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**Sprucing up  
for Spring!**

**Waking Up  
Your Garden**

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**SPRING 2021**

# A message from the Executive Director

## OUR MISSION

The mission of The Water Conservation Garden is to inspire positive change in the living environment through the conservation of water and other natural resources.

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**Come on Spring of 2021, we are all counting on you for some fun!**

Spring brings the gift of openings, flowers opening, tortoises waking, butterflies emerging, and owls are hatching. There is something special about Spring of 2021, everyone is optimistic with the economy opening and families enjoying more time outside in their community. Have you been telling yourself that you need more time outdoors, time in nature, time with friends, time with family or time to just simply breath and reflect? The Water Conservation Garden is an extension of your own backyard and is here to help you with all your spring gardening goals in addition to being a place to visit, connect and relax. Each season at The Water Conservation Garden is unique and inspiring. If you have not experienced one of our Health and Wellness classes, I invite you to join me in one of our many weekly yoga classes or fitness Friday for some fun. See you at the Garden,

Cheers to a healthy 2021!

**Jennifer Pillsbury**  
CEO, The Water Conservation Garden

“Spring will come and so will happiness. Hold on. Life will get warmer.”

-Anita Krizzan

“No matter how chaotic it is, wildflowers will still spring up in the middle of nowhere.”

-Sheryl Crow

## Interested in joining a Non-Profit Board of Directors?

We are actively recruiting new members. Looking for areas of expertise in finance, estate planning, construction, legal, fundraising, small business management and marketing to name a few.

Visit [TheGarden.org/board](http://TheGarden.org/board) for more information.



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 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, tax ID no. 20-4395919.

## THE WATER CONSERVATION GARDEN

Hours of OPERATION

### Admissions

Mondays | **CLOSED**  
Tuesdays | 9am-4pm  
Wednesdays | 9am-4pm  
Thursdays | 9am-6pm  
Fridays | 9am-4pm  
Saturdays | 9am-4pm  
Sundays | 9am-4pm

\*Last entry into The Garden is 1:00pm.  
**The Garden is closed on Mondays.**

### Gift Shop

Tuesday-Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm  
Thursday 10:00am to 6:00pm

**Please note The Garden will be closed:**

New Year's Day  
Easter Sunday  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day

The Garden is FREE to the public the 2nd Friday of every month!

Get Social With Us! [#wcgarden](https://www.instagram.com/wcgarden)  
Keep up with the latest on news, events and more!

# Savvy Spring Water Conservation Tips

Spring is upon us! Have you begun planting flowers and started gardening yet? While they may say that April Showers Bring May Flowers, it's important to be cognizant of water conservation to ensure you don't waste excess water this season!

The Water Conservation Garden aims to educate our community to ensure we save as much water as possible for the environment. Every little effort makes a big difference! Here are a few water conservation tips we outlined for you to follow as the spring months roll into the summer season.

## Install Water Efficient Fixtures

Water fixtures are commonplace from the bathroom to the kitchen. Faucets, toilets, shower heads and dishwasher are all fixtures that can be replaced to be more water friendly. Every fixture you update contributes to saving water for Mother Earth!

## Begin a Rain Barrell Collection

If you plan on maintaining a garden rain barrels are a wonderful investment that will pay you back many times over. Most home improvement and garden shops have them in stock during peak seasons. Planning ahead can make a big difference in the quality of your garden and will help conserve water that can be used time and time again.

## Add mulch to flower beds

Did you know that mulch can reduce evaporation and reduce water use by over 25%? Mulch is a fantastic aid in retaining water in garden beds and is a terrific asset to the savvy water conservationist and gardener.



## Water in the Morning or at Night

Watering your plants in the morning and evening can significantly reduce evaporation due to cooler temperatures.

Timing is everything, as they say, and it's especially true when it comes to saving water! According to the EPA (Environment Protection Agency) the average American family uses over 400 gallons of water per day!

Establishing solid water conservation habits is key to helping the environment. Thank you for your efforts in conserving water this Spring!



# MEMBER Appreciation Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021  
2:00pm – 7:00pm

## The Water Conservation Garden

For Membership Appreciation Day and all membership events, your membership card is required. Guests accompanying members that are not covered by their membership will be charged \$8 per person. This admission is paid upon arrival. Food and activities are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The event will go on, rain or shine.

### HOW WE PLAN TO CELEBRATE YOU:

Member-only access to The Garden!

Tortoise Talks with Ms. Smarty-Plants

Behind-the-Scenes Garden Tours

DIY Succulents

Ask an Expert: Plants with Paul

### MEMBER DEALS:

- 20% off membership renewals
- Free ice cream!



Want to join the fun?  
Become a member today!

Get started at:  
[JoinTheGarden.org](http://JoinTheGarden.org)



## LET THE GARDEN MAKE YOUR EVENT ONE TO REMEMBER!

Have you found the perfect venue to make your special event one of a kind? With nearly six acres of lush and colorful spaces, The Garden makes an exceptional backdrop for weddings, birthdays, memorials, and corporate events. There are several distinct venues of various sizes and atmospheres, or reserve the entire Garden for larger events.

- **WEDDINGS**
- **CONFERENCES**
- **MEETINGS**
- **BIRTHDAY PARTIES**
- **ANNIVERSARIES**
- **MEMORIAL SERVICES**

**NOW THAT RESTRICTIONS ARE LESSENING, THE GARDEN IS READY FOR YOUR EVENT!**

**Looking for the perfect venue for your unforgettable event?**

For more information on weddings or other events and updates on COVID-19 availability, please send an e-mail with information regarding your event details to [Angelina@TheGarden.org](mailto:Angelina@TheGarden.org) and our Events Manager, Angelina Byrd, will get in touch to discuss your event.

\*\* Please note that The Gardens current availability for event rentals follows the COVID-19 guidelines and regulations of the CDC's allowance for gatherings. \*\*



# WORKSHOPS

## May & June 2021

THE <sup>1</sup> water conservation garden

Registration Required  
[TheGarden.org](http://TheGarden.org)

### SEASONAL WORKSHOPS 2021



#### BUTTERFLY EXPERIENCE

**SATURDAYS IN MAY & JUNE 10AM-12PM**  
MS. SMARTY-PLANTS BUTTERFLY ENCOUNTERS ON 5/1 & 6/5  
EXCLUSIVE MEMBER BUTTERFLY RELEASES ON 5/2  
[WeLoveButterflies.org](http://WeLoveButterflies.org)

Join us in our beautiful outdoor Butterfly Pavilion and native Habitat Garden to release your very own butterfly to nectar on nearby flowers.



#### EXCLUSIVE MEMBERS BUTTERFLY RELEASE

**SUNDAY, MAY 2**  
**10:00AM TO 12:00PM**

Garden Members at the Wild Grape \$100 Level and above can enjoy a FREE butterfly release. Experience the joy & wonder of releasing your own butterfly to nectar on nearby flowers!



#### VOLUNTEER Training

**THURSDAY: MAY 13 & 20, 2021**  
**8:30AM-12:30PM AT THE GARDEN.**

Volunteers help our plants and programs grow! Perfect for active adults. To apply for the two-day training.



VIRTUAL

#### HOW TO HIRE A LANDSCAPER

**WED. MAY 26TH 11AM-12PM**  
**FREE: SPONSORED BY THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

Join for an informative, common-sense approach to hiring a landscape professional. You'll learn which questions to ask, how to properly plan, and receive money-saving tips too! Sponsored by The County of San Diego.

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VIRTUAL

#### USING GREY WATER Part One

**THURS. JUNE 10TH 11AM-12PM**  
**FREE: SPONSORED BY THE IRWM**

Create an abundant landscape using greywater. In this part one workshop, Brook Sarson of Catching H2O will walk you through the design of simple, cost effective, Laundry Greywater and Shower Greywater systems. Sponsored by the IRWM.

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**The Water Conservation Garden** is proud of our inter-generational Growing Gardeners Club for building community with local food knowledge

# Don't miss our Butterfly Releases Saturdays in May & June!

Reserve your tickets today at:  
[WeLoveButterflies.org](http://WeLoveButterflies.org)



# WEEKLY

Members FREE  
Non-Members \$12



## 10am GENTLE FLOW YOGA Instructor Lisa Griffiths

Lisa Griffiths has been teaching yoga for 18 years. Her teaching style is joyful and inclusive, blending flow concepts with alignment sensibility.

## 11am POWER YOGA Instructor Katie Nava

Katie Nava, a native of San Diego, is known for her nurturing personality, rhythmic cueing, and sequences that help her students develop a strong mind body connection.



## 10am GARDEN YOGA Instructor Pam Badger

Pam Badger is a Certified Yoga Instructor with almost 20 years of teaching experience. Her teaching style is relaxed and playful while attending to proper alignment and safe practice.



## 11AM POWER YOGA Instructor Katie Nava

Katie Nava, a native of San Diego and a practitioner of yoga for over 18 years, found her passion in teaching yoga to her community

## 1PM CHAIR YOGA Instructor Jackie Gadd

Jackie Gadd has been teaching yoga since 2007. She sees it as both a mind/body integration practice for inner peace, and a functional movement practice for every body's health.

## 5PM EVENING FLOW YOGA Instructor Lisa Griffiths

Lisa is a Registered Yoga Teacher (E-RYT 200, YACEP) with Yoga Alliance.



## 10am FITNESS FRIDAY Instructor Lisa Griffiths

A strong believer in mindfulness meditation, she always weaves these elements into her classes.

Free for all on 2nd Fridays  
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# MONTHLY



## GARDEN TOUR 1ST SATURDAYS 9AM

FREE with entry  
Docent-led  
Groups of 5 + contact  
Jillian@thegarden.org  
in advance



## NATURE THERAPY 2ND SUNDAYS 10AM

Registration Required  
Member FREE  
Non-Members \$10

To book Nature Therapy for a group, contact  
Jillian@thegarden.org in advance

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**LIFE**

**WHICH IT SUPPORTS.**

**ONE PLANET,**  
*in our care, irreplaceable, with sustenance and respect*

**FOR ALL**



## Virtual Field Trips

Students and teachers are loving the virtual field trips! With help from Sweetwater Authority and ArtsBusXpress, we're connecting classrooms to nature with our NGSS lessons! Schedule at [funfieldtrips.org](http://funfieldtrips.org).

## MSP Family Summer Enrichment Program!

Family field trips are a great way to explore nature with your family or small school group, with an activity packed Ms. Smarty Plants™ performance and an "Earth Heroes Passport" for each child. Visit [MSPsummer.org](http://MSPsummer.org).



### Very Cool Nature Fact

"Did you know roly poly bugs are related to shrimp and lobsters? They are actually land dwelling crustaceans!"



### Ms. Smarty-Plants™

#### Favorite Scientist:

Charlotte Miller, Salk Institute

**1) My favorite scientific instrument is...** the microscope! Up close, even the simplest specimen appears as a whole universe.

**2) Currently I am researching...** climate change. We believe that plants could be the key to solving climate change. Plants are incredible - literally breathing life into Earth, and experts at sucking up Carbon. Our aim is to harness the power of plants to remove carbon from the atmosphere and reverse climate change!

**3) I became a scientist because..** even at a very young age I was fascinated by the diversity of leaves and flowers. My mother collected flowers in her flower press so that she could keep them forever just like a photograph.

**4) What I love most about being a scientist is...** that I am ALWAYS learning. As a Biologist my job is to understand nature, and nature is full of surprises!





# Let's grow together



Taking care of our environment is vital for our present and future generations. That's why SDG&E® is proud to partner with organizations that promote climate literacy and provide communities with the tools to protect our shared planet.

Visit us at [sdge.com/community](https://www.sdge.com/community).



# Partners and Supporters

Nothing says I love you like a Butterfly Release Experience for mom!

Get tickets at [WeLoveButterflies.org](http://WeLoveButterflies.org)

## Follow us on our Social Media Accounts:

- WaterConservationGarden
- ConservationGarden
- WCGarden
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## GARDEN NURSERY SPOTLIGHT



**RCP Block & Brick**  
8240 Broadway,  
Lemon Grove, CA 91945

**Participating Nursery**  
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**Garden Member Discount:**  
10% Garden member discount  
with membership card

**RCP BLOCK & BRICK**

### THE FOLLOWING NURSERIES PARTICIPATE IN OUR MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT PROGRAM:

Anderson's La Costa | Barrels & Branches Nursery | Cuyamaca College Dept. Of Ornamental Horticulture Nursery | El Plantio | Hunter's Nursery | Kniffing's Discount Nursery | The Madd Potter | Mission Hills Nursery | Rancho Valhalla Nursery

## New Scholarship Fund

Over the past year, we have been battling unprecedented challenges—a global pandemic, climate change, an economic crisis and rising racial injustices. These crises have not only uprooted our lives but have also shined the light on ways we can do and be better. To grow from these unprecedented challenges, we must address the disparities in education & take active steps to reduce learning loss.

To address these challenges, The Garden plans to launch a new Scholarship Fund to increase accessibility to our programs, classes, & exhibits. Our Scholarship Fund will be used to provide full or partial funding for children from Title 1 schools to receive admission vouchers, memberships, Ms. Smarty-Plants Family Field Trips, & other enrichment activities throughout the year.

**DONATE TODAY AT:**  
[GardenScholarships.org](http://GardenScholarships.org)

## Corporate Partners

We would like to thank our Corporate Partners and Non-Profit Affiliates in appreciation for all they do to keep The Garden a beautiful place.



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# Our Volunteers Rock!

(or at least they move them)

Do you like working with your hands and the earth? Volunteering at The Garden could be just what you're looking for. Develop your green thumb alongside other enthusiastic volunteers. Come join us.

Learn more and apply at [TheGarden.org/volunteer](http://TheGarden.org/volunteer)

## Donors inBloom Spring 2021

**\$10,000 and above**  
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**\$500 - \$599**  
Sally Long  
John and Whitney Wood



**\$100 - \$499**  
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Rosemarie & Neal Masters  
Jessie Gates

David Garrett  
Marilyn Huntamer  
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John & Mary Troseth



### New Members

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Meghan Aguilar  
Andrew & Mona Alsoraimi-Espiritu  
Ralph Anders  
Vivien Arguelles  
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- FREE guest passes for friends or family to The Water Conservation Garden
- Free or discounted admission to over 300 botanic gardens worldwide
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- Free or discounted workshops
- Free or reduced admission to special events
- Discounts in The Garden's Gift Shop
- Subscription to The Garden's inBloom newsletter
- And much more!

**Contributions are 100% tax deductible.**

Contact us to learn more about becoming a member:  
[www.thegarden.org/membership](http://www.thegarden.org/membership)  
[membership@thegarden.org](mailto:membership@thegarden.org)  
 619-660-0614 x 11

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