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to connect with plants and nature.

## The Garden Shops

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Our all-volunteer staff at The Garden Shops wishes you the very best this New Year! Whether you're looking for family fun, inner peace, or just a great place to take a leisurely walk, San Diego Botanic Garden has all that and more!

While you're here, the Garden Shops invite you to come in and see our unique selection of plants and retail items, all inspired by nature, to enhance both your home and garden. You're sure to find just the right gift for any occasion, or no occasion at all.

The Shop features cork purses and jewelry, the work of local artists, plus a collection of books for Southern California gardeners from the novice to horticulturist. For the kids, you'll find educational and cuddly toys, games, books, and adorable apparel.

All proceeds support the Garden's important educational and conservation programs. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to find out what's new or what's on special in the Garden Shops.



Photo: Lisa Reynolds

**Volunteers, Members, Docents,  
Donors and Friends of the Garden!**  
**Join Us for the Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, January 23**

10:00 - 11:30 am

230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024

Ecke Building

The San Diego Botanic Garden's Annual Meeting is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Garden's accomplishments and the impact your support and involvement have made over the past year. We'll also share with you exciting plans for the year ahead.

The Annual Meeting is open to the public. No RSVP is required. Light refreshments will be served.





## Message from the President

Julian Duval  
President/CEO

### Dickinson Family Education Conservatory – It's Time to Celebrate! Challenge Goal Met

In our last issue of *Quail Tracks*, I let you know that we were very close to meeting the \$3 million challenge goal put forth by the Donald C. and Elizabeth M. Dickinson Foundation. I am very happy to announce at this time that the Dickinson Challenge has been met! Thanks to the vision of SDBG Trustee Carol Dickinson, her husband and Foundation Chairman Martin Dickinson, and the rest of the Dickinson Foundation Board, the invitation to join together and catapult this campaign forward was issued to the community. Our deepest gratitude goes out to the Dickinson family, Campaign Chairman Jim Farley, and the many generous donors who responded to their invitation, resulting in an extraordinary challenge grant of \$1 million toward the Conservatory.

**"Our Foundation is very pleased that the Dickinson Challenge has been met, and we want to thank everyone who has joined us to make that possible.**

**We're looking forward to the expansion of the Garden's educational mission that will be made possible by the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory, an initiative that we are proud to support. Our hope is that those who haven't yet participated will step forward to help close the campaign in 2016. Please join us in securing a connection to nature for generations to come!"**

Martin Dickinson, Chairman  
The Donald C. and Elizabeth M. Dickinson Foundation

Meeting the Dickinson Challenge is a major milestone in the Garden's history, one that emboldens us to strive forward to complete the fundraising for the Dickinson Conservatory in 2016.

**"I'd like to thank the Dickinson Family for inspiring so many members of the community, myself included, to get involved. I'm looking forward to working with the Garden's past trustees through the Leadership Council to launch the Community Campaign and raise the remaining funds to complete this much-needed project, and I thank Carol Dickinson for accepting the role of Honorary Chairman. I invite the members of our community to join us in creating a place where people of all ages will create their own stories about how they fit into the natural world."**

Jim Farley, Campaign Chairman

In just over two years, our generous donors, beginning with our Board of Trustees, made contributions and pledges totaling \$3 million.

As the fundraising progresses, so does the design preparation. Plant acquisition has begun, and the Conservatory's most unique features – such as the plant chandeliers – are being assembled and planted. Keep an eye out for notice of a Groundbreaking event in early 2016, along with a Community Campaign that will provide special opportunities for participation by all who wish to ensure that future generations will be able to connect with the natural world in a unique botanical gathering space. Please join us!

### Campaign Leadership Council

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Director of Horticulture Paul Redeker holds an *Anthurium fasciale* donated to the Garden for use in the Conservatory by The Huntington Botanical Gardens.



Gardener Chris Garcia carries an *Aglaomorpha heraclea* donated to the Garden by Don Callard for the Conservatory.



Horticulture Manager Liz Rozycki (foreground) and Curator of Collections Lesley Randall transport an *Anthurium regale* donated to the Garden by The Huntington Botanical Gardens.





Photo: Nick Ruddick

## 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 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. These beautiful pieces of art are available for purchase to display in your own garden. For participating artists, or how to purchase one of our sculptures, please visit [SDBGarden.org/sculpture.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/sculpture.htm).

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



Photo: Nick Ruddick

## 5K Paw Walk in the Garden

**Saturday, February 20 • 9 am – 1 pm**

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

Participants will follow a 5K walk through the 37 acre garden with their dog(s) in tow. The route winds through spectacular garden areas including California Native Plants, Australia, the Canary Islands, Hawaii, Bamboo Garden, Subtropical Fruit Garden and Palm Canyon.

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

#### Cost:

**Adult \$32, Adult Member/RCHS Volunteer \$21**

**Youth \$21, Youth Member/RCHS Volunteer \$14**

**Family/Team (4 on team) \$92**

**Family/Team (6 on team) \$138**

**Family/Team (8 on team) \$184**

**Member Family/Team (4 on team) \$60**

**Member Family/Team (6 on team) \$90**

**Member Family/Team (8 on team) \$120**

**Register online at [SDBGarden.org/pawwalk.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/pawwalk.htm)**

To become a Paw Walk Sponsor, please contact Nicole Miller-Coleman at [nmiller-coleman@SDBGarden.org](mailto:nmiller-coleman@SDBGarden.org) or 760/ 436-3036 x219.





## Spring Planting Jubilee & Tomato Sale

March 19 & 20 • 9 am – 5 pm

It's March planting madness at our Spring Planting Jubilee & Tomato Sale! This event is a plant lover's dream with a wide variety of herbs, spring plants, bromeliads, garden art and implements available as well as all new locally-sourced and grown Summer Garden vegetable extravaganza, offered by Coastal Roots Farm. The sale will feature a wide variety of tomatoes, vegetables, seeds, cut flowers and annuals. Garden experts will be on hand to answer questions and provide helpful advice on spring plantings and caring for your entire garden.

Yummy food will be available from the Jitter Bean and musical entertainment will be provided by Bob Ballentine and friends. Educational workshops will be offered throughout both days. Visit [SDBGarden.org/events.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/events.htm) for listing and times.

Don't miss our KidZone at the Jubilee with special educational displays, crafts and activities as well as a petting zoo and pony rides.

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



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

November 1 – 14, 2016

**Price: Starting at \$5,400 per person/double occupancy**  
**Dates & prices subject to change. Price does not include air fare. Valid passport required**

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

This incredible excursion will take visitors on a journey from the busy capital of Antananarivo, with hillside complexes of royal palaces and burial grounds, to the wilds of Ranomafana National Park, home to the critically endangered greater bamboo lemur, golden bamboo lemur and 11 other species; from the seaside towns of Tuléar and Fort Dauphin, formerly a colorful fishing village, to the botanical treasures of Antsokay Arboretum, that houses a collection of over 900 plant species from the southwestern region of Madagascar; and more!

**For enrollment, or more information, please contact:**  
**Sandy Schmidt, Specialty Travel Consultant & Garden Tours Director**  
**Holbrook Travel, [schmidt@holbrooktravel.com](mailto:schmidt@holbrooktravel.com), 877-907-5360**



Photos: Rachel Cobb



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## Winter Classes

### Introduction to Zentangle

**Saturday, January 16**  
**1 – 3 pm**

The Zentangle method is an easy to learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. No art experience necessary! Zentangle increases participant's focus and sense of well-being. Certified Zentangle Instructor Janet Masey leads the class.

**Cost: Members \$40, non-members \$48. A \$10 materials fee is also paid directly to the instructor on the day of the class. Register by January 8.**

### Living Wall / Vertical Garden

**Saturday, January 16**  
**9 am – 12 pm**

**Saturday, March 12**  
**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. A \$70 materials fee per student is also paid directly to the instructor at the class. Register by January 8.**

### Succulent Turtle

**Tuesday, February 2**  
**9 am – 12 pm**

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

**Cost: Members \$35, Non-Members \$42. Register by January 29.**

### Kokedama, Japanese Living Art

**Saturday, February 6**  
**1 – 3 pm**

Kokedama is a traditional Japanese living art form where moss is used as a container for a plant. In this interesting and hands-on workshop, you will learn how to make your own living art piece by creating two kokedamas in two hours. Students will learn soil preparation, plant selection and use of indoor plants.

Instructor: Kanako Yamada

**Cost: Members \$22, Non-Members \$26. Register by January 29.**

### Build Your Own Hydroponic Spring Garden

**Saturday, February 20**  
**9 am – 1pm**

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

**Cost: Members \$80, Non-Members \$96. Register by February 12.**

### Watercolor Flora Fusion – all levels

**Sunday, February 21**  
**9:30am – 4 pm**

Imagine and paint with watercolors in a very forgiving way. This process will allow you to discover ways to define the space around growing things with contrast and yummy colors. Part of the beauty of this technique is revealing some of the underlining abstracted imagery of leaves, pods, and other assorted botanical shapes in selected spots. Metaphors and messages can play a whimsical or thoughtful role in your finished piece with added bits of collage and text. Work with some very contemporary, good vibe watercolor techniques that won't complicate and stress you out! Instructor: Helen Shafer Garcia.

**Cost: Members \$70, Non-Members \$84. Student supplied materials list available upon request. Register by February 12.**

### Mosaic Garden Jewels

**Wednesday, March 3**  
**12:30 – 3:30 pm &**

**Wednesday, March 9**  
**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. A \$20 materials fees is also paid directly to the instructor on the first day of class. Register by February 26.**

### New Class!

### HDR Photography Effects – Bob Bretell

**Saturday, March 5**  
**9 am – 1 pm**

Learn how to shoot HDR from photo-tipster Bob Bretell. HDR (high dynamic range) is an amazing photography technique that is ideal for any subject matter including flowers, portraits, architecture and still life. The process is easy to learn - all you need is a camera capable of manually adjusting exposure, a computer and an HDR processing program (free download to try). Students will practice the fundamentals of HDR and a photo critique will be provided at the end of class. For some examples of HDR visit: [www.Photo-tipster.com](http://www.Photo-tipster.com).

**Cost: Members \$62, Non-Members \$75. Register by February 26.**

### Succulent Wreath Class

**Saturday, March 5**  
**9 am – 2 pm**

**Tuesday, April 19**  
**9 am – 2 pm**

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

**Cost: Members \$65, Non-Members \$78. Register by February 26 for the March 5 class and by April 15 for the April 19 class.**



# Pick Your Fruit

## These Exotic Trees Will Thrive in Arid Climates

By Jeremy Olin, Gardener, Sub-tropical Fruit Garden

In Southern California, we all love to eat a fresh avocado, drink a glass of sun-ripened orange juice, or harvest a delicious plum from our backyard trees.

However, growing fruit trees in an arid climate can be challenging when taking into consideration the amount of water it takes to produce our favorite varieties.

For instance, a pound of fresh avocados takes 141 gallons of water to produce. A pound of oranges requires 67 gallons, while a plum tree needs 261 gallons of water to yield just one pound of fruit. These types of fruit trees provide large, succulent foods when watered well. However, a fruit tree in poor health may create sour or bitter fruit.

So, how can we grow delicious fruit in arid Southern California, while conserving our states most precious resource – water?

As gardeners, we can employ the basics of saving water in general, such as green mulching, composting, deep watering, greywater recycling, and Hugelkulture, a composting process employing raised planting beds constructed on top of decaying wood debris and other compostable plant materials designed to improve water retention and improve soil fertility.

We also can choose to plant “drought-thriving” fruit trees in our gardens that produce more exotic and delicious fruits that are sometimes sweet, but are more on the salty, sour and small side. Some arid climate trees also provide edible flowers, leaves, bark, etc., that make a delicious addition to any salads or side dishes served at your table.

Fig, pomegranate, and citrus are good choices for drought-tolerant trees. Below are some more unusual “drought-thriving” fruit trees that do well in low-water climates.

**Surinam Cherry** (*Eugenia uniflora*) - Fabulous sweet-sour fruit on this shrub or small tree resembles a habanero chile in appearance. Skin is so tender the fruit must be hand collected from the tree. Huge harvests and commercially available.

Pineapple Guava



**Lilly Pilly** (*Syzygium smithii*) - This small tree commonly used for hedges, borders and fencing in San Diego produces clusters of small, dry, purple or blue fruits. Try Blue Lilly Pilly, a lavender-ginger flavored variety.

**Guava** (*Psidium* sp.) - This tree produces huge amounts of fruit with edible seeds and skin. Very healthy. Strong tropical fruit odor surrounds the tree in fruiting season.

**Rose Apple** (*Syzygium jambos*) – Rose-flavored fruit about the size of a walnut crunches like an apple. Overabundance of fruit each year. Handsome tree can get 40 feet tall and almost as wide.

**Bell-fruit** (*Syzygium samarangense*) - Beautiful, jicama-tasting small fruit is magenta pink and lines limbs of this tall decorative tree. Can be messy.

**Ceylon Gooseberry** (*Dorvalis hebecarpa*) - These dense trees with 2-3-inch long sharp spines produce a surplus of very sour red fruit, about the size of a dime.

**Jujube** (*Ziziphus jujuba*) – Fruit on this deciduous tree is small with a sweet-sour flavor. Produces aggressive runners.

**Satinleaf** (*Chrysophyllum oliviforme*) – This gorgeous ornamental tree produces beautiful chewy fruits that look like olives and taste like tropical figs.

**Pineapple Guava** (*Acca sellowiana*) – Produces edible flowers and a surplus of fruit annually. Grown as shrub or small tree.

**Lucuma** (*Pouteria lucuma*) - This nutritious dry fruit tastes like a sweet potato. Tree grows 25-50 feet tall.



Bell-fruit



# Gala 2015: Deep Roots... Growth and Gardens

On Saturday, September 12, 2015 San Diego Botanic Garden held its **16th annual Gala in the Garden**. Considered by many the Garden's best yet, the Gala emphasized history and longevity through the theme *Deep Roots...Growth and Gardens*.

It was an unforgettable night. Fragrant florals, twinkling lights and a range of musical styles set the mood while an incredible array of cuisine delighted guests. Ten tempting food stations enticed visitors strolling along Garden paths, while a vast, open-air pavilion served as a dining room under the stars. Guests enjoyed live entertainment by Ruby and the Redhots, Con Alma and Raggle Taggle; bid on dozens of silent auction items ranging from luxury hotel stays to rare plants; vamped it up at the Starlight Photo Booth sponsored by Westfield UTC; and mingled with friends old and new.

At sunset, Gala guests gathered to enjoy the evening's program. Julian Duval and emcee Pierre Charmasson led a successful Fund-A-Need live auction that garnered \$41,200 for the expansion of our recycled water irrigation system. Immediately following, Jim Farley, President and CEO of The Leichtag Foundation and Chairman of the campaign for the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory, announced that the Garden had nearly achieved its goal of raising \$3 million by December 31, 2015 to receive a \$1 million challenge grant from The Donald C. and Elizabeth M. Dickinson Foundation.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2015 Paul Ecke Jr. Award of Excellence to honorees Tony and Sue Godfrey, owners of Olive Hill Greenhouses in Fallbrook, California, which was also the Gala's presenting sponsor. Over the last four decades, Tony and Sue have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to quality, innovation and sustainable practices. In addition to their work at Olive Hill, the Godfreys have maintained active involvement in the region's agriculture, landscaping, design and business communities. During the presentation, Sue shared fond memories of family visits to the Garden: with her daughters, Denise and Kristina, as far back as the 1970's, and with her grandchildren today. Paul Ecke III presented the Godfreys with a custom painting and plaque by botanical artist and San Diego Botanic Garden Curator of Collections Lesley Randall. Tony and Sue were also recognized through a County of San Diego proclamation presented by Grants Administrator Roberta Walker, who represented Board Supervisor Dave Roberts' office, and a State Resolution from Assemblymember Marie Waldron, Assembly District #75.

The evening concluded with closing remarks and acknowledgements from Gala Committee Chair Jim Ruecker, who thanked the 2015 Gala Committee for its dedication and hard work, and the more than 100 volunteers who contributed to the effort



Naomi and Michael Rabkin, Mim Michelove and Charles Ackerman, and former Encinitas Mayor Teresa Barth

including those from the Garden, the National Charity League, the Solana Center for Environmental Innovation and the Solana Beach Eco Rotary Club.

For the first time, the Gala was certified as a Zero Waste Event, as recognized by the Solana Center for Environmental Innovation.

Thanks to our guests, generous sponsors, in-kind donors and hard-working Gala Committee and volunteers, the 2015 Gala in the Garden netted more than \$134,000, including \$110,000 in sponsorships, an all-time record.

**Save the date for our next Gala in the Garden:  
Saturday, September 10, 2016.**



Gala guests enjoy fresh oysters in the Bamboo Garden thanks to The Fish Market



Leslie Duval, Nancy Kelly & Julian Duval



Board member and Gala Committee member Joyce Wilder with a Gala guest

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Bottaro Wood Fired Pizza



Drone Shot



## 2015 Gala in the Garden Committee

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Julian Duval, Sue & Tony Godfrey and Paul Ecke III who presented the award

# 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

### Spring Planting Jubilee & Tomato Sale

Activities for children will be offered during the Spring Planting Jubilee & Tomato Sale on March 19 and 20. For detailed information on this event, see page 5.



### Spring Party with Bunny in Seeds of Wonder Saturday, March 26, 2016

Early party: 10 -11:30 am

Late party: 11:30 am – 1 pm

Children ages 2 to 6 are invited to visit our gentle bunny, pet real bunnies and chicks, and make some colorful spring crafts. The San Dieguito Garden Club will help children arrange beautiful fresh flower arrangements to take home. Children will also parade through the garden and go on a bunny hunt. Limited to 50 children per party, pre-registration required.

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



### Birthday Parties for Children

On Saturdays and Sundays, we reserve the picnic area in Seeds of Wonder 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 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)







# 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 • Hamilton Children's Garden

### Seeds of Wonder

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

**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. The Preschool Explorer Sprouts will guide children through seasonal activities every first Thursday of the month.

### 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. In the Art Garden, you can paint pictures on giant chalk boards or draw on paper with chalk pastels. Try out all the different instruments in the music garden and make some "noise." Get your feet wet in the Mountain Stream and let boats and floating toys go down the stream. When the sun is out, try reading the time by the shadow



Photo: Rachel Cobb

cast on the sundial and find your way through the maze. Be creative with huge foam blocks, ramps and balls at the Tropical Surround, or enjoy reading a book from our Book Nook. Last but not least, have an amazing time playing in Toni's Tree House!

### 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 will post a new scavenger hunt regularly.

### Art Garden Happenings

**Monday through Saturday, except first Tuesday of the month**

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 all skill levels.



**Become part of the conversation today! Like and Follow SDBG on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, to get the latest gardening tips, learn about new plants, see and share amazing photos, and receive up to date information about the Garden. You can also find great photos and ideas for your own garden by following us on Pinterest.**

# Volunteer and Docent News

## October Volunteer of the Month: **RICK TRAFICANT**

Rick was born in Miami, FL and it was his parents who introduced him to gardening at an early age. Before retiring, Rick worked in the medical, and then, health and fitness industries. After moving to San Diego from Florida, Rick paid a visit to San Diego Botanic Garden – and was hooked! Rick loves being part of the garden beautification team at the Garden, and he also does some light construction work and drives the cart as well. What Rick likes best about the Garden is being out in nature and the people he works with here. Some of his fondest memories are sitting in the shade of the Bamboo Forest with friends from the Garden after a hard day's work.



## November Volunteer of the Month: **BARBARA FARLEY**

Barb, who is from the 'Big Apple' (New York City), inherited her love of gardening from her grandparents who were farmers. After graduating from college with a minor degree in botany, Barb went on to earn a degree in biochemistry that led to a Fulbright Scholarship in Edinburgh, Scotland. Her career in biochemistry, led her to positions at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the University of California of Los Angeles (UCLA), and the University of Rochester.



It was in 1990, when her son got married in the Walled Garden, that Barb was introduced to the Garden, becoming a Docent in 1991. Since then, Barb has worked in many locations at the Garden including in propagation, the herbarium, in the Gift Shop and at the Fall Plant Sale. She has also served on the Docent Executive Board and as a Trustee of the Garden. Barb thinks the best part about working at the Garden is the camaraderie.

## December Volunteer of the Month: **KATHLEEN DUVAL**

Originally from Chicago, Kathy became involved with San Diego Botanic Garden when Julian (her brother) became the President and CEO of the organization. She watched the Garden grow and grow and grow over the years, and finally moved to San Diego from her home base in Hawaii. Kathy is now part of the care team for Sam the Galapagos tortoise.



Before becoming an integral part of the Garden, Kathy flew internationally for a major airline and worked as a dental assistant. Kathy feels one of the great things about working in (and wandering around) the Garden is how you can become enfolded within a canopy of tropical trees like Hawaii one moment, and then meander into an exotic African area the next. Kathy is one of the smiling faces you'll often see greeting guests in the Welcome Center.

## **We Love Our Docents!** **New Classes Begin January 2016**

Our Docents at San Diego Botanic Garden serve in the Gift Shop, as tour guides, provide Garden beautification, greet our guests in the Welcome Center, and much more. Our next series of 8 classes begin on Thursday, January 28 and meet every other Thursday from 9 am – 1 pm.

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

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

## **Docent Meetings – Everyone Welcome**

### **First Wednesday of the Month**

**9:30 am – 12 pm • Arrive at 11 am for the program**

**January 6:** Local landscaper designer and builder, Bill Schnetz, will discuss how to redo a typical California garden into a water-wise landscape. He is the co-author of the book "Life After Lawns" available in the SDBG Garden Shop.

**February 3:** Dr. Alan McHughen, professor at the University of California, Riverside, will discuss the potential as well as the hazards of genetically modified food. He is the author of "Pandora's Picnic Basket."

**March 2:** Dr. Jeff Severinghaus, research scientist at University of California, San Diego, will discuss the compelling facts regarding our planet's changing climate. Dr. Severinghaus spends most of his research time in Antarctica studying and collecting ice cores.



# Fall Plant Sale 2015: Behind the Scenes



**T**his much-anticipated, much-loved annual event is the only volunteer-run fundraiser for the Garden, and is the second highest grossing annual initiative. Ever wonder what it takes to mount this effort from year to year? Read on...

## FAST FACTS

**Leadership:** Stacy Fataleleh, Chair (10 years running!) and Jane Hunt, Co-Chair

**Timeline:** The Fall Plant Sale is held over three days in October, but the planning process actually begins in April of each year.

**Plant Provenance:** In the fall, more than 100 generous nurseries, stores, families and individuals make in-kind donations

of high-quality plants. San Diego Botanic Garden staff propagate special plants for the sale year-round.

**Special Perks:** Benefactor and Fellow level members of the Larabee Society, volunteers who contribute 20+ hours to the sale, select donors and Trustees are invited to shop the Pre-Sale on Friday afternoon and attend a reception and rare plant auction on Friday night.

**More Than Just Plants:** Volunteers also lead bake sale, book sale, jam sale and thrift sale efforts in the Ecke Building, all of which boost interest and revenue.

**A Herculean Volunteer Effort:** 200-300 volunteers pitch in during set-up week alone. More than 2,000 volunteer hours are logged each year.

**Blow-Out:** On the Monday after, bargain hunters drop by for the ½ Price Blow-Out Sale. According to Jane, everyone is pretty-much "blown-out" by Monday and looking forward to some well-earned rest.

**Amount Raised:** The Fall Plant Sale raised over \$54,000 for the Garden this year, a \$3,000 increase from 2014.

**Without the cooperation and hard work of Garden volunteers and those listed below, the Fall Plant Sale would not be possible:**

**Teen Volunteers in Action (TVIA)**

**Claire Ehrlinger and students from MiraCosta College**

**San Diego Botanic Garden staff including Horticulture, Facilities, Operations and Development**



## Fund-A-Need

Each year, at Gala in the Garden, President and CEO Julian Duval leads a live 'auction' to raise funds for a critical Garden initiative. The initiative continues online even after the Gala, but it's great fun to be a part of the action on Gala night.

San Diego Botanic Garden's Fund-A-Need for 2015 is an expansion of our recycled water irrigation system. Currently, 30% of the water used in gardens across our 37-acre property is recycled, and the remaining 70% is potable.

Thanks to more than 30 generous donors, efforts to increase the amount of "purple pipe" installed to increase our use of recycled water have already begun. You can still support this effort online: [SDBGarden.org/fund-a-need.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/fund-a-need.htm)

Special thanks to the Employees of Datron for their generous gift of \$10,000 and to Carol and Martin Dickinson, who kicked off our 2015 Fund-A-Need live auction with a bid of \$10,000.

## Thank you to our Fall Plant Sale Partners

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**The Garden will miss these special, longtime friends who passed away in the fall of 2015:**

✿ **Adrienne Green** ✿ **David B. Lloyd**

✿ **Tim O'Reilly** ✿ **Rob Schaefer**

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I hope you and your family enjoyed a great holiday season. One highlight for my family is visiting the Garden of Lights at San Diego Botanic Garden. The Garden is a world-class location where residents and visitors can discover the beauty of nature. For several years, San Diego County and the San Diego Botanic Garden have been strong partners in serving our community. As thousands of families marveled at the holiday light displays, I was pleased to have played a part in the celebration through Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant funds.

San Diego Botanic Garden is an important educational and community resource, serving more than 230,000 people annually. Many of the visitors are from San Diego

County. The connection with plants and nature goes a long way toward keeping people active, healthy and thriving. I appreciate the beautiful plant collection, 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 experience the beauty of San Diego Botanic Garden!

Sincerely,

*Dave Roberts*



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