

Quail Tracks

A close-up photograph of several blue iris flowers. The petals are a deep, vibrant blue with visible veins. The stamens are a bright, contrasting orange color. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the same flowers and green foliage.

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

Membership Discounts:

10% to Family, Individual and Steward level members

20% to Patron and higher level members

Summer is in full swing and our Garden Shops are in full bloom! Our fresh and unique seasonal items are sure to enhance any garden or home – stop by and be pleasantly pleased!

We have a lovely new addition to our offerings: The Ancient Graffiti collection of nature-inspired gifts and accessories for the home and garden are created using natural materials and eco-friendly principles. This collection of truly unique gifts and garden accessories is designed by Ancient Graffiti in partnership with global and local artisans, with a shared purpose of making our selection of nature-inspired products unlike any other. Each piece is individually handcrafted to create items that are handsome, built to last and of good value. We have hanging ornaments, rain chains, colorful plant stakes and much more!

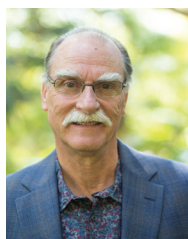
For the gardeners in your life, we have colorful and uncommon self-planting containers, pottery and floral vases. We even have garden tools and gloves to complete the job while protecting your hands.

And due to their continued popularity, we have refreshed our offering of cork accessories. With our cork trees just outside the Shop, it's fun to imagine the transformation which creates these lovely eco-friendly and impressive pieces. In addition, you can even see the recent harvesting of one of our oak trees and picture your new purse!

Our charming Gift Shop and Plant Shop are always staffed by our lovely volunteers who are ready to greet you – please stop on in and relax as you take a quiet stroll about the Garden.



On the cover: *Puya alpestris*, South America Garden Photo: Rachel Cobb



Message from the President

It's Just Something in our DNA...

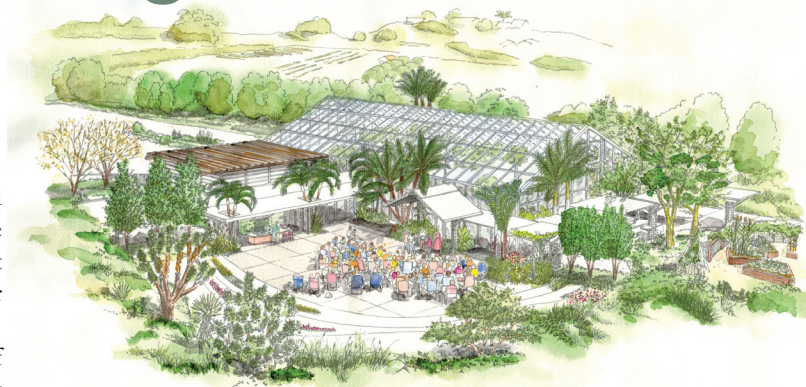
Julian Duval
President/CEO

As all of you who've ever stepped foot onto our beautiful property know, there's just something in the DNA of the San Diego Botanic Garden that affects everyone. Certainly, that includes me and I now have over two decades having been under the spell of this special place where plants grow people.

But this DNA has also been nurtured over time by all of our caring and talented staff, volunteers and donors. Part of that nurturing has also come in the form of providing and continually adding to unique visitor experiences where we fulfill our mission to connect people of all ages to connect with plants and nature.

We now are in full swing for adding what I believe will be our best jewel in the crown for SDBG to date. The Dickinson Family Education Conservatory is scheduled to open early next year. It will be a special place for plants and people like no other. The plants will be those found in the tropical forest canopy of the world where most of the world's most specialized and wondrous plants come from. They will be grown and displayed suspended as they would be in the world's tropical forests. The largest of what will become our "Plant Chandeliers" will either be raised or lowered which will allow for much needed educational programming space for people in the 7,400 square foot conservatory greenhouse.

But in addition to the interior tropical forest environment, there are many other features in this multipurpose facility. There is a protected outdoor classroom where there will be a teaching kitchen which is a short distance from the Incredible Edibles area of the Hamilton Children's Garden. Children will not only discover where their food comes from but also be involved in preparing food



which we know is the most powerful way for children to establish healthy eating habits. This is just one of many additional educational opportunities the Conservatory will make possible for children as well as adults.

Construction work has begun, and so far we have raised 93% of our \$5.3M goal. But that leaves about \$400K we need to raise. We need all of our family of friends to help invest in this project and what we promise in turn is yet another important successful addition to the San Diego Botanic Garden that builds upon the phenomenal success of the Hamilton Children's Garden. If you have not already pledged or donated, please do see that your name is added to the list. You are certain to be very pleased with what your contribution will make possible.

Thank you to the following dear friends who have made five-figure and up commitments to the Conservatory campaign, in addition to many other generous supporters. Many thanks to each and every donor!

To find out how you can invest in this exciting project, contact Carolyn at czollars@SDBGarden.org or by calling 760/ 436-3036, x216.

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Far TOO many generous friends to list here!

To see full class descriptions and to register go to SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x204.

Summer Classes

Living Wall / Vertical Garden

Saturday, July 8, 9 am -12 noon

Saturday, August 19, 9 am – 12 noon

Saturday, September 30, 9 am – 12 noon

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. REGISTER EARLY! These classes sell out. Instructor: Mary Lou Morgan

Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$36 plus \$80 per student materials fee paid directly to the instructor at the class.
Register by July 3, August 11, and September 22.

Why you Should Have a Vegetable Garden

Saturday, July 8, 9 – 11:30 am

Do you love fresh, organic vegetables but don't want to pay the price at the market? This class will provide you with a start-to-finish plan for a small raised bed garden, window box herb garden and patio garden. Site selection, soil preparation and choosing the right vegetable for the right space will be included. Instructor: Jano Nightingale

Cost: Members \$45, non-members \$54 plus \$10 materials fee paid directly to the instructor.

Planting For Pollinators

Saturday, August 5, 9 am – 11 am

Learn all about how to plant a pollinator friendly garden. Learn about the different pollinators, honey bees, wild bees, humming birds, moths, hoverflies, and butterflies. Learn the important role pollinators play in our lives and how we can create a garden environment that supports the various pollinators. Instructor: Marianne Brettell-Vaughn

Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$36.

Build Your Own Hydroponic Summer Garden

Saturday, August 12, 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. Fee includes materials.

Cost: Members \$80, non-members \$96.
Register by August 4.



Pine Needle Basketry

Saturday, August 19, 10 am – 4 pm

After learning this easy way to start a basket you'll find yourself looking for exciting things to use for centers in your basket such as brooches, old earrings, stones, pendants, etc. Pine needles and Irish linen thread is provided. After this class, your new skills can be used to coil many other common plants. Instructor: Nadine Spier

Cost: Members \$50, non-members \$60 plus \$37 per student materials paid directly to the instructor at the class.

Crinkly Vestiges Botanical Paper Quilt

Sunday, August 20, 9:30 am – 4 pm

Create your own paper quilt is loaded with colorful crinkly textures. Paint and ink will flow into the crevices giving papers a wonderful aged look. Explore this special watermedia batik like technique on Masa rice paper with us! Instructor: Helen Shafer Garcia

Cost: Members \$87, non-members \$109.

Fine Art Nature Photography Workshop #2

Saturday, September 16, 9 am – 1 pm

This outdoor workshop is designed to give you more ways to express your creative vision while having fun at the same time. Demonstrations and exercises will cover creative camera movement and combining flash with a slow shutter. Recommended for all levels. Instructor: Bob Bretell

Cost: Members \$62, non-members \$74.
Register by: September 8.

Introduction to Zentangle Art Method Class

Saturday, September 23, 2 pm – 4 pm

If you have been intimidated by art in the past, this is your class. Let Certified Zentangle Teacher, Janet Masey, introduce you to the concept of Zentangle Art Method. If you can draw a circle and straight line, then you can 'tangle'. Mini kit will be provided at class. Instructor: Janet Masey

Cost: Members \$40, non-members \$48 plus a \$10 materials fee paid directly to the instructor at class.
Register by September 15.

Mosaic Rock

Thursday, September 28, 10 am – 2 pm and

Friday, September 29, 10 am – 11 am

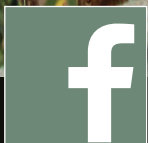
Create a beautiful mosaic rock using ocean rocks and glass beads. Students will learn how to glue and grout colorful beads to create flowers, plants, or other shapes resulting in attractive garden art.

Instructor: Candy Sharda

Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$36.
A \$30 materials fees is paid directly to the instructor on the first day of class. Register by September 22.



Photo: Rachel Cobb



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Upcoming Events

Thursday Family Fun Night

Every Thursday, Now – August 31
4:30 pm – 8 pm



NEW LOCATION: San Dieguito Heritage Museum

450 Quail Gardens Dr.

Right across the street from the

Hamilton Children's Garden entrance

Pack up the kids and enjoy some outdoor fun at Thursday Family Fun Night, every Thursday evening Now - August 31. From 6-7 pm don't miss family-friendly entertainment, like San Diego's own Hullabaloo, designed to amuse both children and adults. Garden lovers of all ages are invited to come to enjoy the rest of the Garden during Thursday Family Fun Night to take advantage of extended evening hours. It's a whole different feel in the Garden during these special summer months, so come and enjoy your Garden!

Cost: Free with paid admission or membership.

June 29

Liannas Music Adventures

Lianna's original songs are inspiring, upbeat, entertaining, and memorable! Children, parents, and teachers alike enjoy the live acoustic sounds performed by Lianna.

July 6

Little Catbird

Little Catbird plays family friendly, feel-good music! Live shows are interactive, engaging, sometimes silly and always full of good music!

July 13

Twinkle Time

Twinkle brings you her colorful, high energy pop concert fusing education, language, arts, and pop culture into the hottest kid's phenomenon to hit the Kid Space scene.

July 20

Hullabaloo

Hullabaloo is a free-range, organic kid-folk band. They are a foot-stomping, wing-flapping celebration of song that honors and entertains kids and families.

July 27

Kathryn the Grape

Enjoy Kathryn the Grape's positive and uplifting music performed live. Kathryn the Grape songs are full of vibrant melodies with unifying messages and upbeat musical arrangements. The Kathryn the Grape Music Show is fun for everyone!

August 3

Liannas Music Adventures

Fun for kids of all ages!

August 10

YMCA

The YMCA dance department rocks the house with North County's best professional, trained, FUN staff.

August 17

Patty Hall

Join Patty for a special set of her "Jumpin' Up" songs at this night of fun for families.

August 24

Buck Howdy

Buck Howdy is a four time Grammy Nominee and 2010 Grammy Award winner for Best Spoken Word Album for Children. Buck is a cowboy singer of western music for children and the whole family!

August 31

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Sculpture in the Garden

Sunday, June 25, 2017 – Early April 2018
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 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.

Insect Festival and Lady Bug Day

Saturday & Sunday, July 22 & 23
10 am – 4 pm

This one-of-a-kind event features thousands of fascinating creepy-crawlies including live insects, lizards, snakes, Lady Bugs 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.



Sponsored by K&M Pest Solutions and the San Diego Botanic Garden.

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

Save the Date for these GREAT upcoming events!

Orchid Clinic, Saturday, October 7
Fall Plant Sale, Saturday & Sunday October 21 & 22
Family Fall Festival, Saturday, October 28
Garden of Lights, December 2 – 23 & 26 – 30

Volunteer Orientation

Are you thinking about volunteering at the Garden? Wondering what you might do? Come join us at our next Volunteer Orientation – you'll meet interesting people, learn about our beautiful garden and discover how you can get involved.

Our next quarterly orientation takes place on August 11 and begins at 9:30 am in the Ecke Building. For additional information or questions pertaining to volunteering, please contact Jill Gardner, Volunteer Manager at 760/ 436-3036 x213 or jgardner@sdbgarden.org.



Summer Jazz Concert featuring The Big Band and Jazz Hall of Fame

Sunday, August 13
5 pm – 7 pm

Spend the evening listening to the Big Band and Jazz Hall of Fame Orchestra performing the hits of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, Artie Shaw, Stan Kenton and many more.

The BB&JHF Orchestra consists of musical talents playing 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.



Happy Birthday Sam!

Sam, the San Diego Botanic Garden's Giant Galapagos Tortoise, celebrated his 53rd birthday in style. More than 30 friends and family members gathered together in Sam's yard (adjacent to the Duval's house), sang Sam 'Happy Birthday', and presented him with his own special birthday cake made out of carrots, cactus, sweet potatoes, cucumbers and oranges, with a banana on top that also served as a candle. All of Sam's favorite foods!

Garden friends from the San Diego Zoo's reptile house and San Diego Scale Company helped bring in a Sam-sized scale to weigh the birthday boy a whopping 568 pounds!

Peter Cuthbert San Diego Botanic Garden's Early Planner

By Dave Ehrlinger
Former SDBG Director of Horticulture



Peter Cuthbert

Peter Cuthbert was one of the key figures in the early years of San Diego Botanic Garden as a park planner for San Diego County from 1960-1983. A Navy veteran, he graduated from the University of Oregon in landscape architecture.

In the 1960s, during the Garden's formative years, he was involved in planning and designing plantings throughout the Garden, including the entrance drive and parking lot, roads, pathways, and other infrastructure elements such as water lines,

drinking fountains, and restrooms.

As a park planner for the County Park & Recreation Department he worked with the County's lead staff member at the Garden, P. J. Miller, and the Quail Garden Foundation Board. He met regularly with the Foundation's Landscape Committee during those critical early years. The Chairperson of the Landscape Committee was Mildred Mcpherson, a local nursery owner, landscape architect, and educator.

One of the greatest threats to the Garden in its early years was a proposal to devote sizable acreage to ball fields. Peter Cuthbert with other County planners worked to avert this reduction in the size of the Garden. Finally Paul Ecke, Sr., founder of Ecke Ranch poinsettias, donated nearby land to be developed for sports fields.

When Landscape Committee Chairperson, Mildred Mcpherson died in 1973 she left a substantial bequest to the Garden for a spectacular waterfall. Cuthbert worked on the planning of this project for several years with Garden staff, the Quail Gardens Foundation, and Torzeski Studios before it was completed in 1979 with additional County funding. He designed the deck overlooking the Waterfall stream, named in honor of Mildred Mcpherson.

Some of Peter Cuthbert's last projects at the Garden were connected with the Waterfall. Another phase of the Waterfall project was planned, extending the stream through the Tropical Rain Forest to the lower pool. This would not be completed until 1986. His last project at the Garden was designing the stairway that leads down from the Waterfall Deck to the path below the first pool.

Cuthbert left the San Diego County Planning Department in 1983. He was involved in the planning of over 50 County parks, including William Heise County Park, Lake Jennings Park, Mission Trails Regional Park, and San Elijo Lagoon. In addition to his passion for plants and preserving nature he loved music.

Last summer he visited the Garden with his daughter, Cindy, for the last time. He was very pleased at how the Garden had developed over the years. He especially remarked at how large the Dragon Trees had grown.

On December 14, 2016 at the age of 89, Peter Cuthbert passed away, the oldest survivor of San Diego Botanic Garden's early times.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, three daughters, Cindy, Lisa, and Teri, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.



Photo: Rachel Cobb

Become a Docent at San Diego Botanic Garden!

A series of eight Docent classes begins **Thursday, September 14, 2017**. They take place every other Thursday from 9:30 am – 1 pm.

Gain in-depth knowledge about the unique collection of plants at this 37-acre botanic wonderland.

Meet others who share your interest in the natural world, while learning from experts in a variety of specialties. Experience the satisfaction and personal accomplishment that comes from joining such a stimulating and worthwhile organization, right in the heart of Encinitas.

Docent activities include planning and working on special events, volunteering in garden beautification, and helping the Garden run smoothly. Docents are also encouraged (but not required) to lead garden tours. To each of these activities docents bring valuable leadership made possible through this specialized training.

For further information contact Liz Woodward, Docent Training Coordinator, via email to liz@woodwardweb.net or telephone 760/ 420-1455.

Dynamic San Diego Botanic Garden DELIVERS!

The Garden's Recent Award of "Top 10 Gardens in North America Worth Traveling For" is a Reflection of its Laid-Back, So-Cal Vibe and Unique Sense of Place

By Felder Rushing

Professional Garden Journalist, Author, Lecturer, and National Public Radio Host



Little did I know, when asked to make Linformal remarks at the Donors' Reception just before this year's Spring Planting Jubilee, that I would be the honored one to break some fantastic news about San Diego Botanic Garden.

As personal and professional points of pride, I was thrilled to learn that an entire continent of admirers just joined you and me in celebrating the San Diego Botanic Garden as one of the best in the entire country – in fact in all of North America!

A little background: As a professional garden journalist, lecturer, and National Public Radio (NPR) host who lives half the year in the U.S. and half in England, I travel – a LOT - so you can imagine I see my share of great gardens, both private and public.

Still, any time I find myself in SoCal I make a point to drive over or down to visit what for years I knew as Quail Botanic Garden, sometimes surprising my old friends Julian and Leslie by just popping in for hugs and a quick walkabout.

Keep in mind that I am aware that in 1865 Marcy Chase Walker, San Diego's first schoolteacher, wrote "Of all the dilapidated, miserable-looking places I have ever seen, this was the worst...an altogether dreary, sun blasted point of departure for nowhere..."

Man oh man have y'all come a long way!

I show photographs from the Garden in nearly every lecture I make around the country and beyond, and have included several in some of my books; you could say I am in love with this gem of a garden and have enjoyed watching it grow by leaps and bounds over the past couple of decades.

In particular, I admire its unique sense of place – how it is all about Southern California, without resorting to earnest little recreations of gardens from other parts of the world. Beyond the distinctive native and adapted Mediterranean-climate plants, the informal, relaxed style, and the cheery staff and volunteers, there is an underlying ethos that imbues everything with a fundamental disposition and character that is all too often lacking in other fine gardens.

Which is why I was not surprised to learn, right before my presentation, that the San Diego Botanic Garden was honored at this year's North American Garden Tourism Conference to be included

as one of the "Top 10 North American Gardens Worth Traveling For." Garden Tourism Awards are presented to gardens that have distinguished themselves in the development and promotion of the garden experience as a tourism attraction.

This is a big deal - we're talking the entire continent here, from Mexico to Canada, putting SDBG as one of six U.S. gardens to make the list, which highlights it as one of the most dynamic garden experiences in the country.

Dynamic is a small word that implies a lot, and the San Diego Botanic delivers, starting with the admission booth succulent wall greeting visitors in the main parking lot, to the world class Hamilton's Childrens' Gardens and enticing little Seeds of Wonder garden, to the emphasis on environmentally-friendly native plants, to a lucky glimpse from the overlook of Sam munching on Opuntia. I especially love how a large dying tree across from the gazebo in the

Lawn Garden – which in another garden would probably just be taken down - is being carefully preserved for as long as safely possible and described in detail as a wildlife habitat.

To me, a sometimes-jaded traveling garden critic, the best part about your winding wonderland is

that everywhere I look, I see sometimes subtle but always cleverly-crafted "take home" ideas; unlike more classic botanical gardens trying too hard with their large vistas, parterres, formal statuary

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In fact, no matter which direction you go, there is so much to take in it can be overwhelming. So, while making some informal remarks at the Donor's Reception that Friday evening, I showed off a simple little device for helping astonished guests see the Garden better. Made that afternoon from a recycled cardboard tube wrapped in a Garden flyer and festooned with beads, seashells, and glitter, it in effect narrows the view to a circle, just like I see things through my camera lens. No matter where it is pointed there can be found a tasty, bite-size combination of shapes, textures, and colors of plants and garden art or other "hard" features - and even wildlife. It's just a subtle way to wrap heads around it all, to bring a tsunami of vignettes into focus.

One last thing: when visiting gardens or flower shows, I usually make time to sit or stroll quietly near other guests, to listen surreptitiously to their comments. And I am touched by the surprise, delight, and "oh wow" moments I overhear or watch in your Garden, especially from folks I would not consider to be particularly learned in horticulture, and particularly when they agree to give some of it a try at home. This is a hallmark of educational success.

Being user-friendly and educational are among the main attributes of a world class public garden; what's different here is how the underlying, laid-back Southern California way of doing things has helped your Garden's staff, volunteers and workers bridge an oft-overlooked gap between having a quality place to visit and learn, and a fun experience that begs to have do-able ideas taken home. And on top of all that, your education and marketing staff is nearly feverish with nearly nonstop, unique (and sometimes wacky) educational events!

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Anyway, congrats, y'all, on being recognized by those who see your efforts as the best of the best, a must-see garden that is unlike any other on the continent!

And it's only getting better – can't wait to get back out your way to bask in the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory!

Felder Rushing is the author of 18 garden books, host of NPR's weekly "Gestalt Gardener" program, and former contributing editor of "Horticulture," "Garden Design," and "Fine Gardening" magazines. The online Q&A guy for HGTV and former board member of the American Horticulture Society, Rushing splits his leisure time in his celebrated cottage garden in Mississippi and a small, walled terrace garden in the north of England.

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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

Summer Youth Program Enrichment Camps 2017

Flower Fairy Camp

July 3, 5, 6 & 7 (4 days) • 9 am – 12 noon
Ages: 6 - 10

Each day we will work on building our own fairy house to take home. For that, we will go on walks through different areas of the garden to collect natural material. Along the way we will find enchanted places to take a break and listen to flower fairy poems. We will make a flower fairy crown for ourselves, and of course, will build all the "furniture" for our fairy house from natural materials. On Friday we will wear our fairy crowns and have a dress-up day. Space is limited to 20 campers. Go to SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x201 to reserve your space today! For questions please e-mail SOW@SDBGarden.org.

Cost: Members \$108 / 4 days
Non-Members \$120 / 4 days.

Snap Shot – Nature Photography

July 10 – 14 (5 days) • 9 am – 12 noon
Ages: 7 - 10

This camp will focus on appreciating the beauty of plants in the Garden around us. Students will tour different areas of the Garden each day and will focus on taking pictures of flowers, trees, insects, and using plants as a backdrop for portraits. Throughout the week campers will also create their very own photo album to take home. Students need to provide their own digital camera or smart phone. Space is limited to 20 campers. Go to SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x 201 to reserve your space today! For questions please e-mail SOW@SDBGarden.org.

Cost: Members \$135 / 5 days
Non-Members \$150 / 5 days.

Art and Garden Adventure Camp

July 17 – 21 (5 days) • 9 am – 12 noon
Ages: 7 - 10

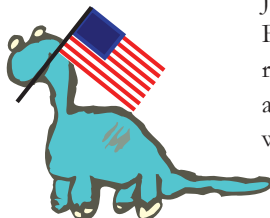
Each day students will explore different areas of the Garden to find inspiration for their art projects. We will paint on canvases, decorate clay animals, do sand art, and make our own survival bracelet. We will also go on exciting Scavenger Hunts, play games, and build a hydroponics unit to take home. Space is limited to 20 campers. Go to SDBGarden.org or call 760/ 436-3036 x 201 to reserve your space today! For questions please e-mail SOW@SDBGarden.org.

Cost: Members \$135 / 5 days
Non-Members \$150 / 5 days.



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 10:00 am and parade will start at 10:30 am sharp. After the parade, you are welcome to stay and enjoy the garden.



The passage of two dear friends of the Garden

By Julian Duval



Chuck Ades served on our board for nine years during a time of uncertainty about the direction and future of the Garden. Chuck was always encouraging and supportive. He was certain about our pursuit to expand the Garden onto City of Encinitas land and felt the decision to raise funds for the Hamilton Children's Garden was a wise one. Of course, he was right. He and his wife, Joan, became major donors for the Dickinson

Family Education Conservatory. Sadly, he did not get to see this project completed. Chuck and Joan joined us on the Garden member trip to Guatemala while back. I remember his excitement upon seeing a Begonia growing amongst the ruins at Tikal. Chuck loved plants but he also really enjoyed people. Unlike some people who really prefer plants, Chuck seemed to like everyone. Everyone liked Chuck as well. For me personally, he was a mentor. I learned much cultural plant information from him. He truly served as an example of how to get along with everyone. Chuck was our first Gala honoree 18 years ago. He and Joan were among the first to join the Benefactor Society level of membership. He generously donated plants from his business and personal collection, some of which will be featured in the Conservatory.



Don Sapp was drawn to volunteer at the Garden by his wife Joyce. Joyce essentially dedicated her life to the Garden and served in more roles than anyone else I know. From Docent with record numbers of volunteer hours to years of board service and also chair of the board committee that hired me. So maybe it was through osmosis but Don became a very important volunteer who brought his excellent

craftsmanship to bear on Garden projects. He headed up a small team of other talented guys who probably had also finished all their home "Honey Do" projects. This was of great benefit to the Garden because you could not hire the level of talent Don and his cohorts provided to the Garden for the things they designed, built and maintained. In later years, Don also enjoyed helping out with visitor needs on our First Tuesday free days. His favorite place was the Hamilton Children's Garden.

Both Don and Chuck are certainly missed and we are grateful for our fond memories.

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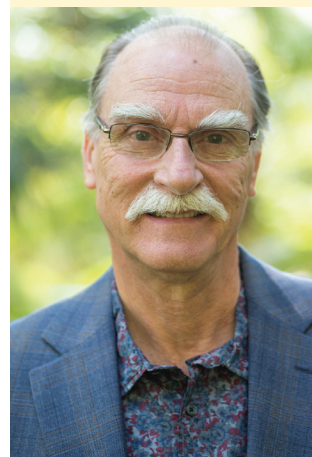
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In June, the American Horticulture Society (AHS) honored San Diego Botanic Garden President & CEO Julian Duval with the Professional Award at the Society's River Farm headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

The AHS Professional Award is given to a public garden administrator whose achievements during the course of his or her career

have cultivated widespread interest in horticulture and represents the best in American gardening. Julian was recognized for the significant contributions he has made to the gardening industry while at the Garden.

CONGRATULATIONS, JULIAN!

Volunteer and Docent News

April Volunteer of the Month: CARLA GILBERT

Carla was born in Washington, D.C. and lived in Paris for most of her childhood; that early experience led to a love of traveling that included adventures across the U.S., Europe and Asia.

After receiving a master's degree in Comparative Literature from the University of California, Berkeley, she worked as an Interpreter for cultural exchange programs. Photography, another love of Carla's, became a significant career focus before she retired.

Carla always shared a passion for plants and gardens with her mother, but did not have her own garden until moving to San Diego. Diana Goforth introduced Carla to San Diego Botanic Garden in 2005. After several years of volunteering, Carla joined the Admissions Staff. Five years later, Carla retired and resumed her volunteer experience by training as a Docent. Carla's favorite Garden event is the Fall Plant Sale and she continues to volunteer in Admissions and at other Garden events.



May Volunteer of the Month: MIKE BLANCO

Mike is originally from Pelham, NY, but spent most of his life in the Midwest. With a PhD in Agronomy, Mike worked in plant research for 36 years. His final career position was at Iowa State University coordinating a U.S. Department of Agriculture project to conserve and utilize plant genetic resources for corn.

He met his wife, Janice, while in college and they have been married for 46 years. They have two married children. One lives in San Diego and the other in Santa Barbara. In 2014, Mike retired, relocated to Encinitas and began SDBG's Docent Training the very next month!

Mike's grandfather had a wonderful vegetable garden and he spent summers working with his uncle in tree maintenance, insect control and landscaping. His favorite experience at our Garden is leading interactive tour discussions and watching children learn. His favorite areas in the Garden are the Subtropical Fruit Garden, Bamboo Garden and California Natives.



June Volunteer of the Month: GREG HUNTER

Greg grew up in Decatur, Illinois and married his high school sweetheart, Connie, in 1969. Most of Greg's career was in banking and commercial real estate. In 1986, he transferred to San Diego and later owned his own company. Greg retired from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's (FDIC) commercial real estate management and sales division.

When asked how he became interested in gardening, Greg answered, "I was born that way! Growing up with seven siblings, I was the only one interested in cutting grass and tending to the vegetable garden – and that is still true today!"

Upon his retirement, Greg's Number 1 choice was joining and volunteering at the Garden! He immediately enrolled in the Garden's Docent Class, which he completed in 2015.

Greg has volunteered at many of our Garden experiences, including playing Santa Claus during Garden of Lights, enjoying the Fall Plant Sales, and he was Team Captain of the Incredible Edibles Garden. He now co-chairs the Tour Guide Committee with Mike Blanco.



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 4: Pamela Hyatt, owner of Birdrock Tropicals, in Encinitas. Pam recently spent 10 days in Portugal visiting and studying old cork tree forests. She will show how these trees are used from harvest to production and will use some of her unique plants to demonstrate how cork is used in her business.

September 6: Pat Welsh of Del Mar will speak on Cool Season Crops. Pat is very well known for her books, videos, talks, and television programs on gardening. She will demonstrate how to produce a great fall vegetable garden as well as give us many new ideas.

Our Spring Reception

Spring time at the Garden is always so beautiful. This year, our annual Spring Reception was held on the Lawn Garden and it was a gorgeous evening with over 175 of our Larabee and Benefactor Members and Corporate Partners attending. This popular membership benefit featured live entertainment, scrumptious cuisine and of course, great wine!

The evening was kicked-off with our special guest speaker, Felder Rushing, renowned gardening expert, author of 18 gardening books, newspaper columnist, and host of a weekly NPR program. As a recognized gardening expert, Felder once lived and gardened in Coronado, founded the slow gardening philosophy which celebrates savoring of all your senses, all year, and sharing with others. Read Felder's article in this issue of Quail Tracks on page 8-9.

It was a lovely evening and the perfect occasion to recognize the ongoing commitment and support of our upper level members. Their dedication and gifts to the Garden provide the additional funding for our educational programs and enable our world-class Garden to grow and thrive.

Consider upgrading your membership TODAY and make an even greater impact on this special place! You'll also enjoy exclusive events such as the Spring Reception. For more information, please contact Bella Trillizio or Josh Pinpin at btrillizio@sdbgarden.org jpinpin@sdbgarden.org or call 760.436.3036 x215 (Bella) or x214 (Josh).



Double your donation to the Garden today!

Did you know you might be able to double your monetary donation to the Garden and/or convert your volunteer hours to a "dollar match" donation here? Many people do not realize that 65 percent of Fortune 500 companies match employee charitable donations and 40 percent offer volunteer grant programs. Such programs often apply to retired employees and their spouses, as well.

As the 17th largest metropolitan area in the U.S. and key locations of many leading companies, local nonprofits such as San Diego Botanic Garden can benefit from such employee matching program funds. The matching dollars can be donated from companies headquartered inside or outside of San Diego. Some of the larger companies with a major presence here in San Diego offering matching gifts include: Qualcomm, U.S. Bank, Kaiser Permanente, Sempra Energy (SDG&E), LPL Financial, Dell, Goodrich/United Technologies, Union Bank and ViaSat.

An estimated \$2-\$3 billion is donated annually through matching gift programs. An estimated \$6-\$10 billion goes unclaimed

every year! Some major companies will even match up to a five-figure gift annually per employee.

To determine if your company has a matching gift program, simply go to matchinggifts.com and enter in the business name or go to the company's website. If the company has such a program, instructions will be provided for applying for matching funds. Our Tax ID is 95-6120581. For volunteer hours verification, contact Josh Pinpin at 760/ 436-3036 x214 or jpinpin@sdbgarden.org.



Susan Kartzke

Special thanks to Susan and Paul Kartzke. Susan (pictured) has been a Docent at the Garden since 2009. She had her hours matched by ExxonMobil Foundation (Paul's former employer) which resulted in a \$500 donation to the Garden recently. **Special thanks to ALL of our docents, volunteers and members who are currently doing this!**

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