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To inspire positive change in the living environment through the conservation of water and other natural resources.

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MESSAGE FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

What is the most precious resource in San Diego County? WATER of course!

With San Diego only receiving 10 inches of rainfall a year, water is indeed our most precious resource. One inch of water on a 1,000 square foot roof can produce over 600 gallons of water to be used in your landscape. So why do we continue to let all



that free wet stuff run off our roofs and driveways into the storm drains? Collect it! And that is what this issue of In-Bloom is all about. Everything from barrels to rain gardens, this issue of In Bloom will keep your garden green and growing.

Gardens benefit us in so many ways. They bring nature into our lives and provide years of endless beauty. Our Garden is no different. The past nine months have been about renewal, revitalizing aging exhibits

and beautifying. If you haven't been to The Garden lately, make sure to stop by and see all of the wonderful work that has been completed. But we aren't done yet! Over the next Fall, Winter and Spring, we will be working on exciting

new exhibits on our upper trail and throughout The Garden.

I would like to thank our recent sponsors and contributors to the success of The Garden including SDG&E, County of San Diego and the Rice Family Foundation for their generous support. And of course we would be lost without the love and support of all of our volunteers and members. Our volunteers have made a HUGE difference in The Garden this year and we thank you!



Join The Water Conservation Garden in committing to Live WaterSmart!

To learn more visit the www.thegarden.org or www.watersmartsd.org.

Live WaterSmart!



The following are agencies that constitute the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that owns The Garden and provides major funding:



The Garden is managed by The Friends of The Water Conservation Garden, a nonprofit organization, tax ID no. 20-4395919.

HOURS
The Garden is open daily from 9 am to 4 pm (except for major holidays). See the "Plan Your Visit" page at www.theGarden.org for more information.
The Garden will be closed on the following holidays this Fall: Labor Day (Sept 4), Veterans Day (Nov 10), Thanksgiving Day and the following day (Nov 23 and 24).



Get Social With Us!

Keep up with the latest on news, events and more!



Thursday, September 21, 5pm

Expert Forum: The Future of Trees

Refreshments at 5pm, Panel starts at 5:30pm,
followed by a tree tour of The Garden



Learn about the benefits of trees and the challenges to their survival in Southern California in the wake of the drought. Considerations will range from California natural forests and urban plantings to your own back yard. Topics will include our changing climate, recurrent drought conditions, choosing the right

location for maximum advantages, and coping with invasive pests and problems with aging trees. There will be time for questions and a tour to view trees that represent "right tree, right place" in The Water Conservation Garden.

Garden members \$5, Non-members \$10,
Students FREE (with valid ID).

For more information and to register,
visit www.theGarden.org/events

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

THE WATER CONSERVATION GARDEN
presents

Ms. Smarty-Plants™
Goes
BATTY

OCTOBER 13, 2017
6:00 - 8:00 PM

FOR DETAILED INFORMATION
Visit www.TheGarden.org/events/batty

- Ms. SMARTY-PLANTS™ SHOW!
- LIVE ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS
- REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
- KIDS: WEAR YOUR COSTUMES!
- "FLASHLIGHT TRICK OR TREATING" THROUGH THE GARDEN (please bring your own flashlight)

\$5.00 per person
Garden Members and kids 2 & under FREE

Pre-registration required at www.TheGarden.org/events/batty



Autumn Fest & Plant Sale



Saturday, November 4, 10am-3pm

Special Members-Only Preview Sale: 9-10am

The Garden is hosting its Autumn Fest & Plant Sale (formerly Fall Plantstravaganza) featuring live entertainment, beer garden, craft vendors, plant sales, kids activities, gardening workshops, "Ask the Designer" landscape consultations and advice from partner water agencies. Reservations for the popular "Ask the Designer" consultations are recommended; call (619) 660-0614 x10.

ADMISSION: Kids 3-11 \$3
Adults and kids 12 and over \$5
Members and kids 2 and under free
Free parking



Jingle Paws

Saturday, December 2 | 8am–12pm

Aces Foundation is proud to host the 7th annual Jingle Paws Walk for Pets benefiting the El Cajon Animal Shelter. Walk/Run registration begins



at 8am. The 1K and 5K Walk/Run (not sanctioned) begins at 9am with a Blessing of the Animals and a warm up with Leash Your Fitness. Santa's Village auction, vendors, rescue groups and pictures with Santa begin at 9am in the plaza. For more information, visit www.acesfoundation.org.

Gardens Aglow

Thursday-Saturday, December 7–9 and 14–16 | 6–8pm

Special Members-Only Preview, Wednesday, December 6 | 6–8pm

Experience the magic of The Garden aglow with holiday lights! Enjoy festive holiday treats and refreshments as you stroll along gardens each uniquely decorated and illuminated. See The Garden as you have never seen it before and create lasting holiday memories with family and friends. A limited number of guests will be admitted each evening, pre-event registration is recommended.

ADMISSION: Kids 3-11 \$3
Adults and kids 12 and over \$5
Members and kids 2 and under free
Free parking

For more information about these events, visit www.thegarden.org/events.

Garden Shoppe Holiday Sale

Saturday, December 9 | 12–8pm

Join us for a merry afternoon and evening of shopping surrounded by holiday ambiance. The Garden Shoppe is hosting its annual Holiday Sale, and is staying open late for those guests enjoying Gardens Aglow. Choose from many unique, garden-inspired gifts you won't find anywhere else, and enjoy special day-of-event discounts, product samples and holiday treats! Door prizes for all and drawings for gift baskets will be part of the festivities. Find the perfect gifts for all your friends and family!

CONSERVATION IN ACTION



Harvesting Rain *by Clayton Tschudy*

In 2012, California passed the Rainwater Capture Act eliminating the need for a permit before installing a system to capture rooftop storm water. Since that time local resources for the homeowner interested in rainwater harvesting have quickly expanded, helping to spur interest in this time honored practice that dates back to the Roman era.

A small house could capture up to 6,000 gallons of water a year in our region!

The San Diego region imports 80-90% of our potable water, and many neighborhoods use up to 60% of that water for landscaping. With 1 inch of rain, a small 1,000 square foot roof can capture more than 600 gallons of water. Our average local rainfall is 10 inches, meaning a small house could capture up to 6,000 gallons of water a year in our region, dramatically reducing the need to use potable water for landscaping, and saving the homeowner buckets of money. Fringe benefits of rooftop rainwater capture include recharging the local water table and reducing pollution from storm water runoff. Keeping your rain on site means

pollutants will filter through the soil rather than rushing into storm drains, rivers, and finally the ocean.

Home-based water harvesting systems can be simple to complex. They all start with utilizing existing roofs, gutters, and downspouts to direct the water to a storage system. Storage systems can be simple water barrels, larger cisterns combined with manufactured soil filtration systems, a series of swales in the landscape that capture water before it hits the property line, or some combination of these approaches.

The City of San Diego offers a free Rainwater Harvesting Guide, as well as rebates on rain barrels. San Diego County also offers rebates through its Watersmart program. The best value for rain barrels can be found at the Solana Center for Environmental Education, www.solanacenter.org.

What Is Greywater?

Greywater is gently used water from sinks, showers, baths, and washing machines; it is not wastewater from toilets or laundry loads containing poopy diapers. Plants don't need clean drinking water like we do! Using greywater for irrigation conserves water and reduces the energy, chemicals, and costs involved in treating water to potable quality.

Reusing water that we already have is a simple and commonsense idea. Just use "plant friendly" soaps (those low in salts, and free of boron and bleach), and you have a good source of irrigation water that's already paid for.

Greywater systems save water and more. They can extend the life of a septic system, save time spent on watering, act as "drought insurance" (a source of irrigation during times of extreme water scarcity), and encourage the use of more environmentally friendly products. They also use less energy and fewer chemicals than other forms of wastewater treatment.

Water Savings from Greywater

You can expect to save between 10 and 20 gallons per person per day (or more) from a greywater system, though this number can fluctuate greatly. Studies estimate savings of between 16 and 40 percent of total household use. How much you actually save depends upon how much you currently irrigate, whether you use greywater on existing plants or you plant new ones, and how many greywater sources you can access. One study in Central California found an average household savings of 15,000 gallons per year after the greywater system was installed.



Cost of Greywater Systems

Materials for simple greywater systems typically cost a few hundred dollars. If you're handy, you can install a system yourself in a day or two. Professional installations range from \$700 to many thousands of dollars, depending on the type of system and your site.

Hooray for the Washing Machine!

Washing machine water is typically the easiest source to reuse; you can direct greywater from the drain hose of the machine without cutting into the house's plumbing. A washing machine has an internal pump that automatically pumps out the water and can be used to direct greywater to the plants.

No-Fuss Gravity Systems from Showers and Baths

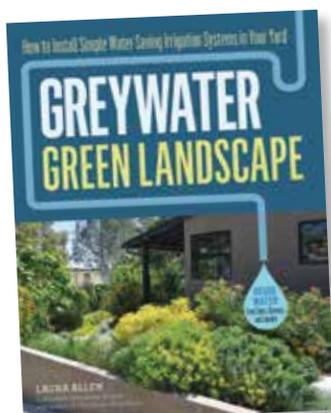
Showers and baths are excellent sources of greywater, though accessing the drainpipes may be challenging, depending on their location. A diverter valve placed in the drain line

of the shower allows greywater to be diverted to the landscape. Gravity distribution systems are usually cheaper and require less maintenance than pumped systems, and distribute greywater through rigid drainage pipe. Greywater flow is divided into multiple irrigation lines to irrigate trees, bushes, vines, or larger perennials via mulch basins.

Pumped Systems: Filtered and Unfiltered

Pumped systems push greywater uphill or across long distances. Greywater is diverted into a surge tank, from which it's pumped to the landscape. Adding a filter allows greywater to be distributed through smaller tubing, increasing the potential irrigation area but also increasing the cost and maintenance of the system.

For information about installing greywater systems, please visit www.greywateraction.org.



LAURA ALLEN is the author of *Greywater*, *Green Landscape* and *The Water-Wise Home* (available at www.storey.com/books). She is a cofounder of Greywater Action, a collaborative of educators who teach residents and tradespeople about affordable and simple household water systems that dramatically reduce water use and foster sustainable cultures of water. She leads classes and workshops, including the first training program for professional greywater installers, and participates in writing state government greywater and composting toilet codes. She lives in Eugene, OR.

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SEPTEMBER

9 Plant Paparazzi: Early Morning Photography

Saturday, September 9 | 7:30–9:30am

Capture the essence of The Garden's beauty in early morning light with Docent Instructors Harold Bailey and Sally Long. From technical to composition aspects, you will learn to use your point and shoot, SLR cameras or cell phones to take stunning images of plants and landscapes. If you have a tripod, bring it along. Beginner to Intermediate level.

Members FREE, Non-Members \$10



30 How to Grow Protea

Saturday, September 30 | 10am–12pm

NEW

Learn from expert, Ben Gill, Owner of California Protea Management, how to include stunning protea in your Southern California landscape. Ben will have plants for sale after class. Bring cash or check only for plant purchase.

Members \$5, Non-Members \$15

SPECIALTY



30 Backyard Composting Workshop

Saturday, September 30 | 10am–12pm

FREE!

In partnership with the Solana Center for Environmental Innovation, The Water Conservation Garden presents a **FREE** composting workshop! Learn all about traditional composting and vermicomposting, and how to harvest and use your compost!

FREE. Register online at: <http://solanacenter.org/wcg-workshop> or call (760) 436-7986 ext. 700.

OCTOBER

8 & 15 Docent Training Sundays, October 8 & 15 | 12–4pm

FREE!

Contribute to The Garden's success by becoming a Garden docent! There are many ways to get involved and wonderful new people to meet. It's really fun!

FREE. To register contact Pam Meisner, Education Director, at Pam@thegarden.org or 619-660-0614 x13.

Hillside Gardening

**7 Saturday, October 7
10am–12pm**

Ever wonder how to care for that slope/hillside you have? Join renowned Landscape Designer, Connie Beck, the Holistic Gardener, who will amaze you with beautiful solutions for hard to plant spaces.

**Members FREE,
Non-Members \$10**



21 Efficient Irrigation

Saturday, October 21 | 10am–12pm

Landscape Designer Jan Tubiolo discusses how to manage the water given to your plants through the proper maintenance of your irrigation system and correct timing of sprinklers. Jan will give practical advice for reviewing and repairing your sprinkler system. Class made possible by the **San Diego County Watershed Protection Program.**

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CLASSES & EVENTS, FALL 2017

Pre-registration is **REQUIRED** for all classes at www.theGarden.org or by calling 619-660-0614 x10



NOVEMBER

15 Fused Glass Ornaments

Wednesday, November 15 | 5–7pm

Join Debb Solan, owner of Idea Field (formerly Fusionglass Co) of La Mesa, in a creative glass-making experience that ends with two unique pieces of art made by you. Perfect for the holiday season! Class fee covers two art pieces for you to keep, all supplies, instruction and firing of final projects.

Members \$40, Non-members \$50



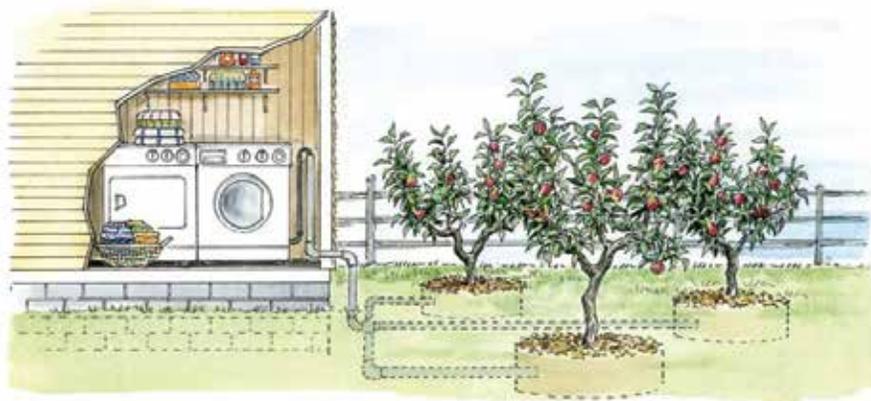
NEW

18 Using Laundry Water for Landscapes

Saturday, November 18 | 10am–12pm

Learn how to divert laundry greywater to the landscape to irrigate plants. In this class you will learn how you can reduce your water bill by reusing free, abundant laundry greywater in the garden. We will cover the do's and don'ts about soaps, plants and the piping needed to install a system.

Members Free, Non-Members \$10



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

FREE Garden Tours

Tour The Garden with a knowledgeable docent and be inspired to create a water-wise landscape of your own. No reservation required.

Every Saturday at 10am

FREE ADA Shuttle Tours

Sundays at 10am with Reservation

Explore The Garden with a docent from the comfort of our Verbeck shuttle that seats 4-5. Reservations required, two weeks in advance, 619-660-0614 x16.

Professional Landscape Design Consultations

Spend 45 minutes, one-on-one, with a professional landscape designer and leave with a basic design plan and list of suggested plants for your own drought-tolerant landscape. Bring a photo of your house, a list of areas you want to redesign, the dimensions of the space and photos of design styles you like.

Call 619-660-0614 x10 for appointment availability, designer information and reservations.

Members \$60, Non-members \$75



School Tours and Assembly Program

Join Ms. Smarty-Plants™ as she takes you on a magical, fun and interactive journey through plant adaptations, the water cycle, conservation and much more. Book online at www.theGarden.org/learn or call Education at 619-660-0614 x16

Visit www.theGarden.org for more information about these programs.

Thank you SDG&E!



Morgan Justice Black (SDG&E) surprise visit to deliver the \$25,00 check, with Pam Meisner and Elyssa Robertson (WCG)



THE GARDEN IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE the receipt of a 2017 Environmental Champions Grant from San Diego Gas & Electric for our Ms. Smarty-Plants Cools the Climate! program.

“SDG&E is firmly committed to improving quality of life in the communities that we serve by collaborating with organizations that address community needs in the area of environmental stewardship,” said Morgan Justice Black, Community Relations Manager at SDG&E. Thank you SDG&E for your continued support of the Ms. Smarty-Plants™ program.

Plants Love Rainwater!

The swale is shaped to slow the rainwater as it flows and to allow it to permeate into the soil.

Plants love rainwater! It's preferred over municipal water for it's close to neutral PH level, high nitrogen content and lack of added chemicals.

Harvesting rainwater reduces erosion and flooding around downspouts and helps to control storm water runoff.



Next Year, The Garden Celebrates 10 Years of Ms. Smarty-Plants™ Magic!

By Elizabeth Ramos

In 2008, nearly 10 years ago, a cheerful, gregarious, redhead named Pam Meisner blazed onto the scene at The Water Conservation Garden, and the buzz about the water-saving botanical garden has never been quite the same. Pam, former Ms. Frizzle at the San Diego Natural History Museum and the Wild Animal Park's Miss Adventure, wasted no time in creating a very special educational character for The Water Conservation Garden, Ms. Smarty-Plants.

The Ms. Smarty-Plants Education Program has become an award-winning environmental education program that reaches 80,000 youth and adults annually in schools, with field trips to The Garden, and at special events throughout Southern California with the ever-important message of saving water and saving the Earth.



Everything Ms. Smarty-Plants does is filled with fun, flair, and a touch of magic. It's hard not to be captivated by her colorful, overalls, patent leather boots, her hats fertile with flowers, butterflies and bees, (and irrigation parts tucked in between) and all of this, against a shock of red hair and a bolt of positivity.

The Governor of California, the American Public Garden Association, and SDG&E (to name a few) recognized The Garden's Ms. Smarty-Plants program for the hands-on approach to teaching, its broad reach to diverse student populations, its tremendous growth (there are now three Ms. Smarty-Plants educators to accommodate demand for the program), and its ability to captivate and inspire learners to make positive changes.

Those of us who have worked with Pam and Ms. Smarty-Plants have been inspired by her ability to transform passion for people and the planet into creative work that is making meaningful change in the world.

Congratulations, Pam and The Garden, on the continued success of the Ms. Smarty-Plants Program!

Stay tuned for news about events next year celebrating the Ms. Smarty-Plants™ program.



Students from Fuerte Elementary enjoy a Ms. Smarty-Plants™ Field Trip sponsored by SDG&E.

INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT *by Clayton Tschudy***Ben Gill of California Protea Management**

Ben Gill grew up in a family of tobacco farmers, growers with an entrepreneurial spirit. Farming is in his blood. Early in his adult life, he discovered a spectacular Protea garden in Cardiff and asked if he could help them sell their fantastic flowers. Thus began a life's journey taking Ben to Australia to study with mentors within the well-established Protea industry.



Today Ben runs the company he founded, California Protea Management. He produces and sells throughout the country, and teaches people how to successfully grow these amazing Australian and South African flowers.

“Proteas are not hard to grow. Neglect them and they will do better.”

The Mediterranean climate of Southern California is a perfect match for Proteas. Challenges with these plants come mostly from improper site selection and care. Ben works hard to overcome the misconceptions on Protea growing, helping people to understand how simple they can be. In many respects, plants in this family are similar in their needs to species from the California chaparral, making it possible to successfully blend Proteas with other drought tolerant plants.

“If you can grow natives, you can grow Proteas.”

Ben's recommendation for easy high performance selections includes Protea *Pink Ice* and Leucodendron *Safari Sunset*. He thinks that today, the biggest bang for your gardening buck are the Leucodendrons, which are high performance with beautiful blooms and seasonal color.

To purchase Ben's Protea plants, and learn to grow your own, attend his class hosted by The Water Conservation Garden on September 30th.



EXHIBIT SPOTLIGHT

Thank You Docents Kay and Vince McGrath for the Backyard Makeover!

This spring this exhibit was spruced up using several of the design principles displayed in other Garden exhibits such as the use of native materials, layering of plants and efficient irrigation.



On the “thirsty lawn” side of the exhibit, new sod was installed and our tired lawn-mower man was given a style makeover with a bright new smile! On the “makeover” side of the exhibit, the former small patch of lawn was removed and replaced with flagstone (Canyon Gold Quartzite, 1” thin from Rock & Block Hardscape Supply), a low-maintenance option. Between the flagstones is gold decomposed granite, similar to the Garden's pathways. This new area extends the patio area for more “homeowner” seating.

Native materials such as rocks (donated by volunteers) were used to make a retaining wall for the slope that was previously held by cement hill holders. Wood was also used to create steps with small stones added to make walking easier up the slope that leads to a seating bench and arbor (from Lowes).

The design principle of layering is featured in the new look, with low, medium, and taller plants providing a fuller look. We kept the twisted myrtle that was original to the area and with a good pruning, they have filled in great. The colors of the plants' blooms were also taken into consideration. Yellow, orange, and reds were used to attract butterflies and hummingbirds and some blues were added for their cooling effects.

Using the “old risers,” new sprinkler heads with Rainbird rotary nozzles (from Dixieline) were installed. These will provide a steadier stream of water allowing less evaporation and deeper watering.

Design, labor and financing of the makeover provided by Garden Docents Kay and Vince McGrath.

HELP US GROW! *The Garden has an Endowment Fund*

THE GARDEN RECEIVED AN INCREDIBLY GENEROUS DONATION OF \$50,000 INTO OUR ENDOWMENT FUND! As our Endowment Grows so does our Garden. Do you want to ensure long term funding for The Garden? Consider a donation to our endowment at the San Diego Foundation. The principle grows while the interest is used to keep The Garden beautiful. Contact Elyssa Robertson at elyssa@thegarden.org to learn more.



Discounted Pacific Horticulture Society Membership

A new benefit for members of the Water Conservation Garden is discounted membership with our partner nonprofit organization the Pacific Horticulture Society. PHS membership offers a number of enticing benefits, including four issues a year of the beautiful and informative Pacific Horticulture magazine.

Published for over 40 years, this widely acclaimed magazine focuses solely on gardening on the West Coast. In articles by cutting-edge garden designers and leading horticulturists, you'll read about not just the plants that thrive here, but also the garden styles that represent our way of life and emphasis on outdoor living. You'll find stories that celebrate historic gardens—and gardeners. And you'll gain valuable insights on how to create gardens that can adapt to changing climate conditions.

You'll also be able to take advantage of discounted rates on special events

and the worldwide travel programs offered by PHS. Their travel programs are renowned for visits to outstanding public and private gardens as well as being both educational and culturally fascinating.

“The power that a beautiful garden exudes—whether it’s a tiny courtyard space or a grant botanical garden—makes us want to treasure the natural world around us.”

LORENE EDWARDS FORKNER
Editor, Pacific Horticulture magazine

Please call (619) 660-0614 x10 or email info@thegarden.org to get the special member promo code to join Pacific Horticulture Society at the special rate of \$24 (a \$40 retail value) and receive the quarterly Pacific Horticulture magazine and the other benefits of membership, visit www.pacifichorticulture.org/join. Enter the code during checkout. You can also call the PHS office at (510) 849-1627 and join over the phone.

New Members

May – July 2017

- Cherri Bailey and Scott Struever
- Melany Biendara and Brian McFarland
- Julianne Bridgnell
- David and Cora Brunswick
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Garden Partner Spotlight

In each issue, *InBloom* highlights a local business that supports The Garden. We encourage Garden patrons to consider these wonderful establishments when working on their next garden project.



Cuyamaca College Nursery

900 Rancho San Diego Parkway, El Cajon, CA 92019
(619) 660-4573, Open Mon.-Sat., 9am-4pm

The Cuyamaca College Nursery is located just around the corner from the Water Conservation Garden and has been in operation since 1980. The nursery covers about nine acres of property that includes the Horticulture Department classrooms, nursery, green houses and propagation area.

For over a decade the nursery has developed an amazing California Native Matilija Poppy field on the property, and it's stunning to see in the spring. Few people have ever seen it!

John Thomas, the Ornamental Horticulture Coordinator, works in the nursery, as well as the student-run internship program that helps to develop the future of the nursery and landscape industry. Everyone working in the nursery is part of the program.

The nursery has plants for every gardener. You can find almost anything you need from lantana, native salvias, succulents, agaves, and Plumerias, grape vines, hanging baskets, herbs, veggies and more. If you've never been to the nursery, you'll be amazed at the variety of well-tended plants and there's always something new!

Another interesting fact is all sales by the nursery go directly back to the nursery for new merchandise and displays built by the interns. In addition, on Tuesday and Wednesday every week during the school year, the Floral Design class offers wonderful floral designs for sale.

Don't forget to show your WCG membership card for your 10% discount!





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FALL MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT!

Help the Monarch Butterflies!



To show our appreciation to our members for their support, we are pleased to present our latest giveaway for the fall.

FREE Milkweed seeds! Help support the Monarch butterfly population by planting milkweed seeds. An analysis in a newly released report by the Xerces Society shows a 74% decline in the California overwintering popula-

tion in less than 20 years. We can all help to protect the surviving populations and strive to provide a much-needed food source for Monarchs.

Current Garden members who come by the Garden Shoppe anytime during September, October or November, will receive a free packet of seeds to grow your own plants. Planting Milkweed will attract many beautiful Monarchs to your garden and support conservation efforts. *(One packet per member, limit of two per household, planting instructions included).*

For more information about Monarch conservation efforts, visit www.xerces.org.

BECOME A GARDEN MEMBER FOR GREAT BENEFITS

MEMBERSHIP AT THE GARDEN comes with a host of benefits including free classes, free admission to national and international botanical gardens and discounts in The Garden's Water Drop Garden Shoppe and at partner nurseries and garden shops (see list below).

- Anderson's La Costa
- Barrels & Branches Nursery
- Cuyamaca College Dept. of Ornamental Horticulture Nursery
- El Plantio
- Gardens by the Sea
- Hunter's Nursery
- Kniffing's Discount Nursery
- The Madd Potter
- Mission Hills Nursery
- Rancho San Diego Nursery
- Rancho Valhalla Nursery

TO BECOME A MEMBER, call 619-660-0614 x17 or visit www.theGarden.org/member.

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