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On the Cover: Lisbon lemons (*Citrus x limon* 'Lisbon'), Tropical Fruit Garden.  
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With Julian and Leslie Duval

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## Message from the President

Ari Novy, PhD  
President & CEO

As the fall planting season approaches, it is a natural time to look around our Garden and take stock. As I look around San Diego Botanic Garden, I am elated. I see a wonderful urban oasis that educates and delights the community with the wonders of plants. I'm particularly proud of recent efforts to step up our water and mulch controls. It's amazing how some well-timed and careful mulching so positively effects water usage and the health of our plants. Our gardeners and volunteers have worked so hard this season to get the Garden into tip top shape. It looks marvelous.

We've also made significant strides on our major capital projects. The long awaited Dickinson Family Education Conservatory is substantially complete. We were able to get it open and decorated in time for our 20th Anniversary Gala in the Garden on September 7, honoring Carol and Martin Dickinson. The Gala was a tremendous success. The new Conservatory looked amazing and people were blown away. We raised over \$75,000 for our fund-a-need project, the Pacific Promenade and Visitors Center. I'm deeply grateful to the staff, volunteers, sponsors, supporters and guests that made this year's Gala something to remember.

We will be spending September and October completing the finishing touches on the Conservatory. Look for some opportunities for public access to this amazing new space in November. And we are so pleased to announce that this year's holiday show, "Botanic



Photos: Lisa Reynolds

Wonderland," will be held in the brand new Dickinson Family Education Conservatory and the Hamilton Children's Garden. It will be a month of holiday fun for the whole family. There will be snow, crafts, stunning lights & décor, festive food & drink, an amazing display of elite and heirloom poinsettias, and visits from Santa.

While we prepare for the holiday season, we will be executing several critical repairs and improvements to the Garden. We have just finished our new nursery greenhouse, which will allow for improved care of critically endangered plant specimens. If you head down to the overflow parking lot, you will see a lot of activity. We broke ground in September on our brand new Horticulture and Maintenance buildings. These will be completed in early 2020. Once these two new buildings (and some new surrounding parking) are done, we will move our staff out of the Lawn and Larabee Houses into these new facilities. At that point, we will begin restoration and upgrades to the Lawn and Larabee Houses that will be completed in the summer of 2020. In November, we'll also start improvements to the paths around the Gift Shop and out to the waterfall. That work will continue on and off throughout the winter and will include remodeling of the Gift Shop restrooms. So please pardon our dust while we improve the Garden. We promise that your visits will be just as fun and breathtaking while we are working.

We've got wonderful courses scheduled for the fall. They are all great, but I'm particularly fond of our Forest/Nature Bathing class. There is nothing more refreshing than being surrounded by the beauty of nature, and the company of garden enthusiasts.

I look forward to seeing you out in the Garden. Don't be surprised if I'm forest bathing or just hugging a tree. I hope you'll join me.





# Birds, Butterflies, and Blooms

By Tony Gurnoe  
Director of Horticulture

Gardens grow out of motives as diverse as the plants contained within. Some are created to attract wildlife, while others are meant to teach and entertain, or even just to be beautiful. The intersection between so many far-reaching garden intentions resides in flowers. Flowers embody bounty and beauty in most gardens, but they also signify sustenance. Pollinators could not get by without the same flowers that we hold dear, so we created a garden space dedicated to this shared love of blossoms.

All pollinators rely on plants for their food, just like us humans. Sometimes it's nectar exuded deep in the throat of a flower only reachable by the proboscis of a moth. Other times it's protein-rich pollen offered on an extended golden platter, known as a stamen. This food may even come in the form of fruit, which we can more closely relate to. Through our Birds & Butterflies Garden we aim to provide for all flying creatures, utilizing flower diversity to do so.

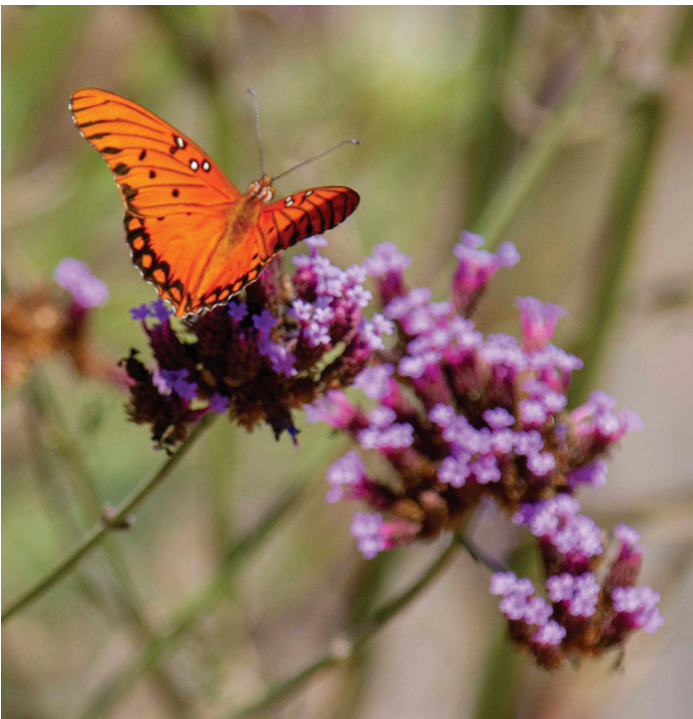
A garden designed to provide for birds, butterflies, bees and even bats needs to offer a rich array of flowers in terms of color, size, shape and season. In our Garden you'll find red tubular flowers on *Lobelia laxiflora* and *Russelia equisetiformis*, which act as hummingbird magnets. You'll also encounter many daisy-like flowers from the *Asteraceae* family. What looks like one flower on an *Echinacea purpurea* really consists of dozens of small flowers growing together as a natural bouquet. These flat-headed compound flowers provide a perfect perch and a substantial nectar buffet for our butterfly visitors. Any garden designed to sustain pollinators is intrinsically a very diverse, and therefore a very rich, landscape.



The opportunity to glean ideas from this small space adjoining the Hamilton Children's Garden, and our new Dickinson Family Education Conservatory, extends far beyond birds and bugs. Butterflies, bumblebees, songbirds, raptors and so on are horticulturally the by-product rather than the principle. Underlying all those colorful wings and blossoms are certain fundamental principles to good garden design.

A beautiful garden takes care of itself to some degree, as is exemplified by the *Asclepias curassavica* and *Verbena bonariensis* that volunteer themselves in this garden each year. They also bring monarch and swallowtail butterflies. The most enjoyable or informative outdoor spaces express themselves throughout the year, as do the various *Salvia* and *Buddleja* varieties in our garden that bumblebees adore. Bumblebees are not only important pollinators for our food, but they are also increasingly becoming endangered species in need of a good home.

By understanding what influence the design of a landscape has on the local fauna, it becomes possible to make subtle changes that significantly benefit struggling species while actually enhancing the experience we aim to create for ourselves. When you visit the Birds & Butterflies Garden at San Diego Botanic Garden, notice all the life attracted to this small garden, and take a moment to consider how you might be able to work habitat and sustenance into your own landscape.



Photos: Rachel Cobb



# Pacific Promenade & Visitor Center

Help us make the Garden even more stunning!

**W**e're envisioning a whole new way to 'wow' our visitors when they come to experience our award-winning Garden. And what better way to do that than to spotlight our stunning view of the sparkling blue Pacific Ocean!

Our new Pacific Promenade & Visitor Center will create that seamless entrance experience we've all been dreaming about – where visitors can intuitively (and safely) access the Garden. All while being welcomed by stellar horticulture and a breath-taking ocean vista.

This open and inviting new center, located where the eucalyptus trees currently line the west end of our main parking lot, will be a hub for our guests to purchase tickets, memberships, become oriented to the Garden and more. We envision it as a laid-back SoCal center for visitors to meet and greet staff, docents and other visitors... or a relaxed space to just kick back, hang out and take in the view.

Feel free to reach out to SDBG President and CEO, Ari Novy, PhD, at [anovy@SDBGarden.org](mailto:anovy@SDBGarden.org) or 760/ 579-8028 to hear more about the Promenade, inquire about donations, and look for ways to support this exciting project.





# Garden Events for Youths & Adults



## 37th Annual Fall Plant Sale

Saturday & Sunday, October 19 and 20 – 10 am – 4 pm  
Monday, October 21 – 9 am – 12 noon

### Larabee and Benefactor Society Members

Pre-Sale Hour: Saturday, October 19 – 8 – 9 am

### Basic Members

Pre-Sale Hour: Saturday, October 19 – 9 – 10 am



Come see the incredible deals only we can offer on California natives, cacti, succulents, bromeliads, fruit trees and sub-tropical plants.

Visit Botanic Attic for garden-related vintage items, and be sure to check out homemade specialty jams and jellies.

Plant donations from local growers, wholesalers, retail nurseries and individuals make this one of the most interesting and diverse plant sales in all of San Diego County!

SDBG Members at basic levels are invited to upgrade their membership to Steward Level (\$150 - or higher) to enjoy premium access to the Fall Plant Sale! Renew or upgrade your membership today by calling Josh Pinpin at 760/ 436-3036 x217.

**Cost:** Entrance to the Fall Plant Sale is included with paid admission or SDBG membership.







## Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale

**Saturday, October 26, 9 am – 5 pm**

**Sunday, October 27, 10 am – 3 pm**

Don't miss this unique show and sale which features spectacular cacti and succulent specimens that both the novice and serious collector will enjoy! Check out award-winning show plants on display all weekend after winners are announced at 1 pm on Saturday.

**Cost:** Entrance to the Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale is included with paid admission or SDBG membership.



## Botanic Wonderland Holiday Nights in the Garden

**December 3 – 8; 10 – 15; 17 – 23; 26 – 30**

**5 – 8:30 pm**

This year, we're looking forward to unveiling a reimagined holiday festival – centered around our new Dickinson Family Education Conservatory – complete with many of the family-friendly activities you've grown to know and love, as well as some fantastic new ones!

Also, for the first time ever, select areas of the Hamilton Children's Garden and Toni's Treehouse will be illuminated and accessible during the December evening hours!

Enjoy live entertainment at the Conservatory's outdoor amphitheater, a spectacular poinsettia display, a holiday musical lightshow (with an extra surprise!), a snow mound, kids' crafts, face painting, mulled wine and beer, food trucks, a holiday market place and, of course, pictures with Santa.

**Cost and further information will be posted on our website several weeks prior to the event at: [SDBGarden.org/botanicwonderland.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/botanicwonderland.htm). We'll see you there!**



## Sculpture in the Garden

**Now – April 2020**

San Diego Botanic Garden has a rich heritage of garden art, both natural and manmade. Our 37-acre urban oasis provides the beautiful natural setting for this year's Sculpture in the Garden – a collection of 10 works supplied by 9 artists.

Visitors are invited to engage with these diverse creations set against a unique backdrop of natural settings. Works from top regional artists have been mindfully selected by Naomi Nussbaum Art & Design.

**Cost:** Entrance to Sculpture in the Garden is included with paid admission or SDBG membership.



Photos: Rachel Cobb



# To Save Biodiversity and Feed the Future We Must Cure “Plant Blindness”

*Vanishing animals command headlines but declining plant diversity also imperils humans.*

*In this excerpt from a paper co-authored by SDBG President & CEO Ari Novy, PhD, researchers explain how curing “plant blindness” is essential to saving biodiversity and ourselves.*

*Food plants, they say, are a great place to dig in.*

From our perches in the urban jungle – or even in the leafier parts of suburbia – we often have a tough time naming the last plant we saw. Even if we just ate part of it. This is a symptom of “plant blindness,” a term coined two decades ago by researchers who showed that modern civilization is perilously disconnected from the plant kingdom. Our blindness has progressed even further since then, to the point where we hardly recognize the plants that feed us every day.

That threat came sharply into view recently when the United Nations reported that one million plant and animal species are at risk of extinction. Much attention focused on loss of animals, particularly the rhinos and other large charismatic ones. But the decline of plants should be just as unnerving, say researchers in a paper published in May 2019 in the journal *Plants, People, Planet*.

While all species have an intrinsic value, plants also provide tangible environmental, economic and cultural benefits. Even the wild ones, according to the report. Plant breeders have used wild tomatoes, for instance, to increase resistance to pests and diseases so that the crop can be grown on a large scale. Other plants remediate polluted soils, or provide people with construction materials and medicines. And all plants clean and regulate the air we breathe.

“Unfortunately, we’re losing species faster than we can study and account for them,” said Tara Moreau, Associate Director of the University of British Columbia, who co-authored the study. “Plant extinction should not be an option, and public education is key.”

As people worldwide become ever more urban, it’s not surprising that plants become less visible in our lives, the study says. What is surprising is how far we have departed from knowing even the food plants that we still interact with every day, at every meal. As fewer people work in agriculture, and as we eat more packaged and processed foods, these essential plants are hidden to us.

“Plant blindness exists even for the food plants we eat every day,” said Colin Khoury, a co-author from the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), whose work has shown that 7,000 useful plants across the globe are at risk. “But despite the blindness even in these food plants, they still represent an excellent and particularly powerful medium to connect people to plants, biodiversity and conservation.”

Khoury studies the history of the plants and animals we eat, and has documented how people around the world increasingly



Banana (*Musa* ‘Sweetheart’) in the Tropical Fruit Garden



eat the same global standard diet. He recently took that work a step further by examining the global origins of ingredients in favorite foods like pizza and hamburgers. It turns out that the all-American favorite – including the side of fries – did not have a single ingredient that originated in North America, as demonstrated in *The not so American Hamburger* study.

“Food is a great way to educate ourselves about our own histories, and to understand how plants connect us around the world,” Khoury said.

## The not-so-secret gardens

While conservation in the wild is one cornerstone of plant preservation, botanic gardens and living plant seedbanks are also essential to ensuring that no rare or threatened plant goes extinct. The world’s 3,500 botanic gardens are home to about one third of known plant species and employ more than 60,000 experts in horticulture, taxonomy, conservation and public education.

**Visited by more than 250 million people every year, botanic gardens are crucial allies for addressing plant blindness, say the researchers.**

Plant seedbanks, meanwhile, preserve seeds and other plant materials in cold conditions that will give them the chance to survive for hundreds or even thousands of years into the future, and are great tools for outreach. CIAT is building a new visitor-friendly gene bank, called “Future Seeds,” which will house the center’s 68,000 accessions of beans, tropical forages, and cassava. It is part of the CGIAR’s network of gene banks, which provides “back-up copies” of its seeds to the Svalbard Global Seed Vault in Norway.

Recognizing that botanic gardens, gene banks, and other organizations working with plants share concern for their loss – and worry for the lack of public awareness about them – organizations are teaming up to fight plant blindness, according to researchers.

The study documents a wide range of educational success stories where botanic gardens and other organizations have come together to provide formal and informal educational experiences for children, parents, and vocational training similar to the Veterans Farm Program offered by Denver Botanic Gardens.



Youth education in Incredible Edibles



Blue Elderberry (*Sambucus nigra* ssp. *caerulea*) in California Gardenscapes

“In an era confronted by many global problems such as climate change, habitat destruction, plant and animal extinctions, population explosion, hunger and poverty, we cannot afford to ignore plant blindness any longer,” said Sarada Krishnan, Director of Horticulture and Center for Global Initiatives at Denver Botanic Gardens and one of the co-authors of the study.

“Without plants there is no life. We need to rewrite the plant narratives to bring plants front and center. For this, we need to craft new approaches to attract the next generation to the plant sciences,” said Krishnan.

**“Taking the time to engage the public about food plants is not only educational, but lots of fun,” said San Diego Botanic Garden President & CEO Ari Novy, PhD, also one of the co-authors of the study. “It turns out most people love to eat and really enjoy learning more about their food.”**

For more on research, organizations and information included in this article, please visit the following online resources:

Plants, People, Planet: <https://doi.org/10.1002/ppp3.34>

7,000 Useful Plants:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1470160X18308781?via%3Dihub>

Global Standard Diet: <https://www.pnas.org/content/111/11/4001>

The not so American Hamburger study:

<https://www.aaas.org/resources/not-so-american-hamburger-0>

CIAT: <https://ciat.cgiar.org/>

CGIR: <https://www.cgiar.org/>

Svalbard Global Seed Vault

<https://www.regjeringen.no/en/topics/food-fisheries-and-agriculture/svalbard-global-seed-vault/id462220/>

Center for Global Initiatives at Denver Botanic Gardens

<https://www.botanicgardens.org/beyond/center-global-initiatives>



# Fall Classes

To see full class descriptions and to register go to [SDBGarden.org/classes.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/classes.htm) or call 760/ 436-3036 x201. (Ages 18+)



## Fall Pumpkin Succulent Centerpiece

Saturday, October 5, 9 – 11:30 am

Learn how to design a unique succulent centerpiece using a pumpkin accented with fall colors. This is the perfect touch for your holiday gathering. Please bring small clippers to the class.

Instructor: SDBG succulent Wreath Team.

**Cost: Members \$40, non-members \$48. Fee includes materials. Please register by September 28.**

## Orchid Kokedama Workshop

Monday, October 7, 10 am – 12 pm

Sunday, November 10, 10 am – 12:00 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 the skills behind Kokedama and how to make your very own. Fee includes all materials. Please bring your own apron and gloves. Instructor: Kodema Forest.

**Cost: Members \$20, non-members \$24 plus a material fee of \$32 per student for October 7th class and \$38 for November 10th class. Materials fee paid directly to the instructor at the class. Please register by September 30 and November 3.**

## Forest / Nature Bathing

Sunday, October 13, 9 - 11 am

Sunday, November 10, 9 - 11 am

Sunday, December 8, 9 - 11 am

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

**Cost: Members \$32; non-members \$40. Please register by October 6, November 3 or December 1.**

## Open Air Yoga Experience

Thursday, October 17, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Thursday, November 21, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Thursday, December 19, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Breathe in fresh air while being sheltered by beautiful trees in this unique open air yoga experience. Immerse your senses in the

sights and smells of nature. Leave restored and rejuvenated after gently moving your body. Please bring your own mat.

**Cost: Members \$20, non-members \$24.**

**Please register by October 10, November 14 and December 12.**

## Succulent Turtle Workshop

Tuesday, October 22, 9 am – 12 pm

Design a delightful miniature succulent turtle for your garden or table (indoors or out!). Please bring small clippers to class. Instructor: SDBG succulent Wreath Team.

**Cost: Members \$45, non-members \$54. All materials are included. Please register by October 15.**



## Living Wall / Vertical Garden

Sunday, November 3, 9 am -12 pm

Saturday, December 7, 9 am -12 pm

Learn the basics of planting a living wall or vertical garden for your home – indoors or out! We will be planting a 10"x 20" wall with a variety of succulents. Living walls can be created with a multitude of different 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 at the class. Please register by October 27 and November 30.**

## Miniature Holiday Succulent Tree Workshop

Saturday, November 9, 9 am – 1 pm

Create a special miniature succulent tree for the holidays to display indoors or out! All materials, decorations and metal form are included. Please bring small clippers to class. Instructor: SDBG succulent Wreath Team.

**Cost: Members \$45, non-members \$54. Fee includes materials. Please register by November 2.**



# Youth & Adult Education

## Mosaic Ornaments

Sunday, November 10, 10 am – 3 pm

Come create beautiful ornaments for your tree, or for gifting, using mirrored glass, glitter glass, millefiore, beads, ball chains and tiny ceramic pieces. Ornaments you can create include a tree, angel, star, snowman, heart, bird, fish or classic ornament shape. You may complete as many as time allows! Instructor Marsha Rafter.

**Cost: Members \$70, non-members, \$84, plus a \$60 materials fee paid directly to the instructor on the day of the class. Please register by November 3.**



## Sunflowers – BEGINNERS Acrylic Painting Class

Saturday, November 16, 1 – 3 pm

Learn how to mix colors with acrylic paint and create a beautiful sunflower field painting. No drawing skills required. All supplies are included. Instructor: Victoria Gobel.

**Cost: Members \$45, non-members \$54, plus a \$20 materials fee paid directly to the instructor at the class. Please register by November 9.**

## Holiday Succulent

12" – 16" Wreath Workshop

Tuesday, December 3, 9 am – 3 pm

Design a beautiful succulent wreath with holiday décor touches just in time for your special annual gatherings! Proudly display your traditional metal wreath on your wall, table or door. Please bring small clippers to the class.

Instructor: SDBG succulent Wreath Team.

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

## Holiday Ornaments – BEGINNERS Acrylic Painting Class

Saturday, December 7, 1 pm – 3 pm

Learn basic techniques in mixing colors and create a beautiful painting with pine branches and holiday ornaments. Instructor: Victoria Gobel.

**Cost: Members \$45, non-members \$54, plus a \$20 materials fee paid directly to the instructor at the class. Please register by November 30.**

## Group Visits and Programs

### Guided and Self-Guided Group Tours

Guided and self-guided walking group tours are available for visitors ages 6 and up. Guided shuttle tours for walking-impaired visitors are available for small groups of 2 -15 individuals.

All group tours - both guided and self-guided - must be arranged 30 days in advance and paid for 15 days in advance through the Garden's Education Department.

To book a group visit, please contact Caren Clayton at [cclayton@SDBGarden.org](mailto:cclayton@SDBGarden.org), or visit our tour website [SDBGarden.org/tours-main.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/tours-main.htm), and submit a completed tour request form.

For information on our general tours, self-guided tours and school programs with a focus on plant adaptation, pollination, or our Native Plants/Native People garden, please visit our website at [SDBGarden.org/tours-youth.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/tours-youth.htm).



### Ongoing Programs for Young Children

Walk-in activities like easel-painting, play-dough fun, plant potting, and story time for preschool age children are offered on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the year in Seeds of Wonder. For detailed information on our preschool programs in Seeds of Wonder, please visit our website at [SDBGarden.org/seeds\\_wond.htm](http://SDBGarden.org/seeds_wond.htm).

### Birthday Parties for Young Children

On select 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.



# Joyce Wilder Commemorative Tree Program

After over 25 years of dedicated service to San Diego Botanic Garden, Joyce Wilder stepped down from the Board of Trustees in June. Joyce has been a driving force behind the ascendance of our wonderful Quail Botanical Gardens into one of the Top 10 Botanic Gardens in North America. Joyce has done it all. She served as Executive Director just before Julian Duval was hired. She served in every single officer role on the Board of Trustees. She was instrumental in organizing galas over the years, often by procuring instruments and the musicians to play them. Joyce has been the beating heart of the Garden for many years, and we owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude.

As a small token of appreciation, the San Diego Botanic Garden Board of Trustees has created the Joyce Wilder Commemorative Tree Program. Joyce has always loved plants and trees. Now, generations of San Diegans will be able to have trees at San Diego Botanic Garden commemorate their loved ones and life events under the umbrella of Joyce's legacy.

We are also pleased to announce that the first tree entered into the Joyce Wilder Commemorative Tree Program will be in honor of Mariette Pinchart. Mariette was a great supporter of the Garden who passed last winter. Her trust gifted \$1.2 million to the Garden this spring, with more to come over the next year. We are truly fortunate to have such amazing support in the community. Joyce and Mariette exemplify how one can cultivate a garden as an expression of love.



Above: Joyce Wilder as a young girl climbing a tree.



Left: Mariette Pinchart with her dog Princess.



Donate a Tree to  
commemorate your  
loved one.

To learn more reach out to  
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at [anovy@SDBGarden.org](mailto:anovy@SDBGarden.org) or  
760/ 579-8028.

Cork Oak Tree Grove



# Volunteer News

## August Volunteer of the Month: PRISCILLA EDWARDS

Priscilla is from Esopus, New York where her family grew a vegetable garden every summer. Married to her husband, Matthew, for 37 years, she enjoys spending time with their daughter's family, including granddaughter, Bea.

Priscilla has a construction and engineering background. She was involved in many park projects in San Diego including the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park.

On a visit to our Garden's blooming Sapphire Tower, Priscilla met our Director of Horticulture Tony Gurnoe and asked his permission to pull a weed. He immediately encouraged her to volunteer here! Priscilla is team captain of the Australia Seed Collection. She enjoys working in garden beautification, propagation, at events and at our Welcome Center.

The wonder of our Garden, the continual learning experience and working with great people motivated Priscilla to become a Docent in 2018.



## September Volunteer of the Month: DANUTA MARQUEZ

Born in Poland, Danuta's family grew vegetables, fruits and flowers. Her father planted a 'seed' in her heart which grew into a love for plants and nature!

Danuta is widowed and has a daughter and son-in-law in the Bay Area. After 27 years as a bookkeeper and office manager for Albertsons, Danuta retired, joining our Garden as a volunteer in 2017 and becoming a Docent in 2018.

Danuta volunteers at many events and is on the Undersea Succulent Garden and Topiary Team. Having worked in propagation, the Herb Garden and the Subtropical Fruit Garden, she can still recall her first taste of a sapote – what a treat!

Danuta cherishes being part of an amazing team of people and having the opportunity to connect with nature here at the Garden!



### Volunteer and Docent Meetings Everyone Welcome! First Wednesday of the Month

9:30 am - 12 pm

Arrive at 11 am for the program

**Oct. 2:** Len Burkhart, Jr., PhD, senior scientist for the Davey Tree Expert Co., will give a presentation on "Diagnosing Tree Problems."

He will also provide us with helpful hints to assist us in identifying any tree issues we might observe at the Garden.

**Nov. 6:** Holiday potluck and craft fair.

**Dec. 4:** No meeting.



### Volunteers Wanted, Needed, Loved!

Come join us at our next Volunteer Information Session on Friday, Nov. 8 from 9:30 am – 12 pm in the Ecke Building. You'll meet interesting people, learn about our beautiful Garden and discover how you can get involved.

To register, or for more information, please contact Volunteer Manager Jill Gardner at [jgardner@sdbgarden.org](mailto:jgardner@sdbgarden.org) or by calling 760/ 436-3036 x218



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