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Spring Garden Festival's "Conservation in Bloom" Highlights Water Conservation, Cultural Conservation, and Cuyamaca College's Biggest Plant Sale of the Year

RANCHO SAN DIEGO, CA—On Saturday, April 24, from 9am-4pm, Cuyamaca College's campus will bloom with activity as three of its on-campus venues—the [Ornamental Horticulture Department](#), the [Water Conservation Garden](#), and the [Heritage of the Americas Museum](#)—invite the public to celebrate spring at their 17th annual Spring Garden Festival. "Conservation in Bloom" is the theme at this family festival that includes tips on green living, and both free admission and parking. A range of crafters and vendors from throughout San Diego County, in addition to the activities listed below make the event a popular family outing.

In addition to its biggest plant sale of the year, the Ornamental Horticulture Department at Cuyamaca College will offer horticulture demonstrations and host a number of San Diego gardening clubs and societies. Animal conservation and education organizations will also be featured, including San Diego's House Rabbit Society and the San Diego Turtle and Tortoise Society, the San Diego Zoo, and Krusin' Kritters.

The Water Conservation Garden will offer a variety of educational opportunities, including a Water Smart Plaza where water-saving technology vendors will display their wares, and visitors can talk with water agencies about water conservation inside and outside the home. At the "Ask the Experts" area, landscape designers and architects will offer 20-minute consultations for a nominal fee to anyone with a home landscape design question, and visitors are welcome to bring in photos or diagrams of their landscape for feedback. Reservations can be made ahead by calling 619-660-0614, x10.

The Heritage of the Americas Museum will feature its "Artifacts Alive" exhibit, showing how local creative types use the museum's treasures as inspiration for a floral design or other work of art. Their work will be on display and for sale at the museum. The Museum will also feature an arts and crafts show, the El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Show, and Eric Runningpath and the Inter-Tribal Dancers. Tickets for the Five-Choices Dream Raffle will also be for sale.

On the Water Conservation Garden's amphitheater stage, a number of local acts will entertain throughout the day, including percussion movement entertainment by *Jr. Crew* of El Cajon, and the fusion flamenco sounds of *Novamenco*. The Water Conservation Garden's very own Ms. Smarty Plants will feature her *Magic of Water* Show in conjunction with Air Superiority's Birds of Prey.

With all of these offerings, the 2010 Spring Garden Festival promises to be a fun-filled, informative day for the entire family. Parking is free, and free shuttle service is available between the three venues. Proceeds from sales items benefit the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Program, the Water Conservation Garden, and the Heritage of the Americas Museum. Web links leading to the programs of each of the three event partners can be found at www.cuyamaca.net/springfest.

Cuyamaca College is located at 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway, El Cajon, CA 92019.

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