“Spring has Sprung”
San Diego Tree Week
The Butterfly Spring Fling
SPRING 2022
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message from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GARDEN INSPIRATIONS & GROWTH
The Water Conservation Garden is your destination for Spring 2022. We are here for you. Whether you are looking for inspiration to make changes in your yard, find new friends in the neighborhood, join an event, or revamp your fitness routine; The Garden is here to help. Spring is the season of planning and projects, so come be inspired. Do not wait for someone to bring you flowers – plant your own and feed your soul.

I look forward to seeing you, at The Garden, in a yoga class or planting trees for The Water Conservation Garden’s first annual San Diego Tree Week initiative.

Jennifer Pillsbury
Executive Director/CEO

“You must prune to bloom. If the dead weight is not pruned and removed, it compromises the quality, performance, and output of the vine. When you prune what’s not working in your life, you make the space and place for renewal to happen and for new growth to spring forth.”
— Susan C. Young

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.

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.

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

Get Social With Us! #wcgarden | Keep up with the latest on news, events and more!
“Spring” is a word that evokes thoughts of renewal, rebirth, and new beginnings. The Earth is warming up from the winter season. Worms, bees, butterflies, and plants are awakening from the cold, and life is bursting into high gear!

Springtime at The Garden is a wonderful time of emergence, as well, not just for the plants, but for us – our bodies, our minds, and our souls. I invite you to visit and experience The Garden from a new perspective; whether it is a quiet stroll through the paths to take in all the smells, the colors, or sounds that you might not have noticed before. Take a wellness (yoga/exercise) class or renew your minds with a fun seasonal workshop.

One of our goals at The Garden is to be a wonderful and safe environment for our community where you can learn, relax, take a stroll with your dog, shop, enjoy a popsicle, or just visit with friends. Visit The Garden and enjoy it all. Happy Spring!

Written by: Pam Meisner

Meet Our Staff
Tim Townsley,
Facilities Technician

Tim joined The Garden two years ago and came in like a strong warm wind! He is a very talented guy and is known as our “fix it man!” Literally, he can do anything: weld, design, build, etc. His father was a professional Arborist, and the apple did not fall far from the tree with Tim.

Something that you might not know about Tim is that in his previous life/career he was a surfboard designer and manufacture. Yes, you could say he was a “surfer dude.” We value Tim and his many talents as well as his always welcoming smile!

He currently enjoys a large garden and ranch with his wife Rory in Jamul.

Please say hello when you see him around The Garden!

Come dig in the dirt with us and become a Volunteer

The Water Conservation Garden’s Volunteer Program is designed to gather like-minded people of all ages, offering many different opportunities to express their love of gardening.

VOLUNTEER DOCENT TRAINING (2 Days)
Thursdays, May 5th & 12th, 8:30am-12:30pm

Details and registration at www.TheGarden.org/support/volunteer.
Ms. Smarty-Plants™ Storytime

Sweet storytime and nature crafts every month with the fantastic Ms. Smarty-Plants™!

9:30AM
3RD WEDNESDAYS

Youth Education

Looking for an outdoor experience for your children over Spring Break? Look no further! Thanks to our sponsors, SDG&E and The Conrad Prebys Foundation, we are offering Spring Break Enrichment Programs focusing on two days of fun, conservation, nature, and animal encounters.

Many scholarships are available!
Visit MsSmartyPlants.org to learn more.

Spring Break Enrichment Programs

April 13th & April 14th
Ages K-6th Grade

What does a chatty caterpillar become?

A social butterfly.
Join Ms. Smarty-Plants™ at Balboa Park on Sunday, April 24th to participate in the Earth Day Parade! The theme is “Together We Will.” If you would like to walk in the parade with Ms. Smarty-Plants™ please contact our education team at smartyplants@thegarden.org by April 17th.

#MSPEarthHeros #EarthHero #kindnessmatters

Super Partnerships TO HELP Super Pollinators!

We are thrilled to be partnering with the San Diego Pollinator Alliance to help our mighty Monarch butterflies. Our Ms. Smarty-Plants™ pollinator seed packs are to be filled with a native butterfly mix and local, native milkweed seeds sourced from the SDPA Camp Pendleton growing site. These seed packets are given to every student that visits The Water Conservation Garden for a field trip. Planting milkweed provides an essential habitat for Monarchs and provides the opportunity to observe the life cycle of these fascinating insects.
SEASONAL WORKSHOPS

April, May, June 2022

MOSAIC BEE BATH
Friday, Apr 15, 1-3pm
A smaller, shallower version of a birdbath hand designed by you, with grouting by Instructor Amber’s Artistry. Materials and mosaic art tour included.

$44 MEMBERS / $48 Non-Mbr

DONUTS & TREES
Saturday, Apr 23, 10am-12:30pm
Have a donut, leave with a FREE 5-gallon tree of your choice! Celebrate SD Tree Week. Learn which is the “Right Tree, Right Place” for you, plus planting and maintenance. Registration required.

FREE with Garden entry

SELF CARE YOGA RETREAT
Sunday, Apr 24, 8:30am-1pm
Find peaceful moments of supportive joy with yoga, mindfulness, self massage, and restorative sound healing instructors Robyn Smith, Ashley Bridgewater, Jackie Gadd, & Kerem Brulee of Beautiful Sounds Co

$62 MEMBERS / $68 Non-Mbr

COLOR OF NATURE
Apr 28, 1-3pm, May 29, 11am-1pm, Jun 26, 11am-1pm
Silk painting is a delightful artform with easy to learn techniques. Create your scarf with Resident Art Instructor, Marjorie Pezzoli. No prior experience needed. All supplies included.

$50 MEMBERS / $55 Non-Mbr

HEART FELT: Felted Cactus
Saturday, Apr 30, 10am-12pm
Have fun creating your own customized felted cactus, plus take-home materials to make a second, with felting friends, Lisa & Raquel.

$40 MEMBERS / $44 Non-Mbr

CHEF NICOLAI GARDEN EATS
Saturday, Apr 30, 12:20-2:30pm
Curried vegetables and simple spices. Chef Nicolai prepares savory samples from a colorful harvest. Bring a mortar & pestle to learn to make a fresh curry at home.

$35 MEMBERS / $38 Non-Mbr

HOW MUCH & HOW OFTEN TO WATER? Part 1
Tuesday, May 17, 11am-12pm on Zoom
Basics are essential for water efficiency—learning how long to water your landscape and how often, is critical. Richard Restuccia will teach us how. Sponsored by the County of San Diego.

FREE

Tour Code!

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HOW MUCH & HOW OFTEN TO WATER? Part 2
Saturday, May 21, 11:30am-1pm
Master the basic in water efficiency and run times once and for all. Onsite at The Garden with Richard Restuccia, VP of Jain Irrigation. Sponsored by County of San Diego.

FREE

Online Garden Calendar

Scan code!
Details & registration at TheGarden.org

Calendar – inBloom Spring 2022
**NATURE THERAPY EXPERIENCE**
Registration IS Required.
MEMBERS FREE / $12 Non-Mbr

**Sunday, Jun 2, 10-11:30am**

**LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONSULTATIONS**
TheGarden.org/consultations
$70 MEMBERS / $85 Non-Mbr

*Photo provided by: SDCWA*

**SOLANA CENTER**
Backyard composting with the Solana Center on Saturday, June 11. Register at SolanaCenter.org.

**STORYTIME WITH MS. SMARTY-PLANTS™**
MONTHLY
Apr 20, May 18, Jun 15
FREE WITH GARDEN ENTRY

Sweet storyline and nature crafts every month with Ms.Smarty-Plants™!

**THE BUTTERFLY EXPERIENCE**
Saturdays in May & June* 9:30-11:30am
$12 MEMBERS / $22 Non-Mbr

Release your very own butterfly to nectar on nearby flowers. Make it a Family Membership + Butterfly Release Bundle and get Native Milkweed!

*June 4th with Ms. Smarty-Plants™*
San Diego Tree Week, an initiative of The Water Conservation Garden, aims to bring neighbors together to plant trees in their community. Businesses, schools, and individuals will come together to celebrate the many benefits of trees. Ways you can get involved:

- Lead a Tree Planting Event
- Volunteer at a Local Tree Planting Site
- Make a Donation
- Gift Tree Seedlings
- Attend a Tree Workshop
- Become a Tree Planting Site
- Sponsor

Did you know...?

Members of The Water Conservation Garden receive discounts of 10-15% at select nurseries around San Diego County. Learn more about San Diego Tree Week at [www.sd-treeweek.org](http://www.sd-treeweek.org).

We would like to thank our Corporate Partners in appreciation for all they do to keep The Garden a beautiful place.
If you are looking to host your next event or meeting in a fabulous location with a stunning backdrop offering outdoor and indoor options, look no further! From intimate private events to grand wedding soirees, you will find the perfect spot at The Garden.

For more information, visit: TheGarden.org or email Angelina@TheGarden.org

** Please note that The Garden’s current availability for event rentals follow the COVID-19 guidelines and regulations of the CDC’s allowance for gatherings. **
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Thank you, Vince & Kay McGrath!

New Children's Trail Activities
Thank you, Bonnie Scott!
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**NURSERY SPOTLIGHT**

**El Plantio**
Nursery & Landscaping
1322 San Pasqual Valley Rd, Escondido, CA 92027

**Wags n Wine**
Thursday, June 30th
4pm–6pm

Tickets: $8 MEMBERS; $12 Non-Mbr

Experience the beauty and wonder of summer’s golden hour at Wags n Wine this June! Bring your Best Friends and your Puppy Pals to share a glass of wine and snacks while you stroll through the sun-gilded, foliage-filled trails in The Garden.

10-15% Garden Member Discount
must present a valid membership card

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