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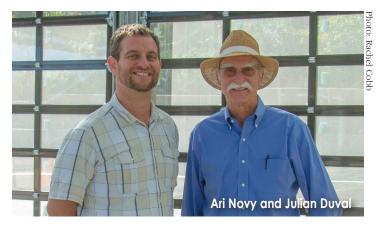
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SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting & Julian Duval's Retirement Party! Saturday, January 19

9 - 11 am • Annual Meeting 12 – 2 pm • Retirement Party



oin us at our Annual Meeting to learn more about all of the spectacular happenings at the Garden over the last year and what's to come in 2019.

Our special guest speaker, Bill McLaughlin, Curator of the U.S. Botanic Garden, is a lifelong native of the Washington DC area. Bill will discuss his experience managing the collections of the U.S. Botanic Garden. With our Conservatory opening soon, this will be a special topic to hear! Light refreshments/ breakfast will be served at the Annual Meeting. For more details, please contact Ellis Smith at 760/436-3036 x217 or esmith@SDBGarden.org

After the Annual Meeting, mosey on over for a BBQ and a boot-kicking good time - with live entertainment as we bid farewell to Julian Duval with a Garden shin-dig! RSVP's are required for Julian's retirement party. Limited RSVP's will be taken, so please RSVP EARLY! Kindly respond by Monday, January 14 (no RSVP's after this date will be accepted) to Ellis Smith at 760/436-3036 x217 or esmith@SDBGarden.org.

On the cover: Mahonia nevinii, See page 7. Photo: Rachel Cobb

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Message from the President

Ari Novy, PhD President & CEO

I Feel Like I'm In Paradise.

s I write this, I am about to complete my first four weeks as the new President and CEO of San Diego Botanic Garden. My heart is filled with gratitude. I am so very thankful to have the honor of leading such a wonderful institution. A garden is made of plants, but it is animated by the people who care for it. We are so fortunate to have such a strong base of people who are passionate about the Garden. Our staff, volunteers, members, donors and visitors are amazing. I am literally surrounded each day by hundreds of enthusiastic and generous plant lovers. I feel like I'm in paradise. Just today, I had a wonderful conversation in the Garden with volunteers and staff about a few of our trees that are used as preferred wood for surfboards. I learned that the empress tree (Paulownia tomentosa; ours sits on the edge of the bamboo collection across from the subtropical fruit collection) makes excellent surfboards. There is so much to learn in the Garden, so many stories that bring the Garden to life. I'm eager to learn them all as I talk with all of you.

There are so many exciting days ahead for San Diego Botanic Garden. I'm very much looking forward to our annual meeting on Saturday, January 19. Our speaker this year will be Bill McLaughlin,





Curator of the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C. Bill is an amazing horticulturist and speaker. He was curator at our national botanic garden when its conservatory reopened after a 4 year restoration from 1997-2001. As we prepare for the opening of our Dickinson Family Education Conservatory later in the year, I'll be excited to hear Bill's horticultural stories about the opening of the US Botanic Garden's conservatory 18 years ago. I hope you will be able to join us.

I'm also tremendously excited for the opening of our new Dickinson Family Education Conservatory. The building and landscape are nearing completion. We are diligently working now on bringing the fabulous plant chandeliers and floating islands into the building. It will truly be spectacular. I'm so excited for what our new conservatory will allow us to do. I see a bright future of stellar educational programs in a building of uncommon beauty, a home for rare and endangered tropical plants, a unique performance space, and the most magical events space anyone could hope for. These are truly exciting times for our Garden.

As I begin my journey with you, I'm thankful for the amazing place San Diego Botanic Garden is. I'm also energized by the new and exciting innovations we'll bring to our mission to inspire a love of plants and nature in our visitors. In today's ever more crowded and digital world, there are few tasks more noble than preserving nature for posterity and bringing everyone we can into the Garden. I'm convinced that every good person is even better in a garden. I look forward to seeing you among our plants.



Koi Acrylic Painting – Beginner Saturday, January 5, 1 - 3:30 pm

Ever wondered how to capture a beautiful Koi fish on canvas? If so, this class is perfect for you!. You'll receive step-by-step instructions on how to complete a painting. No drawing skills required. Templates will be supplied. This is an excellent class for beginners.

Cost: Members \$40, non-members \$48. Plus a \$20 per-student materials fee paid directly to the instructor on the day of class. Please register by December 29.

Master Composter 5-week Course Sunday, January 13 thru Sunday, February 17, 10am - 1pm

Presented by the Solana Center for Recycling

Learn the art and science of composting in this 5-week course that includes lectures, demonstrations and a field trip. In this class, you'll learn to reduce your carbon footprint by keeping food and yard waste out of landfills, turn it into a nutrient-rich amendment for use in your garden and increase water retention.

Cost: \$50. Encinitas residents receive preferential registration. Bring a buddy from Encinitas and their registration fee is waived. Please register online at:

http://solanacenter.org

Living Wall / Vertical Garden Saturday, January 26, 9 am -12 pm or Sunday, March 17, 9 am -12 pm

Learn the basics of planting a living wall/vertical garden for your garden or home.

We will be planting a 10" x 20" wall with a variety of succulents. Living walls can be used indoors or outdoors and incorporate a multitude of colors, textures and sizes. The possibilities of striking patterns and unique designs are endless. REGISTER EARLY! These classes will sell out! Instructor: Mary Lou Morgan

Cost: Members \$30, non-members \$36. Plus an \$80 per-student materials fee paid directly to the instructor on the day of class. Please register by January 19 for January class or March 10 for March class.

Forest / Nature Bathing Sunday, January 20, 9 - 11 am Sunday, February 17, 9 - 11 am Sunday, March 17, 9 - 11 am

Shinrin-yoku – or Forest Bathing – is a way of connecting people to nature. The positive health effects of simply being and walking in a state of relaxation in nature has undergone significant scientific testing and validation in Japan and Korea. Come experience for yourself this innovative programming that is trending in gardens and nature reserves across the country! Register today! This class will sell out fast. Instructor: Rhana Kozak

Cost: \$32 Members, \$40 non-members

Spring Succulent Wreath Saturday, February 2, 9 am – 3 pm

Design and create your own succulent wreath using over 350 cuttings from our big, beautiful 37-acre Garden! Your new wreath can be mounted on your wall (indoors or outdoors) or displayed on a table in your very own garden or home. Please bring small clippers to class. Instructor: SDBG Succulent Wreath Team

Cost: Members \$95, non-members \$114. Fee includes materials.
Please register by January 26.

Bees in the Garden Saturday, February 9, 11 am – 2 pm

Did you know that bee-friendly plant choices, beehive placement and garden design go hand-in-hand to support successful backyard beekeeping? In this class, you will learn about bees, and how they support our food system, and their struggle to survive in an ever-changing environment. Learn how you can help bees while making good plant choices for your garden. You'll leave with a better understanding about the importance of bees in our world, knowing where to place a hive in your garden, and receive a list of bee-friendly plants. "The hum of the bee is the voice of the garden," according to Class Instructor Kristin Heggem.

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

Please register by February 2.

Spring Succulent Turtle Saturday, February 19, 9 am – 3 pm

Design and create your own succulent turtle using over 100 cuttings from our big, beautiful 37-acre Garden. You can proudly display your new succulent turtle on your table or use it as an accent in your garden. Please bring small clippers to class. Instructor: SDBG Succulent Wreath Team

Cost: Members \$35, non-members \$42. Fee includes materials.
Please register by February 12.

Orchid Kokedama Workshop Saturday, February 23, 10 – 11:30 am

Kokedama is a traditional Japanese living art form where moss is used as a container for a plant. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn the skills behind Kokedama and make beautiful Orchid Kokedama! Fee includes all of the supplies you'll need including orchids, moss, soils and more. This is a unique, fun-to-make piece of living art that you can either take home and enjoy or give as a wonderful living gift. Instructor: Kodema Forest

Cost: Members \$18, non-members \$22. Plus a \$40 per-student materials fee paid directly to the instructor on the day of class. Please register by November 9.

Calla Lily Acrylic Beginner Painting Sunday, March 10, 1 - 3:30 pm

Ever wondered how to capture a beautiful Calla Lily on canvas? If so, this class is perfect for you! You'll receive step-by-step instructions on how to complete a painting. No drawing skills required. Templates will

be supplied. This is an excellent class for beginners. Instructor: Victoria Gobel

Cost: Members \$40, non-members \$48. Plus a \$20 per-student materials fee paid directly to the instructor on the day of class. Please register by March 3.

Spring Succulent Bunny Tuesday, March 12, 9 am – 3 pm

Design and create your own delightful garden bunny using over 150 cuttings from our big, beautiful 37-acre Garden! Proudly display your new succulent bunny on your garden table or use as an accent in your garden. Please bring small clippers to class. Instructor: SDBG succulent Wreath Team

Cost: Members \$40, non-members \$48. Fee includes materials. Please register by March 5.

Mosaic Birdhouse Thursday, March 28, 10 am – 2 pm

Decorate a cute wooden birdhouse for your garden using a variety of outdoor paint colors. Then, put the finishing touches on your birdhouse by embellishing it with glass tiles, beads and gem marbles. Instructor: Candy Sharda

Cost: Members \$35, non-members \$42. Plus a \$25 materials fee is paid directly to the instructor on the day of class. Please register by March 21.

Botanical Color Pencil Surfaces Sunday, March 31, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Let your imagination take hold and play with colored pencils on unique black and red surfaces. Light colors will glow and textures will pop when pencils glide over the surface of your collage. Play and have fun while learning about blending methods and layering colors. Don't worry about your drawing abilities. This class is all about learning to see art in a different light by blending colors and layering them to create depth and saturation that will stir your creative soul! Instructor: Helen Shafer Garcia

Cost: Members \$75, non-members \$89. Supply list will be e-mailed to you once registration is received. Fee does include special materials. Please register by March 24.

Marines Volunteer to Help Relocate Large & Endangered Cycads at the Garden

The United States Marines not only protect and serve our country, they also assist and serve in our local community! In September, U.S. Marines from Camp Pendleton's Single Marine Program, worked alongside the Garden's Horticulture Team to relocate four large cycads to their new permanent home next to our forthcoming Dickinson Family Education Conservatory.

By moving these cycads to our latest attraction area – our new Conservatory that is scheduled to be opened in early 2019 – it will give visitors and guests coming to San

Diego Botanic Garden a more intimate view, and greater appreciation of, these unique plants - fossils which date back 250 to 300 million years!

These rare and endangered plants (once dined on by dinosaurs!) are a special focus for San Diego Botanic Garden. These massive cycads are native to South Africa and have large spiky leaves.

The Garden is thankful to the U.S. Marines for assisting us in relocating these plants to their new home!



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Upcoming Events

Paw Walk in the Garden

Saturday, February 16 • 8 am – 12 pm

San Diego Botanic Garden is teaming up with the Rancho Coastal Humane Society once again for our 7th Annual 5K Paw Walk in the Garden. Both organizations benefit from this great event.

Dogs and their human friends follow a scenic 5K walk through the 37-acre Garden. The route winds through our spectacular garden areas including California Native Plants, Australia, the Canary Islands, Hawaii, Bamboo, Tropical Fruit, 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. It's the one day of the year your furry friends are allowed in the Garden, so don't miss out! For detailed information and registration, please visit our website at SDBGarden.org/pawwalk.htm

Got Green? GROW... EAT... LIVE Saturday, March 16 • 10 am – 4 pm

Are you interested in learning more about how to live a plant-based lifestyle?

Have you ever wondered about reducing your carbon footprint but don't know where to start?

Need tips on planting, growing and harvesting your own vegetables?

If so, come find answers to these questions (and more!) at San Diego Botanic Garden's first ever Got Green? event. Join us for a fun-filled day of educational workshops, how-to demos, and live entertainment. Shop our green marketplace featuring natural products, yummy plant-based foods and much more. For more information, please visit our website at SDBGarden.org/GotGreen.htm.

Cost: Free with membership or paid admission.

Want to Volunteer? Come Learn More at our Volunteer Information Session!

Have you thought about volunteering at the San Diego Botanic Garden? Well, there's no better time than now with a fresh new year ahead and countless volunteering opportunities at the Garden!

We have a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers who are exciting, energetic and enthusiastic – they would love to welcome you to our 37-acre urban oasis. Volunteering at the Garden offers you an opportunity to find your own special place, as you help others connect with plants, nature and the wondrous living world around them.

Come join our next Volunteer Information Session on Friday, February 8, from 9:30 am - 12 pm in the Ecke Building. You will discover what the Garden can offer you!

For more information or to register, contact Jill Gardner, Volunteer Program Manager, at jgardner@sdbgarden.org or 760/436-3036 x213.

Rare Plants in Our Backyard

By Tony Gurnoe Director of Horticulture







Sunsets are coming earlier and mornings are once again laden with dew here in Encinitas. Respite from long, hot summer days, prospects of rain, and the residual warmth held in the earth make this a perfect time to plant native species. California is home to more than 6,500 taxa of native plants, more diversity than any other state. The San Diego Botanic Garden sits in the heart of one of only 25 internationally recognized biodiversity hotspots. This incredible plant palette allows us to create landscapes unlike those found anywhere else in the world. However, such privilege comes with significant responsibility.

More than 40% of California's plants are endemic, meaning they do not naturally grow anywhere else, and more than one third are considered rare or endangered. San Diego has the most endemic or endangered plants of any county in the country, and without our help many of them will disappear within our lifetime. I don't mean to scare or distress you, but to help you understand just how special and imperiled California's plants are. Several months ago I spoke before the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) at their Conservation Conference about the San Diego Botanic Garden's plans to dramatically increase our native plant conservation efforts and programs. Among the rarest native plants in our garden you'll find Nevin's Barberry (Mahonia nevinii), Tecate Cypress (Hesperocyparis forbesii), and of course the Del Mar Manzanita (Arctostaphylos glandulosa ssp. crassifolia), but the focus of my presentation was our ambitions regarding Orcutt's Hazardia (Hazardia orcuttii). This mild mannered shrub is down to one remaining population of a few hundred plants in the entire United States.

The San Diego Botanic Garden partnered with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for an Orcutt's Hazardia reintroduction project. Thirty individuals were planted in a small plot of clay soil within one of our native plant preserves. Most of those plants are still alive, but more than a decade later not a single seedling has emerged successfully. Late in the summer of 2017, San Diego Botanic Garden staff and volunteers decided to stand up for this species rather than watch it slowly slip into extinction.

My team began monitoring our living collection for environmental stressors, flower bud production, and eventually seed production. In November of 2017, we collected and cleaned seed from 16 mother plants. Previous nursery trials yielded germination rates as low as 6%, so it was a wonderful surprise that we broke 75% germination on our first attempt. More than 150 individuals of *Hazardia orcuttii* are now blooming merrily in our nursery. We're coordinating with the CDFW and local partners to find the most advantageous home for these rare specimens.

Our immense pride in the fighting chance that we've offered *Hazardia orcutti* is tempered by the realization that this is just one among thousands of threatened species of California natives. Fortunately this is also just the beginning of the San Diego Botanic Garden's ex-situ native plant conservation work. With our new leadership, new facilities, and your continued support, I'm confident that we'll preserve the plants that make California so special for generations to come.

Inspiring the Nature Within Us – Gala 2018

By Doreen Prager Manager of Membership & Development Events

As the sun set toward the horizon on the night of the 2018 Gala, SDBG began to transform.

Maybe it is the way a scarlet sky highlighted our bamboo collection. Or the how the critters emerged at nightfall. Or the gentle rustling of the leaves in the evening breeze. Experiencing the transformation of the Garden from light to darkness revealed the uncommon beauty of this wonderful sanctuary.

Our 19th Annual Gala, "Inspiring the Nature Within Us," included amazing food and beverages served by over 50 generous providers along with music by 15 inspirational artists and hundreds of unique live and silent auction items. More than 180 volunteers helped make the event happen.

As Ravi Shankar-inspired melodies and aromas of fabulous cuisine filled the air, over 900 guests enjoyed circus performers, live bands and a first-ever "Silent

Dance Party." Being under the stars with spectacular ambient lighting made this evening even more special for guests who gathered to honor outgoing President and CEO Julian Duval.

For the past 24 years, Julian elevated the Garden both regionally and internationally. He brought annual events to





our community such as Garden of Lights and Insect Fest. And his leadership continues to lead the way to a brighter future with the new Dickinson Family Education Conservatory opening in 2019.

Julian's legacy lives on with the initiation of The Duval Fund for Horticulture and Conservation, this year's Gala fund-a-need project. This fund is up to \$300K so far! Disbursements will go towards two central areas: horticulture and conservation. In total, the Gala raised \$550K. Thank you to all who made this year's Gala so special!

For us, not only does beauty lie in our remarkable Garden itself, but also in our family of volunteers, donors and staff. For "beauty is an inner phenomenon...it lies in the heart of every person." –*Sir Ravi Shankar*.

We invite you to mark your calendar for next year's Gala on September 7, 2019!





hoto: Lisa Reynolds

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Areca vestiaria; Pinang Merah

By Jeremy Bugarchich, Curator of Collections

Palms are a large and diverse group of plants embodied within a single family, Arecaceae. There are currently 2600 known species of palms, which are represented by 181 genera ^[1]. These plants are characterized by their large fan or feather shaped evergreen leaves, also known as fronds. Their flowers drape along their trunks producing a large infructescence; a grouping of brightly colored fruit. Palm species have a wide morphology, a study of shape and form, allowing trunks of some species to reach upwards of 200ft or becoming nearly 'trunk-less' shrubs.

Palms can often be confused with cycads. One major difference is that while palms produce flowers and fruits, cycads will produce only cones. Notable palms include; *Washingtonia robusta* (Mexican fan palm), *Phoenix dactylifera* (date palm), and *Cocos nucifera* (coconut palm).

A prominent plant for our upcoming Dickinson Family Education Conservatory is the impressive *Areca vestiaria*. These fiery colored palms are native to North Sulawesi and the eastern rainforests of Indonesia. The name 'Pinang Merah' is a common name in Indonesia referring to all palms with an orange or red fruit, petiole or crown shaft^[2]. These scarlet palms produce edible fruit enjoyed by its fellow native creatures. It is also colloquially known as the 'Pinang Yaki' or the Monkey Pinang ^[2].

This palm grows in tight clusters or as stand-alone specimens. They have the ability to produce dramatic stiltroots, a survival strategy allowing the plant to grow taller or along unstable slopes without compromising its structure and support [3]. What is most unique about the Pinang Merah is that as it grows at higher altitudes, its striking color becomes more dramatic and more attractive. The color of these palms can



range from bright orange to a deep maroon and everything in between! When these palms grow at lower altitudes they become less colorful and have orange to green variations [2].

Like people, plants show great diversity. Species like the *Areca vestiaria* illustrate the true beauty of diversity and how plants change and interact with their environment. The Dickinson Family Education Conservatory is prepped to show how tropical and sub-tropical plants flourish and bring brilliance to the world.

^[1]Christenhusz, M. J. M. & Byng, J. W. (2016). "The number of known plants species in the world and its annual increase". Phytotaxa. Magnolia Press. 261 (3): 201–217. doi:10.11646/phytotaxa.261.3.1. Archived from the original on 2016-07-29.

^[2]Areca Vestiariahttp://www.pacsoa.org.au/wiki/Areca_vestiaria

^[5]Tropical trees as living systems: the proceedings of the Fourth Cabot Symposium held at Harvard Forest, Petersham, Massachusetts on April 26-30, 1976Philip Tomlinson-Martin Zimmermann-Lawrence Bogorad - Cambridge University Press – 2010. Page 266.

The Garden Shops

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



The Garden's lovely Gift Shop is ready for those San Diego winter days! New to our collection are Satin Print Umbrellas, just in time for our rainy season. These umbrellas have colorful, nature-inspired print designs, wood handles and iron hardware and feature three assorted designs: Butterfly, dragonfly and flower. Make a beautiful statement!

We have also expanded our line of popular cork items. The Cork Oak Trees are part of our many 'pride and joy' sights in the Garden, so why not take home a perfect reminder with one of these durable, light-weight and unique pieces? Cork Bags, wallets, iPhone cases and bracelets are featured in the Gift Shop year round.

As the New Year begins and our winter months continue, our well-stocked and relaxing Plant Shop welcomes you! We continue to offer perennials and CA natives, as well as a selection of colorful bromeliads, anthuriums and poinsettias – just right for keeping your home or garden festive!

Youth Education

Seeds of Wonder • Hamilton Children's Garden

For questions regarding Youth Education and our Children's Gardens, please contact Susanne at SOW@SDBGarden.org.

School Group Visits



General Tour (Grades 1 through 6)

Students will visit different areas of the Garden and learn basic facts about some of the plants growing there. A tour typically visits the following Garden areas: Bamboo Garden, Subtropical Fruit Garden, Herb Garden, Tropical Rainforest, Desert Gardens, and Mediterranean Garden.

Plant Adaptation (Grades 1 through 5)

Students will visit the Desert Garden and the Tropical Rainforest and learn how plants are adapted to their environment. They will compare plant adaptations from a very dry and sunny climate with adaptations to a shady and wet environment. Students work in small teams to make observations and recordings in a field notebook. An SDBG Docent helps them by using props to understand how these adaptations work.

Native Plant Native People (Grades 2 through 5)

Students will visit our Native Plant/Native People Trail and learn about native Southern California plants, and how some of these plants were used by Kumeyaay people for food, medicine, building material, and more.

Pollinator Program (Grades 2 through 5)

Students will learn through hands-on activities about the anatomy of flowers and insects, as well as how plants and pollinators work together. Special emphasis is placed on the importance of pollination for food production. Afterwards, students will make pollinator observations in the Garden, while recording their observations in a field notebook. Available April through June.

Self-Guided Tours

Printable information material for a self-guided tour, can be downloaded from our website at SDBGarden.org/PDF/ PreschoolSelfGuidedTour-LR.pdf

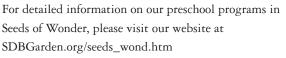
How to Book a Tour

Tour request forms for self-guided and docent-guided group visits can be found on our website at SDBGarden.org/hcg_tours.htm

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 at SDBGarden.org/birthday for detailed information, or contact Susanne at SOW@SDBGarden.org, if you would like to book a party.

Ongoing Programs for Young Children





SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN'S ANNUAL SPRING RECEPTION

Friday, March 15 • 5 -7 pm

Mark your calendar to SAVE THE DATE!

Become a Larabee or Benefactor Society member today and join us at this spectacular event! This year, join us as we kick off our new and first-ever, **Got Green? GROW...EAT...LIVE** at this private annual event.

Enjoy delicious cuisine, wine, good company and lots of Spring cheer. Our guest speaker and the location of the event to be announced. To join or upgrade your current membership to Larabee or Benefactor Society, please contact Josh Pinpin at 760/436-3036 x214 or jpinpin@sdbgarden.org.

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Fall Plant Sale

ur generous local growers and plant lovers made this year's Fall Plant Sale a huge success! Co-Chairs Stacy Fattaleh and Jane Hunt led a fabulous team of volunteers and docents who helped raise more than \$70,000. The money raised helps to fund the Garden's ongoing programs, operations and exhibits.

Our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make this event a success! We look forward to next year!

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Volunteer and Docent News

October Volunteer of the Month: BILL RAWLINGS

Originally from Dallas, Bill moved to Solana Beach in 1982 where he established his pediatric dentistry and orthodontics practice. He and his wife, Mary, have two daughters and they recently celebrated their 40_{th} wedding anniversary. Bill and his family were frequent visitors to the Garden and he began volunteering in 1997. Bill is continually amazed at the many talents of our volunteers who donate their time, efforts and knowledge to the Garden. Bill has made significant contributions as a Garden Trustee, Chair of the Board, and member of the Carpentry Team. He completed his Docent Training in 2017 and reflects fondly over the last 30+ years at the Garden. One memory he fondly shares is of our 2009 Gala Honoree, Huell Howser, speaking eloquently of the importance of public gardens in our communities.



November Volunteer of the Month: LIZ ROZYCKI

Liz grew up in Fairfax, Virginia where she grew dahlias for her 4-H program. She and her husband, Rick Botta, live in Escondido and enjoy gardening, hiking and winemaking. After moving to California, Liz had to relearn much that related to gardening. The plants, seasons, soils and climate patterns were all so different, that it peaked her interest in studying further. After working as a research economist, Liz returned to school earning a degree in horticulture and worked in greenhouse production for many years. In 2004, she became a Docent and joined the SDBG staff as a Gardener, then Horticulture Manager, a position she retired from in 2016.



As an engaged volunteer, Liz is now the Garden's Propagation Coordinator. Her favorite Garden memories include the opening of Hamilton Children's Garden ("Lots of hard work with amazing results!") and early morning sightings of the Green Heron at the Bamboo Pond ("So peaceful!")

Docent Meetings Everyone Welcome! First Wednesday of the Month

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



January 9: Come join us as we thank SDBG's President Emeritus Julian Duval for his 24 years of service to the Garden.

February 6: Robert Kopfstein, a past trustee of SDBG and a volunteer for many years, will share "What Every Docent and Volunteer Needs to Know about Bromeliads." Robert has been a bromeliad grower for over 40 years and is a member and judge for the Bromeliad Society International as well as an officer in the San Diego Bromeliad Society.

March 6: President & CEO Ari Novy, PhD will share his vision for the Garden. Ari, who has been the President & CEO since October, came to the Garden from his tenure as the Executive Director of the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington D.C. – bringing with him a national perspective about botanic gardens.

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A Message from County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar



The San Diego Botanic Garden is one of my favorite places in the county to visit. My children love it too. So, I am pleased that the County of San Diego, once again, sponsored the festive Garden of Lights as a gift to everyone in our community. This is a spectacular event in which the Garden is completely transformed into a winter wonderland with 125,000 lights glistening over it. This year the holiday festivities include snow every evening and horse-drawn wagon rides. What a great place to bring family and friends together to celebrate the season. I hope you and your loved ones have a wonderful holiday!

Gala in the Garden's Honorary Host Committee Initiates New Legacy Fund

By Carolyn Zollars, Director of Development

This year's Gala in the Garden provided the perfect opportunity to determine a fund-a-need project near and dear to the heart of then President and CEO, Julian Duval. As this year's Paul Ecke Jr. honoree and outgoing leader here after 24 years, SDBG friends wanted a way to honor his tenure into the future. Spearheaded by Jim Farley, a number of people agreed to serve as honorary chairs of this special committee called the Honorary Host Committee (HHC). Co-chairs included Jim and Judy Farley, Frances Hamilton White, Ron Moss, Joyce Wilder, Carol and Martin Dickinson, Tony and Sue Godfrey, Mo Ecke, and Rudy and Christina Stuber.

The Duval Fund for Horticulture and Conservation was initiated in collaboration with SDBG's board and leadership, in order to advance these two important programs here. Each HHC co-chair contributed \$20,000 in order to seed the fund with an initial \$140,000. From there, other donors were invited to participate and many others donated \$5,000 and above to serve on the committee as well.

Thanks to the generosity of gala guests, Honorary Host Committee members and donations following the event, the fund has grown to \$300,000. Funds will be disbursed upon the recommendation of SDBG leadership and with Board of Trustees' approval, leaving a fitting legacy in Julian's name for years to come.



To find out how to donate to The Duval Fund for Horticulture and Conservation, contact Carolyn at czollars@SDBGarden.org or call her at 760/822-5164.



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