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Beauty Beyond the Beach

DVD's of the 30-minute video shot last year, *Beauty Beyond the Beach*, are now available in limited quantity at the QBG gift shop for \$15.

Starring our own Julian Duval, the video highlights gardening for wildlife habitats and fire safety; native plants and water conservation, and areas of QBG such as the *Seeds of Wonder*, and other exhibits.

QBG Gets Ready for Its First Best Step

- Julian Duval, Executive Director

The rains we experienced recently have for the most part been a real plus for the plants in the Gardens. The salts that built up in the soil after many years of low rainfall have been leached away, and the plants can almost be heard taking a deep and long awaited drink. This record amount of rainfall makes the nutrients that plants depend on much more available, resulting in a really glorious spring bloom. But at the same time the rains create a lot of work to maintain our many paved and unpaved trails.

The biggest challenge from the rains has been keeping the 20,000 cubic yards of soil donated by Sierra Pacific West in place on the Encinitas city land set aside for the Gardens expansion. Acquisition of this soil was critical both to have quality soil so plantings would prosper, and to create land contours, particularly in the new children's garden area. Fortunately the diligence of QBG and Sierra Pacific West staff has managed to hold the soil in place to date.

The Gardens' staff has also been very busy finishing the *California Gardenscapes* exhibit, expanding the Landscape for Fire Safety Garden and with the help of the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority preparing for the use of recycled water in the Gardens. *California Gardenscapes*, which is scheduled to debut on April 30, will display California native plants in settings that encourage their use in landscapes. This garden is adjacent to the expansion site and so will provide a window into this major project. Dave Ehrlinger gives us more detail on this renovated area of the garden in his article on page 13.

First Best Step

QBG staff and trustees have also been very busy planning for the expansion. Although much remains to be done I would like to provide a glimpse of the progress to date. Unfortunately, we can't present a time line at this juncture because of two significant variables—the city's approval process and the continued success of fund raising. Yet, ideas for what to expect in what we are calling our First Best Step are beginning to coalesce.

The theme and working title for our first phase for the expansion is *Wild Encinitas*, and it represents a significant undertaking. The 4.5 acre

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Wild Encinitas - QBG's *First Best Step* on the community use site property along Quail Gardens Drive.

expansion is on land under a 55-year lease the Gardens has with the city of Encinitas and it is our intent to use it to help connect people with nature.

The *First Best Step* calls for extending the existing Gardens' perimeter fence to include about one third of the site. An entrance would be provided in this fence to accommodate prearranged groups and parking would be provided for these visitors on the land outside the fence. There are three major elements, or visitor experiences, planned for *Wild Encinitas*.

One of these elements will be a public gathering space that can be used for a variety of garden activities such as plant sales or festivals that sometimes overflow our existing space. A second and significant element will be a Mediterranean garden, containing design elements seen in Mediterranean Europe and incorporating plants from all of the Mediterranean climate areas of the world. One of its purposes will be to demonstrate a gardening style that is not only attractive and well suited to our area, but also promotes water conservation. We intend to use recycled water for irrigation in this area as well.

The most prominent feature for our *First Best Step* in *Wild Encinitas* will be our first phase of the master plan for the children's garden. From its inception, the expansion of the Gardens has

been anchored on providing a special garden place for children. Two years ago we opened the *Seeds of Wonder* children's garden in part to test the concept of this unique public garden exhibit. An overwhelming positive response has surpassed our expectations, confirming that a children's garden on a larger scale is the most important major addition that could be made to QBG.

The total area for what we have been calling the *San Diego Children's Garden* project at Quail Botanical Gardens is about an acre. This is four times the size of *Seeds of Wonder* and will be fully developed in phases. There are several concepts that will be part of the first phase, but one is particularly dramatic and will become the icon at the entry to this garden.

It consists of a tree. Not an ordinary tree, but a constructed one that would support various levels, platforms and rooms that children and their families can climb up into and explore. These spaces or rooms in the tree (a suggested name is the *Tree Frog Tree House*) will be places of discovery and interaction. We are just beginning to define potential experiences, but a butterfly aviary and some other small wildlife such as tree frogs could be potential tree dwellers. Some of the spaces might also be designed for special programs for children and their families.

The tree itself will probably be styled like a banyan fig with numerous trunks typical of this amazing plant native to India. Clearly it would take many years to grow this tree so the main trunks and particularly those needed to provide structural support for the various rooms built into it will be manufactured. We will use available modern techniques and materials that can produce a very realistic, albeit artificial tree. But our goal is to use living plant material for the leaf bearing branches and also festoon the artificial and living branches with all sorts of orchids, bromeliads, ferns and other epiphytic growing plants that will give our tree a



Artist's rendering of Banyan Treehouse for *Wild Encinitas*.

magical jungle type of atmosphere.

While our plans are still being refined, we are making notable progress toward fulfilling a goal to enlarge Quail Botanical Gardens and do so with exciting and new ways to connect people—

especially young people—with the wonder and beauty of nature.

We thank you all for your continuing support as we begin our *First Best Step*.

Both renderings are courtesy of James D. Burnett, FASLA, Solana Beach. Larger drawings can be viewed at Quail Botanical Gardens.

NEW - Special Garden Workshops

Registration required

760-436-3036 x206

Jason Kubrock, QBG's Lead Gardener, will host a series of special garden workshops this Spring. Space will be limited so reserve early.

Bamboo Tour & Workshop

Learn all about bamboo with special emphasis on bamboos for the home landscape. Wear comfortable walking shoes and sun protection. Meet at the Visitor Center.

May 7 9:30 AM

Cost: M \$8 NM \$12 (includes admission)

Propagation & Plant Care Workshop

Learn how to propagate and care for your plants in this hands-on workshop. Meet at the Visitor Center.

May 14 9:30 AM

Cost: M \$8 NM \$12 (includes admission)

Palm Tour & Workshop

Learn about palms with special emphasis on the best palms for home landscapes. Wear comfortable walking shoes and sun protection. Meet at the Visitor Center.

May 21 9:30 AM

Cost: M \$8 NM \$12 (includes admission)

Tales and Tunes

Tuesdays 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Children and parents participate in stories, songs, and hands-on preschool activities. Free admission on the first Tuesday of each month. Not held on rainy days.

Garden Arts and Crafts

Wednesdays 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Children may pot plants and participate in a variety of arts and crafts. Not held on rainy days.

Discovery Day

Thursdays 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Children and parents will explore *Seeds of Wonder* and discover the secrets of nature hidden in our garden. Sometimes there will be story telling. Not held on rainy days.

Friday Fun!

2nd Friday each month

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Children and parents will participate in a variety of fun, garden-based activities.

Special Events - Requiring Preregistration

Volunteer Lunch

April 14 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

For *Seeds of Wonder* volunteers and those interested in volunteering or just learning more about the children's garden. Enjoy salad, rolls, and make your own "dirt cup" dessert.

Please RSVP to 760-436-3036 x206.

Red, White, and Blue Parade

July 4 10:00 AM

This is an annual fun family event where we parade throughout the gardens in decorated strollers or wagons. Dress in your patriotic finery. Meet at Visitor Center, no bikes please.

Please RSVP to 760-436-3036 x206.

Quail Staff and Phone Extensions (760-436-3036)

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What families are saying about Seeds of Wonder...

Dear Seeds of Wonder and Quail Gardens staff,

Thank you so much for the best-valued family membership in San Diego. We have been members for the last two years and my three-year-old daughter, Siena, loves the Seeds of Wonder. The volunteers have wonderful programs and I am amazed each week by the great and diverse offerings—from story time, to plantings, to dinosaur digs, and the incredible art projects, your garden has it all. Bubbles, water play, and the playhouse round out a perfect day. Holidays are not complete without a few trips to Quail and Seeds of Wonder for your special holiday-themed programs. Thank you for providing such a warm, safe, and creative environment for our little flowers.

Best Regards,
Scott and Melissa Fischel
Siena age 3 and Sofia age 7 months

Seeds of Wonder at Quail Botanical Gardens is a magical place where I have watched my child grow with each and every visit. The mixture of preschool activities and nature is both enriching and delightful.

Dylan looks forward to every visit. I have watched him dig for dinosaurs, listen with rapt attention to Ms. Kathy's story time, paint as if the world were his, and play with bugs and leaves and rocks in the secret garden. He has fished for frogs, chased bubbles up and down the rolling hill, and pumped water with his own two hands.

Each and every garden pathway takes children deeper into their own imagination – allowing their minds and bodies to take in all that nature has to offer – most marvelously, at their own level.

I truly believe that Seeds of Wonder is one of the best places a parent can bring their child. It is a perfectly balanced mix of magical outdoor fixtures and preschool activities that engage children in the wonders of nature. We just love it!

Seeds of Wonder is one of our very favorite places to explore.

Sincerely,
Nicole Moore
(Dylan Newman, Age 2 1/2)

For nearly two years, our family has enjoyed the Seeds of Wonder Children's Garden and Quail Botanical Gardens. We love it! Our preschooler splashes in the well, plays house in the cottage and digs for dinosaur fossils with her friends. The story time and art activities are always engaging and fun, with a hint of something academic to learn.

Our baby also has a great time at Quail. She loves feeling the plants and the breeze, watching the bubbles, and listening to the laughter of all the children. Someday soon, I know she will start singing "Bugs, bugs, I love bugs, yes I do. Bugs, bugs, I love bugs. They're my friends too!"

Our membership at Quail Gardens is one of the best investments we have made as new parents. We feel so lucky to live nearby.

Lauren and Steve Romano

Quail Gardens is the perfect place to take a young child. My two-and-a-half year old loves to play in the playhouse, catch fish in the water table and go exploring through the children's garden. The garden is large enough to accommodate many children doing different activities, but small enough to make it easy for parents to keep track of their kids in a safe, contained environment. Our membership at Quail Gardens is by far one of the best investments we've made this year!

Kristie Howard

Spring Bamboo Sale - April 16

Presented by the American Bamboo Society, Southern California Chapter. Over 100 varieties of bamboo for sale.

9:00 to 10:30 AM - Plant Viewing

10:30 to 11:00 AM - Rare Bamboo Auction

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM - Plant Sale

New *California Gardenscapes* (pg. 13)

Docent led tours April 30 and May 1.

Volunteer Orientation

April 28 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Learn more about the many different volunteer opportunities at Quail Botanical Gardens. Slide presentation, refreshments, tour of the Gardens.

Misti Washington's Gourd and Basket Weekend

May 7 & 8 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Misti Washington Gourd & Basket Guild will be hosting its 7th Gourd & Basket Weekend in the Gardens. A variety of classes in basket-making and gourd art will be taught by instructors from all over the United States. By preregistration only.

Strings in the Garden

May 15 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Enjoy an evening of stringed serenades and silent auction; a collaborative fund-raising celebration for QBG and the Carlsbad Strings Education Association. Coffee, tea and desserts table, with wine available for purchase.

Encinitas Wine Tasting Festival

Presented by the Encinitas Rotary Club

May 21 5:00 - 8:00 PM

A delightful evening of international wines, local microbrews, tequila, entertainment and delectable cuisine. Proceeds to benefit Quail Botanical Gardens' *Seeds of Wonder* Children's Garden, Rancho Coastal Humane Society, the Encinitas Rotary Club Foundation and the Encinitas Senior Foundation. Tickets \$75 per person and space is limited. Call 760-942-5454 or email chris@sylvanencinitas.com.

Palm and Cycad Sale

May 28 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Palm Society's 9th annual sale at QBG.

Specialty nurseries sell species not typically available.

The Artful Garden

June 4 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

(See article and registration form on page 12)

Annual Insect Festival

July 9 & 10 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Summer Concerts

Once again Joyce Wilder and friends have put together an exciting line up of amazing talent. And this year they will be making music on a brand new permanent stage.

Make sure you get your tickets early, these are sure to fill up.

July 10

July 24

Aug. 7

Aug. 21

The Big Band Tribute

Glen Fisher's Con Alma Latin Jazz

Ladies Sing the Blues

The Bayou Brothers



The Rotary Wine Tasting Fundraiser last year was a sell out. Get your tickets in advance.

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 Classes

Appalachian Rib Basket Class

Learn to weave a traditional Appalachian Rib-Style Buttocks or Melon Basket, also known as an Egg Basket.

April 15 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Instructor: Carol Lang

Cost: M \$50 NM \$60

Plein Air Art Class

Draw and paint flowers, exotic palms, water lilies, and waterfalls. Learn landscape composition, depth, perspective, and color harmony.

April 21 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Instructor: Linda Luisi

Cost: M \$45 NM \$50

Watercolor & Drawing

Learn the techniques of watercolor. Paint from your creative spirit. Five classes, every Monday, beginning

April 25 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Instructor: Char Cee

Cost: M \$121 NM \$134

Seaweed Basket Class

Sharol will take you through an adventure in creating a charming treasure from the sea.

May 22 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Instructor: Sharol Clay

Cost: M \$35 NM \$45

Water Soluble Oil Painting

Plein air painting in the garden. Learn to capture light in your paintings. No solvents used. Six classes, every Monday except July 4, beginning

June 6 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Instructor: Cheri Baillargeon

Cost: M \$145 NM \$160

Ongoing Programs

Free with admission

Docent lead guided tours

Saturdays 10:00 AM

Meet at the Visitor Center.

Composting Class

1st Saturday 11:00 AM

Learn how to make your own compost.

Botanical Originals

1st Sunday 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Gift card making with natural elements.

Hen Basket

Learn how to make a traditional Appalachian basket using natural materials found in the Gardens.

June 10 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Instructor: Carol Lang

Cost: M \$50 NM \$60

Pine Needle Basket Class

Learn the intriguing art of making enchanting pine needle baskets.

June 12 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Instructor: Sharol Clay.

Cost: M \$35 NM \$45

New member benefits from Armstrong Garden Centers

Now new members of QBG receive a 10 % discount at all Armstrong Garden Centers*, and a free one year subscription to *The California Gardener*.

*some restrictions apply

Armstrong
Garden Centers



Looking for a gift for Mother's Day, May 8?

If you want to surprise Mom with something special this year, consider giving her a gift membership to Quail Botanical Gardens.

Thanks to the year-round abundance of flowering plants at QBG, a membership is a bouquet that keeps blooming and giving joy all year. We'll send her a card to let her know that the QBG membership is a gift from you – or we'll mail the package to you.

Questions about benefits? Just call Karin in our membership department at 760-436-3036 x217 or use the form below.



Membership Application

<input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY/DUAL (incl. children 12 & under)	\$60	<input type="checkbox"/> ONE INDIVIDUAL	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR DUAL (2 seniors 60+ years)	\$45	<input type="checkbox"/> ONE SENIOR (60+ years)	\$35

(Higher levels of membership with additional benefits available.)

GIFT MEMBERSHIP IS FOR:

I/WE'D LIKE TO JOIN:

(Please use lines at right for your billing address or if you wish to join yourself)

Full Name: _____

Full Name: _____

Dual Member: _____

Dual Member: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, St, Zip: _____

City, St, Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Check for \$ _____ payable to Quail Botanical Gardens is enclosed.

Charge \$ _____ to ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
(circle one)

Exp. Date: ____/____ (mo/yr) Signature: _____

Please mail your payment to:
Quail Botanical Gardens, P.O. Box 230005, Encinitas, CA 92023-0005.
Questions? Call 760-436-3036 x217.

New Encinitas Garden Festival

Saturday, May 21

The first of its kind, *The Encinitas Garden Festival* will take place on Saturday, May 21 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Headquartered in Cottonwood Creek Park, the festival will include walking tours of nearly 30 gardens in nearby Encinitas Highlands, the neighborhood just uphill from downtown Encinitas. Visitors will be transported to the garden tour area on double-decker buses, departing from the park throughout the day.

The day-long celebration of gardens, community and the horticultural heritage of Encinitas also features a *Gardeners' Marketplace* at Cottonwood Creek Park (Vulcan St. and Encinitas Boulevard),



where merchants will offer the latest in great plants, tools, garden products, and more. Also performing at various sites throughout the day is the Patricia Rincon Dance Collective, an innovative San Diego institution for more than 23 years.

The event is sponsored by the Encinitas Chamber of Commerce, the City of Encinitas, Bumble Bee Seafoods, the Downtown Encinitas MainStreet Association, and Ecker Ranch.

While the Gardeners' Marketplace will be open to the public, garden tours are by ticket only. Garden tour buses will depart from the Cottonwood Creek Park at Vulcan St. and Encinitas Boulevard throughout the day. Adult tickets (ages 13 and older) are \$12 on or before May 10, \$15 after May 10 and on the day of the event. Children's tickets (ages 6 - 12) are \$5 on or before May 10, \$7 after May 10. Chil-

dren under 6 are free. **With every paid tour, Quail Botanical Gardens is offering one free admission to Quail Gardens, redeemable through the end of the year, excluding *Garden of Lights*.**

Tickets are on sale now at the Encinitas Chamber of Commerce, 138 Encinitas Blvd - Encinitas, CA 92024, Phone (760) 753-6041, and several other locations. For more information, please go to <http://www.encinitaschamber.com> and click the Encinitas Garden Festival link at the bottom of the page, or email gardentour@plantsoup.com.



Help Wanted: Outreach Volunteers

This time of year there are so many wonderful outdoor community events for Quail to participate in it seems a shame not to take advantage of them all. But because we can't find enough friendly folks to represent QBG, we've already had to turn some down.

If you enjoy talking with people about QBG and like to be in the middle of fun events, please call Mary Lou Kelly (x203) today and volunteer to staff the colorful (and lightweight!) Quail booth at the events below.

Helpers needed for:

- Apr. 23/24 - Encinitas Street Fair 9-4
- Apr. 23/24 - Volunteer Days at the Carlsbad Flower Fields 12-5
- May 1 - Carlsbad Street Fair 9-5
- May 21 - Encinitas Garden Festival 9-5

If you or any of your friends are able to take a shift at one of these events, please let us know. It's fun, you get to meet lots of nice people in the community, enjoy the event, and get the word out that QBG is a wonderful place to visit.



January Docents of the Month

What a team! Ken and Jean Nikodym always seem to be working together towards a common goal. Here at QBG their goal is the selfless promotion of QBG—they just love it and it shows. They also love animals and treasure hunts—as they are experts with metal detectors.

Ken was born in Yankton, South Dakota, his family moved to San Diego when he was a teen. He attended San Diego State and retired as area manager for the Postal Service. Jean was born in Northern California, and moved to San Diego to be closer to her grandparents when she was a teen also. Jean is a retired personnel manager. Together, they have always loved gardening and are also members of the S.D. Horticultural Society, California Protea Growers, and the Santa Cruz Arboretum.

They originally came to QBG for the plant sales, and became docents in 1985. Both were trustees for 12 years, docent co-chairs for two years, and managed the summer concert series for two years. This was before lights were put in, so they lit the gardens with luminarias. Must have been pretty.

They are famous for the jams and jellies they make for the annual Fall Plant Sale and are always happy to accept jar donations. Ken helped design and build the palapa in the plant sales area. I'm not done yet. They single handedly (or was it double handedly?) published Quail Tracks for 10 years! Their favorite thing about the Gardens...they like the Mediterranean plants and all of the special events and programs best. Is it any wonder we love the Nikodyms? Thanks, Ken and Jean, for your unconditional and tireless support of Quail Botanical Gardens.

February Docent of the Month

Aloysius Young is a Master Gardener and rose lover (among other things) and has been a QBG docent since 1996. Born in Chicago, Al studied accounting at Loyola University and was working in the electronics industry as a manager when he was transferred to California (San Fernando Valley). After several failed attempts at retirement he and his wife, Lenore, finally succeeded and moved to San Diego. They have two children and one grandchild.

Al learned about QBG while in the Master Gardener class. He has held the Docent Chair position, enjoys helping plant the Award Winning QBG entry at the San Diego Fair every year, and working at the Fall Plant Sale and Gala. But most of all, Al enjoys being Santa every year during the *Garden of Lights*. He is a talented craftsman and makes fun things with wine corks, and will be happy to recycle yours.

Thanks Al, for always chipping in to help, you're a real "corker!" (Sorry, I couldn't resist). What does Al like most about the Gardens? "The variety of opportunities available; there's always something to do." I think we all agree there is something for everyone here at Quail Botanical Gardens. Call Mary Lou Kelly at 760-436-3036 ext 203, and she will help find your niche here as a volunteer or docent.



Volunteer and Docent News

March Docent of the Month

Don Walker was born and raised in Los Angeles and moved to Vista in 1989 after retiring as Graphics Coordinator for the Northrop Corporation. As past president of the Southern California Horticultural Society he was familiar with Quail Botanical Gardens. Don has served as a QBG trustee, the volunteer curator of the Rainforest area, and was Chairperson of our Annual Fall Plant Sale for five years.

Thanks to Don's tremendous knowledge and support base (he's always able to find a few helpers) he is able to identify, price, and help sell the thousands of plants donated for the sale. This year the sale will be October 22 and 23. In 1994, Don started the San Diego Horticultural Society and was president until 2002 when he stepped down to work with Steve Brigham on their book *"Ornamental Trees of San Diego"* (which is available for sale in the QBG gift shop).

Don is married to Dorothy (the wind beneath his wings) and they share six children, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. When I asked Don what he likes most about Quail Botanical Gardens, he simply says "the people". The feeling is mutual.

Congratulations Don, you have accomplished so much during your "retirement" and contributed so much as a volunteer here at QBG. Your payment? The love and respect of everyone whose lives you've touched.



Remembering A Good Friend



Although Ray Muse passed away in October of 2003 at age 88, we fondly remember him as a man with a big smile, very positive attitude and a wonderful sense of humor. He grew up on a farm in Missouri and after retiring as a history professor at Washington State University, Ray came to the Gardens in 1983 to get "his hands into the dirt." He enjoyed planting, trimming trees, and did whatever needed to be done, as his friend and QBG docent John Starr remembers. Ray served as a docent and as a trustee on QBG's Board as long as his health permitted. His wife Marianne has continued Ray's support of QBG through generous gifts in his memory. We also received donations from Mr. & Mrs. William Bakamis, Theresa Caine, Dolores Eller, Borghild Gillam, Kyle Jansson, Laura Jenkins, Ineke Justitz, Jane

Klunder, Phyllis McCreery, Betty Newbrough, Kenneth & Jean Nikodym, and Karlene Stinson in Ray's name. For these generous gifts and all Ray did for QBG we are eternally grateful.

A Day in The Artful Garden

On Saturday, June 4, Quail Botanical Gardens is delighted to host *The Artful Garden; A Mediterranean Palette of New Plants and Design Inspirations*. The day of seminars, shopping, and a delectable lunch is sponsored by the Garden Friends, and the event's proceeds will support Quail Botanical Gardens' Children's Garden. A raffle and free garden gifts are also part of the celebration.

Lectures and Luncheon

Highlights of the event include lectures by Judy Wigand, a noted garden columnist and plantswoman, who will speak on "*Relationship Gardening—A New Look*," and Scott Daigre, owner of Power Plant Garden Design, whose credits include HGTV's Landscaper's Challenge, and the popular event, Tomatomania. Scott will advise us how to "*Find Your Creative Spaces*." Both speakers will be presenting innovative ideas for gardening in our particular climate. The lectures will be conducted in and around the Ecke Building, which will be artfully decorated for the event by the Garden Friends. One of Rancho Santa Fe's most popular restaurants, *Thyme in the Ranch*, will be providing a gourmet luncheon.

Boutique and Raffle

The garden boutique features vendors who have been carefully selected for their unique and artistic offerings; these include Green Gardens Nursery, The Book Works, Rock Solid Ideas, Melange Designs, and many others. *The much coveted raffle item is a signed, one-of-a-kind, exquisite, handmade garden-design quilt, created by local quilt artist Shawn York. Raffle tickets will soon be on sale at QBG's gift shop and at the Ecke Building.*

Registration

To register for the event, clip the form below and mail it with your check made out to Quail Botanical Gardens. As space is limited and we anticipate the event will sell out, we encourage you to register right away. Come dressed for the garden, with hat, sunglasses, and comfortable shoes.

Even if you are unable to attend the lectures, you are invited to join us for the shopping boutique, which will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Schedule of Events

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Shopping boutique open*
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Registration, shopping*, refreshments
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Seminars 1 and 2
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Luncheon
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Seminars 1 and 2, audience reversed
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Gift distribution, raffle drawing, and shopping*

* All visitors to the Gardens will be able to shop at the boutique, even if they do not attend the event.



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The Artful Garden – June 4, 2005

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

\$55* per person Number in party _____

\$50* per person for Quail members Number in party _____ Total \$ _____

____ Yes, sign me up for a free, docent-led tour of QBG following the event. Number in tour party _____

*Includes lunch. All but \$15 is tax deductible.

Make checks (nonrefundable) payable to Quail Botanical Gardens. Mail to: Quail Botanical Gardens, P. O. Box 230005, Encinitas, CA 92023; Attn. Maggie Thompson. For more information, call QBG at (760) 436-3036, ext. 218.

Introducing California Gardenscapes – A New Look at Native California Plantings

- Dave Ehrlinger, Director of Horticulture

QBG's California Native Plant Garden has been transformed, renovated and renamed *California Gardenscapes*.

Opening April 30, *California Gardenscapes* celebrates the natural beauty and the aesthetic character of our region. In a series of small gardens featuring native plants adapted to our local climate and low rainfall, *California Gardenscapes* provides a wonderful garden experience that is well suited to Southern California.

In 1981, Steve Brigham, who was then a San Diego County Parks gardener, installed the original native plant garden at QBG. (Brigham is now owner of Buena Creek Gardens and author of *Ornamental Trees of San Diego – Mediterranean Climate Trees for the Garden*.)

In the late 1980's Mira Cost Community College classes added more native plants, but until recently it was a relatively quiet area of the Gardens.

In the past year, a wide selection of attractive, native plants have been carefully added alongside the previous mature specimens to create a variety of small gardens. One of the most alluring of these small gardens is the *Blue-Grey Garden*, featuring plants with grey leaves and blue or purple blooms. In another area, the *Wildlife Garden* demonstrates how to create a backyard habitat for hummingbirds, butterflies, and other native creatures. *The Desert Garden* shows some interesting native plants that create a mini-desert landscape for hard-to-water

areas. Other gardens provide ideas for planting shady sites and landscaping hillside slopes. Recycled water is used throughout *California Gardenscapes*.

California Gardenscapes is located next to the northernmost natural area along Quail Gardens Drive and complements the beauty and character of this coastal sage scrub habitat, one of the most endangered in North America.

A series of interpretive signs have been installed

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