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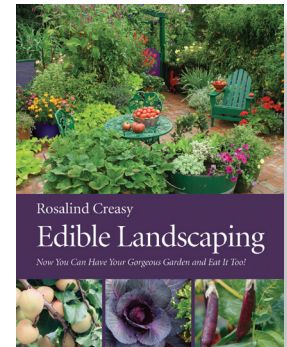
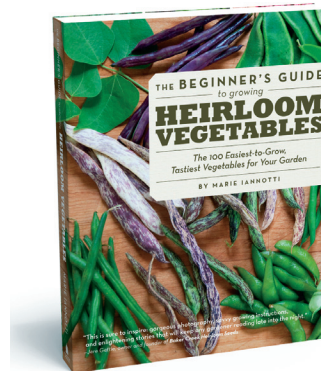
This year, make a resolution to get inspired by the natural beauty of the San Diego Botanic Garden. And, after you've explored our lush 37-acre property, bring some of that inspiration home with some unique gifts, plants or plant-related items from The Garden Shops.

Like our PAR-A-SOL Hummingbird Feeders that combine beautiful designs, quality materials and excellent function. Made from recycled glass and designed to mimic the tubular lower shapes that hummingbirds prefer, simply fill the vessel with sugar water and prepare to be amazed.

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With spring right around the corner, you'll want to pick up a pair of terrific books our staff highly recommends: Rosalind Creasey's "Edible Landscaping" that will show you how to incorporate edibles into a beautifully designed outdoor environment; and Marie Iannotti's "Beginner's Guide to Growing Heirloom Vegetables for Your Garden" (the title says it all!).

Looking forward to seeing you in The Garden Shops soon!



## Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 25 • 8:30 - 10:30 am  
Ecke Building

Join us for our Annual Meeting, a wonderful opportunity to learn about the accomplishments your support has helped to make possible at the Garden over the last year, as well as our plans for the future. Guest speaker Peter Raven, acclaimed botanist and President Emeritus of the Missouri Botanical Garden, will discuss the importance of public gardens. Light refreshments will be served. For more details, contact Jessica Brandon at [jbrandon@SDBGarden.org](mailto:jbrandon@SDBGarden.org) or call 760/ 436-3036 x218.



## Message from the President

Julian Duval  
President/CEO

In this issue of *Quail Tracks* there are two new contributing authors: Dr. Ori Fragman Sapir, Director of Research and Conservation for the Jerusalem Botanic Garden, and Tracie Barham, SDBG Director of Development.

Dr. Sapir, one of the premier botanists in Israel, has written an article for us on the olive tree, a plant of great economic and historical importance to most of the western world. Space only allowed for an edited version of the story in this issue of *Quail Tracks*, but a full version is online at [sdbgarden.org/newsletter.htm](http://sdbgarden.org/newsletter.htm). The SDBG has a special relationship with the JBG as a sister garden, learning from one another in our common pursuit of connecting plants with people. In fact, we both use the same catch phrase: *Where Plants Grow People*.

In the last issue of *Quail Tracks*, I provided some information on the Garden's next major addition, the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory. How it was not only going to be a special protected "conservatory" environment for subtropical and tropical plants, but how it would also be designed so our visitors would be able to enjoy seeing those plants in a variety of ways.

Tracie will share how the name of the project has evolved as fundraising for it continues to build momentum. She will also highlight how this project is an important step toward fulfilling the Garden's educational mission.

A great deal of work remains to be done on the Conservatory, including final design parameters, ongoing fundraising and obtaining building permits, so it is too early to share exactly when construction will begin. We do know 2015 will be a very busy year as we focus on what is sure to become a unique and much appreciated addition to your San Diego Botanic Garden.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members for their important ongoing support and wish everyone a very prosperous and healthy 2015. See you in the Garden soon!

## Exciting New Developments Regarding the Garden's Future Facility – The Dickinson Family Education Conservatory

By Tracie Barham, Director of Development

As you will read in greater detail on pages 8-9, the 2014 *Gala in the Garden* was the most successful to date. With a record number of guests in attendance, we were also able to make two very special announcements regarding the Garden's future education facility.

The first of these announcements was the exciting news, delivered by Leichtag Foundation President and CEO Jim Farley, that the Foundation has pledged \$1 million towards the creation of this unique feature, which will be a place for both plants and people. The Leichtag Foundation's grant will make the Garden available to select nonprofits that might not otherwise be able to utilize it, while also making a significant step towards meeting the fundraising challenge issued by the Donald C. and Elizabeth M. Dickinson Foundation. We are so grateful for this most generous investment, and we look forward to developing opportunities to collaborate with the Leichtag Foundation, the Encinitas Union School District (EUSD), and other Encinitas Environmental Education (E3) Cluster members. (In fact, we are in the early stages of program development with the EUSD's new Farm Lab, where students will learn science, technology, engineering and math concepts through hands-on experiences in agriculture and nutrition.)

Inspired by the Leichtag Foundation's grant and the progress made so far in the Garden's fundraising efforts, Dickinson Foundation Board Member Rebecca Dickinson Welch made the second major announcement of the evening and graciously extended the deadline for their \$1 million challenge grant, which was pledged in December 2013. The Garden now has until December 31, 2015 to raise the remaining \$1.2 million of the \$3 million in additional funding needed to meet the challenge goal.

In gratitude for their early and generous leadership gift, we are very pleased to officially announce that the facility will henceforth be known as the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory. Upon successful completion of the *Come Grow with Us!* campaign, the Dickinson Conservatory will be located adjacent to the nationally-

acclaimed Hamilton Children's Garden and will provide an enclosed space for expanded educational offerings. The Conservatory's iconic design includes classrooms, a kitchen for catering and cooking classes, an outdoor amphitheater, a large main hall, and easy access from the adjacent parking lot. Additionally, as described in the last issue of *Quail Tracks*, exotic botanical wonders not typically found in the Garden (or the region) will thrive in a glass conservatory environment, making it a visitor destination even when there is not an organized program taking place.

While the Garden is primarily an outdoor facility, certain types of educational programming are best experienced indoors. We are excited about this opportunity to expand our educational offerings, something which has been challenging in the past, given our very limited indoor classroom space. Here are some of the educational opportunities that we are working on for the new Dickinson Conservatory: programming for early childhood, school age children, college students, adults and seniors; seminars, symposiums and workshops on topics such as environmental change, water conservation and low water gardening, landscaping in Southern California, plant conservation, native plants, gardening with children, and expanded collaboration with community groups.

We will continue to be responsive to the needs of the community, adapting our programs and classes as your interests evolve. Additionally, the Dickinson Conservatory will be available for use by various organizations and members of the public. We anticipate renting the space for summer camps, weekend retreats, travelling art and horticultural exhibits, theatrical productions, concerts, book signings, lectures, and more. So, the Conservatory will not only further the pursuit of our mission to inspire people of all ages to connect with plants and nature, but it will also generate income that will contribute to the annual operating needs of the Garden. Please stay tuned for further updates, and know that you are invited to *Come Grow with Us!*





Photo: Rachel Cobb

## Upcoming Events

### Sculpture in the Garden

Now – April 1, 2015

This unique exhibition showcases sculptures from 31 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 sculptures 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).



Photo: Rachel Cobb



### 5K Paw Walk in the Garden

Saturday, February 21 • 9 am – 1 pm

The San Diego Botanic Garden is teaming up with the Rancho Coastal Humane Society for the 3rd annual 5K Paw Walk in the Garden. Both organizations benefit from this event, so bring your furry friends and follow a 5K walk through our 37-acre garden. The route winds through some of the most spectacular areas of the Garden including California Gardenscapes, Australia, and the Canary Islands, as well as the bamboo, sub-tropical fruit and palm canyon areas.

Pet products, food (for people), treats (for dogs), lots of great information for dog lovers and (of course) lots of dogs and puppies are all a part of this great event at the Garden. Don't miss it!

**Cost:**  
Adult \$32, SDBG Member/RCHS Volunteer \$21  
Youth \$21, SDBG Member/RCHS Volunteer \$14  
Family/Team (first 4 on team) \$92/ additional team members each \$23  
SDBG Member/RCHS Volunteer Family/Team (first 4 on team) \$60/  
additional team members each \$15

Register at [Active.com](http://Active.com). Just type in 'Paw Walk' into the search engine on the home page.

To become a Paw Walk Sponsor, please contact Nancy Kelly at [nkelly@sdbgarden.org](mailto:nkelly@sdbgarden.org) or 760/436-3036 x219.



Photo: Victoria Johnson



# Spring Garden Festival and Tomatomania®

Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15

9 am – 5 pm

Don't miss the Garden's new Spring Garden Festival and Tomatomania® featuring a wide variety of herbs, spring plants, bromeliads, garden art and implements and of course tomatoes! Garden experts will be on hand to answer questions and provide helpful advice on spring plantings and caring for your entire garden. Terrific food will be available from Divine Fresh and musical entertainment from Bob Ballentine and friends. Be sure not to miss our petting zoo and pony rides. Bring out the whole family!

This year, Scott Daigre will be our special guest speaker at the event. Scott is an avid gardener, sometimes farmer and enthusiastic landscape designer/owner of POWERPLANT Garden Design. Scott is happiest when showcasing rare and classic tomato varieties as owner and producer of Tomatomania®, the world's largest tomato seedling sale. He's just finished a new book that will teach new gardeners and accomplished veterans a thing or two about growing tomatoes – and how to have fun while doing it!

For further details on speakers, vendors, coupons and more, visit [SDBGarden.org/events](http://SDBGarden.org/events).

**Cost: Free with paid admission or membership**



Photo: Rachel Cobb

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### Docent-led Guided Tours Every Saturday, 10:30 am

Meet at the Visitor Center.

On the last Saturday of the month, the tour focuses on water-wise plants.

**Cost: Free with paid 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 fee (to cover expenses) in addition to paid admission or membership.**



Photo: Diana McCright

### 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.

**Cost: Free.**



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## Winter Classes

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

Series Dates:

Saturday, January 10

Saturday, January 17

Saturday, January 31

Saturday, February 14

8:30 – 11:30 am

Turn your traditional turf yard into a WaterSmart landscape. Presented by San Diego Botanic Garden and the San Diego County Water Authority. Series conducted over 4 weeks. For more information and to fill out an application go to [landscapemakeover.watersmartsd.org](http://landscapemakeover.watersmartsd.org) or email Angela Benson at [landscapemakeover@sdcwa.org](mailto:landscapemakeover@sdcwa.org).

### Succulent Turtle Class

Saturday, January 31 • 9 am – 12 pm

Take home a charming succulent turtle that you make yourself in this class taught by the SDBG Succulent Wreath Team. Please bring small clippers or scissors to class. Fee includes materials.

**Cost: Members \$35, Non-Members \$42**  
Register by January 23.

### Abstract Nature Photography – Bob Bretell

Saturday, February 7 • 9 am – 1 pm

During this four-hour workshop, photographers are invited to depart from reality, by using nothing but your creative eyes and imagination. Explore the garden with your camera like never before and transform ordinary objects of nature into works of art. Photographers of all levels, including smart phone photographers, are encouraged to sign up.

**Cost: Members \$62, Non-Members \$75**  
Register by January 30.

### Color Pencil and Watercolor Garden Journaling

Sunday, February 8 • 9:30 am – 4 pm

Learn clever user-friendly ways to draw natural shapes from the Garden by combining watercolors, water-soluble pens and colored pencils. Blend beautiful color layers and create dark and light mixtures to go along with your own personal journal garden entries.

All levels of expertise are welcome!  
**Cost: Members \$78, Non-Members \$92**  
(includes \$8 materials kit provided by the instructor)

Instructor supplied materials kit includes: Tombow pens, Chartpak pens, gesso, paper text for collage, and matt medium. Register by January 30.

### Snakes and Other Friends I've Known: Herpetology with John Neville

(Three sessions to choose from, or take all three)

### Evolution of Snakes: Natural History of Amphibians and Reptiles

Saturday, February 21 • 1:30 – 3pm

### Reptiles and Amphibians of San Diego Botanic Garden

Saturday, February 28 • 1:30 – 3pm

### Venomous Animals of the United States

Saturday, March, 7 • 1:30 - 3pm

Be prepared to be enthralled with the natural history of amphibians and reptiles including the physical features, classifications, feeding habits, habitats, reproduction, myths and environmental status of snakes, lizards, frogs, and more. An emphasis will be placed on animals that live locally, especially in or near the San Diego Botanic Garden.

**Cost: Members \$30 per Saturday session or \$75 for the whole series, Non-Members \$36 per session or \$90 for the whole series.**

Register by February 13.

### Succulent Wreath Class

Tuesday, February 24 • 9 am – 2 pm

Register by February 13

Tuesday, April 28 • 9 am – 2 pm

Register by April 17

Tuesday, May 19 • 9 am – 2 pm

Register by May 8

Take home a beautiful succulent wreath that you make yourself. Taught by the SDBG Succulent Wreath Team. Please bring small clippers or scissors to class. Fee includes materials

**Cost: Members \$60, Non-Members \$72.**

### Mosaic Garden Jewels

Wednesday, March 11 • 12:30 – 3:30 pm

Wednesday, March 18 • 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Create a beautiful mosaic you make yourself using ocean rocks and glass beads. Learn how to glue and grout colorful beads to create flowers, plants, or other shapes resulting in attractive garden art.

**Cost: Members \$30, Non-members \$36**  
A \$20 materials fees is also paid directly to the instructor on the first day of class.  
Register by March 6.

### Chef Elizabeth's "That's Italian" Cooking Class

Saturday, March 21 • 2 – 4:30 pm

Everyone loves Italian food and these recipes will quickly become your new favorites! Chef Elizabeth has created several new Italian inspired recipes including Tuscan Style Pork Ribs with Balsamic Glaze, flavored with four different herbs and four different spices then marinated overnight and slowly baked to create a full flavored and tender rib. What goes better with ribs than Slowly Cooked White Beans with Escarole and sundried tomatoes. And for a little something sweet, Apricot Biscotti with Dark Chocolate Glaze.

**Cost: Members \$30, Non-Members \$36**  
Register by March 13.

### Backyard Chickens Class

Saturday, March 21 • 9:30 am – 12 pm

Join Paul Barbano to find out the basics about raising chickens in your own backyard including: Are backyard chickens legal? Which breed is best for you? Start with chicks or full-grown hens?

Paul will also discuss housing and outdoor pens; feed and water; sunlight and shade; and common chicken problems. Handouts are provided. Paul has a background in agriculture and is a farm and garden writer for several newspapers.

**Cost: Members \$30, Non-Members \$36**  
Register by March 13.

### Create a Succulent Mushroom for a Garden Accent

Tuesday, March 24 • 9 am – 12 pm

Create a unique garden design in succulents and moss that you make yourself! Class size is limited, so early registration is recommended. Taught by the SDBG Succulent Wreath Team. Please bring small clippers or scissors to class. Fee includes materials.

**Cost: Members \$35, Non-Members \$42**  
Register by March 14.

### Build Your Own Hydroponic Spring Garden

Saturday, March 28 • 9 am – 1 pm

Learn the principles of the hydroponic wick method by building your own sustainable garden to take home.

Instructor: Alex Kallas of AgPALS. Fee includes materials.

**Cost: Members \$75, Non-Members \$90**  
Register by March 20.



# THE OLIVE ALONE

By Dr. Ori Fragman-Sapir  
Jerusalem Botanic Gardens  
Translation by Susan Hattis Rolef

Julian Duval, SDBG President and CEO  
with a wild olive tree in Israel.

*Note: The Jerusalem Botanic Gardens (JBG), located in Israel, is a sister garden to the San Diego Botanic Garden. Dr. Fragman-Sapir is the Director of Research and Conservation at JBG.*

The Common European Olive (*Olea europaea*) is a Mediterranean, evergreen tree. The oldest olive finding that was discovered in Israel, in archeological digs in Mount Carmel, is in the form of olive pits, which were dated at around 10,000 BCE, suggesting that prehistoric man fed on olives. The domestication of the tree occurred around the year 4,000 BCE. Today, the olive is primarily a cultivated tree in Israel, meaning most of the olive trees are planted, or are the seedlings of cultivated trees. Real, native wild olives may be found in Israel only on Mount Carmel and Western Galilee. These trees are shrubby olives, with smaller fruit.

Wild olives are also found along the whole of Africa. Between the Mediterranean European Olive and the African Olive (*Olea africana*) one can see intermediate fertile forms. Mediterranean and Wild African Olives can be seen in the South Africa Section in the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens in Israel.

## The survival of the olive

Most olive trees are tens to hundreds of years old. It is impossible to tell the age of the olive on the basis of its trunk rings, since olive trunk rings are not regularly annually created. After a hundred years or more, the olive trunk rots partially, but it frequently manages to rejuvenate at the base, and theoretically the tree can live forever.

In April-May the olive tree is covered in many whitish, small flowers. The flowers disperse a good deal of pollen into the air, and they are pollinated both by the wind and insects (the pollen is allergenic). In the course of summer, fruit develops. The green olive is in fact an unripe fruit. In autumn, the green olives turn black spontaneously and their oil content rises. Therefore, the green olive and black olive are just two stages in the development of the fruit.

Olive leaves are rigid and live for several years. The leaf upper side is green and its bottom side silvery. The leaf's silvery felt-like coat decreases water loss. In addition, the silvery color constitutes an additional insulating layer, which further reduces water loss.

## The olive in the service of man

In ancient times olive products were exported from the land of Israel to Egypt. In that period man utilized olive oil to light lamps, which enabled continuous lighting in the dark hours, and freed man from camp fires. To the light of olive oil lamps, man could engage in cultural and administrative activities at night.

At first, olive propagation took place by seed, later on, as man learned to root branches, the offspring were identical in quality to the mother plant. Later on, varied domestic olives were grafted.

Olive oil and leaf extract had, and still has, many uses in popular medicine. Oleic acid in the oil is known as an efficient antioxidant and one reason why the consumption of olive oil is so healthy. Olive oil is also used in the soap and cosmetics industry. In ancient times, the anointment of the body with oil was reserved for members of the upper classes. Another important use of olive oil, traditionally, was for ritual purposes.

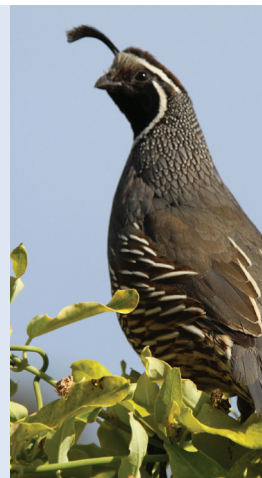
## The olive harvest

The time of the olive harvest is one of the symbols of autumn. In Israel it takes place in October-November, around the holiday of Succoth, and various festivals are held around it. Traditionally, olives were grown throughout the country on mountainous terraces. In recent years, olives have been grown in the Negev Desert, where the trees are irrigated with saline groundwater, which is unsuitable for other crops.

## Remembering Garden Friends

The Garden will miss these special,  
longtime friends who recently  
passed away in 2014:

Miriam and Jerome Katzin  
Don Lowe  
Dave Montag  
Ken Nikodym





# 2014 Gala in the Garden

On September 6, 2014, San Diego Botanic Garden held our 15th annual Gala in the Garden, themed *Right in Our Own Backyard* and our “backyard” never looked more spectacular. More than 550 guests entered through an arch covered in twisted branches, colorful flowers and leaves. They were welcomed with a champagne toast and the vivacious sounds of Euphoria Brass Band.

Two long-time Garden advocates led the event: Mo Ecke, Honorary Chair and Jim Ruecker, Gala Committee Chair. Jim was joined by a dedicated committee and more than 75 volunteers.

Guests perused the silent auction with more than 100 unique offerings and continued the Garden stroll through six separate gardens beginning in Canary Islands. Delicate purple lighting illuminated the Lawn Garden where Latin jazz played and attendees enjoyed samplings from caterers, wineries and craft brewers. Starlight Photo Booth, sponsored by Westfield UTC, let guests capture the night’s memories. The Ocean Terrace and Walled Garden hummed with acapella group DooWap, followed by dancing to Len Rainey & the Midnight Players in the Herb Garden. The last stop was the Subtropical Fruit Garden transformed into a Farmers Market. Vendor displays overflowed with floral arrangements, edible fruits and vegetables. Local farmers teamed with caterers to create farm-to-table cuisine. The California Avocado Commission and Chef John Williams presented avocado halves topped with shrimp ratatouille as bluegrass music by The Sunny Side Strings filled the air.

René van Rems and his team of over 40 volunteers created lavish florals for the evening. Florists came from all over the country to assist with the three-day preparations. All of the magnificent arrangements incorporated the theme with edible elements such as pumpkins, berries, artichokes, lemons and more. René and his team transformed the parking lot into a magnificent Open Air Pavilion thanks to the generosity of Briggs Nursery and Tree Company, Olive Hill Nursery, Scott Fence and other floral providers.

At sunset, guests gathered in the Open Air Pavilion for the evening’s program. Julian Duval, President and CEO, led a successful Fund-A-Need live auction for a new electric 15 passenger shuttle that will improve the visitor experience by enabling guests to observe the Garden’s 37 acres.

Eric Larson, Executive Director of the San Diego County Farm Bureau, was presented with the 2014 Paul Ecke Jr. Award of Excellence. Larson has been vital to San Diego County’s agricultural industry having served with the San Diego County Farm Bureau, the Carlsbad Municipal Water District, the San Diego County Water Authority, Carlsbad City Council and the Encina Wastewater Authority. Lizbeth Ecke presented Larson with this prestigious award named after her father. San Diego County Board Supervisor Dave Roberts and Tom Stinson, Communications Director for the 75th District Assemblywoman Marie Waldron, also recognized Eric with special proclamations.

Several special guests joined the evening with landmark announcements concerning our capital campaign for the newly-named Dickinson Family Education Conservatory. Jim Farley, President and CEO of the Leichtag Foundation, announced a \$1 million dollar grant for the Conservatory and Rebecca Dickinson Welch took the stage representing the Donald C. and Elizabeth M. Dickinson Foundation announcing an extension of the challenge grant deadline through the end of 2015, stating that her family

was inspired by the Leichtag Foundation’s generosity, as well as that of the other donors who have helped the Garden with the Conservatory project.

Thanks to our guests and near-record attendance, along with the support of our generous sponsors, in-kind donors, hard-working Gala Committee and volunteers, the Gala netted over \$132,000, our most successful to date. Save the date for our 2015 Gala on September 12.



A fruitful table with June Andersen, Ruth Eustance & Joie Reavis



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Garden President & CEO Julian Duval & Honoree Eric Larson



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## Seeds of Wonder

### For Children

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 x222



### Birthday Parties

For children ages 1 – 12



On Saturdays and Sundays, we reserve the picnic area in Seeds of Wonder or the 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](http://SDBGarden.org/birthday.htm) for detailed information or contact Susanne Brueckner at [SOW@SDBGarden.org](mailto:SOW@SDBGarden.org), to book a party.

### School Group Visits

Detailed information and tour request forms for self-guided and docent guided group visits can be found on our website at [SDBGarden.org/hcg\\_tours.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/hcg_tours.htm).

## Upcoming Children's Events

### Spring Garden Festival and Tomatomania®

Activities for children will be offered during the Spring Garden Festival and Tomatomania® on March 14 and 15. For detailed information on this event, please see page 5.

### Spring Party with Bunny in Seeds of Wonder

Saturday, April 4

Early Party: 10 – 11:30 am

Late Party: 11:30 am – 1 pm



Children ages 2 to 6 are invited to visit with our gentle bunny, pet real bunnies and chicks, and make some colorful spring crafts. Children will also parade through the garden and go on a bunny hunt. Parties are limited to 50 children, so pre-registration is required.

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



### HCG Gate

#### Scott Fence Creates a Beautiful New Gate for Hamilton Children's Garden

Metal artists Kent Scott (owner), Patrick Glass and Eddie Samario from Scott Fence created an incredible new gate for the Hamilton Children's Garden ... and then very generously donated it to the Garden. Come and see this lovely addition to the Garden. (L to R): Patrick Glass, Scott Fence; Kent Scott, Owner, Scott Fence; SDBG President & CEO Julian Duval; Eddie Samario, Scott Fence; Tracie Barham, SDBG; Nancy Kelly, SDBG; Susanne Brueckner, SDBG; Michelle Kinney, SDBG; and Paul Redeker, SDBG.



# HCCG



## Hamilton Children's Garden

### Ongoing Programs for Children

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

#### Seeds of Wonder

##### Tuesdays

10 am – 12 pm (except first Tuesday of the month)

##### 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 - 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 as our motorman-engineer James runs his special trains and answers all of your questions. A nature-related craft and plant potting also will be offered. *The Preschool Explorer Sprouts* guide children through seasonal activities on the first Thursday of every month.



Photos (4): Rachel Cobb

#### Hamilton Children's Garden



#### 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. Paint pictures in the Art Garden 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 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!

#### Scavenger Hunt

Flyers 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 post new scavenger hunts regularly.

#### Art Garden Happenings

Daily, except the first Tuesday of the month and some Sundays

Study posters featuring our Artist of the Month and Plant of the Month and then do a mixed media project, which is inspired by this artist or plant. Craft activities are always open-ended and suitable for children of all skill levels.



# Volunteer and Docent News

## October Volunteer of the Month: **JOAN HERSKOWITZ**

Joan, who hails from New York City, has been a docent at the Garden since 2009. She began her career as a biology teacher and ended as a Program Analyst for the County of San Diego Department of Housing and Community Development. Her interest in gardening started with a window box and a two-cent packet of seeds. Before retiring, she and her husband David found Quail Botanical Gardens (now San Diego Botanic Gardens) on an exploratory trip to the San Diego area. After scouting the region, Joan and David moved to Leucadia. She enjoys working at the Fall Plant Sale, selling plants at special events and guiding tours at the Garden. Joan loves talking to people about plants, their growth habits and how to care for them. 'Plant people' (as she calls them) are some of her favorite individuals.



## November Volunteer of the Month: **SUE RICHARDSON**

Originally from Iowa, Sue started gardening on a tractor! Professionally, Sue was instrumental in the founding of The Women's Resource Center and later Casa de Amparo in San Diego. Before retiring, she worked as a Master in Juvenile Court. She found the Garden to be a stabilizing influence while working at the court and when she did retire, Sue enjoyed (as she still does today) digging in the ground, working admissions and helping out at many special events involving children – including being the Easter Bunny. Psychologically, Sue feels that the Garden is a very healthy place to be.



## December Volunteers of the Month:

## **NANNETTE CLARK AND ELIZABETH HOW** SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN'S VERY OWN BOTANIC PRINT LADIES

For 40 years Nannette kept the statistics for American Tropical Tuna Commission for the entire Eastern Pacific Ocean. As a child, she learned about gardening from her neighbors - one with a beautiful flower garden and the other with lath houses of Tuberous Begonias.

Elizabeth grew up in Michigan, graduated from San Diego State University and then worked as an elementary school librarian. She grew up helping her mother in the garden and has always had her own organic vegetable and flower garden.

Nannette and Elizabeth met at the Natural History Museum while printing note cards for the museum's gift shop. They were thrilled to find the San Diego Botanic Garden where they could print in beautiful surroundings and donate their cards - which they have been doing for 17 years! One of their fondest memories of the Garden is of the little quail that would greet them in the parking lot to dance about their bumpers and hubcaps. They also enjoy the bamboo garden with its quiet and tranquil surroundings.



## **Spring 2015 Docent Training Begins January 29**

### **Why become a docent at the San Diego Botanic Garden?**

"For me, it was a chance to get intimately involved with this amazing place, it really inspires me," says Sally Sandler, who's been a docent at the Garden for 7 years. "These in-depth (docent) classes took me a long-way in terms of plant recognition. And we also learned botany, history, plant sustainability and even some philosophy!"

If you'd like the opportunity to learn more about our beautiful Garden, get involved and sign up for the Spring 2015 Docent Training Class today. It's an exciting series of 8 classes taught every other Thursday from 9:30 am – 1 pm. Registration is \$50 plus 10 hours of volunteer service at the Garden. For more information, contact Michelle Kinney at 760/ 436-3036 x206 or [mkinney@sdbgarden.org](mailto:mkinney@sdbgarden.org).

## **Docent Meetings Everyone Welcome**

### **First Wednesday of the Month Arrive at 11 am for the program**

**January 7:** Susan Smith and Rita Campbell are volunteers who conduct weekly Saturday morning bird walks in the Garden. They will share photos and discuss the characteristics of birds often seen in our area.

**February 4:** Doug Gibson, Executive Director of the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, will discuss the efforts planned to restore the wetland. When restored this would re-establish natural water filtration, return fish nurseries and provide mudflat habitat for migrating birds as well as create cleaner beaches.

**March 4:** Steve Farrar, a commercial mushroom grower, will share information on wild and cultivated mushrooms as well as the use of mushrooms for food as well as medicinal purposes. The life cycle of mushrooms and their production will also be discussed.



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I hope you and your family enjoyed a great holiday season. A highlight for my family and me was visiting the Garden of Lights at San Diego Botanic Garden. The Garden is a tremendous, regional asset. As thousands of families marveled at the holiday light displays, I was proud to have played a part in securing the County of San Diego's support as a presenting sponsor.

San Diego Botanic Garden and its staff are on a mission to inspire people of all ages to connect with plants and nature. That connection goes a long way toward keeping people active, healthy and thriving. I appreciate the beautiful plant collection and the many programs and events that make the rare specimens accessible to all San Diegans.

The Garden of Lights was spectacular, but don't wait until next December to visit San Diego Botanic Garden!

Sincerely, *Dave Roberts*

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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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Stacy Fattaleh and Mary Roper unload plants for the sale.

## Fall Plant Sale Helps Our Garden Grow

Thanks to the generosity of more than 100 local growers and plant lovers, our 2014 Fall Plant Sale was a tremendous success. Co-chairs Stacy Fattaleh, Jane Hunt and Liz Woodward led an extraordinary team of docents and volunteers whose hard work raised more than \$55,000 for the Garden's programs, operations and exhibits. The sale featured a wide array of plants from rare and unusual varieties to drought-tolerant species, edibles and everything in-between. Jams and jellies, books and baked goods, a silent auction and a raffle, as well as our Botanic Attic, which offered an eclectic collection of donated pots, birdhouses and other accessories, were also featured. A BIG thank you to the donors, visitors and members who helped to make this event such a hit!

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