

THE GARDEN SPRINKLER

Summer/Fall 2005

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Garden Renovations Planned

The Water Conservation Garden is still a very young garden, and we are continually working to improve our demonstration areas. We are in the process of remodeling two of our signature gardens to reflect the diversity of new plant materials available in San Diego County. The Native Plant Garden and the Cactus and Succulent Garden are scheduled to have a whole new look by the end of the year.



Blooms from the lovely Chitalpa tree

We are fortunate to have beautiful native plants in this region that need little supplemental irrigation once established. In an effort to showcase more of them, we engaged well-respected landscape architect Kay Stewart to design an area between the new teaching node and the bird and butterfly garden. We will be expanding the area that features plants used by Native Americans, and utilizing staggered blooming times to ensure that the garden is colorful year round. If these plants aren't already your favorites, they will be soon. Look for blue and yellow-eyed grass, checker bloom, beach evening primroses, canchalagua, and island bush snapdragon. We also plan to add two more beautiful chitalpa trees, forming a small arbor.

We're also pleased to announce that Michael Buckner, a landscape designer and cactus and succulent aficionado, will be redesigning the Cactus and Succulent Garden in honor of his father, Warren Buckner. Warren, a long time supporter from the Helix Water District Board, served as the Water Conservation Garden's first Board President. Michael plans to add elevation, a dry streambed, and plenty of extraordinary plants to the garden, including large specimen golden barrels.

All capital improvements to the Garden require special fundraising. If you are interested in donating towards any of these renovations, please contact the Garden. We are grateful for your support!



Mulching is one way the WCG demonstrates water-wise gardening

Does the Water Conservation Garden Save Water? Does It Matter?

By Marty Eberhardt

Does the Garden save water, or are the numbers really inconsequential? This is a legitimate question that needs to be addressed. Fortunately, we have a very encouraging answer. We have monitored our irrigation use since the inception of the Garden, and we know that our irrigated plantings use just 19.7 inches per year. Compared to an irrigated lawn that uses at least 48 inches per year, the savings are significant. Landscaping the Water Conservation Garden way uses one-third to one-half the water that turf uses for the same square footage. Considering that San Diegans use 50-70% of their water on the landscape, reducing outdoor water use could have a considerable impact.

Does it really matter? Of course it's great to save money. But there are important reasons, besides the cost benefits, to save water through water-wise landscaping. As the population grows, so does the demand on the Colorado River. By changing outdoor landscaping habits, people are helping to conserve a precious limited resource for the whole community, and for future generations. At the same time, San Diegans are using a plant palette that is adapted to this climate, creating a "sense of place" for San Diego County. Other important benefits include less time for maintenance (for an established landscape), reduced need for herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers, and reduced storm water runoff and green waste.

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Notes from the Executive Director

Between November and April, dozens of staff members, board members, docents, water district employees, and other volunteers met to discuss the Garden's future, and how to get there. The end result was a 20-

page strategic plan. We are happy to provide copies for anyone who would like to see the complete plan. Here is a distilled version:

Our *vision statement* is that we will be the center of information and inspiration for water-wise landscaping in southern California. The Garden will also serve as a national model for regional water education.

There will be programs for people ages 3 to 103 twelve months a year. There will be several annual events with broad public appeal. The gardens and exhibits will be continually updated to address public interests and concerns, and to be as appealing as possible to multiple audiences. The Garden will partner with businesses in projects that create a business culture of water conservation.

Our *mission statement* is promoting water conservation in the landscape through excellent programs and exhibits that educate and inspire the public.

Some of the ways that we intend to fulfill our mission and vision are as follows:

- Significantly expand the breadth and depth of both adult and children's education programs.
- Work with commercial partners to advance water conservation in ways that are beneficial to them.
- Expand exhibits to be more child- and family-friendly.
- Rework gardens to continually exhibit the most exciting available plant material.
- Demonstrate and teach the latest innovations in water-wise landscaping technology.
- Grow the staff and facilities to support Garden programs.
- Work to increase facility rental, gift shop revenue, membership, sponsorship, memorial gifts, and other unrestricted operating income.
- Create a fundraising group to help support increased Garden needs.

As you can see from this newsletter, we're well on our way to expanding adult education offerings and remodeling gardens. Expansion of education and exhibits for children is being planned, as is working with commercial partnerships. A fundraising group is also in the development stages. Please call me at 660-1684 if you would like to contribute to our efforts in any way!

Marty Eberhardt

Dorcas Utter's Extraordinary Service

Marty Eberhardt

On June 9, the first annual Dorcas Utter Award for Extraordinary Service was presented to the late Dr. Mary Bear, a beloved member of our docent corps. There is no question that it is an honor to receive an award in Dorcas's name.

Dorcas came to us from Quail Botanical Gardens, where she served as a docent trainer. When the bus ride to Quail from her East County home became too long, she came to volunteer as our docent trainer, and has conducted classes since the Garden opened six years ago. She is extremely well qualified. In addition to a degree in information systems, a field she worked in for thirty years, Dorcas received an A.A. in Ornamental Horticulture from Cuyamaca College in 1988. She currently works as a teaching assistant in Trees and Shrubs and Plant Pests and Disease. For twenty years, she was a weekend naturalist at Audubon's Silverwood Preserve. In addition to her role as a trainer at the Water Conservation Garden, she works in the kiosk every Sunday and many Saturdays, talking to visitors, answering their questions, and conducting tours.



While all of this expertise and work is remarkable in itself, the truly amazing part of Dorcas' story is that she became legally blind in 2001. Although she was initially very discouraged, classes at the San Diego Center for the Blind taught her two critical lessons: you find a way to do almost anything you did before, and you learn to accept that it will take longer. The first has been wonderful for her to realize, while the second has been a little harder. However, we are astounded by what Dorcas can do. She recently put together a map and identification key to 100 plants in the Garden using a pair of double magnifying surgical goggles borrowed from her veterinarian.

You will see Dorcas and her guide dog, Sharla, most weekends. Stop by and talk to her. You will admire her knowledge of plants...and it's likely you'll admire her attitude towards life as well.

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Marty Eberhardt, Executive Director
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Meet the New Garden Facilities Manager

Kate Breese

Introducing the new Facilities Manager, Don Schultz—a graduate of CalPoly Pomona with a degree in Agricultural Biology. He spent two years in the Peace Corps in Guatemala—working with the Agricultural Extension, teaching farming techniques to indigenous Mayans.



After returning to the U.S. Don worked for the Mission Resource Conservation District. He has been self-employed for a number of years as a water management consultant and landscape trainer.

When asked what he hopes to accomplish at the Garden, Don responded, “The challenge of a maturing garden is an exciting one. I want to keep it looking beautiful and teach as many people as possible outdoor water conservation techniques.”

His first priority? “The Native Garden is currently being redesigned. Natives are an important aspect of any California Friendly garden, and we will be promoting them heavily.”

Stop by The Garden to say “Hello” to Don—a man with a mission.

Spotlight on a Species: Australian Willow

The ideal low maintenance tree for the small home.

By Don Schultz

Every once in a while, a landscape plant becomes available that is almost perfect. If you are looking for a small, dependable, drought tolerant and low maintenance tree, then the Australian Willow (*Geijera parviflora*) may be the one for you. It is called a willow due to its narrow, drooping leaves that give it a weeping willow effect. However, it is not related to American willows, which need lots of water and regular pruning. The Australian willow needs almost no pruning and produces very little litter. It is also quite drought tolerant.



Australian Willow
(*Geijera parviflora*)

Growth is relatively rapid, with typical heights reaching between 20 and 30 feet. It has glossy, attractive foliage that fits in with many landscape styles. If planted in deep soil, it has the potential to develop a deep and non-invasive root system. It can also tolerate lawn watering. This tree is very dependable and you will rarely see one that is suffering, even at sites where the maintenance is lacking. As it gets older, it produces clusters of small, creamy-white flowers.

Ask the Facilities Manager

Submitted by Don Schultz

Q: Why are there occasional large insect infestations like the giant whitefly and the eucalyptus lerp psyllid?

A: The introduction of insect pests from far away places causes local pest outbreaks. These insects arrive as hitchhikers on imported plants or soil. Unfortunately, their natural enemies do not come with them. A common trait of most insects is an ability to reproduce at a considerable rate. Within their natural range, predators have evolved that effectively control insect populations by consuming the vast majority of their offspring. Without any predation, the population levels of these insects can reach astounding levels.

The eucalyptus lerp psyllid produces a protective covering over its body that defends it from our native insect predators. The giant whitefly creates large amounts of waxy filaments that protect it from our local friendly insects.

So why did these pests seem to disappear almost as quickly as they appeared? When a foreign bug becomes a problem, insect detectives go to action. They find the origin of the pest, then look for its natural enemies. The ‘enemies’ are then raised at insectaries and released into the wild. Once the beneficial insects become established, they begin to lower the pest populations to a more natural level. This type of natural pest control is one of the best examples of integrated pest management, and exemplifies the importance of maintaining populations of natural insect predators by limiting insecticide applications.

Does the WCG Save Water?

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In fact, the Water Conservation Garden won the “Clean Water Champion” Award at the 2005 Watershed Protection Program’s Clean Water Summit precisely for this reason...less water use means less runoff, and less runoff means less pollution of our waters, beaches, and oceans.

Finally, there’s yet another reason to conserve. As the summer heats up, the systems that provide our treated water are pushed to their limits. On the hottest of days, demand can exceed the system’s capacity. Outdoor water conservation can make an enormous difference in maintaining normal delivery of water for everyone.

Water conservation in the landscape is the way of the future. The joy of the Water Conservation Garden is demonstrating that water-wise landscaping is not deprivation, but a beautiful and delightful way to garden.

Summer/Fall 2005 Calendar of Events

Pre-registration is required for all classes—space is limited. Payment must be received in advance to reserve a place in a class or workshop. To enroll for classes, first call 619-660-0614 for availability. Enclose a check, payable to the Water Conservation Garden, with a note listing the classes you are registering for. Be sure to list your name and phone number. Send to Water Conservation Garden, Attn: Education and Events Coordinator, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, El Cajon, CA 92019. Refunds cannot be made within seven days of the event, unless we can fill your space or The Garden cancels the event. *Thank you* This list is also available at www.thegarden.org.

The Do's and Don'ts of Irrigation: Design

Wednesday, August 3, 7-8:30pm

Join the garden's very own Don Schultz, Facilities Manager and Irrigation Auditor, as he covers the key points of irrigation design. The discussion will include planning and hardware selection, and there will be time for Q and A. *\$3 Members, \$5 Non-Members*

Botany for Kids: Summer Crafts Class (Ages 5-7)

Thursday, August 4, 9am-1pm

Kids, ever wondered how a plant drinks water? Do you know what a leaf does? Well, put on your garden grubbies and learn the answers to these questions and more in our hands-on botanical crafts class with Botany for Kids. Decorate your own special clay pot with things you find in the garden. Plant a seed in it and take it home to watch it grow. Learn to press flowers and make leaf prints. And guess what? While you do this, you'll learn the names of plants, what their parts do, and how they grow in the garden. Bring a bag lunch, because all this crafty fun is sure to make you hungry. We'll provide the beverages and a snack.

*\$35 Members, \$42 Non-Members***Backyard Compost Bin Sale**

Saturday, August 6, 9am-Noon

Two kinds of compost bins will be available for purchase: one for worm composting and the other for yard debris composting. Pick up a bin or two, as well as useful composting tips. Unincorporated San Diego County residents receive subsidized rates on bin purchases. For more information call The Solana Center at (760) 436-7986, x216.

Container Gardening for Kids! (Ages 7-10)

Saturday, August 13, 10am-12pm

Kids, come and create your very own secret garden in a container! We'll provide the plants, pots, and soil, you provide the imagination. When you're done, you can take it home to watch it grow, and teach your family what you learned about water-wise plants. Come prepared to get a little dirty and have a lot of fun! A special garden-themed snack is included. *\$25 Members, \$35 Non-Members*

SUMMER CONCERT with "The Tall Lady and The White-Haired Guy"

Saturday, August 20, 7-9pm

The summer concert series continues with another Water Conservation Garden favorite! This sunny duo features folk tune classics, including children's songs in the tradition of Burl Ives. For comfort on the plaza's hardscape, bring lawn chairs and blankets. Feel free to bring a picnic dinner. The whole family will enjoy this evening of music and fun!

*\$3 Members, \$5 Non-Members***Xeriscape: Lush Landscape on a Low-Water Budget**

Saturday, August 27, 9:30am-12:30pm

Landscape designer Jan Tubiolo takes the mystery out of Xeriscape landscaping and shows you why Xeriscape is not "Zeriscape"! Learn the seven principles of xeriscape, plant selection, and planting techniques. The workshop includes a classroom lecture and an interpretive tour of our own living xeriscape Garden. *\$10 Members, \$13 Non-members*

Backyard Compost Bin Sale

Saturday, September 3, 1-4pm

Two kinds of compost bins will be available for purchase: one for worm composting and the other for yard debris composting. Pick up a bin or two, as well as useful composting tips. Unincorporated San Diego County residents receive subsidized rates on bin purchases. For more information call The Solana Center at (760) 436-7986, x216.

The Do's and Don'ts of Irrigation: Maintenance and Watering

Wednesday, September 7, 7-8:30pm

Don Schultz, Certified Irrigation Auditor and The Garden's Facilities Manager guides you through the important do's and don'ts of irrigation system maintenance and water management. Topics include sprinkler maintenance practices and techniques for better managing your watering schedule. *\$3 Members, \$5 Non-Members*

Protea in the Landscape: Presentation and Plant Sale

Saturday, September 10, 10am-12pm

Prized for flower arrangements and drought tolerance, beautiful protea thrive in San Diego. With a lecture, slide show, and live plants, Ben Gill shows you how to incorporate these exotic-looking plants into your landscape. He'll discuss proper protea care, and how to run a drip irrigation line for no-hassle watering. Ben is the Board Director of the California Association of Flower Growers and Shippers and has worked with protea for thirty years. A plant sale will follow the lecture.

*Members \$3, Non-Members \$5***Firescaping with Native Plants**

Wednesday, September 14, 7-8:30pm

Join us for this important and informative firewise seminar with Greg Rubin, native plant expert and owner of California's Own Native Landscape Design. Greg will guide you through the essentials of fire-wise landscaping with native plants. Topics include native plant identification and selection, proper plant placement and grouping, and native plant care. *\$5 Members, \$8 Non-Members*

Home Compost Workshop

Saturday, September 17, 10am-12pm

FREE compost education and water-wise gardening class taught by Certified Master Composters in partnership with the Solana Center for Environmental Innovation. Learn the basics of composting, using worms in compost, and saving water in the landscape. A tour of the Garden's Compost Demonstration Site follows the workshop. Compost bins will be on sale at subsidized rates for unincorporated County residents. To register for this class, please call The Solana Center at (760) 436-7986, x216.

Xeriscape: Lush Landscape on a Low-Water Budget

Saturday, September 24, 9:30am-12:30pm

Landscape designer Jan Tubiolo takes the mystery out of Xeriscape landscaping and shows you why Xeriscape is not "Zeriscape"! Learn the seven principles of xeriscape, plant selection, and planting techniques. The workshop includes a classroom lecture and an interpretive tour of our own living xeriscape Garden. *\$10 Members, \$13 Non-members*

SUMMER CONCERT with The Big City Hicks!

Saturday, September 24, 7-9pm

From Hank Williams to Nancy Sinatra, the Big City Hicks play an eclectic blend of Americana music in their own indomitable style. The Hicks are an all-acoustic group comprised of two guitars, a banjo, an upright bass, a mandolin and a fiddle. Whether you are craving toe tappin' tunes or something sweet and nostalgic, the Hicks play a colorful collection of old and new favorites with harmonies that will make you smile. For comfort on the plaza's hardscape, bring lawn chairs and blankets. Feel free to bring a picnic dinner and the whole family for the final show of this summer's concert series. *\$3 Members, \$5 Non-Members*

Gardening Nature's Way with Connie Beck

Saturday, October 1, 10-11:30am

Sustainable gardening practices lead to successful, low-maintenance gardens. Join Connie Beck as she walks you through the basics of earth-friendly gardening. Learn to work with nature by using organic pest control practices, native and adapted plants, and design elements that lead to happy plants and happy gardeners. Connie is a volunteer for the National Wildlife Federation and Horticultural Chair of the California Native Plant Society. *\$5 Members, \$8 Non-Members*

Backyard Compost Bin Sale

Saturday, October 1, 1-4pm

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Fall Festival at The Garden!

Saturday, October 8, 2005, 9am-3pm

Mark your calendars - The Water Conservation Garden's Annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2005. Come help us celebrate the arrival of autumn with activities for the whole family. Children will enjoy The Great Pumpkin Walk, a garden scavenger hunt, and pumpkin decorating. There will also be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Garden's renovated Cactus and Succulent Garden. Docents will be on hand to interpret the Garden's exhibits, provide xeriscape information, and sell plants. For those in the mood for shopping, there will be vendors with unique crafts, as well as new items in the Gift Shop. All this, and we've only just begun planning! There is definitely more to come. We look forward to seeing you there!

Home Compost Workshop

Saturday, October 22, 10am-12pm

FREE compost education and water-wise gardening class taught by Certified Master Composters in partnership with the Solana Center for Environmental Innovation. Learn the basics of composting, using worms in compost, and saving water in the landscape. A tour of the Garden's Compost Demonstration Site follows the workshop. Compost bins will be on sale at subsidized rates for unincorporated County residents. To register for this class, please call The Solana Center at (760) 436-7986, x216.

Howl-at-the-Moon Campout!

Saturday, October 22-Sunday Oct. 23, 4:30pm-9:30am

Looking for a safe and memorable Halloween event this year? Join the fun at the Water Conservation Garden's Howl-at-the-Moon campout in the safety of the garden's beautiful grounds. Kids ages 4-8 and their adults will camp overnight at the Garden, enjoying activities such as making a seasonal craft, trick or treating by moonlight along the Garden paths, and a costume parade. Learn about spiders, snakes, and why bats like the Garden at night. Enjoy a delicious dinner followed by a traditional campfire program with yummy snacks, songs, skits and laughter. Wake up to a pancake breakfast in the morning. This event is in partnership with Camping Pro's, Inc., which provides all camping gear, meals, and entertainment. They are first aid and CPR certified. To register for this event, please contact Cuyamaca College's

Community Learning program by calling 619-660-4350, or visit www.cuyamaca.edu/preview. Questions? Call the Garden at 619-660-0614. *\$85 Adult, \$65 Child*

Extended Summer Hours!

The Garden is open until 7:30pm on Wednesdays through September 1.

Wednesday Night Water-Wise Series

The following classes can be taken individually or as a pre-paid series of 4 classes*.

Designing with Drought-Tolerant Plants*

Wednesday, October 5, 6:30-8:30pm

Landscape Designer Jan Tubiolo shows you how to create a water-wise garden design from scratch. Topics include site analysis and assessment, plotting your design on paper, environmental factors, and water-efficient plant grouping. *Individual Class Members \$7, Non-Members \$10; Series \$23 Members, \$35 Non-Members*

Mulch, Compost, Fertilizer!*

Wednesday, October 12, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Unsure about how to use mulch in the garden? Not sure when to fertilize or what compost is for? Landscape Designer Jan Tubiolo, and Master Composter Elizabeth Ramos will discuss in detail the benefits of these three garden-enhancing essentials. *Individual Class Members \$7, Non-Members \$10; Series \$23 Members, \$35 Non-Members*

Soil and Irrigation*

Wednesday, October 19, 6:30-8:30pm

Landscape Architect Dan Carney discusses how to save water by properly managing the soil and irrigation system in your garden. Dan will cover how to amend and work with soil types found in eastern San Diego County to resolve water penetration and drainage issues, and he'll take the mystery out of irrigation components--from valves to dripemitters to irrigation timers. *Individual Class Members \$7, Non-Members \$10*

Series \$23 Members, \$35 Non-Members

Retrofitting Your Garden to Low-Water Use*

Wednesday, October 26, 6:30-8:30pm

Landscape Architect Dan Carney shows you how to reform your water-guzzling garden to a water-wise garden. Discussion includes monitoring and evaluating your existing garden for water waste, creating practical turf areas, and considering hardscape. *Individual Class Members \$7,*

Non-Members \$10; Series \$23 Members, \$35 Non-Members

Simply Succulent Wreath-Making

Saturday, October 29, 9:30am-10:30am

Learn to make your own living succulent wreath. Beverly Ireland, owner of Jasmine Creek Florist, shows you how to make a uniquely beautiful wreath that will last up to four years. The wreaths can be hung outside to accent a patio or garden, used as a table centerpiece with candles, or decorated and placed on your front door for the holidays. When your succulents finally outgrow their wreath, they can be planted in the ground for many more years of enjoyment. Succulent wreaths are an unusual treasure you will enjoy making. Price includes all materials and instruction. *\$40 Members, \$50 Non-Members*



The Garden has lovely facilities for weddings, receptions, and other events. Call (619) 660-0614 for facility rental fees and other information.

From the Gift Shop: Book Review

California Gardening Rhythms: What to do each season to have a beautiful garden all year

By Bruce, Sharon and Eric Asakawa
Cool Springs Press, \$22.99

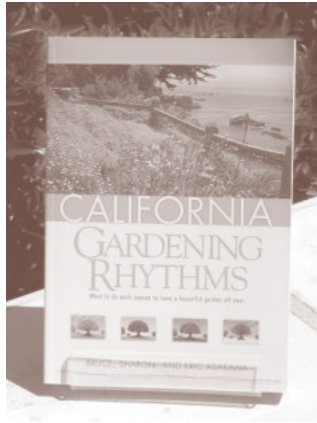
The subtitle of this book reveals exactly what one can expect to find inside. This is a lovely, information-packed volume specific to California gardens.

There are twelve chapters devoted to different kinds of plants, shrubs, and trees, and each chapter is broken down into seasons. Information about year round planning, planting, watering, fertilizing, maintaining and protecting plants is provided in interesting detail. It is a modern almanac for California gardeners.

Chapter 3, Drought Tolerant Plants, will be of special interest to visitors of the Garden. The seven principles of xeriscape landscaping are listed, and there are many suggestions for plant choices with helpful information such as descriptions, dimensions and requirements. Chapter 5 on Herbs and Vegetables is a great resource for anyone thinking of doing some kitchen gardening, and includes a discussion of beneficial insects. The remaining chapters deal with other well-loved plants you may have in your garden, such as citrus trees, tropical plants, and roses.

California Gardening Rhythms deserves a place on the bookshelf alongside the Asakawa's other titles. As the information covers different regions within the state, it makes a great gift for friends and family all over California. This book is an excellent resource, offering readers the 'when' as well as the 'how-to'.

by Sherry Johnson



The Water Conservation Garden congratulates the winners of the 2nd Annual California-Friendly Landscape Contest

Sponsored by Helix, Padre Dam, Otay, and Sweetwater water districts, the landscape contest celebrates the beauty and versatility of water-wise landscaping. Entries were judged on overall attractiveness, appropriate plant selection, efficient methods of irrigation, appropriate maintenance, and increased water efficiency. Regional winners were awarded \$500 gift certificates to local nurseries, and district winners were awarded \$250 gift certificates. The winners were recognized at the Spring Garden Festival.

Regional Winners:

Do it Yourself—Bonnie Graney
Professionally Designed—John and Kim Sowers

District Winners:

Helix Water District—Lisa Davis
Padre Dam Municipal Water District—Alice and Jim Eymann
Otay Water District—Jean Sullivan
Sweetwater Authority—Glenda de Vaney



Regional Winner Bonnie Graney, with her children, receives her gift certificate from Helix Water District General Manager Mark Weston

Come See What's New at the Garden Gift Shop!

Summer Succulent Sale
Several sizes and varieties
While supplies last

California Poppy Gift Cards
\$1.25 ea./\$12 box

Children's Pocket Nature Guides
With internet links
\$8.95

"The honor of having a 'Docent Award Plaque' dedicated in my name is indeed a great honor. And, I was especially pleased that Dr. Mary Bear was the first recipient of the award. Mary was a special friend and an inspiration to me and the pleasure of having known her will remain in my memory."

~Dorcas Utter

Welcome Members March—June 2005

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Vanessa Hanselman

Sustaining
Yvonne Lynn Grochowski
Barb & Brad Lind
The Home Team Inspection Service/
Russel Ray
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Kathleen McKee & Mike Nagy

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Carolyn Conner
Laura Emerick
Marceda Foster
Debby Hamann
Jeff Lindenthal
Kristine Napora

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Spring Garden Festival a success. Despite record high temperatures on May 21, a good time was had by all!



William Granger, Water Conservation Manager for Otay Water District, challenges visitors to spin the 'Win a Prize for Being Water-Wise' roulette wheel.



The Big City Hicks entertain Festival audiences with their Americana Folk music. Many thanks to the Hicks, the Helix Highlanders, and Clyde and the Moonlighters who all provided wonderful music during the Spring Garden Festival.

2005 Spring Garden Festival



Festival attendees learn about home composting at the Solana Center for Environmental Innovation booth.

The Water Conservation Garden would like to thank our generous Spring Garden Festival Sponsors:

\$1,000
California Landscape Contractors Association
Honeywell GMC
Hydropoint
McMillan Co.
San Diego National Bank

\$500
Dudek and Associates, Inc
Ewing Irrigation
Minschew Brothers
RCP Block & Brick

\$250
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Matilija poppies in bloom made a beautiful subject for a member of the San Diego Watercolor Society.



FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN

MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT

Please make checks payable to Water Conservation Garden and send your enrollment with payment to The Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, El Cajon, CA 92019.

I would like to register at the level indicate:

- Individual/ Student \$20
- Basic \$30
- Supporting \$50
- Sustaining \$100
- Patron \$250
- Benefactor \$500
- Conservationist \$1000

I would like to support the Garden with an Additional donation of \$ _____.

I am interested in becoming a docent Or Volunteer.

Name

Address

City/ State/ Zip Code

Telephone Number

Email Address

Our Mission Statement:

“Promoting water conservation in the Southern California landscape through excellent exhibits and programs that educate and inspire the public.”

Open 7 days a week from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Docent Tours; Sat. 10:30 am and Sun. 1:30 pm.

Benefits

Individual/ Student

Free newsletters
Free Garden admission

Basic

Same as above, plus
Gift shop: 10% discount
Classes/Events: Free or discounted admission

Supporting

Same as above, plus
Facility rentals: 10% discount up to \$25 annually

Sustaining

Same as above, plus
Facility rentals: 10% discount up to \$50 annually

Patron

Same as above, plus
Engraved brick paver in garden pathway
Facility rentals: 10% discount up to \$125 annually

Benefactor

Same as above, plus
Engraved brick paver in garden plaza
Facility rentals: 20% discount up to \$250 annually

Conservationist

Same as above, plus
Facility rentals: 30% discount, up to \$500 annually, Individual consultation with Director of Horticulture.

CHECK OUT OUR EVENT S LIST FOR CLASSES AND SUMMER CONCERTS



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