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New Garden Color

This year the Visitor Center and Lawn Gardens have been planted with dozens of flowering annuals, perennials and flowering shrubs, bringing abundant vibrant color to various areas of the Gardens. Be sure to bring your summer guests to see all that's new and blooming at QBG.

QBG: A place for people, not just for plants

- Julian Duval, Executive Director

A must read for anyone concerned with rearing children is a newly published book by Richard Louv, entitled *Last Child in the Woods—Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder*.

The author provides compelling evidence for the important role “primary experiences” in Nature have for children and their development. He describes “primary experiences” as those that take place actually *in* Nature, as opposed to over the Internet, or even through reading a book. He also deals with the many reasons that children now have so few opportunities for these experiences. Importantly, he also has suggestions for what can be done to help reverse a trend that could very well have serious consequences for society.



Photo: Kathy Campbell

Recent birthday party guests in Seeds of Wonder visit with Lady Bugs.

The book affirms the focus QBG has made in providing primary experiences for children in Nature. We are clearly on the right track with the already existing *Seeds of Wonder* prototype Children's Garden and the resources we will be directing toward the larger one planned for the Gardens' expansion site.

The Gardens' effort on behalf of children is among the many ways it directly serves a public need. QBG really does not exist for plants, but for *people*, in helping all of us—regardless of our age—connect with Nature. Clearly people increasingly need places like the Gardens for the solace a visit can bring to us in our increasingly urbanized world.

QBG also provides important information on the way people can act more responsibly in how we impact the environment that we all depend on. We all need to be better stewards of the planet but people often feel helpless faced with so many large scale environmental challenges. Yet visitors may be empowered by a visit to the Gardens, where they can learn how individuals

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are able to make a difference. The recently opened *California Gardenscapes* is an example. Here visitors to QBG have the chance to learn how native plants can be utilized in attractive, drought-tolerant landscapes. Incorporating native plants in our landscapes can help to preserve some of our native flora, provide important habitat for native animals and of course help us conserve our precious water resources.

Currently our extremely talented staff is in the final phase of a complete renovation and expansion of the *Landscape for Fire Safety Garden*, anchored by the very popular *Undersea Succulent Garden*, which opened earlier this year. When finished, this garden will not only be greatly enlarged but will also include a wealth of information in the form of interpretive signs. In addition to the actual examples of landscapes that can help make a home more likely to survive a wildfire, there will be information that can help visitors understand concepts that everyone should be aware of, as wildfires are a reality where we live.

I am also very proud that both *California Gardenscapes* and our *Landscape for Fire Safety* gardens are irrigated with reclaimed water. To my knowledge, we are the first botanical garden in the country to make use of this important resource in water conservation.

QBG is also in the process of finishing production of a half-hour television program called *Between Wildfires* that will air this fall on the County Televi-

sion Network. The fires of two years ago seem a distant memory for many people, and this program is designed to remind everyone of the ongoing risk of wildfire. It is also aimed at providing information individuals should have about the nature of these fires and of the many things we can do to reduce the risks that wildfires pose to our lives and property. We do not have air dates yet, but we will be providing this information on our web site when it is known. Also we expect to have copies of the show on DVD for sale in the gift shop late this summer.

There are sure to be some people who think that Quail Botanical Gardens is just a plant preserve. Clearly the Gardens is far more than that. It plays an important role in connecting people with the rest of Nature which ultimately enriches our lives and even the society we live in. All of us are really *part of* and not *apart from* nature. The more we understand about Nature and appreciate the importance of being good stewards of the planet, the better off everyone will be.



Photo: Karin Braemer

The joy of exploration—Seeds of Wonder.

QBG Gets Trimmed

The Professional Tree Care Association of San Diego did a community service day at QBG to celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day on April 24. A number of member companies did a great deal of arboricultural



Photos: Jason Kubrock

work throughout QBG. The gift of \$10,000 worth of expertise was most evident in the Fire Safety Garden where trees were encroaching on nearby structures. Please see the list of generous participating companies on page 15.



Firescape –Landscaping for Fire Safety

- Dave Ehrlinger, Director of Horticulture

Our long-standing *Landscaping for Fire Safety Garden* has been given a major renovation this year. In the early 1990's a longtime volunteer, the late Nils Lunnerdal, developed this demonstration garden to protect the Ecke Building from wildfires. Working from this foundation, the landscape has recently been updated and upgraded with a variety of new plants, a dry stream and pathway improvements. Design principles, maintenance and plant selections will be described by informative new labels, which will be installed prior to its official reopening in the coming months.

This year an exciting new fire-safe landscape, the *Undersea Succulent Garden*, has been installed as the Ecke Building's focal feature. This fascinating garden of fire-retardant succulents was sponsored by the San Diego Horticultural Society.

In addition to the renovations, proper tree care is an essential element in fire safety. Around the Ecke Building, members of the Professional Tree Care Association of San Diego pruned and removed a number of red river gums that were too close to the building or had been weakened by insects and drought.

The *Firescape* project has been funded by San Diego County Administration Pam Slater-Price, San Diego County Community Enhancement Program, and the City of Encinitas. San Elijo Joint Powers Authority has supported the installation of recycled water irrigation for most of the landscape.

Next time you're in the Gardens, take a stroll over to the Ecke Building area and see the improvements and ideas in the Firescape Garden.



Firescape garden improvements include a dry stream.

Photo: Jason Kubrock

New Mexican Garden

- Dave Ehrlinger

For anyone who has ever visited Mexico, the vibrancy and diversity of the plants is a delight. From essential crops like corn to popular flowers like marigolds, zinnias, and poinsettias, Mexico is home to some of the world's greatest botanical treasures. Mexico has more species of such familiar plants as pines, oaks, agaves and yuccas than any other country.

QBG's new *Mexican Garden*, located west of the *Walled Garden*, provides a sampling of Mexico's rich botanical legacy. Showy salvias, lobelias, and Mexican container plants brighten the walkway, which leads north between the *Walled Garden* and *Banana Boulevard* to an overlook

over the Pacific Ocean. Dramatic cycads grow under old juniper trees, which are festooned with exotic *Tillandsia* bromeliads (donated by Bird Rock Tropicals). The garden was funded by IMLS in a grant to QBG and the Children's Discovery Museum of North San Diego County.

Photo: Jason Kubrock



Seeds of Wonder

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. Free with admission.

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. Free with admission.

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. Free with admission.

Summer Activities for Young Children

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. Free with admission.

Beginning in Sept. - Afternoon Arts

and Crafts. Every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday of every month)

1:30 to 3:30 PM

(Come at 10 AM and stay until 3:30 PM.)

Beginning Sept. 3 - Saturday Arts and

Crafts. First Saturday of every month

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Wish List

Dawn dishwashing liquid for bubble play.

Special Events - Requiring Pre-registration

Magic Wand Summer Camps

Children are invited to discover the magic in the garden at special Magic Wand summer camps. The camps will take place Mondays through Fridays, 10 AM – Noon on the following dates:

July 11 – 15, Comedy Sports (ages 8 – 12)

July 18 – 22, Creativity Camp (ages 3 – 8) *FULL*

July 25 – 29, Creativity Camp (ages 3 – 8)

Aug. 1 – 5, Creativity Camp (ages 3 – 8)

Cost is \$130 per week or \$125 for QBG members.

Science Adventures Camps

Various dates June – August

Four different themed camps are offered: Mystery of the Lost Pirate Treasure, Fabulous Physics Fun, Gizmo's Robot Factory, or Space & Rocketry. For children K – 6th grade. To register or for more information, please call 888-458-1812 or visit www.scienceadventures.com. More information is also available at www.qbggardens.org.

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. *No pre-registration necessary.*

Birthday Parties in

Seeds of Wonder

Seeds of Wonder is the perfect environment for a nature-based “garden party” for young children. We reserve the garden for your group, help you plan activities and set up for the party. Schedule your party at least a month in advance, as our calendar fills up quickly. For fees and more information, please call 760-436-3036 x206.



Photo: Kathy Campbell

QBG Brings Children of Local Migrant Workers to Visit the Gardens - Kathy Campbell

All 55 children from the Encinitas Migrant Child Development Center will pay a visit to *Seeds of Wonder* Children’s Garden on July 22. The Encinitas Migrant Child Development Center (EMCDC) has been in the Encinitas area for over 25 years. It is operated by Quality Children’s Services and funded by the State of California Department of Education’s Child Development Program. “We are delighted to welcome the children of the EMCDC and provide their transportation to visit the Gardens. We hope that a sponsor steps forward to cover the cost of transportation in the future so the children can visit on a regular basis,” commented Julian Duval, QBG Executive Director.



Painting and bubble play are always favorites in *Seeds of Wonder*.

Until July 2004, the EMCDC was housed at Capri School in Encinitas, but the center now rents space from Ada Harris Elementary School in Cardiff. The school is open year round, five days a week, from

6:00 AM until 5:00 PM, and provides both child care and early childhood education programs. The children range in age from 16 months to 5 years and are the children of the migrant workers in the strawberry fields, greenhouses, and other agricultural businesses in the Encinitas area. About two percent of them speak English.

On July 22, the children will be transported by bus to Quail Botanical Gardens, where they will participate in a variety of activities in and around the *Seeds of Wonder* Children’s Garden. Docents are planning to provide opportunities for children to pot plants, attend a story time, go on a short nature hike, do a nature-based art project, and just enjoy playing in the garden. The emphasis of the morning’s program will be on encouraging children to develop an appreciation for the gardens’ natural environment.

Since both Quail Botanical Gardens and Encinitas Migrant Child Development Center operate on a non-profit basis, donations are being sought to pay for bus transportation and materials to offer regular visits for the children who attend the school (The transportation costs run about \$230 per trip, plus \$70 in materials.). If you’re interested in helping sponsor this program, call 760-436-3036 x206.

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Shake and Make Ice Cream Days

July 7 & August 4 2:00 – 3:30 PM

July is National Ice Cream month, and to celebrate QBG is inviting families with children ages 6-12 to participate in ice cream making—and eating. Since many of our favorite ice cream flavors and add-ins come from plants that grow in the world's rain forests, a tour of the Tropical Rainforest will be included. Regular admission price plus a \$10.00 materials fee. Pre-registration is required.

Insect Festival

July 9 & 10 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

This annual festival is immeasurable fun for the whole family. A great learning experience featuring talks by experts and an incredible assortment of insects and other unusual creatures.



A young girl is introduced to a "Walking Stick," a member of the Orthoptera (meaning the Straight-Wingers, in Greek) family, at last year's Insect Festival.

Photos: Cynthia Jones

The Zoo and San Diego Wild Animal Park, among others, bring many interesting and unusual creatures to the annual Insect Festival.



Summer Concert Series

**July 10 & 24, August 7 & 21
Dinner at 5:00/Music at 6:00 PM**

QBG's summer concert series is a highly anticipated event every year. There's nothing like a cool summer evening in the garden with great music, great food, and great company.

Tickets are \$30 each or \$25 for QBG members. Dinner, dessert, and coffee are included in the ticket price, catered this year by Isaac's of Carlsbad. For menus see the QBG web site. No-host beer and wine are available, and seating is provided.

July 10 - The Big Band Tribute

Love the big band sound? Come to the Big Band Tribute featuring some of San Diego's favorite musicians. Dave Scott (trumpet/vocals), Gilbert Castellanos (trumpet), Gary Lefebvre (sax) and more!

July 24 - Glen Fisher's Con Alma

Popular San Diego artist Glen Fisher performs with his Latin Jazz group Con Alma! Visit www.gomangoinvasion.com.

August 7 - Ladies Sing the Blues

Featuring San Diego's seasoned blues singers, each with their own personal style. Barbara Jamerson and Ruby Presnell (of Ruby Sings the Blues) backed by a quartet of fine musicians.

August 21 - The Bayou Brothers

Enjoy a sound straight out of Louisiana with the Bayou Brothers lively Cajun/Zydeco style. Visit www.thebayoubrothers.net.

Registration and prepayment are required for most events and classes. Call 760-436-3036 x206 for details, or visit www.qbggardens.org.

Volunteer Recognition Dinner

August 26 6:00 to 9:00 PM

On this night, QBG honors its many dedicated volunteers and docents. QBG staff shows their appreciation by hosting dinner and an evening of entertainment.

Gala in the Gardens

September 10 5:30 to 9:30 PM

Our annual fund-raising event transforms QBG into a spectacular garden party. Guests enjoy music as they roam the gardens at sunset to sample culinary specialties. This year we honor Evelyn Weidner, owner of Weidner's Nursery.

With an exciting four-and-a-half acre expansion project on the horizon, this year is an especially important time to lend your support to QBG. For tickets and information, contact Maggie Thompson at 760/436-3036 x218.

Bamboo Sale

September 17

Presented by the Southern California Chapter of the American Bamboo Society. Over 100 varieties of rare and unusual bamboo for sale. For more information, call 951/359-1706.

Sale Preview 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Rare Bamboo Auction 10:30 – 11:00 AM

Sale 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Art Workshop

September 21-23 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

An intensive workshop on the principles and elements of design. Learn to use size, shape, line, direction, color, value, and texture.

Instructor: Walter Bruning

Cost: \$165

For more information or to enroll, please contact Walter at 760/757-7350 or wbruning@cox.net.

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.

Birdwatching

First Monday of each month

8:00 AM

Meet in the parking lot.

Upcoming Events

Orchids and Other Exotica	10/14-16
<i>San Diego International Orchid Festival,</i>	
<i>San Diego Fairgrounds, Del Mar</i>	
23rd Annual Fall Plant Sale	10/22-23
Circle of Life Fiesta	10/29
Tim Flannery Concert	10/30
Annual Membership Meeting	11/19
Garden of Lights Member preview	12/8
Garden of Lights open	12/9-12/11
	12/15-12/23
	12/26-12/30

And don't forget, all QBG members are entitled to a 10% discount at Armstrong Garden Centers.

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“Some Like It Hot” Entry Wins Top Honors

- Katie Pelisek

The award-winning QBG display at the San Diego County Fair this year is all about the beautiful, drought-tolerant and easy-care plants that you can (and should) grow in your own garden. In keeping with the “*Cinema Summer*” theme and as a tribute to the film “*Some Like it Hot*,” we feature the *Dracaena draco*, or Dragon Tree, which appeared in the scenes shot at the Hotel Del Coronado and is the signature plant of Quail Botanical Gardens.

Another noteworthy plant is the Palo Verde Desert Museum, which adds a sculptural quality to the landscape with its pale green bark and open canopy. Plus, talk about low-maintenance – just look at the size of the tiny leaves!

Is it time to rethink your lawn? As we’ve demonstrated, low-water doesn’t just mean cactus. There is so much you can do in your own yard using well-placed, natural materials to create paths, eye-catching perennial borders and inviting areas to relax outdoors. So when summer turns up the heat, and your water bill comes, you’ll be sitting pretty!



Photo of QBG’s Some Like it Hot San Diego County Fair entry courtesy of Katie Pelisek.

Most Awards Ever

American Horticultural Society Award

for the exhibit with best demonstration of skillful design that incorporates environmental stewardship in the garden – trophy.

Unique Landscape Award

most unique display of flowering or foliage plants in a landscape setting – framed certificate and \$200.

Hardscape Feature Award

distinctive and creative uses of hardscape features such as walls, patios, walkways, fencing gazebos, fountains, waterfalls, etc. – framed certificate and \$200.

San Diego County Water Authority Award - 1st Place

for best non-commercial display of the seven principals of Xeriscape gardening. – plaque and \$250.

San Diego County Fair Award of Merit – ribbon and \$700.

Flower & Garden Show Committee:

Bill Teague, Master Designer; Katie Pelisek, Designer, Fair Coordinator; Carol Ann Lewin, Nomenclature; and helpers Jason Kubrock, Sean Bradbury, Liz Woodward, Tom Belford, Don Nelson, Niel Poppendiek and Vann Parker.

The Committee extends its special thanks to Dave Ehrlinger, Mary Lou Kelly, Sergio Bautista, Jean Nordstrom, Liz Rozycki, Sue Paprek, Kay Worley, Kathryn Schmiedeberg, Carol Stallings & Pat Edinger, Rez & Mary Kay Zolezzi, Lori & Greg May, Tess Link and Linda Teague for their assistance.

Donors:

These generous companies and individuals made our exhibit possible through their donations, loans and consultation: Chris Austin (Glass Artist), Shirley Heller, Marg-ee Rader, San Diego Horticultural Society, Cedros Gardens, Monrovia Nursery, Lani Freymiller, KRC Rock, Samia Rose Topiary, Sunshine Gardens, J & W Lumber...and a very special thanks to our good friends at Proven Winners®.

Second Annual Encinitas Rotary Wine Festival Another Sell Out

The second annual Encinitas Rotary Wine Tasting fundraiser on May 21 at QBG was a smashing success. This year the proceeds benefited: Quail Botanical Gardens' *Seeds of Wonder* Children's Garden, Rancho Coastal Humane Society, Encinitas Senior Center, and the Encinitas Rotary Club Foundation.



Fundraiser honorees from left to right: Mac Hartley, representing the Encinitas Senior Center; Julian Duval for QBG and Encinitas Rotarian; Chris Ross, Wine Festival Chair and Encinitas Rotarian, and Jim Silveira and Rita Harding with the Rancho Coastal Humane Society.

Welcome Donna Zimmerly



QBG is proud to welcome Donna Zimmerly as its new Director of Development. Starting in June, Donna comes to QBG from the Burn Institute of San Diego where she was responsible for managing all fundraising activities including grant writing, direct mail appeals, major gift solicitation and special campaigns.

Donna has also held similar positions with ChildNet Youth and Family Services of Long Beach, Oregon Ballet Theatre in Portland, and both the San Diego Humane Society and San Diego Ballet. "I'm excited to be a part of the Quail Gardens' family, and I trust my experience in development and fundraising can assist QBG in meeting its goals for expansion," commented Donna.

Many Thanks to Garden Friends

- Maggie Thompson, Development Events Coordinator

By all accounts, *A Day in the Artful Garden* was a blooming success. Created by the Garden Friends to support QBG's new children's garden, over 160 attendees heard lectures by Scott Daigre and Judy Wigand, enjoyed a scrumptious lunch from *Thyme in the Ranch*, and shopped to their hearts' content at the shopping promenade. Vendors included *Green Gardens Nursery*, *Rock Solid Ideas*, *The Bookworks*, *The Garden Friends*, *Holly Wojan*, *Francesca Filanc*, and *Bob Wigand Photography*, who contributed part of their proceeds to Quail.

The raffle for the exquisite handmade quilt created by Shawn York was won by Frances White, a long-time and generous contributor to the Gardens. The event raised over \$12,000 for QBG. Many QBG volunteers and docents were on hand to help make the event a success. We thank the ladies who are our true *Garden Friends*: Shirley Arms, Cindy Baker, Ruth Evans, Francesca Filanc, Joanne Fishman, Lisa Gordon, Gaye Hoeflich, Violet MacDonald, Katherine Nikias, Jocelyn O'Brien, Barbara Pearson, Mary Schulman, and Lindsay Short.



Shawn York's one-of-a-kind handmade quilt was the main raffle prize won by Francis White, shown here with other lovely donated prizes.

Photos: Norma McAfee



George Parker - April Docent of the Month

Dr. George Parker was born in Boston and spent most of his adult life in Rochester, New York, where he practiced radiology until he retired in 1999. He and his wife Arlene moved to San Diego to be near family (and to escape those nasty winters). They have three children and four grandchildren.

George learned about the QBG Docent Class from a friend who saw the banner in the parking lot, and decided to attend the spring 2003 class. He is currently on the Docent Executive Board and has enjoyed working in propagation, guiding tours and for various fund raisers. George deserves extra kudos for his persistence in putting QBG's recycling program in gear, a worthy effort.

He and his wife run an Original Vintage Poster business, and George also collects stamps, is an avid reader, and volunteers at Travelers Aid at the airport a couple of times a week. George states: *"QBG is a wonderful place to come and relax, and I always learn something new."* George, QBG is happy you appeared, thanks for all your hard work.

Mo Price - May Docent of the Month

Mo Price grew up in Michigan and moved to Encinitas in 1979 after a *"particularly cold and snowy winter."* After retiring from the world of corporate management, she visited QBG looking for gardening classes and found herself in the 2001 Docent Class. Her primary interest in becoming a docent was leading tours and echeveria propagation (she was instrumental in the development of the echeveria garden planting near the Gift Shop) but somehow (I think someone begged for her help) she became involved with the Docent Executive Board, which meets monthly to plan docent activities.

Mo has held several offices culminating with two years as Docent Chair (which automatically makes you a member of the QBG Board of Trustees, a huge commitment of time and energy). She reports that over 21,000 hours of volunteer work was completed in 2004 by over 100 docents. It's no wonder that QBG appreciates them all so much! Mo is proud of implementing the Docent Milestones Program, which rewards docents for volunteering more than the required 80 hours a year. She has been volunteer coordinator for the Annual Gala and enjoys helping at many of QBG's special events.

Over the last four years we've gotten used to seeing Mo's purple Harley-Davidson in the parking lot. She and her husband Dave are both avid H-D riders, and they're planning their 3rd cross-country motorcycle trip this summer. (You go, Mo, but be careful!). Thanks Mo for your dedication, time, and energy. QBG is lucky to have you on board.



Volunteer and Docent News

Joyce Wilder - June Docent of the Month

Joyce Wilder was born in Los Angeles, grew up in Pasadena, attended UCLA and graduated with a degree in English Literature. She has two sons, one grandson, and one great-granddaughter. She moved back to coastal North County after living in Phoenix (*"hot as blazes"*), and she became a docent in 1987. She has enjoyed working in plant propagation, special events and of course, the Summer Concerts.

Joyce has been instrumental (no pun intended) in making the Summer Concert series what it is today and arranges for some of the finest musicians in San Diego County to play in this beautiful setting (see details on page 6). If you haven't been to a concert, you're missing a special treat. Joyce has been Docent Society Chair and was later elected onto the Board of Trustees (she is proud to be the longest serving trustee).

She has been a part of some historic and challenging times at QBG, having been President of the Board when they signed the first Lease Agreement with San Diego County and

also when Julian Duval was hired as the first Director of the Gardens.

What has kept Joyce interested and involved all these years? *"Being able to watch and be a part of the growth of the Gardens, it's the most exciting job I've ever had."* Joyce feels strongly that *"we need young people with their fresh ideas and energy in order to maximize QBG's growth."* Perhaps the Summer Concert Series is one way to do just that. Thanks Joyce, for everything you've done for Quail Botanical Gardens (through thick and thin).



Remembering Archibald "Arch" McLean Owen - Julian Duval

Arch Owen, a dear friend of Quail Botanical Gardens, passed away June 11th, at the age of 101. Named after her father, who was tragically killed in an accident while her mother was expecting, her unusual name surely helped build her inimitable character.

Growing up in the Alhambra area, Arch was one of the first women to obtain a masters degree from USC (in marine sciences). She taught school and eventually worked at the administrative level, developing science curriculum for the L.A. city school district. She married her husband, Ed, after WWII began, and they retired to a house on a hill overlooking the lagoon in Carlsbad



around 1960—Ed to raise ponies and Arch to garden.

In the ensuing years, Arch became involved in many plant societies and helped found the San Dieguito Garden Club. She enjoyed hybridizing iris and fuchsia and has both named for her. During those years she became interested in Quail Botanical Gardens, serving as trustee and president of the QBG Foundation. Arch was pleased with the improved maintenance of our landscape after privatization of the Gardens. She was my good friend and I'll miss her asking me: *"How's attendance?"* Late in life Arch moved into an independent living facility and gardened on her balcony, never losing her green thumb.

Upcoming Events

Gala in the Gardens, 2005: A Colorful Evening Honoring Evelyn Weidner

September 10, beginning at 5:30 PM

The Gala transforms Quail Botanical Gardens into a spectacular garden party where guests stroll the beautiful grounds at sunset, tempted by culinary delights and serenaded by various musical ensembles stationed along the walkways. Returning guests report that the Gala keeps getting better with each passing year, and 2005 is sure to be no exception.

Chairing the event this year is René von Rems, of *René von Rems International*, the talent behind the incredible tent decor last year.



This year's honoree is well-known and loved by all of those in the nursery business—Evelyn Weidner of *Weidner's Begonia Gardens* in Encinitas. A vivacious and skilled plantswoman who grew up in the nursery business (her parents operated a nursery in Orange County), Evelyn, together with her late husband Bob, set up their thriving tuberous begonia business in the late sixties. Teaching customers about the care of their plants has always been part of her passion at the nursery, and she has recently been featured in the local publications *San Diego Home and Garden* and *Garden Compass*.

With QBG's exciting four-and-a-half acre expansion project on the horizon—including a special garden for children—this year is an especially important time for you to lend your support by attending the Gala. We promise you a memorable and delightful evening in return for your valuable support. So when your invitation arrives in the mail, make your reservation right away for the garden party of the year. Contact Maggie Thompson the Development Events Coordinator at (760) 436-3036, x218.

The 23rd Annual Fall Plant Sale October 22 & 23, 2005

- Leslie Duval

The Fall Plant Sale is our oldest and most popular tradition here at Quail Botanical Gardens and represents a truly unique show of community support for a treasured public garden. The sale is organized and run by QBG docents, volunteers, trustees, staff and community volunteers, and all of the plants and garden-related items for sale are donated by over 100 generous contributors.

This makes our sale unique. Thousands of plants, many of which are rare and not available for sale anywhere in Southern California, are donated by growers, retail nurseries and individuals. It's a plant enthusiasts dream come true!

If you would like to know more about becoming a corporate sponsor, donor, or volunteering to help with the sale (and thereby receiving an invitation to the Preview Sale and Reception Friday October 21st) please email to fallplantsale@qbgardens.com or call me at 760-436-0689.

We need able bodies for set-up October 17th- 21st.

Thanks, and see you in October!

And don't forget the baked goods...

If you like to bake cakes, pies or cookies, but everyone you know is (or should be) on a diet, we know who would appreciate your efforts.

Please bring your baked goods to The Bakery Shop behind the Ecke Building for the Fall Plant Sale. We have many people who stop for a slice of cake or pie while buying plants.

Drop off your baked goods Friday evening, October 21, or Saturday or Sunday morning (October 22 and 23). For more information, contact Thelma Montag at 760-436-4601.



Photos: Cynthia Jones

Orchids & other Exotica

San Diego International Orchid Fair

Oct. 14 through 16

There are certain events you put on your calendar in ink and a long time in advance. The Orchid Fair would be one of them.

Things are gearing up for the 10th Annual San Diego International Orchid Fair. This year's event is titled Orchids & other Exotica and will include some rare and carnivorous plants as well as orchids.

The event will be held in the Bing Crosby Hall at the San Diego Fairgrounds in Del Mar. Opening Friday, October 14 from 1 to 8 PM, and Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 5 and 9 to 4.

Admission is \$5.00, \$2.00 off with your invitation card or web coupon (both coming soon). To volunteer or for more information, call 760-436-3036 x206.



Talented Children's Dance Group Entertains QBG Trustees

As part of the IMLS Grant and in conjunction with the Children's Discovery Museum of North County, QBG's Coordinator of Education Programs, Roberta Meyer Cohen, was able to bring this incredible group of dancers to the QBG April Board of Trustees meeting to entertain all of us. They are the *Ballet Folklorico Nayarit* of the Encinitas School District.



Family Restroom Gets Planted

Yet another charming (and much needed) addition to the Gardens is QBG's new family restroom. It is strategically placed in the southwest corner of the Gardens, right next to the *Seeds of Wonder* Children's Garden.

Not your average restroom, in addition to the normal fixtures, this one

has a child-sized commode to accommodate those short legs.

The plans call for the roof to be planted, like the potting shed also in the children's garden.

The photo here is of the special truck used to deliver the soil to get the roof ready for planting.



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