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## GARDEN OF LIGHTS

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## Message from the President

Julian Duval  
President/CEO

### Dickinson Family Education Conservatory Update

#### Challenge Grant Deadline is December 31, 2015

Since San Diego Botanic Garden became self-supporting in 1993, our focus has been on improving the visitor experience guided by the Garden's mission. Over the years there have been many improvements, and each has been of greater impact than the last.

The Hamilton Children's Garden was, in order of magnitude, greater than any endeavor in the Garden's history. It not only added substantially to the visitor experience, but it also made all the donors who invested in our vision for an expanded children's area very pleased. Furthermore, it was the impetus for the Garden expanding onto 4.5 acres of adjacent land.

We are now poised to add yet another jewel in the crown of the Garden right next to the Hamilton Children's Garden: The Dickinson Family Education Conservatory.



#### The Dickinson Family Education Conservatory will:

- Provide space for over 300 in auditorium style seating, tripling the capacity of the Ecke Family Building. This will help enhance our collaboration with the Encinitas Union School District's (EUSD) Farm Lab located across Quail Gardens Drive.
- Add to the visitor experience by housing a wide variety of truly tropical plants, displayed in unique ways in this climate-controlled environment. These are plants we cannot grow outside of this conservatory.
- Include a teaching kitchen, where children will have the opportunity to learn about preparing food and what constitutes healthy food. This will also be important in our collaboration with EUSD.
- Provide a very attractive and weather-secure space for rentals, adding substantially to our annual wedding income.



And, because of the confidence I have in the design team we have in place that has already proven their worth in the Hamilton Children's Garden, we will again produce a product that will surpass the expectations of our donors.

We have made great progress toward raising the funds needed for this project. The response we have had from donors to the Hamilton Children's Garden is a large part of this reason. However, there is an immediate fundraising need that is now our major focus.

**That is fulfilling the challenge grant provided by the Donald C. and Elizabeth M. Dickinson Foundation by the end of this year.**

This generous challenge grant guarantees a \$1M gift if we are able to raise \$3M through other sources by December 31, 2015. We are close to achieving that milestone, with 94% of the \$3M already realized. **We need to raise an additional \$184,000 by December 31 to achieve their \$1 million grant.** There is an array of naming opportunities that are still available that provide significant legacy opportunities. But we all need to work hard to reach out to other potential donors about the opportunity to participate in this exciting project and help us reach our challenge goal by the end of this year.

We are very pleased and encouraged that Jim Farley, President/CEO of the Leichtag Foundation, which has already pledged \$1M to the campaign, has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Capital Campaign for the Conservatory. We could not have a better person in this role, and I encourage you to read why that is in the sidebar.

While still a bit too early to announce a date for the completion of the project, the Conservatory is on track with respect to design and permit application. We just cannot allow the Dickinson Challenge to slip past its deadline of the end of this year.

With that said, I am confident that our success to date in fundraising, as well as the exciting and unique design of the Conservatory, will provide the momentum to ensure this project will become a very important and spectacular addition to the Garden. Plus, and importantly, we will have all those who have played a role in seeing the Conservatory become a reality, very pleased and proud to have had the opportunity.

## James Farley to Serve as Chairman of the Come Grow With Us Campaign



San Diego Botanic Garden is proud to announce that James (Jim) Farley will lead the *Come Grow With Us* campaign for the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory.

Jim's strong belief in the value of the Conservatory was first demonstrated through the Leichtag Foundation's \$1M grant, which will enable the Garden to make its rental spaces available to select nonprofits that might not otherwise be able to utilize the Garden.

Jim is ideal for this role because he is not only well aware of the philanthropic opportunities within the community, but he is also uniquely qualified to represent the Garden and this project. Jim spent nine years on the Garden's Board and served as its Chairman for four years during a very formative time in the Garden's history. He and his wife Judy have been members of the Garden's Benefactor Society for nearly two decades.

"I'm pleased to chair this important effort because of my firm belief that the Garden has the potential to be a place where our planet's biodiversity can interface with our cultural diversity to create meaning and magic," said Jim. "Both the Garden and the Leichtag Foundation benefit from being in a community where environmental education is robust and valued. Our role in the E3 Environmental Education Cluster amplifies and animates the potential significantly. The Conservatory will be a magnificent addition to the Garden providing space and place for plants to grow people, and I am eager to work to make it a reality."

**San Diego Botanic Garden is thrilled to have Jim's leadership as we work with the members of our community to raise the final \$184,000 to meet the Dickinson Challenge by the end of the year, and beyond into 2016 to fully fund the Conservatory campaign.**

# Upcoming Events

## Sculpture in the Garden

Now – April 2016

This unique exhibition showcases sculptures from 27 talented artists set against the beautiful backdrop of the Garden's lush and natural 37 acres. Curator Naomi Nussbaum of Naomi Nussbaum Art & Design has orchestrated an eclectic exhibition ranging from functional "garden" artwork to large abstract work with an emphasis on diversity of media and scale. Take a self-guided tour with the Garden's dedicated Sculpture Map. For participating artists, visit [SDBGarden.org/sculpture.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/sculpture.htm).

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



## San Diego Botanic Garden Orchid Clinic

Saturday, October 3

Participants can choose one or all of our great education sessions. Each session is presented by a local expert orchid growers who will impart valuable, easy-to-use information on how to select, grow and care for orchids. Local vendors will be on site selling and displaying their orchids.

**10 am: Dave Hoffmaster**, San Diego County Orchid Society  
"How to Grow, Maintain and Re-bloom your Phalaenopsis Orchid"

**11 am: Walt Meier**, San Diego County Cymbidium Society  
"Growing and Blooming Cymbidium Orchids"

**1 pm: Alex Nadzan**, Palomar Orchid Society  
"Growing Cattleya Orchids Outdoors in Southern California"

**2 pm: Nico Goosens**, Lico Orchids and Flowers,  
"How to Re-bloom Your Orchid"

**Free for American Orchid Society members and all Southern California Orchid Society members (must show card at Welcome Center).**

## Fall Plant Sale

Saturday, October 17 &  
Sunday, October 18,  
10 am – 4 pm

- Larabee and Benefactor Society Members Only  
Pre-Sale: Saturday, October 17; early access at 8 am. Members at basic levels may renew early and upgrade to the \$150 Steward level to enjoy access to the best selection.

To renew by phone call 760/ 436-3036 x215.

- Members Only Pre-Sale, all levels: Saturday, October 17, 9 – 10 am

- Monday, October 19, 9 am – 1 pm, all remaining plant stock goes on sale for 1/2 price

Plant donations from over 100 local growers, wholesalers, retail nurseries, and individuals make this one of the most interesting and diverse plant sales in San Diego County. Plant selections include California natives, cacti, succulents, bromeliads, fruit trees, and sub-tropicals. Visit our Botanic Attic for garden-related items. Also be sure to check out our huge selection of used books and homemade goodies such as specialty jellies, cakes, cookies, pies and coffee. Enjoy an opportunity drawing and the popular sit-down Bakery Shoppe.

**Cost: Free with paid admission or membership. \$5 admission on Sunday, October 18 (all day) and Monday, October 19, (9 am - 12 noon).**



## Help Make the Fall Plant Sale a Success

The success of our plant sale depends upon the generosity of members from the community. You can help in the following ways:

- To donate plants or gently used garden-related items, to help underwrite the event, or participate in set-up on October 14 – 18, please contact Stacy Fattaleh at 760/207-4259 or [sfmermaid@cox.net](mailto:sfmermaid@cox.net).
- To donate baked goods (pies, cakes, large cookies), bring your goodies to the Ecke Building on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, October 16, 17 or 18. If you have any questions call Thelma Montag at 760/ 436-4601.
- Bring your gently used books, magazines, cassettes, CDs, VHS movies and DVDs to the Administrative Offices, Monday through Friday from 9 am – 5 pm. Please no encyclopedias or Reader's Digest condensed books.

Volunteers who contribute a minimum of \$200 in cash, plant material valued at \$200, or at least 20 hours with the set-up, will be invited to attend a special VIP pre-sale/wine and cheese reception. See page 13 for more information. Thank you for your support!

## Cactus and Succulent Show & Sale

**Saturday, October 24, 9 am – 5 pm &  
Sunday, October 25, 10 am – 4 pm**

The Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society brings cacti and succulents from all over the world, for show and sale, to San Diego Botanic Garden. Pottery and additional plant vendors will also be on hand selling a wide variety of items over this spectacular weekend event. Judging will take place on Saturday from 12 noon – 3 pm. The public is invited to follow along as judges comment on entries and make their selections. Winners will be available for viewing both days.

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

## Garden of Lights

**December 5 – 23 and 26 – 30, 5 – 9 pm**

After the sun goes down, the Garden is transformed into a dazzling winter wonderland with over 125,000 sparkling lights illuminating the flora and fauna for a magical holiday experience. Numerous activities include horse-drawn wagon rides, holiday crafts, marshmallow roasting, visits with Santa and live music. Hot mulled wine and refreshments are also offered. Real snow is available for sledding on selected nights. Check the website at [sdbgarden.org/lights.htm](http://sdbgarden.org/lights.htm) for more information and 'snow days.'

**Adult members \$10; Adult non-members \$15  
All seniors, active military and students \$10; All children ages 3-12, \$5.  
Children 2 and under, free.  
There will be additional fees for some activities.**

**Garden of Lights is presented by the County of San Diego.**

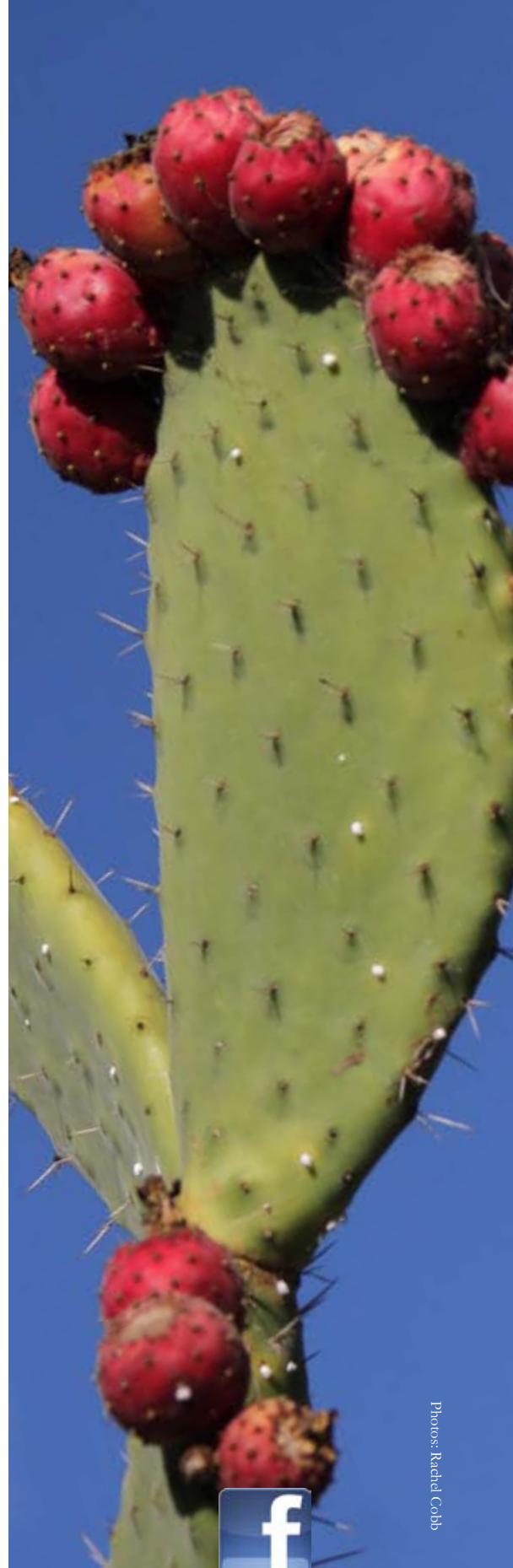


**Additional Garden of Light sponsorship opportunities are now available! Call Nicole Miller-Coleman at 760/436-3036 x219.**



## Party Venue Available for the Holidays

Our intimate Lawn House and patio area is available for daytime or evening rental during the month of December for your holiday wedding, special celebration or employee party. An evening party becomes your party inside Garden of Lights! Book your holiday event today by calling 760/ 436-3036 x205 or emailing Lita Dantes at [ldantes@sdbgarden.org](mailto:ldantes@sdbgarden.org). Rental includes tables and chairs for up to 70 guests.



Photos: Rachel Cobb



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your favorite SDBG events!**

## Fall Classes

### Succulent Turtle Class

**Tuesday, October 6, 9 am – 12 noon**

Take home a charming succulent turtle that you make yourself in this class taught by the SDBG succulent team. Fee includes materials.

**Cost: Members \$40, non-members \$48. Please register by October 2.**

### Water Wise Small Trees

**Wednesday, October 7 – 6:30 – 8 pm**

Learn about trees that require less water, less maintenance and that are smaller in size so they overgrow today's smaller lots. Taught by Dave Ehrlinger.

**Cost: Members \$20, Non-members \$24**

### Living Wall / Vertical Garden

**Saturday, October 10, 9 am -12 pm**

Learn the basics of planting a living wall. We will be planting a 10"x20" wall of succulent varieties. Living walls can be used exterior or interior 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 October 2.**

### Greywater Demystified Workshop

**Saturday, October 10, 10 am – 11 am**

Candace Vanderhoff, Founder and CEO of RainThanks & Greywater, will share information with participants on diverting greywater to your landscape, selecting the safest soap, understanding the greywater state code and using simple low-tech greywater solutions.

**Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$36. Please register by October 2.**

### Fire Safety Landscaping

**Saturday October 10 – 10:00 – 11:30 am**

Learn about fire safe landscape plants, local native plants, garden maintenance, and defensible space design at the Garden's Landscape for Fire Safety by the Ecke Building. Taught by Dave Ehrlinger.

**Cost: Members \$20, Non-members \$24**

### Water Wise Shrubs

**Wednesday, October 21 – 6:30 – 8 pm**

Discover many drought tolerant shrubs with attractive flowers, fruits, and foliage, providing beauty through the seasons. In addition to classic standbys learn a variety of new and unusual plants, including native CA plants, desert and Mediterranean climate species. Taught by Dave Ehrlinger.

**Cost: Members \$20, Non-members \$24**

### Mosaic Birdhouses

**Wednesday, October 21, 12:30 – 3:30 pm**

**& Wednesday, October 28, 12:30 – 2:30 pm**

Decorate a cute little birdhouse with a variety of

tiles, beads and other adornments. At the end of the class, students will take home a beautifully decorated birdhouse for their home or yard. Instructor: Candy Sharda.

**Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$36. Please register by October 16.**

### Succulent Wreath Class

**Saturday, October 24, 9 am – 2 pm**

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

**Cost: Members \$65, non-members \$78. Fee includes materials. Please register by October 16.**

### Build Your Own Hydroponic Fall Garden

**Saturday, October 24, 9 am – 12 noon**

Learn the principles of the hydroponic wick method by building your own sustainable garden to take home. Instructor: Alex Kallas of AgPALS.

**Cost: Members \$75, non-members \$90. Fee includes materials. Please register by October 16.**

### Water Wise Herbaceous Plants

**Wednesday, October 28 - 6:30 – 8 pm**

A selection of attractive low water herbaceous plants is presented, from CA natives to desert and Mediterranean climate species, including some popular plants that really don't need as much water as you think. Taught by Dave Ehrlinger.

**Cost: Members \$20, Non-members \$24**

### Watershed Gardens: Retain rainwater and reduce runoff pollution

**Sunday, November 8, 10 am – 11 am**

Learn how to design a landscape or transform your existing landscape into a watershed garden that will retain precious rainwater, reduce runoff pollution, and help to save our watersheds and ocean. Taught by Landscape Designer Morgan Vondrak

**Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$36. Please register by October 30.**

### Free Members Only Plant Clinic Chickens and Your Garden

**Saturday, November 14, 10 – 11:30 am**

Learn the basics about raising chickens in your backyard and meet San Diego Botanic Garden's new chickens! You will also find out how chickens can impact your garden.

**Please RSVP to Stasi Kubrock via email at [skubrock@sdbgarden.org](mailto:skubrock@sdbgarden.org) or by calling 760/ 436-3036 x214. Space is limited.**

### Abstract Nature Photography

**Saturday, November 14,**

**8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

During this 4-hour workshop we are going to depart from reality by using nothing but our creative eyes and imagination. We will explore the Garden with our cameras like never before and transform ordinary objects of nature into works of art. We will use a variety of techniques including unique camera angles, slow shutter, macro, zoom, repeating patterns and texture.

Smart phone photographers are encouraged to participate, and all levels are welcome. For more info, visit [www.Photo-tipster.com](http://www.Photo-tipster.com)

**Cost: Members \$59, non-members \$71. Please register by November 6.**

### Farmer's Market Watercolor Workshop with Helen Shafer Garcia

**Sunday, November 15,**

**9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

Create a still life based on colorful farmer's market produce. Learn how to set up a small still life with clever compositional tips. Spend a delightful day embracing watercolor techniques while learning drawing and painting techniques at the same time. We will explore layering color, washes and glazes, and detailed drawing tips.

**Cost: Members \$65, non-member \$78. Materials list will be sent upon registration.**

**Please register by November 6.**

### Succulent Mushroom Class

**Tuesday, November 17, 9 am – 2 pm**

Create your own unique miniature succulent mushroom for your garden or table. Forms and succulents are provided. Please bring small clippers for this easy, clever garden design workshop. Taught by the SDBG wreath team.

**Cost: Members \$45, non-members \$54. Fee includes materials. Please register by November 13.**

### How to Install a Laundry to Landscape (L2L) Greywater Irrigation System

**Saturday, November 28, 10 am – 12 noon**

Learn how to turn your laundry waste water into a resource again by irrigating your garden and saving up to 50% on your water bill. This system is low-cost, legal without a permit, and a lot of fun to build. Taught by instructor Greg Bullock.

**Cost: Members \$70, non-members \$84. Please register by November 20.**

### Holiday Wreath Making

**Saturday, December 12, 10 am – 2 pm**

Students will build a beautiful full-sized, mixed-greens wreath to decorate the home for the holidays. This technique can be applied to items often found in the garden. These gorgeous wreaths also make great gifts.

**Cost: Members \$50, non-members \$60. Please register by December 4.**

# The Garden Shops

Open 10 am – 4 pm daily  
(Closed on Christmas Day)



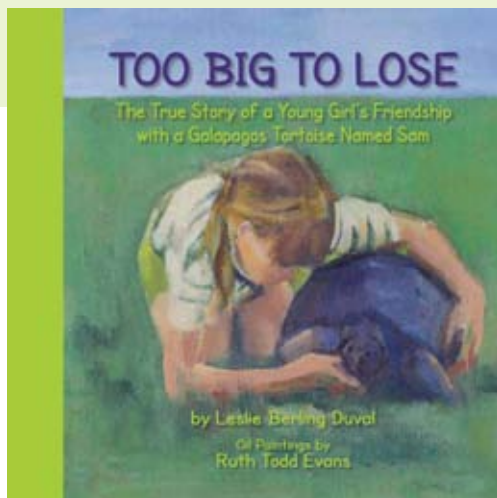
Fall is prime planting time so check out the Garden Shops' California natives, as well as other water-thrifty plants in our plant area and imagine the possibilities in your own garden. Considering a Winter vegetable garden and need some guidance or ideas? We have books that plant lovers of any ability will enjoy, from novice home gardeners to horticulturists.

The holiday season will soon be upon us and the Garden Shops are preparing to have just the right gift for everyone on your holiday gift-giving list. Decorate your home with unique items that will beautify as well as inspire.

Look for special deals on our Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest or Instagram and be among the first to know what's new in the Garden Shops. Stop by and see all the nature-inspired items for your home and garden that you will find here year-round.

**Become a member and save up to 20% on Garden Shops purchases.**

## Coming Soon



Did you know that SDBG is the proud owner of a 500-pound Galapagos tortoise named Sam? Read Sam's story, "Too Big To Lose," in a beautifully illustrated book for children of all ages. This charming book, written by Leslie Duval and illustrated by Ruth Todd Evans, will be available in the SDBG Gift Shop and on Sam's website (visit [www.toobigtolose.com](http://www.toobigtolose.com) to reserve your copy) in October in plenty of time for the holidays! Remember, proceeds will be shared with the SDBG to help care for Sam, who might live another 100 years, so get ready to stock up on the best gift ever!



## ENSENADA AND ITS SURROUNDINGS: A WINE AND CULINARY EXPERIENCE with San Diego Botanic Garden

November 5 - November 8, 2015

### Price:

Starting at \$1,170 per person/double occupancy  
Valid passport required

Spend four exceptional days and three enchanting nights exploring Ensenada's world-class wine and culinary industry. Enjoy Baja-Med fusion inspired dishes paired with some of the region's premium wines. Que Bueno!

For more information,  
visit [SDBGarden.org/travel.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/travel.htm)

## 1st Annual Chinese Brush Painting Society Exhibit & Sale

Friday, Oct. 21 – Friday, Nov. 20

Ecke Building • 9 am – 5 pm

The 1st Annual Chinese brush painting Exhibit & Sale featuring original Chinese brush paintings by members of the Chinese Brush Painting Society will be held at the Ecke Building at San Diego Botanic Garden from Friday, October 9 to Friday, November 20, 2015.



The exhibit and sale is open daily from 9 am – 5 pm. Over 40 original paintings will be on display exquisitely painted by this San Diego group that has been painting together for over 35 years in the Chinese manner using ink on rice paper and watercolors. The public is invited to the opening reception on Sunday, November 8, from 2 - 4 pm.

Cost: Free with paid admission or membership.

# California Gardenscapes Restored

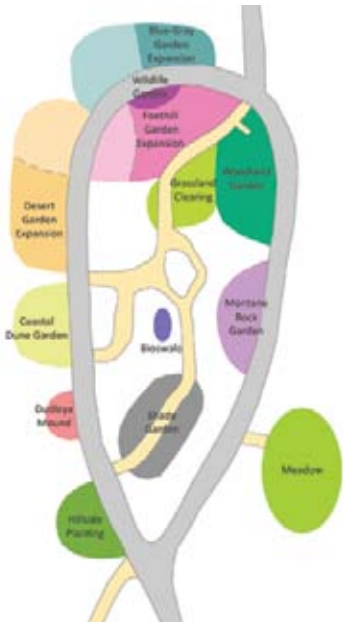
Story and Photos by Chris Garcia  
Gardener, San Diego Botanic Garden

*“Should it look more natural or garden-like?”*

This was the paradoxical question Director of Horticulture Paul Redeker, Horticulture Manager Liz Rozycki and I pondered as we walked along and discussed the redevelopment of *California Gardenscapes* last year. As the name implies, *Gardenscapes* is a demonstration garden that teaches guests about incorporating drought-tolerant native plants into their own home landscapes.

As a landscape designer and gardener, I believed that a series of ‘ecologic zones’ representing specific plant communities and corresponding landscape features would help guests learn about native plants by relating them to their biogeographic region. Today, each zone in *California Gardenscapes* displays landscape features that can be repeated in home gardens, while maintaining a natural-look with mutual plants and landscape elements that contribute to a sense of place and harmony.

The following list describes a few of these areas along the *Gardenscapes* path loop and some helpful tips for home gardeners. A more detailed description of each area is available on our website at [SDBGarden.org/ca-gardenscapes.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/ca-gardenscapes.htm):



## Montane Rock Garden

**Landscape Typology:** Mountains above 5,000 feet

**Natural Places in San Diego:** Palomar Mountain State Park, Garnet Peak, Cuyamaca SP

**Description:** A rock berm was formed under a rustic Catalina ironwood (*Lyonothamnus floribundus*), with soil added to increase the slope and elevation and boulders used to terrace the mound and create planting niches. A circular birdbath was relocated near the high point of the mound, symbolic of a mountain lake. Plants that are adapted to montane rock outcrops were planted such as red monkeyflower (*Mimulus puniceus*), foothill penstemon (*Penstemon heterophyllus*) and Acton encelia (*Encelia actoni*). This created a red, purple and yellow flash of color I termed the ‘disco ball’ planting.

These plants love to get their roots under the cool, damp undersides of stones. The moist low area behind the mound was planted with annuals to create a green and colorful backdrop. Redwood Gorilla Hair Mulch was added around the boulders to prevent erosion and maintain moisture.

**Helpful Tips:** Redwood mulch is the best bedding for natives because it breaks down slowly and adds negligible organic matter to the soil. Most natives thrive in arid, fungal-based ecologies with inorganic, mineral soils so refrain from amending the soil. Boulders are fabulous place-making elements that create niches for plants that require excellent drainage.



## Wildflower Meadow

**Landscape Typology:** Grassland/ Wildflower Plains

**Natural Places in San Diego:** Laguna Mountain State Park, Ramona Grasslands Preserve

**Description:** A Wildflower Meadow was cleared in a barren area along the Quail Gardens Drive fence line. The perimeter of the space was mounded with mulch to create a weed buffer and planted with perennial grasses such as deer grass (*Muhlenbergia rigens*) and canyon prince wild rye (*Leymus condensatus* ‘Canyon Prince’) to define the circular space. Wildflowers in this area include larger annuals such as sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*), giant phacelia (*Phacelia grandiflora*) and Hooker’s primrose (*Oenothera hookeri*) as well as smaller annuals such as lupine (*lupinus sp.*), poppies (*Eschscholzia californica*) and baby blue eyes (*Nemophila menziesii*).

**Helpful Tips:** Timing is a key factor in developing a wildflower meadow. The first round of seeding should occur just before or after the first fall rains. The meadow can be lightly reseeded every 3-4 weeks through the rainy season to create waves of color over a longer period into June. Make sure to include late season perennials such as fuchsia (*Epilobium sp.*), goldenrod (*Solidago californica*) and native milkweed (*Asclepias sp.*) for summer interest.



## Desert Garden

**Landscape Typology:** Low and high desert ecosystem

**Natural Places in San Diego:** Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

**Description:** Agaves were the main plantings in a small inconspicuous area with a sign labeled “Desert Garden.” A small stone wall and orange pea gravel dubiously alluded to a desert landscape. The area was doubled in size by removing sage and sagebrush and adding salvaged ¾-inch gravel from the foothill area. Boulders were used to create a gradual terraced slope. Perennials such as desert mallow (*Sphaeralcea ambigua*), desert lavender (*Hyptis emoryi*) and indian mallow (*Abutilon palmeri*) were planted to contrast and balance the spiky specimen agaves and cacti with soft foliated perennials. The area was seeded with colorful desert annuals, including Mojave prickly poppy (*Argemone corymbosa*), desert marigold (*Baileya multiradiata*) and desert dandelion (*Malacothrix glabrata*).

**Helpful Tips:** A composition of different-sized rocks and decomposed granite is helpful in creating a perceived desert landscape. Darker boulders conduct and reradiate heat while lighter stones reflect light and create an albedo effect, conditions typical of the desert floor. In contrast to other native ecologies which like water during the cool season, desert plants benefit from infrequent year-round watering, with warm weather misting during the summer to mimic the humidity of afternoon thunderstorms.



**Helpful Tips:** Every coastal garden should have “sand dunes!” Mimic salt spray with frequent light misting during cool summer mornings and use low volume overhead sprinklers to minimize runoff. Erosion is less of a concern as the groundcovers intermingle and the beach party begins!

## Bioswale

**Landscape Typology:** Vernal Pool

**Natural Places in San Diego:** Miramar plateau near State Route 163, Kearny Mesa, Otay Mesa

**Description:** A central open area surrounded by large shrubs was chosen to carve-out an ovate bioswale. The decomposed granite path directly above the area produced storm runoff and erosion. A swale was added along this path to drain into the newly formed bioswale, where it quickly infiltrates the soil. The basin is filled with a 2-inch layer of mulch to sponge the moisture. Wire grass (*Juncus* sp.), California sea lavender (*Limonium californicum*) and spice bush (*Calycanthus occidentalis*) were planted for their tolerance of both dry and wet seasonal cycles.

**Helpful Tips:** This is the perfect landform to place under a rainspout or at a low spot in the landscape. Make sure to select natives that are adapted to both wet and dry periods such as San Diego sedge (*Carex spissa*) and false indigo bush (*Amorpha fruticosa*).

Overall, the ecologic zones in *California Gardenscapes* create a deeper sense of place with landforms corresponding to specific plant communities. The series of gardens facilitates a cadence around the path circuit, encouraging guests to slow-down, stop often and take-in each landscape vignette. This invites guests to consider not only individual plants but an entire drought-tolerant native landscape redesign of their own yard. But perhaps the greatest result is what cannot be seen; the connection one feels as a part of the natural ecology when constructing and caring for a native garden, so that the distinction between “natural” and “garden-like” becomes quite inconsequential.



## Coastal Dune Garden

**Landscape Typology:** Coastal Strand

**Natural Places in San Diego:** Border Field SP, Cabrillo National Monument, Torrey Pines SP

**Description:** Sinuous sand mounds replaced thickets of black sage and sagebrush to create an S-shaped wave. The crests and troughs of the mounds create niches for creeping groundcovers of the immediate coast. Plants such as red sand verbena (*Abronia maritima*), coastal gumplant (*Grindelia stricta*), and silver beach bur (*Ambrosia chamissonis*) naturally move and flow with transitory wind-blown and rain-weathered landforms. The long shadows of the morning and evening sun accentuate the mounds while coastal annuals such as miniature poppy (*Eschscholzia caespitosa*) brighten the landscape and glimmer in the sunshine. Over time, the mounds will be carpeted in rolling groundcovers, contrasting each mound by foliage texture and color.

# SOW HCG

Seeds of Wonder • Hamilton Children's Garden

**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



## Upcoming Children's Events

### Family Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 31**

**10 am – 2 pm**

Come to the Hamilton Children's Garden and celebrate the season with Hullabaloo's kid-friendly live entertainment and fall themed activities, like hay wagon rides, Halloween crafts, and a petting zoo. Children can wear their favorite Halloween costume and are invited to participate in a costume contest. Sorry, absolutely no adults in costumes please!

Taco Man will have street tacos, rolled tacos, quesadillas and California Burritos available. Leucadia Pizzeria will offer pizza, lemonade and cookies. And Rita's Italian Ice will serve ice cream. Don't forget to stop in and have a photo taken with the Big Pumpkin! Please visit our website for detailed information and [SDBGarden.org/events.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/events.htm)

**Cost: Free with paid admission or membership.**  
**Free for children 12 and under. Small fee for crafts and some activities.**

### Garden of Lights

Activities for children will be offered during Garden of Lights. For detailed information on this event, see page 5.



## Ongoing Programs Visit

[SDBGarden.org/kids.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/kids.htm)



### 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 at [SDBGarden.org/birthday](http://SDBGarden.org/birthday) for detailed information or contact Susanne at [SOW@SDBGarden.org](mailto: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](http://SDBGarden.org/hcg_tours.htm)



# MADAGASCAR: THE RICHES OF THE RED ISLAND with San Diego Botanic Garden

**Monday, October 31, 2016 – Monday, November 14, 2016**

Price: Starting at \$4,150 per person/double occupancy  
(dates & prices subject to change)  
Valid passport required

Madagascar, a stunning island nation off the Southeast coast of Africa, is home to thousands of exotic plant and animal species – like lemurs – found nowhere else, plus rainforests, beaches and reefs.

Near the busy capital is Antananarivo, a hillside complex of royal palaces and burial grounds, as well as the amazing Ranomafana and Isalo National Parks. Come explore the 'riches of the red island' with the Garden

## **NEW! Backyard Chicken Exhibit**

**Open Daily • 9 am – 5 pm**

**Funded in part by a donation from the  
Encinitas Garden Festival and Tour Committee**

Visit our new backyard chicken exhibit in the Eucalyptus Grove! Our hens are very social and enjoy interacting with our visitors. It's a great example of how you can build a chicken coop in your own backyard. Special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 713 for Joel Wilson's Eagles Scout Chicken Coop project.

**April and Hanna Faulstich with our hens.  
(from left to right) Lizzy, a Polish; Silky, a Blue Silkie; Buffy,  
a Buff Silkie; Miss Dotty, a Brahma; Pixel,  
a Black-Laced Wyendotte; Stitch, a Columbian Wyendotte.**



## **Saving Water A Top Priority at San Diego Botanic Garden**



With California facing one of the most severe droughts on record, and Governor Jerry Brown declaring a state of emergency earlier this year, water conservation continues to be a top priority at San Diego Botanic Garden.

Throughout the Garden, we use a variety of strategies like irrigation, low water sprinklers, weather sensitive controllers, dry streams, and rain gardens to mitigate water use. In addition, we use recycled water in 30% of the gardens on our 37-acre property. In fact, we were one of the first botanical gardens to use this resource and were recognized for our efforts by the WaterReuse Association as one of their Recycled Water Irrigation Customers of the Year.

Our horticulture and Garden team members continuously monitor our irrigation equipment to ensure that any leaks are taken care of promptly. Our Rainwater Harvesting Exhibit next to our Seeds of Wonder children's garden is also providing much needed run-off water from the green roof of our restroom facility. This exhibit was recently added thanks to a generous grant from the Ellen G. and Edward G. Wong Family Foundation.

For more information on our water conservation efforts at the Garden, please visit [SDBGarden.org/conservation.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/conservation.htm).

# Volunteer and Docent News

## July Volunteer of the Month: **FAITH MEAKIN**

Faith carried on a family tradition by becoming a librarian like her mother, becoming the first reference librarian in the Biomedical Library at the University of California, San Diego. She also worked at the World Health Organization and two Health Science Libraries in Florida, which she brought into the digital age before retiring.

It was Faith's mother who introduced her to the world of fragrant flowers and a stint in Geneva where she discovered herbs. Faith found out about the Garden by attending a Fall Plant Sale, and shortly thereafter signed up both herself and her husband, Skip, as volunteers. She has spruced up the topiaries in the Mexican Garden, helped put together the Garden's San Diego Fair exhibit, and participated in Saturday work parties. Her fondest memory at the Garden is when she met two other retired Medical Librarians, who were her mentors, during Docent training.



## August Volunteer of the Month: **KATHY HOFFMAN**

Kathy was born in Pennsylvania Dutch country and grew up gardening with her parents, where her Mom canned what her Dad grew. After receiving a degree in cytotechnology (the microscopic interpretation of cells to detect cancer and other abnormalities), Kathy went on to receive her MBA and retired as a Hospital Administrative Director.

Kathy regularly visited the Garden, which she considers 'an absolute jewel of San Diego County,' before becoming a volunteer and a docent. She has led tours, kids crafts at Garden of Lights, Ladybug Day, and Spring Party with Bunny, and has also volunteered at almost every special event including the Gala and Fall Plant Sale. The beauty and diversity of plants at the Garden, as well as the great group of volunteers, is what Kathy enjoys most volunteering at the Garden.



## September Volunteer of the Month: **DEIDRE SWANSEN**

Like many of our volunteers, Deidre's passion for gardening came at an early age. Deidre's grandmother, a botany major, loved sharing her knowledge with her grandchildren, fostering a life-long love for gardening in Deidre and her siblings.

After Deidre retired from a career as a postmaster, she moved to San Diego to be near her siblings. She became a master gardener, then Linda Stewart told her about San Diego Botanic Garden, and the rest is history! Deidre has volunteered her time during numerous Wednesday and Saturday work parties, and at special events including the Gala, Fall Plant Sale and Art Fest. Deidre says she has learned so much through the Docent program and enjoys 'the diversity in both plants and people' here at the Garden.



## Docent Meetings – Everyone Welcome

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

**October 7:** Volunteers and docents are busy preparing for the Fall Plant Sale this month. Our speaker, Master Gardener, Lynlee Austell will show attendees how to select and maintain appropriate plants to conserve water. Nurturing the soil, responsible pest management, protecting wildlife, and water quality are Earth Friendly subjects to be considered in our selection of plants when redoing our landscapes.

**November 4:** Please note that our annual potluck lunch will be held in November instead of December. In addition to the potluck, member arts and crafts will be for sale. Perfect for holiday gifts!

**December 2:** Come enjoy this festive presentation and take home some terrific seasonal decorating ideas. Presenters will bring an assortment of natural materials from their gardens and demonstrate how to make arrangements and decorations that will add holiday spirit to your home.

## Become a Docent! New Classes Begin in January 2016

Twenty-three new docents have graduated from our educational training program so far over the past year, and we'd love to add even more in 2016!

Sign up today for our next docent class series beginning in late January 2016 and learn how you can 'toil in the soil,' become a tour guide, serve as a gift shop or Welcome Center volunteer, or chat with members and guests during special events. We have 10 great instructors who love to share their expertise during these classes, as well as a dedicated Garden staff, who all help make this program a success.

Contact Linda Stewart at 858/ 488-8234 or [lbs@san.r.r.com](mailto:lbs@san.r.r.com) for more information. You can also register for Docent training classes by contacting Allison Nye at 760/ 436-3036 x206 or [anye@sdbgarden.org](mailto:anye@sdbgarden.org).

**Cost: \$50 for 8 classes held bi-weekly from 9:30 am – 1 pm.**  
**Pre-requisites are required.**

# Save the Dates!

## Upcoming Member Events and Special Benefits



Photo: Lisa Reynolds

### Fall Plant Sale Reception and Pre-Sale Friday, October 16 • 4 pm Ecke Building

This exclusive event is open to Larabee Society Fellow level members, Benefactor Society members, and all supporters who contribute a minimum of \$200 in cash or plant material or volunteer at least 20 hours

during the set-up of the Fall Plant Sale. Guests will enjoy drinks, light hors d'oeuvres, and their choice of beautiful botanical delights! The evening concludes with a live auction, led by President and CEO Julian Duval, featuring rare and unusual botanical treasures.

### October 17 and 18 – Fall Plant Sale

Plant donations from over 100 local growers, wholesalers, retail nurseries, and individuals make this one of the most interesting plant sales of San Diego County. Renew or upgrade your membership and obtain access to the following pre-sale events on Oct. 17:

- Larabee and Benefactor Society Members Only Pre-Sale: 8 - 9 am
- Members Only Pre-Sale: 9 - 10 am



Photo: Lisa Reynolds

### Annual Benefactor Dinner

### Thursday, December 3, 6 pm – The Lawn Garden

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

### Garden of Lights December 5 – 23 and 26 – 30

Larabee Society Fellow level members plus two accompanying guests and Benefactor Society members plus three accompanying guests receive FREE admission to Garden of Lights. Come and enjoy this magical holiday experience.

*Garden of Lights is presented by the County of San Diego.*



Photo: SDBG Staff

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

### Give the Gift of a San Diego Botanic Garden Membership this Holiday Season

Garden Memberships offer a full year of benefits, from special members-only events to discounts on classes and programs. We have plenty of opportunities for our members to connect with plants and nature! To learn more, contact Stasi Kubrock at 760/ 436-3036 x214 or purchase one today online at [SDBGarden.org](http://SDBGarden.org).

# Thank You Donors

San Diego Botanic Garden wishes to thank the following donors for cash and in-kind gifts, including Benefactor and Larabee Society memberships, received prior to July 27, 2015.

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Ruth Larabee believed in the importance of preserving open spaces and gardens for the enjoyment and education of the community. This belief led her to bequeath her 30-acre estate for just that purpose, a gift that became the San Diego Botanic Garden. **Planned giving is the cornerstone of the Garden's history and the key to its future.**

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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## Thank you to our wonderful Insect Festival Sponsors!

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In May, members enjoyed a special tour of California Gardenscapes led by SDBG Gardener Chris Garcia. See page 6 for information on the next Free Members Only Plant Clinic – Chickens and Your Garden!



## Remembering Clarence Heidemann

The Garden recently lost a dear friend, Clarence Heidemann, a long-time Dragon Tree Benefactor Society member who at one time worked for the County of San Diego and managed the property that is now the San Diego Botanic Garden. In addition to his contributions during his lifetime, Clarence became a member of the Arbor Vitae Society by providing for the Garden with a generous annuity, for which we are most grateful. A wonderful friend to the Garden, Clarence was also active in the

Elks Club and enjoyed carving. We will miss him greatly.



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