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**Open a Door into
Gardening and Food
Security**

SUMMER 2021



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A message from the Executive Director

Tiny Changes = Big Impact

The average American generates 4.4 pounds of trash daily. This results in creating over 700,000 tons of trash every day in the U.S.! It's hard to deny these are devastating numbers. And yet, we are constantly being bombarded with ads for increased consumerism and convenience. DON'T LOSE HOPE! You may be surprised at the ripple effect that a small adjustment in habit or lifestyle can have.

The Garden is here to help, and we invite you to join us in making the tiny changes that result in big impacts. As it turns out, you may already be doing some of the most effective things to divert waste! Swapping out single-use plastic products for more durable, re-usable items is a great way to accomplish this and can enhance your life in many ways you might not expect. Your local coffee shop is happy to refill your re-usable mug. And of course planting a low water-use veggie garden offers a multi-layered (and delicious) way to minimize your carbon footprint. To learn more, stop by The Garden and check-out the resources from our friends at ILoveaCleanSanDiego.org and SolanaCenter.org.

When in doubt, remember the 4 R's of sustainability: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, REPEAT!

In addition to your own actions at home, supporting The Garden goes a long way to engaging the community on the importance of sustainability. Just as small habit shifts done by millions of individuals can create a huge wave of change, your membership is more than just a drop in the bucket to us. Membership to The Garden not only sustains the plants and people who make it happen but also reaches the greater community through programming and exhibits, influencing new sustainable habits on a large level.



“Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.”

- Ryunosuke Satoro, Japanese Poet



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 for more information.

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The Garden is managed by The Friends of The Water Conservation Garden, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, tax ID no. 20-4395919.

Hours of Operation

The Water Conservation Garden

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

*Last entry is 3:15pm
The Garden is closed on Mondays.
The Garden is FREE to the public the 2nd Friday of every month!

Gift Shop

Tuesday - Sunday | 10:00am - 4:00pm*
*Thursdays the Gift Shop closes at 6:00pm

Admissions

Last admission to The Garden is 3:15pm
*Thursdays last admission is 5:15pm

Please note The Garden will be closed:

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



Get Social With Us! #wcgarden
Keep up with the latest on news, events and more!

Open a Door

into Gardening and Food Security

By: Ria Custodio

Let's open a door and take a look inside the benefits of creating a living garden at home to enjoy and increase food security. Have you wondered where your food comes from, why the prices for fruits and vegetables are on the rise, or the reason something has been pulled off the grocery store shelves? The best way to be prepared for any challenging times and questions about your food is to feel more secure and to raise your favorite sustainable food sources.

Food is a basic necessity of life and growing your own is healthy and can be fun for the entire family. In San Diego's moderate, arid, Mediterranean, County climate there used to be two planting seasons—winter and summer; however, now you can easily grow crops year-round by rotating crops and succession planting. Winter or cool weather is a great time for root vegetables like carrots, beets, potatoes, and parsnips/radishes. Warm weather crops are your leafy greens, squashes, cucumbers, snap peas, and melons. Other options include selecting foods for their hardiness, preservation, and ease.

Create a garden for any space. Need a garden that offers elevation and easier access that can also be ecological, budget-friendly, and is water wise? Keyhole and raised bed gardening allow not so much bending and easy access and proves to be successful in providing a reliable source of food.

There is an old Chinese proverb that states, "Life begins the day you start a garden." There is life in the food that you love and the food that you grow.



Fostering Youth Leaders

Ms. Smarty-Plants™ is proud of her youth leaders for stepping up to support conservation.



"I recently learned that Agave plants are monocarpic, meaning that they die after they flower. They are truly stunning when they flower; and look like the whimsical plants of Dr. Seuss. Agave Americana is called the "century plant" and is said to take a century to bloom, but actually, it blooms after six years. They shed a multitude of seeds when they die and leave behind offspring known as 'pups.' When I am volunteering at The Water Conservation Garden, whether helping a child release a butterfly, assisting seniors planting in the veggie garden, making succulent arrangements, or feeding the tortoises, I feel like I am in bloom too."

Amelie Simpson
Steel Canyon High School, Junior
Volunteer Intern since 2018
at The Water Conservation Garden



Storytime with high school intern Louise.



Butterfly Release with UCSD intern Maya.

SEASONAL WORKSHOPS

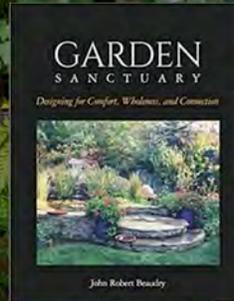


LOOKING FOR A GREAT BOOK?

Garden Sanctuary, by John Beaudry

A captivating guidebook for landscape design written by local author and instructor John Beaudry.

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MS. SMARTY-PLANTS™ FIELD TRIPS Fall 2021 Virtual and In-Person

Reconnect students with nature! Ms. Smarty-Plants is offering something NEW this year for our in-person and virtual field trips – Grade Specific Lessons for our K-6th Earth Heroes! Visit www.mssmartyplants.org to view our curriculum and schedule your program!



SOLAR COOKOUT & HARVEST DAY Saturday, August 14 from 10am-12pm

You're The Gardener! Participate with the Growing Gardeners Club and Chef Nicolai in Veggieland for a day of harvesting, planting, solar cooking, and tasting; a bit of everything for EVERY age.

\$15 Members / \$20 Non-Mbr / \$12 ages 3-10 yrs / FREE ages 2 and younger



PAINTING SILK SCARVES Saturday, Sep. 18 at 10am-11:30am

Painting on silk is like painting on air. Artist Marjorie Pezzoli shares her joy and knowledge of this medium. All supplies included for your 'make & take' creation.
Members \$38 / Non-mbrs \$45



LANDSCAPE MAKEOVER: WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW? Thurs, Aug 19 at 11am-12pm PST on Zoom

More Beauty, Less Water! Instructor Pam Meisner shares why she loves water-saving landscapes, simplifies the makeover process, and helps you set realistic goals. Virtual. Sponsored by The County of San Diego.
FREE



HOW TO HIRE A LANDSCAPER Wednesday, September 22 at 11am-12pm PST on Zoom

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. **FREE.**



THE BEVERAGE BOTANIST Thursday, August 26 at 6:30pm-7:30pm

Mixology workshops offer interactive education with a boozy twist! Get your mind illuminated, mix up delicious drinks and feel good with an experience that gives back to the community. An engaging and eco-friendly activity for ages 21 and up.
Members \$45 / Non-Mbrs \$50



CHEF NICOLAI'S GARDEN EATS Saturday, September 25 at 10am-11:30am

Resident Garden Chef and Instructor, Chef Nicolai Winkler, explores vegetables and herbs grown in Veggieland to incorporate into pasta, pizza, salads, and all your favorite Mediterranean style dishes.
Members \$20 / Non-mbrs \$25

Summer Classes

Details at TheGarden.org



ONGOING CLASSES



3rd Tuesdays 9:15am

MORNING MINDFULNESS with Instructor Ashley Bridgewater

Ashley Bridgewater holds an MA in Mindfulness Studies. She warmly welcomes you to join in meditation practices of engaging awareness in our beautiful garden, moment to moment, with kindness and curiosity.



Tuesdays 10am

GENTLE FLOW YOGA with 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.



Wednesdays 9:15am

GARDEN YOGA with 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.



Thursdays 10am

POWER YOGA with Instructor Katie Nava

Katie Nava, a native of San Diego and a practitioner of yoga for over 18 years, believes yoga is for everyone and is skilled in helping people of all ages, from kids to seniors, develop their practice.



Thursdays 10am

CHAIR YOGA with 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.



Thursdays 5pm

EVENING FLOW YOGA with Instructor Lisa Griffiths

Lisa's classes vary in type from Vinyasa to Gentle and Restorative yoga. A strong believer in mindfulness meditation, she always weaves these elements into her classes.



Fridays 9:15am

FITNESS FRIDAYS with Instructor Lisa Griffiths

This class uses a combination of 30-min bodyweight fitness section (strength bands provided) and 30-min gentle yoga stretch section (bring a yoga mat). Supporting you to feel good, and get an effective workout.



Fridays 10am

POWER YOGA with 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.



1st Saturdays 9am

GARDEN TOUR Lead by experienced docents

1st Saturdays of the Month at 9AM FREE with Garden admission ticket! Tour led by one of our most experienced Docents. Hear backstories, learn Garden history, compare plants, see pollinators in action. Tour starts at 9am.



2nd Sundays 9:15am

NATURE THERAPY Lead by experienced docents

An easy-paced, guided tour which produces a calming, internal experience. Participants are invited to connect with nature during a guided stroll through The Water Conservation Garden, and a brief sit in our outdoor spaces.

photo: Pamela Berstler



Right **Plant**, Right **Place**

Five Great Mediterraneans



- 1 *Correa* 'Dusky Bells'
Red Australian Fuschia (Australia)
- 2 *Dietes bicolor*
Fortnight Lily (South Africa)
- 3 *Teucrium chamaedrys*
Germander (Mediterranean)
- 4 *Calandrina spectabilis*
Rock Purslane (Chile)
- 5 *Leucadendron* 'Safari Sunset'
Cone Bush (South Africa)

San Diego County has a Mediterranean climate.

Plants from around the world are adapted to living in San Diego's Mediterranean climate. This is especially true for plants from the Mediterranean basin, South Africa, Australia, and Chile, the four other Mediterranean climate zones of the world, which are characterized by long, hot dry summers and short cooler wet winters.

While Mediterranean plants may be climate adapted for San Diego, every plant grows best in its native place. Local native plants have co-evolved with the specific climate, geology, soils, insects, birds, animals and other members of the plant community of a particular region. When we want to create landscapes that require the least amount of work after establishment and the most value for endangered insects like butterflies and bees, we reach for local native plants first, and Mediterranean or other climate-appropriate plants second.

Learn more at The Garden's **Landscape Makeover** webinar on August 19 at 11am. FREE thanks to The County of San Diego.



Page excerpt from the San Diego County Water Authority **Sustainable Landscapes Guidelines**

Register at TheGarden.org/events



Fall Plant SALE

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday,
November 13th

Visit TheGarden.org
for more details.

Host Your Event in The Garden

Are you in search of the perfect venue to host your upcoming special event? Well look no further! With nearly six acres of lush and vibrant spaces, The Garden makes a unique and beautiful backdrop for weddings, birthdays, memorials, and corporate events alike.

There are several diverse venue spaces of various sizes and atmospheres to enjoy individually or reserve the entire garden for larger events.

To find out if your preferred date is available and obtain further information on event updates and regulations during COVID-19, please send an e-mail including your event details to our Events Manager, Angelina Byrd at Angelina@TheGarden.org and she will get in touch to help you plan your picture-perfect event.



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



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Free Day Friday

We all need something to look forward to.

We created #FreeDayFriday so every person in the community - no matter their ability to pay - can enjoy all The Garden has to offer. To address this need, we raised \$60,000 in order to launch the #FreeDayFriday initiative in February 2021! The Garden is now open to the public for free the second Friday each month.

Thank you to everyone who donated and our incredible sponsors for making this initiative a reality in 2021! See you at The Garden!

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- Discounts in The Garden Gift Shop
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