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THE <sup>water conservation</sup> **garden**  
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**“Spring has Sprung”  
San Diego Tree Week  
The Butterfly Spring Fling**

**SPRING 2022**



#### OUR MISSION

The mission of The Water Conservation Garden is to educate and inspire through excellent exhibits and programs that promote water conservation and the sustainable use of related natural resources.

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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."

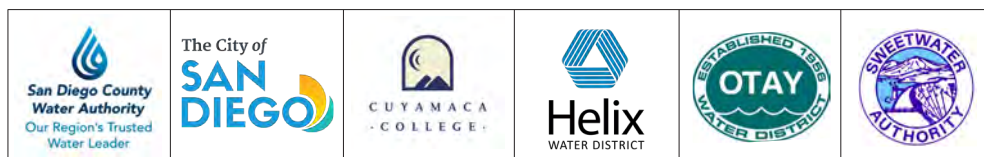
— Susan C. Young

### 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](https://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.

Hours of Operation	THE WATER CONSERVATION GARDEN		ADMISSIONS
	Mondays	CLOSED	Last admission to The Garden is 3:15pm
	Tuesdays	9am-4pm	*Thursdays last admission is 5:15pm
	Wednesdays	9am-4pm	
	Thursdays	9am-6pm*	<b>Please note The Garden will be closed:</b>
	Fridays	9am-4pm	New Year's Eve (Closes at 12 noon)
	Saturdays	9am-4pm	New Year's Day
	Sundays	9am-4pm	Easter Sunday
	The Garden is FREE to the public the 2nd Friday of every month!		Memorial Day
	<b>GIFT SHOP</b>		Independence Day
	Tuesday - Sunday   10:00am - 4:00pm*		Labor Day
	*Thursdays the Gift Shop closes at 6:00pm		Thanksgiving Day
			Christmas Eve
			Christmas Day

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

# in THE GARDEN Spring HAS Sprung

"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](http://www.TheGarden.org/support/volunteer)**



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## Ms. Smarty-Plants™ Storytime

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

**9:30AM**  
**3RD WEDNESDAYS**



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Ms. Smarty-Plants™  
Bilingual Educator  
Doubling our impact!  
**YAILY GONZALEZ**



Yaily holds a bachelor's in Sustainability and a minor in Public Health from San Diego State University. Prior to joining The Garden, Yaily worked for North Park Nursery and worked for South Bay Community Services, strengthening communities of youths and families of San Diego. Welcome to the team, Yaily!

## 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](https://MsSmartyPlants.org) to learn more.

**What does a chatty caterpillar become?**

A social butterfly

## Spring Break Enrichment Programs

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



**For more information about Ms. Smarty Plants™ or to donate to The Garden's education programs,  
visit [MsSmartyPlants.org](https://MsSmartyPlants.org)**



# CELEBRATE THE EARTH

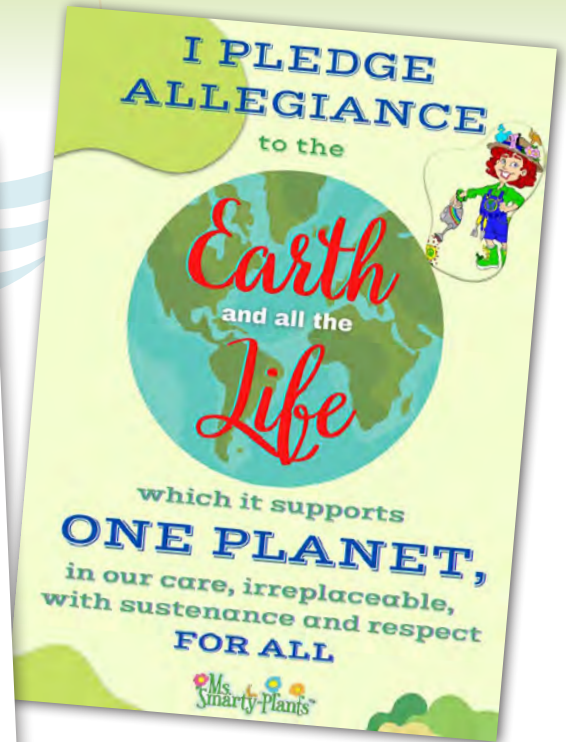


Earth Heros  
Call to Action!



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](mailto:smartyplants@thegarden.org) by April 17th.

#MSPEarthHeros #EarthHero  
#kindnessmatters



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POLLINATOR  
ALLIANCE

## 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**



## 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**



## 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**



## 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**



## 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**



## 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**



## 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**



## 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**

Online Garden Calendar



Scan code!

*Details & registration at*

**TheGarden.org**



# CLASSES

April, May, June 2022

## SUNDAYS

MEMBERS FREE / \$12 Non-Mbr

10-10:45am Family Yoga with Robyn Taylor

## TUESDAYS

MEMBERS FREE / \$12 Non-Mbr

10-11am Gentle Flow Yoga with Lisa Griffiths

11:15am-12pm Mindfulness with Ashley Bridgewater

## WEDNESDAYS

MEMBERS FREE / \$12 Non-Mbr

9:15-10am Workout Wednesdays with Lisa Griffiths

10-11am Garden Yoga with Pam Badger

## THURSDAYS

MEMBERS FREE / \$12 Non-Mbr

9:15-10:15 Chair Yoga with Jackie Gadd

10:30-11:30am Power Yoga with Katie Nava

5:30-6:30pm Evening Flow Yoga with Lisa Griffiths

## FRIDAYS

MEMBERS FREE / \$12 Non-Mbr

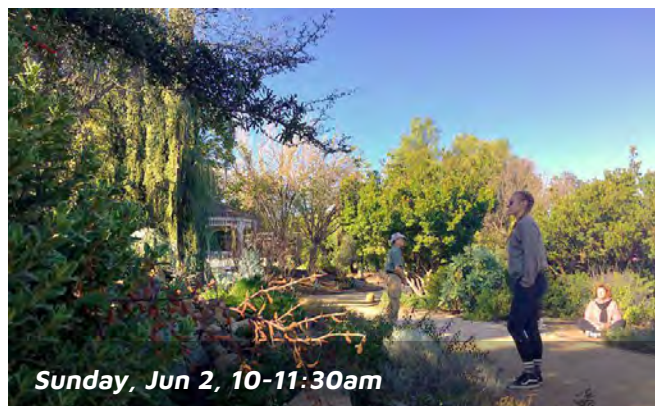
9:15-10:15am Fitness Fridays with Lisa Griffiths

10:30-11:30am Power Yoga with Katie Nava

## FIRST SATURDAYS - MONTHLY

FREE

9-10am Garden Tour with Volunteer Docent



### NATURE THERAPY EXPERIENCE

Registration IS Required.

MEMBERS FREE / \$12 Non-Mbr



### 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.

## The Fun Corner!

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



Sweet storytime 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™

Class times subject to change due to weather. Visit TheGarden.org for updates.

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# San Diego TREE WEEK

## April 22–27, 2022

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).

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# The Butterfly



Tickets: \$5 Members; \$10 Non-Members;  
Children 3 & Under FREE



Saturday, May 7th  
9am - 3pm

When spring arrives at The Garden, it only means one thing;  
*The Butterfly Spring Fling!* Mother's Day weekend—May 7th,

The Garden delights in celebrating butterfly season with you and your loves.

The Garden's very own Butterfly Ambassador, Ms. Smarty-Plants™ will be hosting a variety of exciting activities throughout the day to make it a Spring Fling to remember!

🦋 Butterfly Releases 🦋

🦋 Ms. Smarty-Plants™ Pollinator Party 🦋 Storytime with Miss. Metamorphosis 🦋 Petting Zoo 🦋

🦋 Pollinator Themed Crafts 🦋 Food Trucks 🦋 Vendor Booths 🦋 Workshops

🦋 Landscape Design Consultations 🦋 Free Tool Sharpening 🦋 SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE! 🦋

The flutter of butterfly wings will soon be in the air; so, spring into step and register early for butterfly releases, workshops, and consultations at [TheGarden.org](http://TheGarden.org).



Let The Garden add a little "fabulous" to your event!

## Events & Happenings



Host  
Your **EVENT** at  
The Garden

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](http://TheGarden.org) or email [Angelina@TheGarden.org](mailto: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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## New Donor Wall

Thank you, Richard Wright!



## New Office Trailer

Thank you, Las Patronas & Pyro Spectaculars!

## New Facilities Cart

Thank you, Vince & Kay McGrath!



## New Children's Trail Activities

Thank you, Bonnie Scott!





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Visit [TheGarden.org/membership](http://TheGarden.org/membership).



## 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.

## THE garden NURSERY SPOTLIGHT

### El Plantio Nursery & Landscaping

1322 San Pasqual Valley Rd, Escondido, CA 92027



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Discount**

must present a valid membership card

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