

San Diego's
Tranquil Oasis

Quail Tracks

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President, Board of Trustees Speech 2003 Annual Members Meeting, November 22, 2003

By Randi Coopersmith

*"Accept the challenges so that you can
feel the exhilaration of victory."*

~ George S. Patton

The year 2003 has been an exciting and challenging year for QBG and me. I'll be the first to admit that when I began my term as President of the Board of Trustees last year, I had a limited knowledge of the complexities and challenges facing me and the Gardens. Given my commitment to my family and job, I wasn't certain that I could spend adequate time—the time the Gardens deserves from its President. But looking back, surrounded by an incredible staff, Board of Trustees and volunteers, together we have had an amazing year.



Photo by Cynthia Jones

Kathy Campbell, Seeds of Wonder Program Coordinator; Randi Coopersmith, President; Joyce Wilder, past President, and Julian Duval, Executive Director, at Quail's annual Members Meeting.

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A note to our members ~

We are always conscious of making the best use of the money you contribute to Quail Botanical Gardens. Because of that, we are experimenting with this issue of the newsletter by trying a less expensive printing method. We also hope to move some of the information you would normally find here to the web site in the future.

If you have any comments or suggestions on the newsletter format, please direct them to 760-436-3036 x206, or info@qbgardens.com.

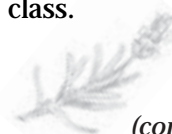
Thank you,
Cynthia Jones
Marketing Communications Mgr.
and Quail Tracks Editor

A few of the Garden's accomplishments in 2003

- We celebrated our 10-year anniversary as a private, self-supported garden.
- We signed a 50-year lease with the City of Encinitas to expand the Gardens.
- We designed, built and opened the *Seeds of Wonder* to a waiting group of children in San Diego.
- We received a federal grant of \$136,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for a two-year collaborative project with

the Children's Discovery Museum of North San Diego County.

- We planted over 2,200 plants of 450 species and cultivars or varieties—almost twice as many as in 2002.
- We recovered rare and endangered species of cycads that were stolen from our collection.
- We had a successful Board of Trustees retreat and developed our first two-year strategic plan.
- We are graduating our largest ever docent class.



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Our Path for 2004

By Julian Duval, Executive Director

The fires of last October were often described as a “natural disaster” or as a demonstration of “nature’s fury.” Appropriate descriptions for the impact these fires had on the lives and homes of thousands of people. Yet fires are actually a natural and inevitable part of our local environment. Our coastal sage scrub and maritime chaparral ecosystems are not only tolerant of fire, but the incredible diversity of different plants and animals found in these habitats is actually dependant on periodic fires. This provides little consolation to those who have lost loved ones and/or homes in the fires of 2003. Sadly, recovery for these individuals will be a long and difficult process, yet it should serve as an important message on how we need to prepare ourselves for the inevitable fires of the future.

Unfortunately, as memory of the fires fades, so can concern about action that should be taken to better protect people and their property. This is similar to the response to conserve water. In the midst of a drought and mandated water rationing, we become very thoughtful of how we use water. Yet, as the water needs of our swelling population grows, we should be doing more to conserve water on an ongoing basis and not just in response to our periodic droughts. Our landscapes play an important role in the way fires devastate our homes and other structures. They

Photo by Cynthia Jones



also play an important role in how we use water. Nearly half of our water consumption irrigates our landscapes. We feel that Quail Botanical Gardens needs to take a leadership role in presenting attractive landscape alternatives that address these problems.

Dave Ehrlinger, QBG Director of Horticulture and his staff have already begun a complete renovation of the California Demonstration Garden. Supported in part by County funds designated by Supervisor Pam Slater, this garden will feature native California plants to encourage their use in landscapes. It will become one of QBG’s premier demonstration gardens to encourage water conservation. Water-wise landscaping is not a new concept for the Gardens, but this renovation will incorporate reclaimed water for irrigation.

Likewise, QBG has long been a leader in promoting landscapes that are designed to create a fire-protection buffer for buildings. The fact is, many if not most of the thousands of homes lost in

the recent fires could have been saved if not for the fuel provided by their surrounding vegetation. But “fire-safe” does not mean using only rocks and ice plant. A huge plant palette is available allowing for a variety of landscape styles that adhere to fire-safe garden concepts. At QBG, we are expanding and upgrading fire-safe garden signage and offering handouts and classes on landscaping for fire safety. We are also seeking funding to develop an illustrated presentation and a speakers’ bureau to convey these important messages offsite to groups that need this information. We feel a responsibility to help people become better prepared the next time fires occur.

IMLS Grant Award

Another major QBG initiative for 2004 is “Inside/Outside World Cultures.” This program for children and families will create hands-on activities, introducing them to world cultures and the natural environments where these cultures evolved. The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services is providing a \$136,000 grant to be split between the Gardens and the Children’s Discovery Museum (CDM) of North County over the next two years. Funding includes a full-time education specialist to be shared between the two organizations. Japanese culture and environment is the first year’s focus. The CDM is installing a new exhibit on life in Japan, while QBG will develop interpretation of its extensive

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President's Speech

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- We held incredibly successful events, including the Gala, the Orchid Fair, Insect Festival, plant and bamboo sales, and two first-time events: the Family Chocolate Festival and the "Wild Bogs and Leaping Frogs" festival of nature art.
- We staged multiple sold-out summer music concerts.
- We initiated discussions regarding our future relations with the Children's Discovery Museum and received a collaborative grant with them.
- We instituted new Board agendas to include an educational component at each meeting and focused on true policy decisions.

Those, my friends, are just a few of the Garden's 2003 accomplishments and reflect the talents of those gathered here today. Even with these many accomplishments, we still have many *challenges* ahead of us in 2004.

- We must design and entitle the Garden's expansion on our newly leased property.
- We will prepare for a major capital campaign to fund the expansion and create an on-going endowment for the Garden's expansion and permanent new Children's Garden.
- We will need to evaluate and, if appropriate, negotiate a new contract with our Executive Director, Julian Duval.
- We will need to organize numerous events such as the Gala, plant sale and concerts, which are

critical to the funding and success of the Gardens.

- We must address the site's security issues and protect our valuable collection.
- We will need to balance our budget and remain fiscally solvent.
- We will need to live through a year-long major road construction project at the Garden's main entry.
- We will need to further outline the nature of our proposed partnership with the Children's Discovery Museum.
- And last, but not least, we must learn to take full benefit of the talent, energy and ideas of our new trustees.

If you'll have me, I will serve one more year. I look forward to a 2004 that is at least as successful as last year and hope that I have the wisdom to recognize the talents offered by our staff, Board and many volunteers.

I leave you with a quote from Albert Schweitzer about volunteerism:

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

Thank you,
Randi Coopersmith



Plant drawings by David House

Our Path for 2004

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bamboo collection and other plants central to the Japanese culture. In the second year, a Latin American culture and environment will be featured.

The project integrates the strengths of each organization in a single program. One goal of the funding is to model the collaboration we anticipate when the museum relocates next to the QBG's future San Diego Children's Garden. The two entities will be neighbors on the community-use space that the city of Encinitas has provided to QBG for its expansion.

The Gardens' 2004 initiatives will serve both adult and young audiences. They focus on living in harmony with our local environments in Southern California and around the world. The theme that links both initiatives is that we are all connected to the environments in which we live.

Coming of Age as a Botanical Garden

By Joyce Wilder

With a five-year lease in hand and nothing else, the transfer of QBG from a county park to a private entity was quite an experience. In the movie *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* the sheriff chases the outlaws up to the brink of the cliff and, with the river far below, Sundance looks at Butch and says, “Jump!” As their feet leave the ground, Butch says, “But I can’t swim!” But we wanted to leave the county and run QBG as a real Botanical Garden—so with a big leap of faith we all jumped. Some of us were worried before we jumped, and some got worried after we jumped.

The county funded a Park Superintendent and three employees when we left. The gardening tools went with the county as did the motorized cart. We needed to replace them all, plus pay the water bill, buy insurance, make repairs, trim trees, etc. The nest egg from two generous bequests made us feel brave enough to leave, but the question was how long the money would last before we could be self-sustaining. The answers ranged from black predictions to supreme optimism.

Our first task was to find and hire an Executive Director. But there were some people who thought our part-time office manager, three gardeners, and the Board of Trustees could run the garden just fine. Our Board was an administrative board making all the decisions.

We formed an executive director search committee chaired by Joyce Sapp. We advertised and interviewed. Only one candidate viewed our \$200,000 budget deficit with confidence that he could overcome it— and that person was Julian Duval.

The Board of Trustees frugally decided we needed to remodel the Ecke Building to accommodate an expanded staff. The building was originally a scout hut built with much volunteer labor. As a permanent office and meeting room it left much to be desired. It was cold in the winter and unbearable in hot weather. Before remodeling could start, we had to move everything out and find a place for it. This was managed by a remarkable docent named Tina. Like a top Sergeant, she organized us all. We moved into a three-office trailer wired for electricity, computers and phones. Throughout the move, everyone answered to Tina.

Our contractor was the best. Under his supervision the building was taken down to the bare studs. Doors and windows were rearranged. The restrooms were made to meet ADA standards, a \$35,000 surprise as our entire budget was just under \$100,000.

When he would come up to the trailer and say, “Joyce, would you come and look at something,” I knew that might mean trouble. The termites weren’t too serious. The lack of a concrete sill footing was a



Quail's elegant 10th Anniversary cake, festooned with orchids and lilies, was made and donated by Sugar Bowl Cakes & Pastries.

surprise at only another \$1,400. I had to keep asking, “How much will that cost?”

The Ecke Building was finally all put back together with heating, air conditioning, new roof, etc., and I gingerly took the final figures to the board. Our treasurer, a former banker, said 10% over budget for a project like that was very good. After that positive statement, the board agreed. As board president and acting director I was very relieved. Although my pay was non-existent, I took my responsibilities seriously.

Julian Duval arrived in January 1995 with a climate-controlled truck with all (800) of his greenhouse plants, his books, a four-wheel drive car (which he still drives), and a few pieces of furniture. I knew by his possessions that he had his priorities in order.

The day before he officially started, a TV crew wanted to shoot a program about Quail Gardens. I asked Julian if he would be willing to be on the program. He had experience with his TV show for the Indianapolis Zoo, so I thought he wouldn’t mind.

“Let’s tour the garden together, since I just arrived yesterday,” he remarked to the reporter. At the end of the interview, he asked the reporter if she would like to see what he had picked up in the

garden, and out of his pocket he brought out a Western Fence Lizard. Our fearless reporter was so interested that she held it in her hand. After a minute, Julian pulled the lizard's mate out of his other pocket. It was a great show-and-tell.

Julian's wife, Leslie, is always supportive, hardworking and a wonderful hostess when called upon. A docent and plant sale chair for the past three years in her own right, Leslie is a surgical nurse for The Children's Hospital.

The Horticulture Society was formed in 1994, and the first meeting was held in the unfinished Ecke building, which had been temporarily wired for lighting. After this first meeting, they got so big they had to move to the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

I would like to acknowledge the people I worked with who all showed great perseverance, dedication and the vision to see Quail Botanical Gardens through its first ten years of independence.

Joyce Sapp has been a docent since 1986, chair of the docents two different times and Board of Trustee member for nine years. She is Quail's gift shop manager, a job she has held for ten years. Joyce was chair of the search committee for the executive director in 1994. She was my right arm through the crazy hectic times and saw to it that I ate lunch.

Jean and Ken Nikodym have been docents for over 15 years. They were co-chairs of the docents when I arrived. They were trustees for 12 years. Ken was also the trustee treasurer. They started the annual summer concert from 1988 to 1992. In 1993, we started the series of three or four concerts with a light dinner during the summer months. Starting in 1987, they were co-editors of Quail Tracks for 13 years. Starting as a docent newsletter in 1987, in 1990 President Bill Bowman asked that Quail Tracks become the official newsletter of the Gardens. Ken and Jean are also protea collectors. There have been no better supporters than Ken and Jean.

Mariette Pinchart has been a docent for 20 years and counting. She has been a trustee for 18 years and served as a president of the board. She is always generous with her time, and we value her good judgment and advice.

Thelma Montag has been a docent for over 20 years. She is a former trustee and faithful and cheerful and someone you always enjoy working with.

John and Nadine Starr have been docents for over 20 years. She has been there for us for many jobs. John is our vigorous tree man. With the director's permission, he loves to take down

problem trees and dig them out. He works rings around men a quarter of his age.

John Daily was one of my favorite Treasurers as, no matter what the figures were, he could always make it look like the glass was half full.

The Docent Society formed in 1980 has been a vital group supplying enthusiasm, work and support to the many events and projects here at Quail. The Docent Society is comprised of between 100 and 150 people, and they put in tens of thousands of volunteer hours per year. What loyalty! What staying power!

I myself served as board president from 1994 through 1996. These were the three years of transition time to independence from the county.

Dr. Bruce Hubbard served as president from 1997 to 1998. Bruce brought a vision for our future. He particularly saw a children's garden in our master plan.

Jim Farley served as president from 1999 to 2002. He brought organizational skills from his experiences with many non-profit organizations. If things needed to be discussed, you could count on Jim to lead the way.

Randi Coopersmith serves as our current president. He uses his skills in bringing our planned projects to reality step by step.

In closing, I would like to invite all of our 15- and 20-year docents to come up and blow out the candles on our beautiful cake celebrating our ten years of independence as a non-profit organization.

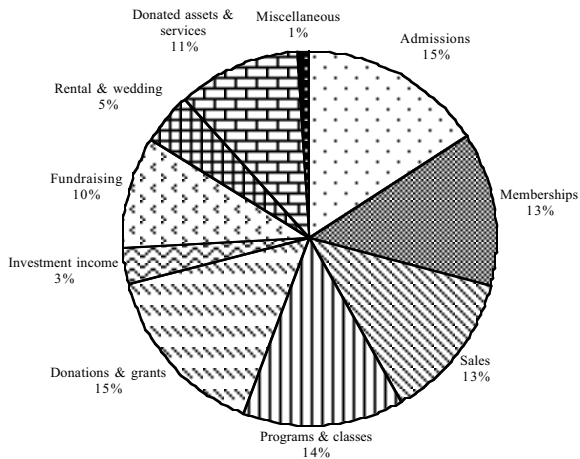


15 to 20+ year docents in attendance are: Joyce Wilder, Jean Nikodym, Ken Nikodym, Clarence Heidemann, Nadine Starr, and Mariette Pinchart.*

** S.D. County's Garden Manager for 18 years, until 1982.*

QBG Financial Summary

Revenues

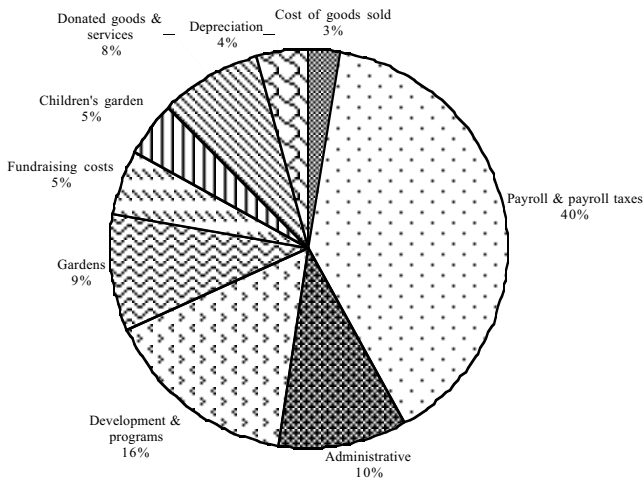


Revenues

	2002	Increase (decrease) over 2001
Admissions	\$168,600	6%
Memberships	139,400	8%
Sales	136,800	-6%
Programs & classes	146,900	28%
Donations & grants	162,800	10%
Investment income	(31,700)	234%
Fundraising	102,900	13%
Rental & wedding	47,800	-15%
Don. assets & services	112,800	-29%
Miscellaneous	10,700	100%

Total **\$997,000** **-2%**

Expenses



Expenses

	2002	Increase (decrease) over 2001
Cost of goods sold	\$28,500	-12%
Payroll & payroll taxes	431,600	-6%
Administrative	114,400	14%
Dev. & programs	173,900	32%
Gardens	103,500	-1%
Fundraising costs	57,700	20%
Children's garden	50,400	-1%
Don. goods & services	90,600	-46%
Depreciation	45,300	-19%

Total **\$1,095,900** **0%**

Decrease in net assets **\$(98,900)**

2002 Financial Report

Admissions, memberships, fundraising, and donations and grants increased over the prior year due to additional members, increased park usage, and community involvement. Program revenue (and expenses) were higher in 2002 primarily due to the Guatemala trip. The annual plant sale resulted in lower revenue due to poor weather. Rental and wedding income actually decreased in a competitive market, resulting in fewer bookings of large events. Investment income was substantially reduced due to the reduction in fair market value of various investments.

Overall expenses increased slightly in 2002. Insurance rates in particular increased sharply. Printing, advertising, and fundraising expenses also increased due to the construction of the *Seeds of Wonder* Children's Garden.

Maxine's Plant of the Month

This month's choice is *Westringia fruticosa*, commonly known as Australian or Victorian rosemary.

Westringia fruticosa is from the Australian desert, and it can also be found in the dry, heathland area. It is a bushy, rounded shrub that can grow three to five feet tall. It is excellent for topiary art, as you can tell by the topiary bunny

made of it in the secret garden. As the shrub matures it becomes more open and very attractive. It has leaves very similar to that of rosemary but lacks the marvelous scent. The color of the leaves is a nice in-between silvery gray green. Its flowers are typically a soft white or a dazzling pale blue. They usually bloom in late spring to early autumn.

This plant is quite easy on the eyes, and if you would like to see it, the bunny topiary is located in the secret garden of *Seeds of Wonder*. There are more plants in the Australian section of the Gardens.



Seeds of Wonder

Winter Activities for Young Children

Ongoing programs

Tales and Tunes

Every Tuesday, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Children and their parents participate in stories, songs and hands-on preschool activities. *Free admission on the first Tuesday of each month.* We meet indoors on rainy days.



Garden Day

Every Thursday, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Children pot plants and participate in other hands-on activities. Sometimes there will be story-telling. Not held on rainy days.



Discovery Day

Every Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Children and parents explore *Seeds of Wonder* with a *Wonder Gardener* (volunteer) to discover the secrets of nature hidden in our garden. There will be stories and other activities. Not held on rainy days.

Special Events

Pre-registration required.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Saturday, January 17

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Children may bring their favorite stuffed animal to share stories, songs, a craft and a picnic snack. We'll picnic indoors if it rains.

Cost: \$5.00 materials fee.

Story Time Drama Club

Saturday, January 24

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Children ages three to six act out the classic story of *The Three Bears*. Everyone who wants to participate will have a chance to play one or more characters. Siblings and children who would rather just watch will play the important role of the audience. We will eat "porridge" and do a simple craft. We'll meet indoors if it rains. Limit: 15 children ages three to six, plus siblings. This first meeting is free with admission.

Hearts, Flowers, and Bugs:

A Family Valentine Party

Saturday, February 14th

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Parents, grandparents, and children of all ages will make valentines and other crafts, pot flowering plants, and prepare a valentine snack. There will be songs and stories.

Cost: \$5.00 materials fee

Shamrock Day

Saturday, March 13

10:00 - 11:30 AM

We suggest that parents and children wear something green so you'll blend in with the plants while we hunt for leprechauns, elves, fairies and a pot of gold in the secret hiding places of *Seeds of Wonder*. Stories, songs, crafts, a special green snack and a shamrock plant to take home.

Cost: \$5:00 materials fee.

WISH LIST FOR SEEDS OF WONDER:

1. A heavy-duty doormat with slats and openings to put in front of shed door.
2. Tablets of 18x24 newsprint for easel painting (in tablet form, available at Staples).
3. Washable tempera paint, all colors.
4. Construction paper, all colors.
5. A gallon of white glue.
6. Ellison die machine.

Quail Botanical Gardens Winter Events

Class sizes are limited. Registration and prepayment are required. Most classes are held in the Ecke Building. Call 760-436-3036 x206 for details, or visit www.qbgardens.com.

Special Events

Gourd Art Class

Learn to clean, cut, pyro-engrave, paint and embellish your own one-of-a-kind gourd.

Jan. 9 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Instr: Carol Lang

Cost: M: \$50 NM: \$60

Pine Needle Basket Classes

Learn the art of making enchanting pine needle baskets. Fee includes materials.

Jan. 11 1:00-4:00 PM

Feb. 8 1:00-4:00 PM

Mar. 14 1:00-4:00 PM

Instr: Sharol Clay

Cost: M: \$35 NM: \$45

Self-Care for the Gardener

Learn to move more comfortably and easily while gardening using *Feldenkrais awareness movement lessons* designed for the gardener.

Jan. 21 9:30-11:00 AM

Feb. 18 9:30-11:00 AM

Instr: Sue Turcotte

Cost: M: \$10 NM: \$15

Seaweed Basket Class

The instructor will take you through an adventure in creating this charming treasure from the sea. All materials included.

Jan 25 1:00-4:00 PM

Feb 22 1:00-4:00 PM

Mar 28 1:00-4:00 PM

Instr: Sharol Clay

Cost: M: \$35 NM: \$45

Botanical Watercolors

Part classroom work and part *plein-air* (depending on weather). This series will focus on colorful, close up botanical studies from QBG.

Mondays, starts Feb. 2 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

6 classes, ending March 8

Instr: Alison Christler

Cost: M: \$95 NM: \$105 for the series

Ongoing programs

Bird Watching

8:00 AM first Monday

Compost Mini-Seminar

11:00 AM first Saturday

Group Tours

10:00 AM every Saturday

Make-a-Note Card

9:30 AM -12:00 PM

first Sunday

Learn to make your own note cards from leaf printing.

Call for additional information.

Mural How To's

Seminar for novices, artists and interior designers exploring mural techniques, planning and integrating with decor. Bring photos/sketches of your wall and decor, and lunch.

Jan. 31 9:00 AM -1:00 PM

Instr: Linda Luisi

Cost: M: \$45 NM: \$50

Heart Basket

Learn to create a unique, heart-shaped basket for your own special valentine. Materials included.

Feb. 13 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Instr: Carol Lang

Cost: M: \$40 NM: \$50

Plein Air Drawing

Learn to draw flowers, plants, gardens, landscape composition and depth. All levels welcome. Outdoors, weather permitting. Bring sketchpad and lunch.

Feb. 28 9:00 AM -1:00 PM

Instr: Linda Luisi

Cost: M: \$45 NM: \$50

Landscape Painting in Watercolor from Rough Sketch to Finished Painting

This class will learn to work from drawings and photos.

Mondays, starts Mar. 15 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

6 classes, ending April 19

Instr: Walter Bruning

Cost: M: \$95 NM: \$105 for the series

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Landscaping Tour and Classes

Fire-Safe Landscape Tour

Learn about fire-safe landscaping design and maintenance. Find out what plants to select and what to avoid in this informative tour of the Quail Firescape Garden and other areas of the Gardens. Meet at the Ecke Building.

Jan. 24 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Instr: Dave Ehrlinger, Dir. of Horticulture

Cost: M: \$7 NM: \$9

Home Landscape Classes - NEW

All classes are Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Ecke Building.

Cost per class: M: \$7 NM: \$9

Cost for series: M: \$45 NM: \$60

Garden Cornucopia

Jan. 15

John Bagnasco, co-host of the Garden Compass radio program and senior editor of Garden Compass magazine.

Hear about the latest on roses, fruits, tropicals and propagation tools.

What's New in Gardening

Jan. 22

John Bagnasco, co-host of the Garden Compass radio program and senior editor of Garden Compass magazine.

Find out what's new in gardening, supplies, tools, pest control and more.

Garden Perennials

Jan. 29

Judy Wigand, popular local garden expert and San Diego Union Tribune garden writer.

Discover perennials and shrubs for Mediterranean-style landscaping.

Palms, Cycads and Bamboos

Feb. 5

Jason Kubrock, QBG Lead Gardener.

Learn more about these exotic plants and their uses.

Fire-Safe Landscaping

Feb. 12

Dave Ehrlinger, QBG Director of Horticulture

Find out how to protect your landscape and home from wildfires.

Landscaping with Succulents

Feb. 19

Michael Buchner, co-owner of The Plant Man and Tex Buchner & Ceramics; quality succulents, ceramics and garden books.

Discover how to create beautiful landscapes with these drought-tolerant and fire-resistant plants.

Garden Design

Mar. 04

Dave Ehrlinger, QBG Director of Horticulture

Learn design essentials and how to improve your landscape.

Pruning Basics

Mar. 11

Dave Ehrlinger, QBG Director of Horticulture

Learn the fundamentals of backyard pruning.

M = Member

NM = Non-member

Quail Garden's Wish List
Two garden carts for the nursery.

Volunteer and Docent News

October Docent of the Month: Kenneth Hayward

Versatility prevails

How many hats can one man wear? Our October Docent of the Month, Kenneth Hayward, contributes to the gardens in many significant ways. He first came to QBG in 1996 in search of California native plants at the Fall Plant Sale. Shortly thereafter he became a member, and then enrolled in the 1997 docent class. Kenneth began his volunteer activities at QBG working in the administrative office half a day a week—a job he still does today. While at the front desk, he saw a lot of QBG historical information and photographs and decided it needed to be organized. As a result, Kenneth became the Honorary QBG Historian, and enthusiastically presents a slide show of our history at docent classes and volunteer orientations. When the position of Librarian opened up, Kenneth volunteered for the job, ensuring that new volumes are accessioned and the library is staffed. Stop by the QBG library between 11 AM and 3 PM on Wednesday or Saturday and check out our unique selection of books.

What would QBG's annual Fall Plant Sale be without the book sale? Kenneth organizes this for us also, soliciting donations of books year round, which he categorizes by subject and sells at the sale. In addition to all of this, you'll find Kenneth volunteering at many special events throughout the year. Thank you, Kenneth, for all you do, our October Docent of the Month.



Photo by Mo Price

Articles by Mo Price



Photo by Mary Lou Kelly

November Docent of the Month: Kathy Campbell

Seeds of Wonder Program Coordinator

Kathy Campbell, a graduate of the Fall 2002 docent class, is recognized for her outstanding contributions to QBG and specifically *Seeds of Wonder*. Kathy comes to Quail after retiring from a 30+ year teaching career, with students ranging from infants to community college. She has always had a love of gardening and has organized parents and children to plant successful school gardens in the past. Kathy is also a wonderful storyteller, and often develops her own stories and songs to meet the particular needs of a group. Kathy became involved in children's activities at QBG even prior to graduating from her docent class a year ago.

The April 2003 opening of *Seeds of Wonder* has resulted in a tremendous number of activities related to children's programs and special events. The Docent position of "*Seeds of Wonder* Program Coordinator" was established in June to manage tasks such as planning and implementing children's programs, recruiting and training *Seeds of Wonder* volunteers and participating in committees and meetings related to *Seeds of Wonder*. Kathy, a natural for the position, became our *Seeds of Wonder* Program Coordinator, and we thank her for her tremendous contributions and honor her as our November Docent of the Month.

Volunteer and Docent News

December Docent of the Month: Catherine Siemens

First Impressions

Catherine Siemens has always had a love for gardens, and in 2001 she decided that QBG would be a nice place to volunteer. Stop by the Gardens on the weekend and the first person you'll see is Catherine or another volunteer in the Admissions Kiosk. Catherine is responsible for keeping the kiosk staffed on weekends and holidays, which is not always an easy job, since it requires four volunteers to work approximately four hours each in the kiosk each weekend. That's over 800 hours of weekend volunteer work each year!

First impressions are often lasting impressions and Catherine strives to ensure that the admissions staff has the tools and training necessary to answer visitor's questions, encourage memberships, give advice about what is blooming and do it all with a warm and friendly smile. Catherine takes little credit for the job she does, insisting that her competent and reliable staff of 15 make the job easy. We thank Catherine for her ongoing dedication and are pleased to honor her as our December Docent of the Month.



Photo by Mo Price

Photo by Leslie Duval



Graduating 2003 docents are, left to right: Robert Kopfstein (Class Coordinator), Liz Woodward, Anne Spindel, Norma McAfee (Class Assistant), Jocelyn Shannon, Rosemary Stafford, Susan Persson, Judy McKie, Reagan Ray, Wendy Graham, Roberta Dotson, Julia Fox, Janet McClain, Hariett Hartl, Deborah Micklesen, Dru Johnson, Heidi Keller, Norma Lucas, Georgie Dennis, George Parker, Paula Poynter.
Missing: Florence Graham, James Sanseverino, Konrad Weniger

The 2003 Docent Class

What do you get when you mix a couple of librarians, school teachers, former business people, homemakers and retirees with a love of plants together? You get the 23 members of the Docent Class of 2003.

The classes began on September 10 and finished on November 19, led by Robert Kopfstein and Betty Wheeler along with their faithful assistant, Norma McAfee, and countless guest speakers and volunteers. Neither heat, rain, cold nor firestorms deterred them from their quest for knowledge. These dauntless Docents-in-Training traveled the botanical maze where others have gone before, mastering the basics of taxonomy and botany while discovering the collections and lore of the Gardens. Celebrating their graduation at the Docent Meeting on December 3, we look forward to seeing them blossom as they continue their work at Quail.

A spring docent class is scheduled to begin in March. If you can volunteer at least 80 hours annually, are interested in learning about botany and the gardens, and enjoy working with wonderful people, call Mary Lou Kelly at 760-436-3036 x203, for an application.

Article by Liz Woodward

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To purchase a gift membership, please call Karin Braemer at 760-436-3036 x217, or visit our web site at **www.qbgardens.com**.

Planned Giving for Everyone

February 11, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

February 12, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

If you fall into any of the categories below, you'd benefit from the Planning Giving seminars at Quail Botanical Gardens:

- Home owners
- Parents with children under 18 years old
- Blended families
- Families wanting to protect and pass assets to their children and heirs
- New California residents
- Those interested in learning about estate plans for themselves and family members
- Those with outdated trusts, wills, or expired powers of attorney (pre-1992)

Quail Botanical Gardens will host *two* planned giving seminars this quarter so that members can attend the one that is most convenient. Marilyn Shea, our presenter, is a local attorney who has specialized in estate preservation for the past 19 years. She has given seminars around the county, helping supporters of the YMCA, Casa de Amparo, St. Clare's Home, and other local non-profit organizations.

Ms. Shea will start with the basics, outlining the benefits and drawbacks of several options. Attendees will receive free handouts to help them understand what planned giving can do for them. Call 760-436-3036 x216 or visit qbgardens.com for more information or to make a reservation.

Why should you attend? You will get the latest scoop in new tax laws and changes that affect your family's assets. You will learn how to reduce probate fees, time delays, and aggravation. So the question is really, "*why not attend?*"

For a list of Quail's Staff, Board of Trustees and other general information, please see the web site at qbgardens.com.

Seeds of Wonder wins ASLA Honor Award

The "Awards in Landscape Architecture 2003" program is sponsored annually by the San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). This year, 31 projects were submitted to the program. The *Seeds of Wonder* Children's Garden was submitted in the Parks and Recreation Design category, where it received an Honor Award. A maximum of 5% of all the entries may receive an Honor Award, and only one Honor Award was given this year. It was awarded to Dugmore Design Studio for the *Seeds of Wonder* Children's Garden at Quail Botanical Gardens.

Dugmore Design Studio's relationship with Quail Botanical Gardens (QBG) began in 1998 when QBG began work on their vision of a Children's Garden. Bruce and Pamela Dugmore worked with a design committee to develop a Concept Plan and Design Guidelines book for the planned 1.5 acre "San Diego Children's Garden" which is scheduled to open in approximately five years.

More information is available on the web site.

Photo by Bruce Dugmore



Eric Dugmore explores the dinosaur eggs and topiary in the Seeds of Wonder.

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Photo by Cynthia Jones

An excellent selection, great prices and perfect weather made QBG's Annual Fall Plant Sale a very popular event.

And many thanks to Leslie Duval, Sue Papreck, Mary Friestedt and all the volunteers who made the annual Plant Sale such a success.

With Many Thanks

Quail Botanical Gardens would like to extend its utmost gratitude to the sponsors, committee members and volunteers of this year's Gala—Pacific Paradise—for one of Quail's most significant fundraising events of 2003.

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Honoree Loren Nancarrow (center) receives painting by Diane Dudek from Randi Coopersmith (left) and Julian Duval (right).

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**And many thanks to the wonderful
Volunteers whose countless hours
of dedication truly brought this
evening to life.**



Event Co-Chairs Miriam Levy and Jim Lennox did a wonderful job managing this successful event.

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Planned giving is the cornerstone of QBG's history, and the key to its future. Because of this, QBG recognizes during their lifetimes those people whose generous gifts from their estates will help the Gardens develop its endowment for the future. The **Arbor Vitae Guild** was established to honor the Garden's many friends in the community who have indicated that they have included the Gardens in their wills or trusts. Bequests of all sizes are welcome, for they ensure QBG's vitality for the benefit of future generations. We invite you to help build a future for your children here at Quail Botanical Gardens by joining the **Arbor Vitae Guild**.

For further information, please call Diane Baxter, Director of Development, Quail Botanical Gardens.

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