 12 – 13, 9 am – 5 pm**

A delightful combination of a Fine Art Show, Quick Draw Contest, Art Demonstrations, and Asian Art Show.

The Fine Art Show will feature over 20 artists who will be showing and selling their work including sculptors, painters, glass artists, potters, and gourd and fiber artists. Many of the artists will be providing interesting demonstrations of their craft.

The Quick Draw contest will feature 20 artists who will be creating an entire work in an allotted time right before your eyes. Those pieces will then be available for purchase at the event.

The Asian Art Show by Keiri Study Group of Sogetsu School will be celebrating the Art of Asian horticulture with outstanding displays of Ikebana and Bonsai, lectures and demonstrations.

Delicious food is made possible by Divine Fresh Foods serving *yummy* Greek delights.

Music – Native Flute music with Didgeridoo, featuring Bob Ballentine and friends in the Australian Garden

Cost: Free with admission or membership.

Chocolate Festival

Saturday May 10, 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.

Tasting tickets purchased for additional fee.



Photo: SDBG Staff

Endangered Species Day

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday May 16 – 18

San Diego Botanic Garden will celebrate Endangered Species Day by providing guests with activities such as: a map guiding visitors to some of our notable endangered species-both native and from other parts of the world, signs with QR Codes at those locations which will direct visitors to additional information and photos. Garden tours will be offered throughout the day. The San Diego Audubon Society will provide birding tours Friday and Saturday at 8:00 am, and will discuss the importance of habitat preservation for species survival.

In addition to these activities, the Garden will offer free admission to San Diego Audubon Society Members and Living Coast Discovery Center Members Friday, May 16 – Sunday, May 18, and San Diego Botanic Garden members will receive free admission to Living Coast Discovery Center May 16 – 18. Living Coast Discovery Center has various wonderful events throughout the weekend. Visit thelivingcoast.org for their schedule of events.

Cost: Free with admission or membership.



Endangered Species
Otay Mesa Rose



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your favorite SDBG events!**

Palm, Cycad, Bamboo and Tropical Plant Sale

Saturday, May 24, 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.

Thursday Family Fun Nights

The Garden stays open until 8 pm on Thursday nights from May 29 – August 28. There will be activities for children and music in the Hamilton Children's Garden. We will open on May 29 with Hullabaloo, San Diego's own award-winning kid-folk duo, who will also perform on July 17 and August 28. Full schedule at SDBGarden.org.



Cost: Free with admission or membership.

Encinitas Rotary Wine and Food Festival

Saturday, June 7, 5 – 8 pm

Hamilton Children's Garden

Please join us for the 11th Annual Encinitas Rotary Wine and Food Festival, a celebration of international wines, local microbrews, and cuisine. San Diego Botanic Garden is one of the 22 beneficiaries of this event. We will receive \$60 of your \$90 ticket, and 100% of your \$135 ticket, if you select San Diego Botanic Garden (SDBG) 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 Jessica Brandon at 760/ 436-3036 x218 for sponsorships.

Fairy Festival

Presenting Sponsor: Great Smiles

Saturday, June 21, 10 am – 4 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 Princess.

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



The Lung Hsiang Chapter of the American Artists of Chinese Brush Painting will have their beautiful paintings on display in the Ecker Building from April 15 to July 8. An artists' reception is scheduled for Sunday, April 27 from 12 noon – 4 pm. This is their eighth annual show at SDBG. The group meets every second Tuesday at the Garden.

Art by Stella Ting



Photo: Rachel Cobb

Cuba Trip Save the Date Nov 1 – 12, 2014

San Diego Botanic Garden is committed to inspiring people to connect with plants and nature, not only in San Diego and at the Garden, but around the world. Each year, the Garden hosts a guided travel opportunity to visit other lands, cultures, and gardens. November 1–12, 2014 San Diego Botanic Garden invites you to Cuba, the "Pearl of the Antilles".

You will travel to the Valley de Vinales, the tropical forests of Soroa, and Zapata National Park. Do not miss this opportunity to experience the contagious passion of the Cuban people reflected in music, dance, and the preserved natural beauty of this embargoed enchantress. The trip will be led by Julian Duval SDBG CEO/President. Visit SDBGarden.org/travel.htm for more information and complete itinerary. To register visit <http://holbrooktravel.com/privategroups/sdbg>

Volunteer and Docent News

March Docent of the Month: **HEATHER SPADONE**

A California native, Heather is married with four children: 15-year-old triplets and a 12 year-old. Her background is in landscape design and business administration. While in college, she passed an old nursery tucked away—it seemed magical and mysterious. Heather was fascinated and knew she wanted to work with plants and have her own business. She found SDBG established and dynamic, yet welcoming and homey. She worked in propagation before moving to the Gift Shop where she now spends most of her time. Heather likes the high level of volunteer involvement, and the great number and variety of special events at the Garden. Her favorite time is December, and leading up to Garden of Lights.



February Docent of the Month: **SUSAN STARR**

Susan is virtually a California native (all but nine years in CA). Before retirement, she was a science librarian responsible for five science libraries at UCSD. Her mom loved gardening, and while Susan dabbled in it a bit—she had a few fruit trees—she was preoccupied with work. Upon retirement, however, she was able to get into gardening in a big way and after attending a Volunteer Orientation at the Garden she jumped right in. She joined the Docent Class, became a docent in 2012, and the rest is history. She is leader of the South African Garden beautification team, is responsible for the directory and Docent/Volunteer list, is a tour guide, and works regularly at special events. She enjoys getting her hands in the soil and really likes the interesting people at SDBG.



January Docent of the Month: **PAM JARA**

Pam is a California native, educated in San Diego. She and her husband raised a family while living and working at Stanford, Washington DC, Newport RI, HI, and then back here again. She is a nurse, who worked 25 years in critical care, and now in the Recovery room. She first started coming to SDBG to see the plants and get ideas, then to learn from the gardeners, and soon thought she would enjoy the physical labor and started volunteering. She became a docent in 2012. Now she spends her time in the Undersea Succulent Garden, Topiaries, Herb Garden, and in the Bamboo Garden while also volunteering at the plant sale and the county fair exhibit. Her fondest memory is “coming on the crazy ladies of the Topiary Team when she first volunteered. They welcomed her with open arms and now are fast friends.”



Volunteer Orientation

April 26, 2014 9:30 am

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

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 9:30 am to 1 pm. Please call Michelle Kinney for more information. We hope to see you there.

Docent Meetings First Wednesday of the Month Everyone Welcome

Docent meeting at 9:30 am and program at 11 am

April 2: Avi Asnkow, intern sponsored by Leichtag Foundation. Avi, visiting from Israel is working at the Garden for a total of 15 months.

May 7: Sally Sandler will discuss her report on the pioneering men and women who were the key founders of the region now occupied by our Garden. This research is sponsored by the Leichtag Foundation.

June 4: No speaker, Potluck

The Beautiful Coral Tree (Erythrinas)

By Lesley Randall
Curator of Plant Collections at San Diego Botanic Garden

This is the time of year when many Erythrinas, or Coral Trees, burst into bloom. The Erythrinas are a widespread genus of trees and shrubs in the *Fabaceae* or Pea Family. It is a large genus with about 130 species found in tropical and subtropical regions worldwide. Many species grow well in Southern California and are popular landscape plants. Erythrinas are known for their striking flowers. Most species have bright red or orange flowers, but a few have flowers that are pink, white, or greenish. Flowers are borne in spikes, called racemes, that may be dense or open in appearance. Many Erythrinas have spiny trunks and branches. The leaves of Erythrinas are trifoliate (three leaflets) and often have spines on the veins. The young leaves of some species have spines scattered all across the surface as a protection from browsers.

Like many red-flowered plants, Erythrinas are bird pollinated. Typically, species from the New World are pollinated by hummingbirds and those from the Old World regions are pollinated by perching birds. One can tell from the shape of the flower which type of bird is the pollinator. Flowers that are long, tubular and oriented with their opening outward are pollinated by hummingbirds. Erythrinas with broader, gaping flowers and an opening oriented back towards the branch are pollinated by perching birds. At San Diego Botanic Garden, both types of flowers are visited by a variety of birds and insects that are attracted to the sweet nectar.

The legumes, or pods, of Erythrinas can be as interesting as the flowers. Many species have black pods that open to reveal bright red or red and black seeds. The pods often twist and contort into attractive, dramatic shapes. The colorful seeds are used in many regions of the world to make jewelry. They are, however, poisonous, so care should be taken. The seeds of many Erythrinas are buoyant and can float long distances. This trait has probably been a factor in the wide dispersal of the genus.

Erythrina caffra is a commonly planted species and is the city tree of Los Angeles. In San Diego it can be viewed in parks near the harbor. San Diego Botanic Garden has a large specimen planted during the Larabee era. The Garden also has an unusual yellow-flowered variety growing near Seeds of Wonder.

San Diego Botanic Garden, currently has 21 species of Erythrina in its collection. In addition to the *E. caffra*, two other specimens were planted during the Larabee era: *E. lysistemon*, behind the Gazebo and *E. coralloides*, outside the Walled Garden. Another



Photo: Rachel Cobb

The narrow flowers of *Erythrina mexicana* are pollinated by hummingbirds.

notable specimen is *E. abyssinica* located in the African Garden. It has one of the most unusual flowers in the genus, with a very dense raceme and twisted petals, giving it an almost fuzzy appearance. Many of our Coral Trees are flowering now; some will begin in the spring, so for the next few weeks they will put on a show.

In recent years, SDBG has acquired some species that are of conservation concern. We plan to continue this focus, working with staff at the San Diego Zoo to safeguard species that are threatened in the wild.

Julian Horticulturist of the Year

Congratulations to Julian for his nomination of Horticulturist of the Year by the San Diego Horticulture Society. This award recognizes Julian for a lifetime of achievement and service. The Garden has achieved so much while Julian has been President.



Photo Contest

San Diego Botanic Garden's 2015 calendar will feature spectacular moments in the Garden captured by you. Everyone is invited to submit their photos to be considered for inclusion. Each participant will be allowed to enter up to three photos for consideration. The photos must be taken in San Diego Botanic Garden. Each photo must be accompanied by a one sentence description of the photo along with the date and location the photo was taken. Entry form and information can be found at SDBGarden.org and at the Gift Shop.

Deadline August 15, 2014. For more information go to SDBGarden.org/events.htm



Photo: Rachel Cobb

Photo: Jodie Wiebusch

It takes a Village of Volunteers to run the Garden

On November 14, 2013, two of our long-time volunteers, Sharon Clay Rose and Steve Rose, were honored as Volunteers of the Year at the annual North County Philanthropic Council Awards Luncheon. This award honors volunteers who have given outstanding and long-term support to their non-profit organization. Sharon and Steve have been volunteering for more than 10 years at San Diego Botanic Garden, and you can find them working in several different positions throughout the Garden and at many of our special events. Other distinguished volunteers from the Garden have received this honor: 2012 Phyllis Fechsig 2011 Bill Rawlings, 2010 Thelma and Dave Montag.

This list only scratches the surface of the many talented and dedicated volunteers who make this Garden such a success. No matter where you turn, you will find evidence of the many loving hands that have transformed SDBG into something very special.

Perhaps the most prominent evidence can be seen in the Garden itself. A few years back, Sally Sandler, a docent since 2007, started the Garden Beautification Teams, a program in which one or more volunteers adopt a specific location in the Garden and work with staff to spruce it up and maintain their chosen site. It seemed like a good idea at the time; now, it seems like a brilliant idea. All you need to do is stroll through the Bamboo Garden, visit the Gazebo Lawn, or spend a few minutes in the Herb Garden to see the lasting impact these folks are making on the San Diego Botanic Garden. On Wednesday mornings, for example, you will find an eager team in the Undersea Succulent Garden, on Saturdays you might find a group in the California Gardenscapes or Subtropical Fruit Garden. On other days you will find volunteers in Seeds of Wonder and Hamilton Children's Garden. All are busy weeding, pruning, watering, and more. It only takes a glance to know these gardens are loved. Over the past few years, the hard work and love by a village of volunteers has transformed much of SDBG. At last count, we had over 100 volunteers involved in the Garden Beautification Program.

You will find volunteers in almost every aspect of our operation,

such as in the Welcome Center greeting visitors as they come into the Garden. Did you know that our Gift Shop is run entirely by volunteers? Our Librarian, Kenneth Hayward, is a volunteer who also gives his time in the office helping to keep the day-to-day statistics in order. We have a volunteer carpentry team: Dave Merritt, Steve Rose, and John Lundblad, who have created things like our award-winning Tea House made for the San Diego County Fair and now on exhibit in the Bamboo Garden.

Every year in October, our volunteers manage and run the Annual Fall Plant Sale that brings in over \$50,000. Every job is filled by a volunteer, from people who grow plants to sell, to people actually selling the plants. It is the volunteers who bake the pies and cookies for the bake sale and volunteers who make the jelly that is sold every year. And I cannot forget the volunteers who set up and manage the used book sale area. Nearly every one of our volunteers plays a role in the Annual Fall Plant Sale.

Some of our volunteers donate a few hours each month and some more than a thousand hours per year. Many of our volunteers have been with us for over 10 or 20 years. We even have a few who have been volunteering at the Garden for more than 30 years.

Who are these folks and where do they come from? Our volunteers are as diverse as they are numerous. We have retired doctors, lawyers, and engineers. Lots of retired teachers find their way to the Garden because of the life-long dedication to children and education. Several of our volunteers were once involved in law enforcement, others held management positions in large corporations. There are computer programmers, computer designers, and computer operators. Some folks are retired and some fit us in around their full-time jobs. Everyone brings a special talent to the Garden.

The members of the Quail Botanical Gardens Foundation Inc., (governing body for SDBG) Board of Trustees are all volunteers. They include developers, doctors, dentists, CPAs, attorneys, scientists, and business men and women, to mention a few. All of them are dedicated to the Garden and our mission.



Photo: SDBG Staff

Work Party February 15, 2014



Sharon Clay Rose and Steve Rose

Photo: Jodie Wiebusch



Photo: SDBG Staff

Volunteer Team at San Diego County Fair, June 2013



Volunteers enjoying pot luck lunch



Photos: Rachel Kobb

Anne Spindel, past docent chair with Kitty Sparrow, current docent chair

Our volunteers come to us from all over the country and sometimes the world. All have migrated to the San Diego area for one reason or another and decided to stay and make it their permanent home. Every once in a while we actually find someone who is a true California native.

If you asked them why they are drawn to the Garden and why they volunteer you would have as many different responses as we have volunteers.

Some of our more than 300 volunteers, many of whom are docents, come here because they are gardeners at home or they love plants and just want to take the opportunity to learn more about their passion. Working hands-on in the Garden is a fabulous opportunity to get up close and learn about individual plants. The Garden offers a wide variety of plants from all over the world, some 4,000 species. Volunteers enjoy the opportunity to get together and spend time with others who are interested in gardening.

Many of our volunteers come to work at the SDBG because the Garden offers them a place of peace and healing. Who does not enjoy a sunny San Diego day near the ocean with beautiful trees, shrubs and flowers? It is great contrast to the corporate world and a stressful busy working day behind a desk.

Some of our volunteers never work physically in the Garden, but share the mission and want to be part of an organization offering the opportunity to inspire others about nature. You will find them stuffing envelopes or filing in Development Department, helping in the Accounting Office, or sorting mail in the Administrative Office.

But there is one common thread among all volunteers at SDBG—the camaraderie they discover at this Garden. Wonderful friendships have developed in all areas of this village of volunteers, where everyone works together to make the Garden a special place. In fact, we like to think of our Garden as a place that grows people as well as plants.

Have you ever considered volunteering at the SDBG? There is a place for you. If you like working in the Garden, office, or parking lot we can find a place for you. We have a wide range of jobs including playing Santa for the night, driving a cart full of visitors, or serving on the Board of Trustees. If you only have a few hours here and there we have a spot for you. Everyone brings something special to the Garden and all are welcome. To learn more about volunteering visit our web site: <http://www.sdbgarden.org/volunteer.htm> or contact Michelle Kinney at 760/ 436-3036 x206.

Our docents and volunteers contribute over 25,000 hours per year to the Garden. We would not be the exciting and vibrant destination we are without their dedicated hands. The San Diego Botanic Garden enjoys the success of today due to the countless hours of our village of volunteers.



Photo: Jodie Wechselsch

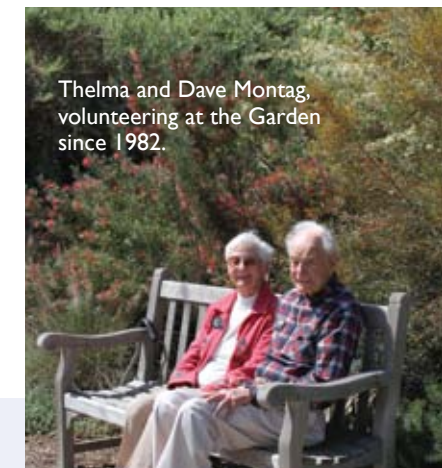
2013 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Mary Cozza and Peter Jones



Sandy Shapiro



Thelma and Dave Montag, volunteering at the Garden since 1982.

The Garden recognizes two very dear and longtime Volunteer Docents who have recently passed away: Jean Nikodym and Jack Schlanger.

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.



SOW

Seeds of Wonder



Seeds of Wonder and Hamilton Children's Garden both have free activities that children can enjoy each day. Some activities in SOW include: Most Tuesdays - Toddler Tales and Tunes, Wednesdays - Garden Arts and Crafts, and Thursdays - Trains, Paints, and Plants. In Hamilton Children's Garden children can enjoy a scavenger hunt any day of the week - with a new one posted each month, Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, and most Tuesdays - Art Garden Happenings, and Saturdays - Garden Explorers. For specific information visit Seeds of Wonder or Hamilton Children's Garden webpages on our website, SDBGarden.org

For information on having a Birthday Party at Seeds of Wonder or Hamilton Children's Garden, School Field Trips, Preschool and Kindergarten Group Visits, and Scout Visits please contact Susanne at SOW@SDBGarden.org

Upcoming Children's Events



Ladybug Day

Saturday, April 5, 10 am – 12:30 pm

Children are invited to join docent-guided ladybug search teams through the Garden and learn about ladybugs 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. For the grand finale, we will release hundreds of ladybugs. The San Dieguito Garden Club will help children create beautiful flower arrangements to take home, and the Solana Center will teach children about the joys of worm composting in hands-on demonstrations.



Photo: Rachel Gobbb

Spring Party with Bunny in Seeds of Wonder

Saturday, April 19, 10 – 11:30 am Early Party, and 11:30 am – 1 pm Late Party

Children ages 2 to 6 are invited to visit our gentle bunny, make colorful spring crafts, go on a parade through the Garden and participate in a "bunny hunt." Limited to 50 children per party.

Cost: Members \$15 per child, non-members \$18 per child. Regular admission fees apply to accompanying adults payable upon arrival. Free for adult members. Preregistration required. Please register your child online or in person at our office. Preregistration by phone, email, or mail are not accepted.



Chocolate Festival

Saturday, May 10, 10 am – 4 pm

In addition to the delectable chocolate tastings, demonstrations, and a chocolate fountain, the Chocolate Festival is filled with fun activities for kids. For a small fee, children can create Mother's Day keepsakes. See page 4 for event details.



Fairy Festival

Saturday, June 21, 10 am – 4 pm



Calling all young fairies! Come to the Hamilton Children's Garden wearing your favorite costume. Fairy and garden related flowery and glittery crafts will be offered for a small fee. Snap-Tap-N-Sing will be performing dance and sing-along music from 11 am – 2 pm. The natural Fairy Houses will be available from noon until 3 pm. There will also be a Fairyland Market, pizza and ice cream. Don't forget to stop in to have a photo taken with the Fairy Princess!

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Photos: Susanne Brueckner

4th of July Parade

10 am

Join us for our annual 4th of July Parade through the Garden. Bring decorated strollers and wagons (no bikes please) and wear red, white and blue! We will meet at Seeds of Wonder at 10 am and the parade will start at 10:30 am sharp. After the parade, you are welcome to stay and enjoy the Garden.



Classes for children



Make a Gourd "Gourdeous"

Sunday, May 3, 2 - 4 pm

Ages 6 and above (adults welcome)

Make a gourd "gourdeous" just in time for Mother's Day. Learn to paint a beautiful sunset and silhouette scene on a pre-cleaned gourd complete with "sandy beach" framing. What a fantastic way to celebrate San Diego's beautiful scenery and discover the wonderful world of gourd art. Art materials and tools provided. No previous gourding experience necessary.

Cost: \$30 for members and \$36 for non-members
Go to SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x201 for preregistration.

Summer Camps

Camp Jaycee - Botanic Garden Day Camp

June 30 - July 11 • Grades 4 - 7

Spend an entire week at the San Diego Botanic Garden learning all about plants, insects and people. Discover a variety of ecological connections during this exciting, innovative, and interactive camp. Campers will explore rainforest, desert, and native California vegetation; pot their own plants; paint pictures; and learn about Native American hunting and building tools, edible gardening, and pollinators like butterflies and hummingbirds. The first week of this two-week session includes a traditional day camp experience with arts and crafts, swimming, sports, music, and a field trip. For more information and registration call 858/ 362-1348 or visit www.campjaycee.com

Art in the Garden with Abracadoodle

Session I: July 14 - 18; Session II: July 21 - 25;

Session III: July 28 - August 1

Ages 7 - 12, camp hours 9 am - 3 pm

Create art and experience the beauty of nature. Each day campers will visit a different part of the Garden, and then they will create paintings, drawings, sculpture and prints inspired by their outdoor adventures. An art show will be held at the end of the week featuring the children's week worth of masterpieces.

Cost: \$189 for the week. Admission to the Garden, art materials and camp tee shirt included. SDBG members take \$10 off. For more information and registration call 760/ 731-0555 or visit www.abracadoodle.com/ca07.htm

Youth Photography Camp

Session I: August 4 - 8,

9:30 - 11:30 am • Grades 3 - 5

Session II: August 11 - 15,

9:30 - 11:30 am • Grades 6 - 8

Professional photographer, Jennifer Nelson, will be leading this camp with an eye toward appreciating the beauty around us. Students will go out and shoot each day and practice lighting, composition, portrait photography and center of interest techniques. Photographs will be critiqued the next day. A portfolio will be compiled of the week's work.

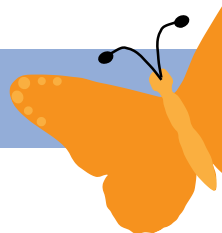
As students wander through the Garden, Jennifer will point out particular aspects of their surroundings and teach how to watch and listen for native life. As a special treat, she will focus on and demonstrate the wonders of the butterfly cycle.

Cost: Members \$164, non-members \$197
Register by: July 25 Session I, August 1 Session II



Photo: Rachel Cobb

Questions regarding Seeds of Wonder and the Hamilton Children's Garden?
Please contact Susanne at SOW@SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x 222



To see full class descriptions and to pre-register go to SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x201.
You can also pick up flyers at the Ecke Building or at the Welcome Center.

Spring Classes

Succulent Wreath Class

Saturday, April 5, 9 am – 2 pm

Take home a beautiful succulent wreath that you make yourself.

Instructor: Succulent Wreath Team.

Cost: Members \$60, non-members \$72. Fee includes materials. Register by March 28.

Succulent Wreath Class

Tuesday, April 22, 9 am – 2 pm

Take home a beautiful succulent wreath that you make yourself.

Instructor: Succulent Wreath Team.

Cost: Members \$60, non-members \$72. Fee includes materials. Register by April 11.

FREE Members Only Plant Clinic: Repotting Your Plants and Planting in the Landscape

Saturday, April 26, 10 – 11 am

Learn how to repot your container plants or plant them in the landscape. You may bring a plant that needs repotting along with the new container, or learn from examples provided.

Instructor: Director of Horticulture, Paul Redeker and Horticulture Manager, Liz Rozycki

Cost: Free for Members RSVP by calling Stasi at 760/ 436-3036 x214.

WaterSmart Landscape Makeover Series: Saving Water One Zone at a Time

May through June

(May 3, May 17, May 31, and June 7)

San Diego Botanic Garden, San Diego County Water Authority, and DeLorenzo International are teaming up to offer a WaterSmart Landscape Workshop Series. This FREE series is designed to provide homeowners with a comprehensive overview and the basic skills necessary for the successful conversion of their traditional turf yard in to a WaterSmart landscape. The educational study provides an opportunity for hands-on learning through modules designed to walk participants through three key competencies necessary for a successful landscape retrofit.

Contact Angela Benson of DeLorenzo International at 619/ 295-5115 x221 or via email: abenson@delorenzo-intl.com to register.

Cost: Free

Build Your Own Hydroponic Summer Garden

Saturday, May 17, 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.

Cost: Members \$75, non-members \$90 Fee includes materials. Register by May 9.

Color Pencil Journaling

Sunday, May 18, 9:30 am – 4 pm

Colored pencils are such good therapy. Pressing down pure color on smooth paper creates wonderful blended color transitions. Combine watercolors, water-soluble pens, and colored pencils while learning clever, user-friendly ways to draw. These drawing methods will ease those ever so present inhibitions about drawing lines and shapes. Learn how to blend beautiful color layers and create dark and light mixtures. You'll be prompted to create small poems that will be collaged in a clever way throughout the works.

Instructor: Helen Shafer-Garcia

Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$75. Materials Fee (paid directly to the instructor): \$5.00 for kit which includes Tombow pens, Chartpak pens, gesso, and paper text for collage. Materials list on website. Register by May 9.

Succulent Wreath Class

Tuesday, May 20, 9 am – 2 pm

Take home a beautiful succulent wreath that you make yourself.

Instructor: Succulent Wreath Team.

Cost: Members \$60, non-members \$72. Fee includes materials. Register by May 10.

Artistic Effects Garden Photography Workshop

Saturday, May 24, 9 am – 1 pm

Learn new creative camera techniques that will convert ordinary photos into a work of art. This popular class will feature some amazing new special effects. Demonstrations include painting with light, shooting through textured glass, floral collages, and impressionist effects. As with all of Bob's classes there will be plenty of time to play and explore behind the camera. The workshop will conclude with a photo projection and discussion of everyone's work. This class is all digital and recommended for all levels.

Instructor: Bob Bretell

Cost: Members \$59, non-members \$71 Register by May 16.

Nature as Mirror – Garden Journaling

Sunday, June 8, 10 am – 1 pm

In this workshop, through guided journaling, you will have the opportunity to gain a deeper

sense of yourself as reflected in nature. Come participate in a day to relax and to regenerate your creativity in the beauty of the Garden. All writing levels are welcome.

Bring: Writing journal and folding chair.

Instructor: Ellen Speert, Board Certified Art Therapist

Cost: Members \$40, non-members \$48 Register by May 30.

Food and Wine Pairing

Saturday, June 14, 1:30 – 4 pm

The Opera Singing Chef's popular annual food and wine pairing class features local wines, among others, and a selection of summer appetizers to add to your entertaining repertoire of recipes: Sockeye Salmon Cakes with horseradish lime sour cream, Greek Olive Tapenade (poor man's caviar) over goat & cream cheese crostini, Slowly baked Herbs du San Diego chicken Wings, and Onion Focaccia with sweet and sour cucumber salad. And for a sweet, but light finish to the afternoon, strawberries and grapes with a balsamic red wine gastrique.

Instructor: Chef Elizabeth

Cost: Members \$25, non-members \$30. Recipes and tastings given for each menu item. Register by June 6.

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.

San Diego Botanic Garden is a hub for Bird Watchers. Thank you to Susan Smith and Rita Campbell for compiling the 2013 Bird Report for San Diego Botanic Garden. The report includes the number of species seen in the Garden, birds that were spotted for the first time in the Garden, and links to the most updated Bird Lists for the Garden. You can find this at <http://www.sdbgarden.org/birds.htm>.

Annual Benefactor Dinner – A Garden Candyland

On December 7th, the Garden sparkled with thousands of twinkling lights as guests arrived for the Benefactor Dinner. This annual event honors all Benefactor Members who have generously supported the Garden throughout the year. The San Dieguito Garden Club, led by President Deb Batey, brought whimsy to this evening with the theme “A Garden Candyland.” Geri Thirloway and Deb Batey lead the team to magically transform Lawn Garden. Guests enjoyed the cuisine provided by Continental Catering, who underwrote a portion of the evening’s catering costs. The night began with music by the FireFly Jazz Trio in the Lawn House Garden. At dinner, guests were entertained by an acoustic guitar performance by Ean Corbett. Many thanks to our Benefactor Members whose ongoing commitment helps the Garden continue to grow.



Mo Ecke, Holly Turnbull, Clarence Heidemann, Julian Duval, Ruth Fenner



Photo: SDBG Staff

Tom and Cathy Staver are surrounded by festive twinkling lights during December’s Benefactor Dinner.



Photo: SDBG Staff

SDBG Holds Annual Meeting

Members, docents, volunteers, staff and local politicians gathered for the Garden’s Annual Meeting on January 25th, which featured an important bylaws vote, ribbon-cutting for the new Ecke Building floor and a fascinating presentation by Encinitas Union School District Superintendent Dr. Timothy Baird.

During the Annual Meeting, Dr. Timothy Baird, Superintendent of the Encinitas Union School District (EUSD), gave an informative presentation about the District’s AgroEcology Learning Center, which is across the street from the Garden. The AgroEcology Learning Center, a ten-acre organic farm and interactive learning center will provide educational retreats for students and focus on learning about nutrition, ecology, art, earth science and history. The Center is the latest addition to EUSD’s Green Initiatives and Health and Wellness program.

Tractor Purchased Thanks to 2013 Fund-A-Need

Trustee and Fund-A-Need donor Carol Dickinson tries out the Garden’s new tractor that was purchased thanks to those who generously supported the 2013 Gala’s Fund-A-Need live auction. The auction raised nearly \$30,000 to help buy this much-needed tractor.



Photo: SDBG Staff



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Thank you Encinitas Garden Festival & Tour!

A wonderful donation from the Encinitas Garden Festival & Tour Committee has underwritten art and gardening supplies for both of our children’s gardens, as well as six great-looking, sturdy stools for the Art Garden in Hamilton Children’s Garden. Thank you to the Committee! These items are getting a lot of use.

Youngsters in the Hamilton Children’s Garden’s Art Garden enjoy the new stools and paints made possible by a generous donation from the Encinitas Garden Festival & Tour Committee.



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The Arbor Vitae Guild was established to honor the Garden's friends who have indicated that they have included the Garden in their will, trust, or other deferred giving method. Gifts of all sizes are welcome, as they ensure the Garden's natural beauty and vitality for the enjoyment of future generations. We invite you to begin a conversation about how a planned gift can benefit you now and the Garden in the future. Please contact Tracie Barham, Director of Development, at 760/ 436-3036 x216 for more information.

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Kathleen Thuner, retired San Diego Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures, was the first woman appointed to the position of County Agricultural Commissioner in California's history. As a lifelong California resident, she has a deep appreciation for the state's diversity, demographics, geography, and plant life. She moved to San Diego County in 1983, and one of her first visits to a local park was to what was

then known as Quail Gardens to see the bamboo collection. It was the beginning of a long association with the Garden. She has witnessed its growth, development and expansion, and has been a part of its longtime support group. Kathleen and her husband Jeffrey reside in Fallbrook, along with their dog, cat and three-legged Texas Desert tortoise.



Shaun Henry is Senior Vice President and Region Manager for Union Bank. She has been in the financial services industry for 38 years, and with Union Bank since 2009. Her role with the bank includes facilitating the bank's generous support of local nonprofit organizations, including San Diego Botanic Garden. She has worked with the American Heart Association, Junior Achievement, the United Way, and Feeding America San Diego.

Additionally, she is a recent graduate of LEAD San Diego. Ms. Henry has a personal passion for gardening, with a focus on drought tolerant landscaping. She is honored to assist with advancing the mission of the Garden and protecting the quality of the natural environment so that people of all ages will be able to enjoy a connection with nature. She and her husband Mike have been married for 26 years and have four sons and one grandson.

SAVE THE DATE
Gala in the Garden
Saturday, September 6, 2014

2014 Paul Ecke Jr Award of Excellence Honoree
Eric Larson
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Until December 31, 2014, active duty military receive two-thirds off the cost of Basic level membership thanks to the generous support of Frances Hamilton White. Please let friends know about this special membership discount.

- Annual Family/Dual Membership offered at \$28.00 (regularly priced \$85.00)
- Annual Individual Membership offered at \$18.00 (regularly priced \$55.00)

New or renewing active duty military members, please stop by the Garden with your military I.D. by December 31 to participate in this special offer. Please call 760/ 436-3036 x214 with any questions.



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Corporate partners receive recognition on our web site and on signage in the Garden, family membership benefits, guest admission tickets, invitations to special events, and other attractive benefits, depending on their level of support. For information on how your organization can support the Garden as a Corporate Partner, please contact Nancy Kelly, Deputy Director of Development, at 760/436-3036 x219.

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