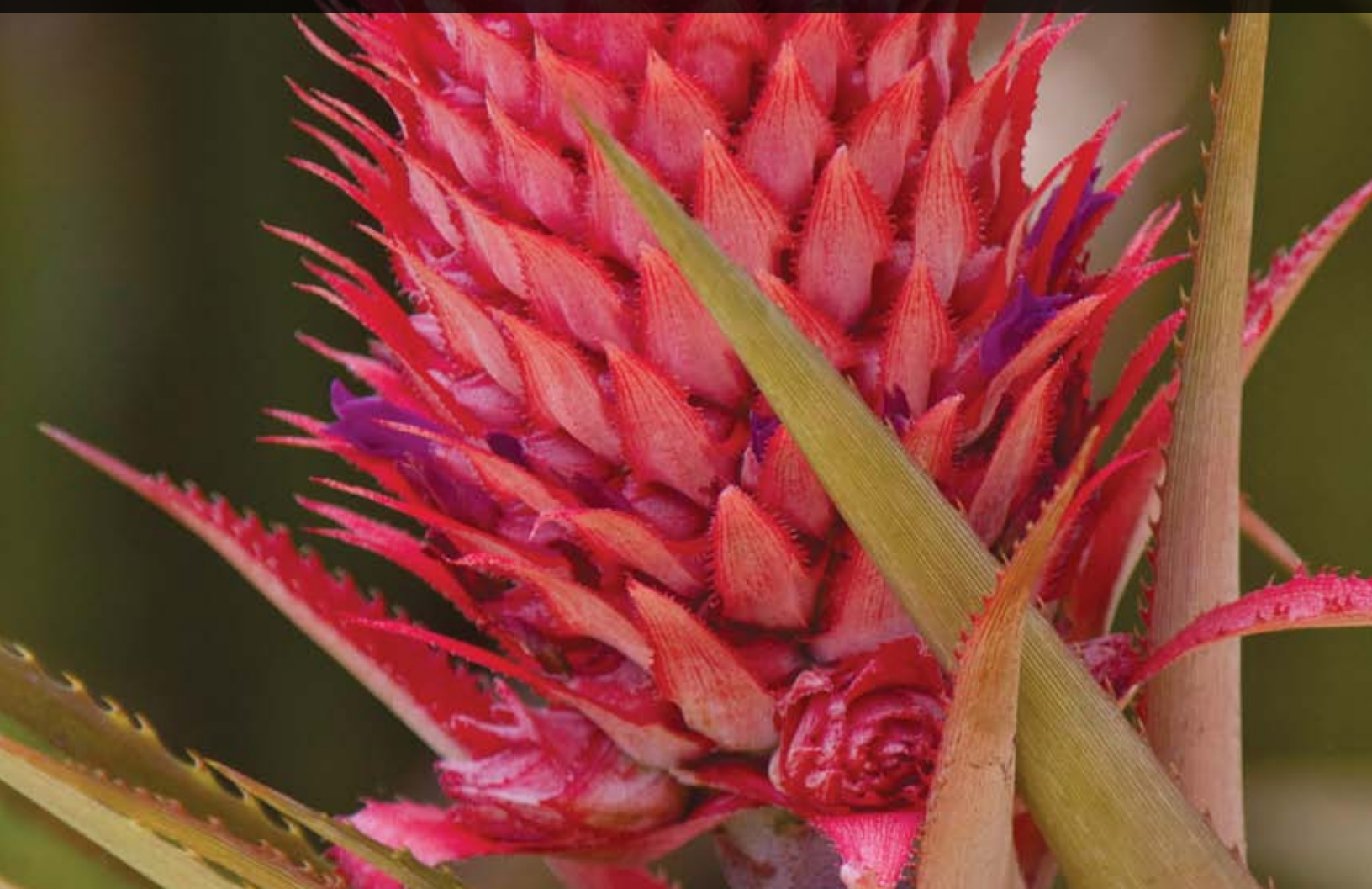


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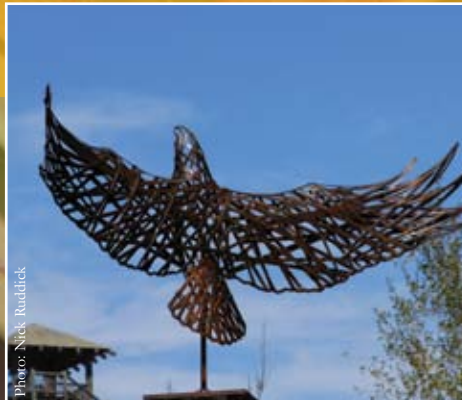
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Thanks to a generous Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant from the County of San Diego and the support of County Supervisor Dave Roberts, the Garden has a wonderful new refreshment area complete with tables with umbrellas and chairs. A coffee cart run by Employment & Community Options will also be housed in this new space.





Message from the President

Julian Duval
President/CEO

Health benefits of San Diego Botanic Garden

As all of you who are good friends of the Garden know, there is great therapeutic benefit derived from a visit to San Diego Botanic Garden. There is an inherent attraction places of natural beauty have for people. Consider how nature has inspired nearly all human expression of art. There is a quote on a plaque in the Walled Garden taken from a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson: *"In the woods we return to reason and faith..."* It serves as a reminder about the benefits of visiting our beautiful Garden.

For the last 20 years, we have provided an Easter Egg hunt for the children and their families of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Clearly, it is a special treat for these families to engage in an activity that does not involve an illness or visit to the hospital. But again, it is also the environment that makes it special for them.

I also know there are times when people come to the Garden because of dealing with sadness in their lives, or maybe just needing a peaceful and beautiful natural environment to experience. Fourteen years ago, we decided to make the Garden free of charge for a month after the tragedy of 9/11 knowing it would be helpful in healing from that terrible time.

Needless to say, we are all very busy at San Diego Botanic Garden. Just writing down all of the exciting updates to share with you (below) makes me want to take a walk in the Garden! Like all of our staff and volunteers who work here – and can get stressed out keeping all of the programs in operation – I need to decompress and partake in the tonic that is in this space. And I know how we all share in that joy of helping to provide that healthy tonic to the hundreds of thousands of visitors who come to the Garden annually.

Garden Updates

We are very pleased with the continued progress on the Come Grow With Us campaign to fund the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory. We are over 80% toward meeting the challenge of receiving a \$1 million challenge grant from the Donald C. and Elizabeth M. Dickinson Foundation for the project. The design continues to be refined into something we will all be very proud of and

we are about to submit our grading permit for the project. Acquisition of the unique plant material for the interior of the Conservatory has begun, and for these special plants we have the kind assistance of the Leichtag Foundation, providing us with greenhouse space.

The Dickinson Family Education Conservatory is a major project and will be a wonderful addition to what the Garden has to offer our visitors. However we have yet another major project in the works.

Due to the efforts of our County Supervisor, Dave Roberts, County capital funds have been secured to make some major changes that will also become notable improvements in the value of San Diego Botanic Garden visitors' experience.

Consistent with the Garden's master plan, we will be developing a horticulture and maintenance staff complex in the southwest service area of the Garden. This will in turn allow for the historic Larabee House and the lower portion of the Lawn House, which are used for these purposes now, to be added to experiences our visitors will be able to enjoy.

The Larabee House will be returned to how it was when the Larabees lived in this small house on some 30 acres of ocean view property. The Lawn House, particularly that portion that is used as a maintenance facility and garage, will become part of the visitor experience as an interpretive center. Thank you, Supervisor Dave Roberts, for making this possible.

I am very excited about the prospects of both of these major projects, but there is even more to keep us busy improving the Garden and that is on top of all the upcoming events listed in this issue of *Quail Tracks*.

At the time of this writing, we are awaiting arrival of an electric and solar powered shuttle vehicle that will be used to make the Garden more accessible to people with ambulatory challenges. This shuttle was made available from funds raised at last year's Gala. I hope everyone has their calendar marked to attend the Gala on September 12. It is truly an over-the-top garden party, with the Garden's unique and special environment that adds to our attendees' experience. Hope to see all of you there!

Finally, another welcome addition that should be in place by the time you are reading this, is our partnership with the nonprofit, Employment and Community Options. This agency specializes in providing training and job opportunities for low-income adults with intellectual disabilities. They will be providing and operating a coffee and snack kiosk in the space provided next to our Gift Shop through a grant from the County's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program. Again, we have Supervisor Dave Roberts to thank for making this possible, and we are pleased that our coffee snack kiosk will be part of the County's "LiveWell San Diego" program.

Remembering Jane Minshall

The Garden recently lost long-time friend Jane Minshall, a trailblazer, a world traveler and the first female landscape architect to practice in San Diego. In 1947, Jane was hired by the city to oversee a large project landscaping San Diego's public schools. She flourished in this position and, for 30 years, was an innovator in her field and an early advocate of using water smart plants in public landscapes. In 2006, she was recognized as San Diego Horticultural Society's Horticulturist of the Year, and in a profile by the Society, Jane summed up her life-long passion, "What more satisfying interest could one have than nature and plants?" She will be greatly missed.

Traillazing landscape architect Jane Minshall (left) with Garden President & CEO Julian Duval and Deputy Director of Development Nancy Kelly (in back) during a visit in April 2015.



Photo: Rachel Cobb



Photo: Nick Ruddick

Upcoming Events

Thursday Family Fun Night at San Diego Botanic Garden

Thursday, July 9, 16, 23, 30 • 4:30 – 8 pm
Thursday, August 6, 13, 20, 27 • 4:30 – 8 pm

Families are invited to pack up the kids and enjoy some outdoor fun at Thursday Family Fun Night from 4:30 pm – 8 pm, now through August 27. Each Thursday the Hamilton Children's Garden comes alive with family-friendly entertainment designed to amuse both adults and children from 6 – 7 pm.

Garden lovers of all ages are also invited to come during Thursday Family Fun Night to take advantage of extended evening hours at San Diego Botanic Garden. The entire Garden will be open until 8 pm each Thursday, now through August 27.

Cost: Free with paid admission or membership. For more information visit SDBGarden.org/thursnight.htm.

Thursday Family Fun Night is funded in part by the City of Encinitas and Mizel Family Foundation Community Grant Program. Thursday Family Fun Night is also sponsored in part by The Rancho Santa Fe Rotary Club.

July 9	Twinkle Time
July 16	Hullabaloo
July 23	Patty Hall
July 30	Clint Perry
August 6	Puppet Potpourri: Dragons, Damsels and 'Gourdian' Angels
August 13	YMCA Dance Team
August 20	Clint Perry
August 27	Hullabaloo



Hullabaloo

Active Duty Military Receive Free Admission & Discounted Membership Now – Labor Day, September 7, 2015

Thanks to the ongoing generous support of Frances Hamilton White, San Diego Botanic Garden is proud to once again participate in the Blue Star Museums program of the National Endowment for the Arts. Active duty, National Guard, and Reserve members of the U.S. military and their families (card carrier plus 5 immediate family members) receive free admission to the Garden from now through Labor Day, September 7, 2015. Simply show one of the following active military I.D. cards at Admissions: • Army • Navy • Air Force • Marines • Coast Guard • National Guard • Reserve.

In addition, Frances is kindly continuing to underwrite two-thirds of the cost of basic memberships for active duty military families through December 31, 2015. For more information, please contact Stasi at 760/ 436-3036 x214.

Sculpture in the Garden **Now – April 2016**

Daily 9 am – 5 pm

This unique exhibition showcases sculptures from 26 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 works with an emphasis on diversity of media and scale. Take a self-guided tour with the Garden's dedicated Sculpture Map. For a list of participating artists, visit SDBGarden.org/sculpture.htm.

Double Takes - Art/Photo Show

Monday, July 20 – Saturday, September 26

A botanical art display with a unique twist, this exhibit showcases the photography of Rachel Cobb, a International Photographer, paired with the drawings of Lesley Randall, SDBG's Curator of Collections. Visitors will see the same plant species depicted in a photograph and a fine art work. The artists have selected works that capture some of the unusual and striking plants growing in the Garden.

The public is invited to the opening reception Monday, July 20, from 3 – 5 pm. Your paid admission to the Garden is your admission to the reception.

Cost: Free with paid admission or membership.

Insect Festival

Saturday, July 25 & Sunday, July 26 • 10 am – 4 pm

This one-of-a-kind event features thousands of fascinating creepy-crawlies including live insects, lizards, snakes, and the famous "Madagascar hissing cockroaches." Children can practice bug collecting, hands-on insect arts and crafts, and even taste cooked mealworm larva (in various flavors such as mesquite, teriyaki, and barbeque!). Entomologists and other bug experts will be available for questions and more than 20 informational booths will teach and entertain children and adults alike.

Cost: Free with paid admission or membership.
Free for all children 12 and under.

**Insect Festival is sponsored by K&M Pest Solutions
and the Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club.**



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Summer Jazz Concert

Featuring The Big Band and Jazz Hall of Fame Orchestra

Sunday, August 9 • 5 – 8pm

Spend the evening listening to the sounds of the Big Band and Jazz Hall of Fame Orchestra perform the music of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, Artie Shaw, Stan Kenton, and many more. This talented Orchestra plays authentic arrangements of these famous big bands. CD's will be available for purchase the day of the concert.

Cost: Adult member \$15; Adult non-member \$25;
Youth member \$5; youth non-member \$10.

Remember to collect any books, audio books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes you'd like to donate for our Annual Book Sale at the Fall Plant Sale (Oct. 17 & 18). We'll be accepting donations after September 15.



Save the Dates

Orchid Fair
October 3 – 4

Fall Plant Sale
October 17 & 18

Fall Festival
October 31

Garden of Lights
December 5 – 23, 26 – 30



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Summer Classes

Mosaic Garden Jewels

**Wednesday, July 1 • 12:30 – 3:30 pm &
Wednesday, July 8 • 12:30 – 2:30 pm**

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

Instructor: Candy Sharda

Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$36, plus a \$20 materials fees is paid directly to the instructor on the first day of class.

Living Wall / Vertical Garden

Saturday, July 11 • 9 am -12 pm

Learn the basics of planting a living wall. We will be planting a 10" x 20" wall comprised of a variety of succulents. Living walls can be used to decorate an exterior or interior wall with multitudes of colors, textures and sizes. The possibilities of striking patterns and unique designs are endless!

Instructor: Mary Lou Morgan

Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$36 plus \$70 per student materials paid directly to the instructor at the class. Please register by July 3.

Watercolor Botanical Pour Workshop

Sunday, July 12 • 9:30am – 4pm

Watermedia pours provide harmonious glowing washes of color on paper. Paint will literally be poured on wet paper surfaces with a "let it go" attitude! Incredible fusions of color will appear with hardly any effort at all. This is a great way to build up colorful backgrounds for collage and extended layers for stenciling and stamping. Be prepared to loosen up and experiment with different resists and textures to build up the surfaces, paint translucent layers, and create extraordinary botanical shapes. Explore mark-making with gesso, watercolor crayons, and other risk-taking strokes that will break that "tight grip on the brush" approach. All levels are welcome to take this class. Instructor: Helen Shafer Garcia.

Cost: Members \$81, non-members \$97. Please register by July 6.

Build Your Own Hydroponic Summer Garden

Saturday, July 18 • 9 am – 12 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. Please register by July 10.

Solar Energy: Facts vs Fiction

Sunday, July 19 • 10 – 11am

The Solana Center for Environmental Innovation presents, "Solar Energy: Facts vs. Fiction" as part of their Green Living Workshop Series. Whether you want to lower your electric bill or go off the grid, this workshop is for you! Mike will cut through the misinformation and provide you with a clear understanding of residential solar technology, the benefits of solar - environmental and economic and the real costs. He'll also talk about how PV solar works with the utility grid and how it affects billing, leasing vs. buying solar panels, current rebates and incentives and other things to consider - roofing, shade, etc. Bring your questions!

Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$36. Please register by July 10.

FREE Compost Workshop

Saturday, August 15 • 10 am – 12 pm

Presented by the Solana Center for Recycling this 2-hour, interactive workshop, will teach the basics of backyard composting and vermicomposting (composting with worms). Using trial-tested advice and 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.

Please register online at: solanacenter.org

Care and Cooking Class – I Love Figs

Saturday, September 5 • 9 – 11 am

Fig propagation and care paired with the preparation of fig dishes. Students will learn the finer points of making Rum Raisin Cupcakes and Fig Pizza and enjoy these yummy treats for lunch. Instructor: Celia Kiewit.

Cost: Members \$35, non-members \$42, plus a \$10 materials fee paid directly to the instructor. Please register by August 28.

Succulent Wreath Class

Tuesday, September 15 • 9 am – 2 pm

Take home a beautiful succulent wreath that you make yourself. Taught by the SDBG wreath team.

Cost: Members \$60, non-members \$72. Fee includes materials. Please register by September 11.



Smartphone Nature Photography

Saturday, September 19 • 9 am - 1 pm

If you own an iPhone or an Android and love nature photography then this class is for you. Today's smartphones empower us to record the world in ever newer and more personal ways. This 4-hour (and totally fun!) photo workshop will teach you how to take an ordinary nature snapshot and turn it into a work of art using phone aps like Snapseed, Slowshutter, and Procamera. The class will end with a photo critique and discussion. Instructor: Bob Bretell

Cost: Members \$59, non-members \$71. Please register by September 11.

Cooking Class with Chef Elizabeth, the Opera Singing Chef

Autumn Themed Recipes

Saturday, September 19 • 2 – 4:30pm

Learn art of making Apple-Smoked Chicken Breasts with Cherry Balsamic Barbecue Sauce, Rustic Red Potato Mash and Gingersnap Rum-Baked Pears. Recipes and samples of each dish will be offered. Instructor: Chef Elizabeth

Cost: Members \$35, non-members \$42. Please register by September 11.

Creative and Colorful Succulent Landscapes

Sunday, September 20 • 10 – 11am

The Solana Center for Environmental Innovation presents, "Creative and Colorful Succulent Landscapes" as part of their Green Living Workshop Series. A drought-tolerant landscape doesn't have to be a blah, boring xeriscape. Learn how to create a waterwise garden full of color, texture and creativity! This workshop will teach you how to use an artistic approach to design a succulent landscape that is lush, vibrant and low-water use. Melissa Teisl and Jon Hawley of Chicweed Landscape Design will cover design basics, plant selection, plant placement, care and maintenance and provide a handout.

Cost: Members \$30, Non-members \$36. Please register by September 11.

Endowment Funds Provide Support for Intern and Staff Professional Development

Two endowment funds have been established at San Diego Botanic Garden to provide valuable support for professional development for staff, interns, and volunteers. *The Bill Teague Memorial Endowment Fund* and *The Hiroye Toyoda Memorial Endowment Fund* were established to honor their namesakes' passion for gardens and the sharing of knowledge.

Contributions from these meaningful funds allowed the Garden to welcome environmental biology student Fiona Gowen-Huang as an intern. In addition to providing Fiona with solid experience in a public garden, we were able to benefit from Fiona's talents and hard work. Below, Fiona describes her favorite aspects of interning at the Garden.

To learn how to support the Garden and create a lasting legacy of your own, please contact Tracie Barham, Director of Development, at 760/ 436-3036 x216.

Interning at San Diego Botanic Garden: Getting my 'Hands Dirty' at a Very Special Place

By Fiona Gowen-Huang

After college, I found myself moving from Los Angeles County, where I had studied environmental biology, down to San Diego County. In San Marino (near Pasadena where I used to live) I visited the Huntington Botanical Gardens many times, and had hoped to volunteer there, but moved before I had the chance. I was elated to discover that San Diego Botanic Garden offered internships and volunteer opportunities and I eagerly gave my time soon after moving to Vista. From my first day at the Garden, I quickly realized how special this place is. Every volunteer I met was welcoming, eager to meet me, and share their garden experiences. As an intern, I had the opportunity to work with many of these dedicated volunteers in various parts of the Garden.

In addition to getting my hands dirty, I also had the opportunity to experience the administrative side of the Garden. One thing most visitors don't think about is accounting for plants located in the Garden. Perhaps you've seen an aluminum tag or plastic ID placard near Garden plants. Each bamboo and palm is recorded and assigned a unique number when it is acquired. I worked with Lesley Randall, Curator of Plant Collections, to confirm scientific names and plant presence in the Garden. I then mapped the plants using a computer program to allow visualization of their location and ID information.

My favorite event to take part in while I was at the Garden was by far the Fall Plant Sale. I had never seen so many volunteers in one place at one time! Two weeks prior to the event, the propagation volunteers and I assisted Horticultural Manager Liz Rozycki in vamping up, planting, repotting, and identifying nursery plants suitable for the Sale. The week of, and each day leading up to, the Sale was filled with a frenzy of activity. Volunteers were arranging orchids, displaying miscellaneous "Botanic Attic" items, and organizing incoming trees. When new plants arrived by truck, people swarmed the area to help unload.

Being a part of San Diego Botanic Garden's community was a wonderful experience. I have a much greater appreciation of just how much work goes into maintenance of the Garden. It is truly a labor of love.

My time at the Garden has (not surprisingly) inspired me to start my own small garden, albeit on an apartment patio. I'm looking forward to harvesting broccoli alongside brussel sprouts in the upcoming months!

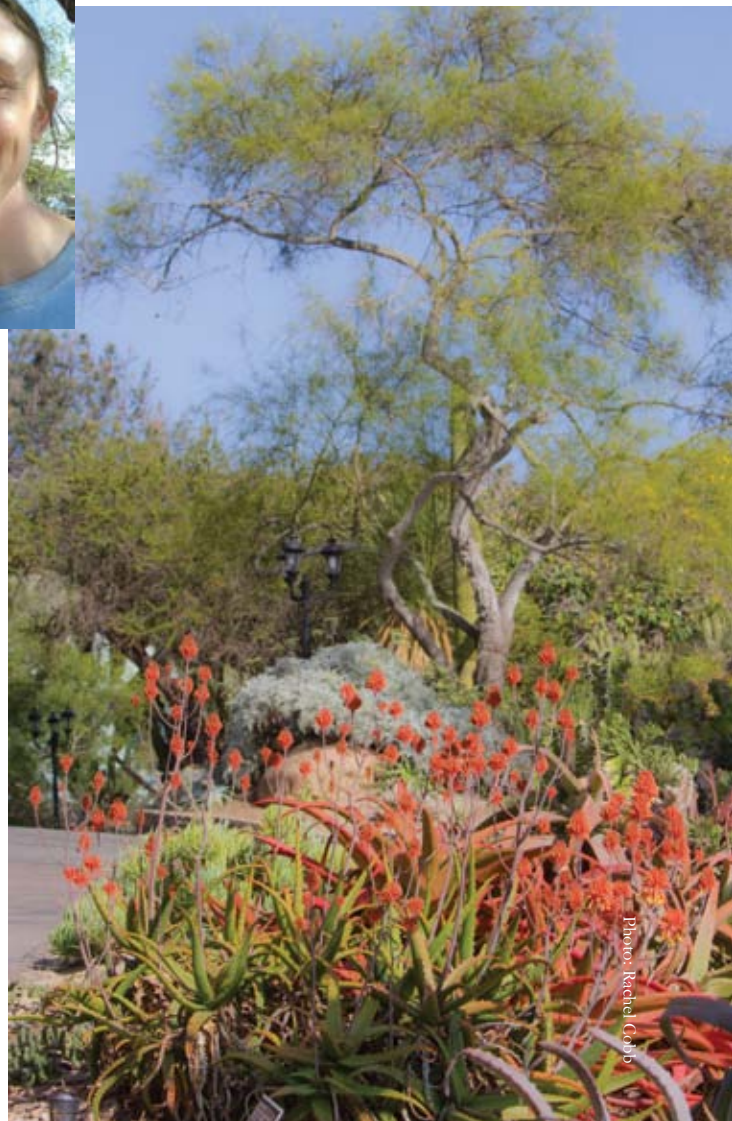


Photo: Kacie Cobb

Renowned as “The Begonia Queen,” Thelma O’Reilly is an avid horticulturalist, namesake of nearly a half-dozen plants, and a committed friend of San Diego Botanic Garden. Thelma’s passion for begonias, and later bromeliads, spans more than five decades. Now 97, Thelma and her husband, Tim, were early advocates of the Garden, contributing to the Hamilton Children’s Garden and our annual Gala. Today, they remain active supporters as longtime members of our Benefactor Society. Thelma’s vast knowledge has been an extraordinary resource for the Garden and our community, and we are grateful for her many contributions to the Garden’s growth.

Thelma Frances O’Reilly An Outstanding Figure in the World of Plants

by Robert Kopstein

San Diego Botanic Garden Docent
Originally published in “The Bromeliad Blade”

It all began when she was 3 years old, going on walks in the New Jersey woods with her father to observe plants such as trailing arbutus and wild orchids.

Thelma’s father had been an art student who married early: He was 19 and his bride 17 and even though he painted throughout his life, he really wanted to farm. Eventually he purchased acreage in southern New Jersey where he successfully grew vegetables, becoming one of the bigger (and wealthier) farmers in the area.

Thelma Bell (O’Reilly) was born on November 30, 1917 in Woodland, New Jersey to parents who structured their living around plants. Her mother was interested in house plants, so the family farmhouse, surrounded by vegetation, also had exotic greenery within as well. Her father’s paintings of nature decorated the walls of the family home, so Thelma’s early life was suffused with not just plant life itself, but also her father’s artistic interpretation of the botanical world. The walls of the house also sported hunting trophies of deer, elk, and bear, proof of Thelma’s father’s marksmanship with a hunting rifle.

The farm prospered throughout the 1920’s. The household included servants, and the business thrived until 1929. The local bank, where Thelma’s father had invested all his money, collapsed after the stock market crashed. The bank president, a very close friend, committed suicide. So Thelma’s father lost not only his good friend, but all his cash as well. In 1931 the farm had to be sold.

The Bell family moved to Norfolk, Virginia along with 14 year old Thelma, who by now was in high school because she was able to accelerate past the 7th grade, and then accelerate again. Thelma’s father went into the packing house business, and eventually the family’s finances recovered. Life began to settle down.

It was not long before Thelma caught the eye of a motorcycle policeman named James, and he came calling. But Thelma was somewhat less than enthusiastic about being courted. James, however, did not give up easily. He began to call her home and talk to Thelma’s mother and father, apparently a wise strategy, because he and Thelma eventually married and had two sons: Bob, an attorney in Fallbrook, CA; and Ronnie, who sadly passed away while visiting Thelma in August 2014.

Thelma, like her mother, began to take an interest in houseplants, and after her marriage to James ended in divorce, she opened a knitting shop to support herself and her two children. Anyone who has ever known Thelma would recognize that she has a very



independent streak and the intelligence to make that independence a positive force in her life.

In 1953 Thelma was invited to a social open to civilians at the military base in Norfolk, VA. The organizer of the party/dance was a young marine captain, Tim O’Reilly, an aide to a general on the base. During the evening festivities, one of the musical numbers was a “cut in” dance and Captain O’Reilly cut in on Thelma and her dance partner. Before the music ended, Tim told Thelma, “I’ll call you in a week or two or three.” Without missing a beat Thelma told him, “Get lost.” Because Tim was Tim, and a Marine, this rebuff did not in the least deter him. If Thelma would not see him, her mother would, and after repeated and cordial visits he not only won over Mom, but Thelma as well. They were married and three children were the result: Maureen, Rian, and Janet.

In 1961, the O’Reillys moved to California and Thelma’s interest in horticulture intensified. Many of the plants that she had to grow indoors back East could be grown outside in San Diego. Furthermore, many of the local nurseries were experimenting with

marketing many newly introduced tropical and sub-tropical species.

Back in Virginia, one of Thelma's early interests was begonias, and this interest continued in California. For more than 20 years, Thelma was the vice-president of the Margaret Lee Branch of the Begonia Society. And her love of begonias soon extended to bromeliads.

She became acquainted with Cleovis Hardin and his wife Jackie who ran a nursery in Lemon Grove, CA. On May 10, 1965, a small group of bromeliad aficionados, including Thelma, formed the San Diego Bromeliad Society, with Jackie Hardin as the first president. The group first met at the Hardin Nursery and then in various people's homes. Eventually they met at a church, and finally at the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. Both Thelma and Tim served as presidents of the society: She in 1975, 1976, and again in 1984; He in 1989.

Thelma soon became a member of the Bromeliad Society International (BSI), and by 1975, she became a member of the board of directors, when Elmer Lorenz was BSI president. To this day, Thelma and Elmer (101 years old next February) are still good friends, sharing stories and information about their love of plants.

Over the years, Thelma and Tim attended many BSI world conferences, where Thelma judged many of the shows. A lifetime member of the San Diego Bromeliad Society, she has also judged local shows in California as well as in other states. Her travels have also taken her to Australia where she had speaking engagements in 1993, 1995 and 1998.

When Thelma was active with the San Diego Bromeliad Society she would regularly get together with another member, Helga Remy, and the two of them would spend an entire day studying one particular

bromeliad genus or a specific brom in order to be thoroughly familiar with it.

Now living with Tim in a retirement residence in Fallbrook, CA, Thelma still grows bromeliads and begonias. She is very fond of tillandsias and over the years she has grown many of the so-called "air plants." The patio of their apartment is filled with plants, and bromeliad art decorates the walls of the living room.

The list of plants that bear Thelma's name is impressive:

**Begonia thelmiae—
a specimen named by Lyman B. Smith**

Begonia 'Thelma O'Reilly'

Neoregelia 'Thelma O'Reilly'

Cryptanthus 'Thelma O'Reilly'

Echeveria 'Thelma O'Reilly' – a hybrid created by Harry Butterfield of the University of California, Berkeley

Thelma's entire life has demonstrated her intimate connection to the world of plants and to the people who study and grow them. And perhaps the lesson to us all is that this relationship between people and plants often begins at a very early age, often with something as simple as a child's walk through the woods with her father.

Spring Kicks Off at Annual Reception

Spring came into full bloom at the Garden's 6th annual Spring Reception. Attended by more than 125 Larabee and Benefactor Society Members, Corporate Partners, and special friends, this much-anticipated event thanked these Garden supporters and saluted Spring with a Tomatomania!® pre-sale, light fare from The Flavor Chef Lance Roll, and live entertainment. The reception featured special guest speaker, Scott Daigre, professional garden consultant and garden design business owner. In the early 90's, Scott started Tomatomania!® at Hortus, a trend-setting nursery in Pasadena. Tomatomania!® is now known as the world's largest (and most fun) Heirloom tomato seedling sale. Today, Tomatomania!® includes classes, sales events, tomato tastings, and impromptu social gatherings at popular nurseries and gardening hotspots from coast to coast. Scott spoke about the importance of urban farming and answered questions on home gardening and tomatoes.

It was a delightful evening and an opportunity to recognize the ongoing commitment and support of our charitable giving society members. Their meaningful gifts provide additional funding for our educational programs and enable our world-class botanic garden to grow and thrive. Please consider upgrading your membership today to make even more of a positive charitable impact on the Garden and to enjoy exclusive events such as the Spring Reception. For more information, please call Jill Kastrop, Senior Membership Manager at 760/436-3036 x215 or e-mail jkastrop@SDBGarden.org.

Pictured Right.
Above: Tracie Barham, SDBG Director of Development,
Wendy Graham and Guest.
Below: Guests shopping Tomatomania!® pre-sale.



Photos: John Bryant





SOW

Seeds of Wonder

For Children

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

Insect Festival

Saturday, July 25 & Sunday, July 26
10 am – 4 pm

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Cost: Free with paid admission or membership.
Free for all children 12 and under.

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Youth Series

Making Music in the Garden

Tuesdays, July 7 – August 11

(six meetings) • 10 – 11 am

This unique and inspiring program helps nurture children's love for music by cultivating their senses of rhythm, sight and sound in an interactive group setting.
Instructor: Marina Sommers

Cost: Members \$70, non-members \$84.



4th of July Parade

10:30 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 parade will start at 10:30 am sharp. After the parade, you are welcome to stay and enjoy the garden.

Cost: Free with paid admission or membership.



Photos: Rachel Cobb

Birthday Parties for Children

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 for detailed information or contact Susanne at SOW@SDBGarden.org, if you would like 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.



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Hamilton Children's Garden

Summer Youth Program Enrichment Camps 2015

Grades 6 – 8 | 9 am – 12 noon

Join us for five weeks of fun and educational activities at San Diego Botanic Garden's Summer Youth Enrichment Camps. Each week is based upon five different garden themes and led by trained staff members who are experts in their field. Come for one week or all five! Space is limited to 20 campers per week. Go to SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x201 to reserve your space today!

Cost: Members \$15/week, Non-Members \$18 /week Maximum Enrollment: 20 students per week

This program was funded by a generous grant from the Ellen G. & Edward G. Wong Family Foundation.

Nature Camp: July 13 - 17

Campers will explore the beauty and diversity of the garden, as an instructor teaches them how to watch and listen for native life. Students will learn about Southern California's unique ecosystem and the plants and animals that inhabit our region including raccoons, mule deer, cotton tails, lizards and coyotes, as well as chaparral and other native plants.

American Indian Cultures:

July 20 - 24

Through interactive activities, campers will learn about the fascinating culture and history of Native Americans, focusing on local tribes such as the Kumeyaay that call Southern California home.

Organic Gardening:

July 27 – July 31

Campers will visit our organic vegetable garden and learn what goes into planting their own gardens including composting, worm cultivation and using organic fertilizers. During this hands-on week, participants will be introduced to our Rainwater Harvesting exhibit and will be able to plant a seed to take home with them and watch it grow!

Ongoing Programs

Seeds of Wonder



Tuesdays (except first Tuesday 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. 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 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.

Hamilton Children's Garden

**See website for more information,
sdbgarden.org/hcg-home.htm**

Hamilton Children's Garden Entrance Open for Members

July & August 2015



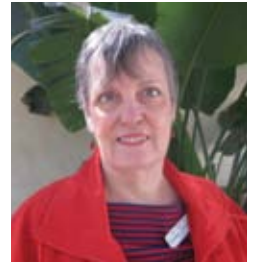
Would you like direct access to the popular Hamilton Children's Garden? During July and August, members may park in the Hamilton Children's Garden parking lot and enter through the Members' Gate on Fridays from 9 am to 12 pm. Active Duty military families may also use this gate as part of the Blue Star Museums program. Please have your current membership card and ID or your military ID available. You may exit through this gate any time before the Garden closes.

If you need to pay admission or renew your membership, please enter through the main Welcome Center. If you would like to become a member to take advantage of this benefit, join online or call Stasi at 760/ 436-3036 x214.

Volunteer and Docent News

April Volunteer of the Month: SUZANNE CARNEIRO

Suzanne is a California native whose resume includes working as a drafter, computer-aided designer, graphic designer, and desktop publisher. Now, in her retirement, she manages a friend's website and is a docent at the Garden. Suzanne credits her grandmothers' influence that led her to gardening. After traveling and visiting many botanic gardens, she decided to volunteer here, where she focused on the Herb Garden and various other volunteer positions. Some of the things Suzanne likes most about San Diego Botanic Garden are the visible difference volunteers make working in the Garden, the outreach program to bring more visitors into the Garden, and the friends she has made here. One of her photos, taken with her Google Glasses, is in the 2015 San Diego Botanic Garden Calendar.



May Volunteer of the Month: NAN CRIQUI

It was while living in Hawaii with her husband, that Nan realized just how much she loved plants. So, when she retired - after an interesting career working with a Sierra Club photographer and then as managing editor for a science publication produced by Scripps Institute of Oceanography - she decided to work with plants. Nan says it was the plants that brought her to the Garden initially, but what keeps her coming back is the wealth of participation opportunities, the unlimited ability to keep learning, and the people she has met, both volunteers and staff. Nan enjoys working in propagation, at the Welcome Center, and at special events. One of her fondest memories of the Garden is when she brought her (then) 5 year old and 2 year old grandchildren to Fairy Festival... they were enchanted! Nan also remembers a very special day when she took a watercolor class and spent the day painting and soaking up the beauty and the quiet of the Garden.



June Volunteer of the Month: ALICE PRATT

Alice was lured away from snowy Boston to sunny San Diego with the promise of grandchildren. After she arrived, Alice started volunteering at the Garden, where she has worked at almost every special event, including Chocolate Festival, Ladybug Day, the Fall Plant Sale and Garden of Lights, as well as volunteered in propagation and the Mediterranean Garden. And, yes, she did get those grandchildren. Three of them! What Alice enjoys most about the Garden, outside of its natural beauty, is the Docent Training Class she took in 2012, and the lasting friendships she made in there. Her fondest memories in the Garden include the look on young children's faces when they come to Ladybug Day and when they sit on Santa's lap during Garden of Lights.



Docent Meetings – Everyone Welcome

First Wednesday of the Month
9:30 am – 12 pm | Arrive at 11 am for the program

July: No meeting

August 5: David Garmon, a professor at the University of California, San Diego and president of The Tubb Canyon Desert Conservancy, will focus on environmental issues surrounding the maintenance of biodiversity found in Anza Borrego State Park. This includes a discussion about the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan and the recent Sunrise Powerlink Project.

September 2: Jeff Moore, owner of Solana Succulents and award-winning author of the recently published book "Under the Spell of Succulents," will discuss the diversity of succulents. He will also share photos from his new book, as well as plants from his nursery. Attendees are welcome to purchase an autographed copy of his book. Jeff Moore, along with Bill Teague, planted the Undersea Garden adjacent to the Ecke Building.

Become a Docent!

Have you ever thought about becoming a docent? The Fall Docent Series is open for registration. The series of eight classes begin September 10th and continue every other Thursday from 9:30 am – 1 pm. To register, you will need to complete the Volunteer Registration Forms, pay \$15.95 for the background check, and volunteer for a minimum of 10 hours before the Docent classes begin. For more information, contact Linda Stewart at lbs@san.rr.com or Stephanie Wilson at swilson@SDBGarden.org.

Volunteer at the Garden

Join us at our next volunteer orientation where you'll meet interesting people, learn about our beautiful Garden, and find out how to get more involved. Pictured are some of our newest volunteers from the January Orientation. Won't you join us?

RSVP to Allison Nye at anye@sdbgarden.org or
by calling 760/ 436-3036 x206.

Upcoming Orientations:

Friday, July 31 and Saturday, November 7.

Arrowhead is Top Dog at 5K Paw Walk

During the 2015 5K Paw Walk in the Garden, Arrowhead General Insurance Agency, Inc. won the Top Dog Award for the largest team. In addition, Arrowhead made a generous matching gift of \$2,414 to the event based on the number of employees who participated. Representatives from Arrowhead stopped by the Garden to receive the Top Dog Award and to present the check to San Diego Botanic Garden and Rancho Coastal Humane Society who split the proceeds from the event.

Pictured are: (L to R): Jessica Brandon, Development Special Events Coordinator, SDBG; Nancy Kelly, Deputy Director of Development, SDBG; Sam Beukema, Education and Events Manager, SDBG; Gina Crane, Executive Assistant, Arrowhead; Natalie Lara, Marketing & Communications Director, Arrowhead; Nick Winfrey, VP of Planning and Development, Rancho Coastal Humane Society and Julian Duval, President & CEO, SDBG.



Ellen G. & Edward G. Wong Family Foundation Funds New Rainwater Harvesting Exhibit

Thank you to the Ellen G. & Edward G. Wong Family Foundation who, through a generous \$5,000 special Director's Grant, funded our new rainwater harvesting exhibit and accompanying dual language informational signage. This wonderful exhibit and environmentally-friendly educational tool is located in the Eucalyptus Grove next to our Seeds of Wonder children's garden. The rainwater harvesting exhibit offers the Garden another important opportunity to engage children in environmental stewardship and educate our visitors about the value of this meaningful practice.



San Diego Botanic Garden wishes to thank our Friends of the Garden participants.

These nurseries and garden-related stores generously offer discounts to San Diego Botanic Garden members! Please present your membership card before making your purchase.

- **Anderson's La Costa Nursery - 10% discount**
- **Briggs Nursery & Tree Company - 15% discount**
- **Cedros Gardens - 10% discount on plants**
- **Kiffing's Discount Nursery - 10% discount**
- **Solana Succulents - 10% discount**

Remember, as a member you also receive a 10% discount at the Garden's Gift Shop and Plant Shop. Patron, Fellow, and Benefactor members receive a 20% discount. See stores for excluded items and restrictions.



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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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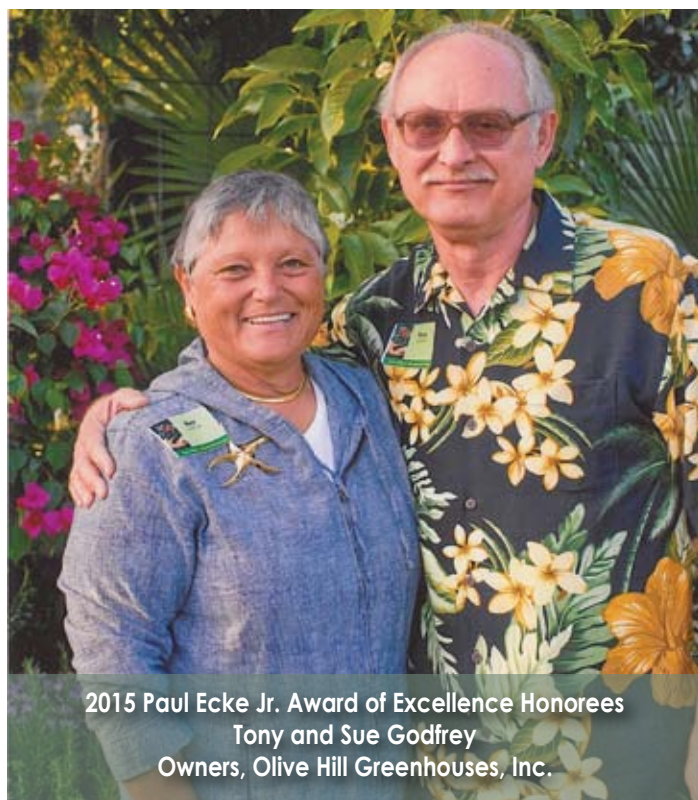
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2015 Gala in the Garden: Deep Roots...Growth & Gardens

The 16th Annual Gala in the Garden will be held on Saturday, September 12th. This year's theme, Deep Roots...Growth & Gardens, commemorates the origins of the Garden, its foundation in the community, and its bountiful growth throughout the years. The recipients of the Paul Ecke Jr. Award of Excellence, which is bestowed annually at the Gala, are Tony and Sue Godfrey, owners of Olive Hill Greenhouses, Inc., which has grown (as the Garden has) through strong connections and engagement in the community. Guests will have the opportunity to explore our garden trails, enjoy fine wine, craft beer, and the best dishes from local restaurants, as well as listen to live entertainment, and view exquisite floral designs.

Gala ticket prices are \$175 per person through August 7, or \$200 per person after August 7. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information, please contact Jessica Brandon 760/ 436-3036 x218 or visit SDBGarden.org/gala.htm.

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