

UC DAVIS ARBORETUM Review

No. 82 SPRING 2013

“Durable Delights” showcased at spring plant sales

Gorgeous and hearty plants that shine without much polish!

Ellen Zagory, Director of Horticulture

The UC Davis Arboretum horticulture team is constantly searching for new and interesting plants for the Arboretum gardens where they can be tested and evaluated for adaptability to our unique Valley conditions. The nursery sales team also works to make available unusual, interesting and more sustainable plant choices for your home landscape. While commercial wholesale nurseries constantly are offering new plants in an alluring variety of colors and forms, over the

years we have learned what consistently grows here and persists despite our hot summer, cool damp winters and sometimes heavy clay soils. I find it useful to periodically look at plants that we have had for a long time, and perhaps take for granted, but are attractive and useful in our gardens. The best plants are ones that demand little of our time for a big return in form, color, flower and durability, hence the name, “Durable Delights.” Some may need shade in the Central Valley but many are able to stand up and sparkle even with little irrigation in the hot summer sun.

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Achillea 'Coronation Gold'
coronation gold yarrow



Dasyllirion wheeleri
desert spoon



Saponaria x lempergii 'Max Frei'
hybrid soapwort



Delosperma cooperi
cerise hardy ice plant



SPRING PLANT SALES

9 AM - 1 PM
Arboretum Teaching Nursery
Garrod Drive, UC Davis
<http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu>

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday, April 6
Sunday, April 28
Saturday, May 18

DURABLE DELIGHTS: THE LIST

1. *Agave americana* 'Variegata', striped agave
2. *Delosperma cooperi*, cerise hardy ice plant
3. *Leucophyllum frutescens* 'Compactum' and 'Green Cloud', cenizo
4. *Muhlenbergia dubia*, Mexican deergrass
5. *Rosmarinus officinalis* 'Mozart', Ed Carman's rosemary
6. *Saponaria x lempergii* 'Max Frei', hybrid soapwort
7. *Bupleurum fruticosum*, shrubby hare's ear
8. *Achillea* 'Coronation Gold', coronation gold yarrow
9. *Salvia clevelandii* 'Winnifred Gilman', Winnifred Gilman Cleveland sage
10. *Anigozanthos* 'Amber Velvet', The Velvet Range™ kangaroo paw
11. *Perovskia atriplicifolia* 'Little Spire', little spire Russian sage
12. *Dasyllirion wheeleri*, desert spoon
13. *Iberis sempervirens*, evergreen candytuft
14. *Muhlenbergia capillaris*, pink muhly
15. *Bouteloua gracilis* 'Blonde Ambition', blonde ambition blue grama
16. *Salvia chamaedryoides*, Mexican blue sage
17. *Teucrium fruticans* 'Azureum', azure bush germander
18. *Beschorneria yuccoides*, Mexican lily
19. *Geranium x cantabrigiense* 'Biokovo', Biokovo cranesbill
20. *Epilobium canum* 'Sierra Salmon', Sierra salmon California fuchsia
21. *Carex oshimensis* 'Evergold', variegated Japanese sedge
22. *Viburnum tinus* 'Anvi', spirit viburnum
23. *Ajuga reptans* 'Catlin's Giant', Catlin's giant bugle
24. *Origanum* 'Marshall's Memory', Marshall's oregano
25. *Glandularia aristigera* (*Verbena tenuisecta*), moss verbena
26. *Garrya elliptica* 'Evie', Evie's silktassel
27. *Chondropetalum tectorum*, small Cape Rush
28. *Quercus tomentella*, Island oak
29. *Miscanthus sinensis* var. *condensatus* 'Cosmopolitan', cosmopolitan silver grass
30. *Juncus patens* 'Elk Blue', elk blue California gray rush

SPIKEY ACCENT FOLIAGE

Grasses, sedges and large succulents can be used to create drama and draw the eye upward, and as accents and contrast to more common, rounded plant forms. *Muhlenbergia dubia*, the Mexican deer grass is one of our most used Arboretum grasses for it is a tidy evergreen and requires little water or attention. The pink muhly, *Muhlenbergia capillaris*, a close relative, has been used on campus south of the Health and Wellness Center as well as along the new campus roundabout near the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science. Fluffy masses of delicate pink flowers and stems make this grass a

dreamy floating cloud when in bloom in fall. Those really seeking drama should consider *Miscanthus sinensis* var. *condensatus* 'Cosmopolitan', an excellent option for those wishing to replace invasive, noxious pampas grass with something of similar form. 'Cosmopolitan' will grow a stripey six to eight feet tall topped with bronzy fingers of flowers.

Large succulents are also tough performers that are useful to create this same sort of drama. *Agave americana* 'Variegata' is only half the size of its parent species, but still will grow to four feet tall by six feet wide. *Dasyliirion wheeleri*, or desert spoon, will make a spiral of blue in the landscape to four feet high and wide. Curved spines on the leaf edges make it a formidable plant useful for creating a barrier. Much softer *Beschorneria yuccoides* is a lovely succulent with blue-gray leaves without spines. There is one in a container at the Terrace Garden that has graced the garden with its large form for many years. This *Beschorneria* seems to like shade from the hottest afternoon summer sun. For smaller spaces where vertical form is desired, *Juncus patens* 'Elk Blue' produces blue-gray vertical foliage to about eighteen inches tall. Tolerant of moist conditions, it also will grow in dry shade.

FLOWERING EVERGREEN SHRUBS

Shrubs are an integral part of the garden, providing background, screening, focal points and flower color. Some of the toughest shrubs we know are also the most common. A rosemary somewhere in the garden will provide a lifetime supply for savory recipes and comes in a variety of forms and colors making it easy to place. Our favorite is *Rosmarinus officinalis* 'Mozart', a low, spreading form with beautiful dark blue flowers in winter and early spring. A cast-iron,



Muhlenbergia capillaris, pink muhly

no-maintenance plant, it is very drought-tolerant. Other low-water shrubs include two silver-foliaged plants: Texas ranger (*Leucophyllum frutescens* 'Compacta') and azure bush germander (*Teucrium fruticans* 'Azureum'). Bush germander delights in the winter months when the silvery foliage sports dark-blue flowers. Texas ranger, on the other hand, blooms when the weather is hot, its lavender-pink flowers a welcome sight on a hot summers day. Another for winter bloom, *Garrya elliptica* 'Evie' is a show stopper with flowers in ten-inch dangling tassels, like icicles dripping from the stems. A California native, *Garrya* needs good drainage. *Viburnum tinus* 'Anvi', the spirit viburnum also blooms in winter and very early spring with reddish buds opening to slightly fragrant white flowers. The cultivar 'Anvi' is a neat and compact form to only 4 feet tall, eliminating the need for pruning. *Bupleurum fruticosum*, shrubby hare's ear, is an unusual shrub that is extremely heat and drought tolerant and produces lime-green umbels of flowers in summer. On sites with decent soils, it would combine beautifully with the blue flowers of *Salvia chamaedryoides* and *Salvia* 'Winnifred Gilman'.

PERENNIAL FLOWERS AND CARPET PLANTS

Flowering perennials are the lights of the garden, producing seasonal color and change as they emerge, bloom and



Iberis sempervirens evergreen candytuft

fade. Some tough old customers are Russian sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia* 'Little Spire'), which makes a lavender-purple cloud of bloom and *Achillea* 'Coronation Gold,' with clear yellow, flat-topped clusters. Both popular with beneficial pollinators, they do double duty as nectar and pollen

sources. For sunny, dry areas you might try *Epilobium canum* 'Sierra Salmon' with its salmon-pink flowers and accompany it with *Bouteloua gracilis* 'Blonde Ambition' with its larger and paler flower heads even more showy than the straight species.

For shade, *Iberis sempervirens* is a tough and dependable mat-forming plant smothered with white flowers in spring. *Geranium x cantabrigiense* 'Biokovo' has shiny scalloped leaves that spread slowly and produce delicate pale pink flowers even in dry shade. *Ajuga reptans* 'Catlin's Giant' will produce a fabulous show of long dark-blue flowers. A few puffs of the variegated *Carex oshimensis* 'Evergold' planted with it will brighten up even the darkest corner of the garden.

To carpet the ground in sunny areas, consider the apple-green foliage of *Delosperma cooperi*, which covers itself with brilliant purple flowers in summer. The perennial *Saponaria x lempergii* 'Max Frei' will thrive in hot sun and reward you with months of pink flowers in summer— so thick you can't see the plant's foliage. Also *Origanum* 'Marshall's Memory,' named for plantsman Marshall Olbrich of Western Hills nursery, will delight with a long season of pink-purple blooms to one foot tall and two to three feet wide.

We look forward to seeing you at this season's spring sales where we can provide you with plants that will be durable delights in your garden for years to come.

Donor spotlight: The legacy of Arley Firch

Suzanne Ullensvang, Resource Development Manager



Arley Firch

A wonderful place to pause when visiting the east end of the Arboretum is a pair of benches in the Australian collection, overlooking the waterway. These two benches and a nearby boulder and plaque were dedicated in 2002 to honor the memory of a devoted Arboretum volunteer and generous donor, Arley Firch. It's a place surrounded by beautiful native Australian plants and bustling with ducks, wildlife and people enjoy-

ing the Arboretum—a fitting site to honor a man who was a vibrant and beloved member of the community.

Arley started volunteering with the Arboretum in 1971 when he helped with the iris gardens that surrounded the Gazebo in what was then a very remote section of the Arboretum. He often volunteered to work on labor-intensive special projects, such as building retaining walls or installing waterway gabions, and participated in a weekly gardening crew from 1993 until 1998. Since Arley was born on a farm and owned a fruit and dairy farm prior to moving to Davis, he loved the chance to be outdoors working with plants alongside other people from the community.

Arley was well known in town since he worked for 18 years delivering mail for the Davis Post Office, mostly on a downtown route where he befriended business owners and residents. In 1982 he became a local celebrity by walking through a hostage situation during a bank robbery to calmly deliver a letter. In addition to volunteering at the Arboretum,

he also contributed his time and money to numerous community projects ranging from athletics to music.

In his will, Arley left a generous bequest to the UC Davis Arboretum so that he could continue to help the Arboretum flourish even after his death in 1998. Arley's sense of community also lives on through his sister Gladys. Like Arley, Gladys and her husband, Ed, have been devoted Arboretum volunteers, helping at the Friends plants sales and for many years working on a weekly volunteer garden team and as a docent.

Next time you are walking in the Australian collection, take a moment to rest on "Arley's benches" and reflect on this gregarious man who touched the Arboretum, and people throughout the community, with his generous spirit.



Arley's sister and devoted Arboretum volunteer, Gladys Cosens, next to Arley's boulder in the Australian collection.

This is one in a series of periodic articles to highlight donors who have made an impact on the Arboretum through their gifts of time, establishment of named endowments or generous bequests. To learn more about creating a permanent endowment, including the Arboretum in your will or trust, or making a tribute or memorial dedication in the Arboretum please contact Suzanne Ullensvang, sullensvang@ucdavis.edu or (530) 752-8324.

STAFF NEWS

Missy Gable



We are proud to welcome *back* Missy Gable as our Public Engagement Manager. While pursuing her Master of Science in Environmental Horticulture at UC Davis, Missy enjoyed a graduate fellowship with the Arboretum focusing her research on enhancing education within the Arboretum gardens. Most recently

Missy served as program manager for the UC Davis California Center for Urban Horticulture (CCUH) where her duties included launching, marketing and promoting the Arboretum All-Star program. Missy's passion for horticulture, education and leadership fits seamlessly with our mission and vision.

Janelle Imaoka



We are incredibly lucky to welcome back Janelle Imaoka as our Nursery Assistant! She will be filling this position while we search for Francesca's permanent replacement. (See story below.) Janelle was our nursery student employee from 2009 to 2012 when she graduated with a degree in landscape architecture. Quite different

from her student position, this job gives Janelle a much more in-depth, "behind-the-scenes" look at our nursery and plant sales. Her fantastic organizational skills, eye for detail and warm nature, make Janelle a huge asset to our team during this transition.

Francesca Claverie



After almost two years as Assistant Nursery Manager, we would like to wish Francesca Claverie a fond farewell as she heads on to new adventures. Francesca came on staff as Nursery Assistant in Spring 2011 before earning a permanent staff position as Assistant Nursery Manager. While on staff, Francesca truly demonstrated what it is to be a team player. Always positive, she shined when working with volunteers, students and staff, and was always ready to lend a hand where needed. Francesca was critical in the success of the nursery and plant sales, and was able to use her strengths to develop new volunteer leadership positions, as well as cohesively unite team members with her warm and communal spirit. Francesca is next headed to an internship with Native Seed Search, in Arizona, before traveling to France for an extended stay with family. She plans to then pursue her Masters in Horticulture.

Winter GATEways Events

(Gardens, Arts, & The Environment)

Your membership in and gifts to the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum help fund these and other educational programs for our community. Thank you!

All photos by Arboretum volunteer Susie Nishio.



Above Arboretum Ambassador Mira Parkeh assists an attendee in crafting a beaded piece of art.



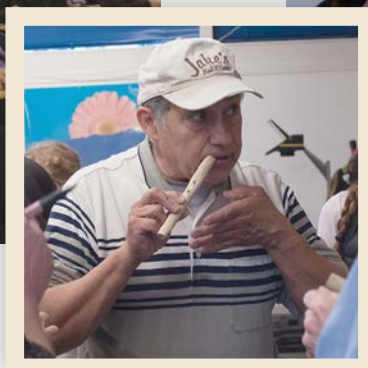
Below Arboretum Ambassadors enlist the participation of their audience to help perform the stories.

ELDERBERRY FLUTE-MAKING WORKSHOP



Above In February, close to 100 participated in one of our more popular annual events, the elderberry flute-making workshop.

Right Antonio Flores, East Bay Regional Parks docent, demonstrates the proper technique for playing this instrument.



Above Attendees practice playing their newly created elderberry flutes.

Friends Fundraising News

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: WE DID IT!

Thank you to everyone who showed their love for the Arboretum through gifts to the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum year-end appeal! This year a special matching challenge from Dr. Eric Conn inspired exceptional generosity from many Friends supporters. Dr. Conn pledged to match dollar-for-dollar each unrestricted gift or tribute gift made to the annual appeal, up to a grand total of \$30,000.

Over 175 donors responded with extraordinary support. Their combined gifts allowed the Friends to exceed the annual appeal goal of \$30,000 and guarantee the full \$30,000 matching gift from Dr. Conn. We thank Dr. Conn for his leadership in encouraging others to become life-long supporters of the Arboretum and to each of the donors who contributed to the Friends appeal. Your gifts make the Arboretum grow stronger!

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP & WIN!

In honor of the Arboretum's 75th anniversary, we invite you to join or renew your membership in the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum between March 3 and May 18 and be entered to win one of three \$75 gift certificates good towards the purchase of Arboretum plants and merchandise at our seasonal plant sales.

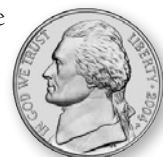
WHOLE FOODS: NICKELS FOR NON-PROFITS



The Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum thank Whole Foods and Whole Foods customers for their generous support! Whole Foods representatives selected

the Friends as the first recipient of the Nickels for Nonprofit partnership at the new Davis store. From the store grand opening through January 13, Whole Foods invited customers using reusable shopping bags to donate their nickel bag credits to the Friends. The store also donated collections in change tins at each register. This resulted in a gift of \$1,388—that's a lot of nickels—29,260 to be exact!

The UC Davis Arboretum and Whole Foods share a commitment to sustainability and education. We are grateful for the community partnership of Whole Foods that helps the Friends support the public gardens and programs at the Arboretum.



Public Plant Sales

9am-1pm, Arboretum Teaching Nursery
Garrod Drive, UC Davis

Saturday, April 6

Sunday, April 28

Saturday, May 18



DONATE YOUR USED SHOVEL!

During plant sale hours we're collecting 400 shovels for a future campus and city sculpture project. Find out more by visiting our website: <http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu>.

Family Programs

PICNIC DAY

Saturday, April 20

- Common House Productions free performance, 10am, of Larry Shue's *The Foreigner*, at the Wyatt Deck. Visit our Wyatt Deck eco photo-booth after the play until 3pm.
- Come see our Parade Float, 10:10am-noon, campus & downtown
- Enjoy seed-bombing, eco-pot making, and face-painting at our table in the Vanderhoef Quad, 10am-3pm.

TURTLE TALK & TOUR

Sunday, April 28, 1-3pm, Wyatt Deck

UCD students Jennifer McKenzie & Robyn Screen will discuss the history of turtles in the Arboretum and present their recent research on the effect of invasive, introduced turtles on the native turtles. A tour will follow on the "turtle hot spots" in the Arboretum waterway.

STORYTIME THROUGH THE SEASONS: LOS COLORES DE PRIMAVERA (THE COLORS OF SPRING)

Sunday, May 5, 1-3pm, Wyatt Deck

Discover Latin American culture and the colors of spring in the Arboretum in this outdoor reading event for children and families. Join us for traditional stories, games, crafts, and more. Sponsored by UC Davis Arboretum Ambassadors and Target.

BUGTOPIA 2.0: DISCOVER EVERYDAY INSECTS

Sunday, May 19, 1-3pm, Gazebo

Learn about the hidden insect wonders of the Arboretum from Arboretum Ambassadors Melissa Cruz and Mira Parekh. Tour the collections and learn insect names, trapping methods, and ecology.

STORYTIME THROUGH THE SEASONS: DOWN UNDER THE EUCALYPTUS

Sunday, June 1, 1-3pm, Meet at the south end of Parking Lot 10, near A and 1st St.

Explore the natural and cultural world of Australia in this program for children and families. Take part in readings and hands-on activities about traditional Australian culture in the Arboretum's spectacular Australian Collection. Sponsored by the Arboretum Ambassadors and Target.

WILD FAMILY DAY

Sunday, June 2, 1-3pm, Gazebo

Join Wild Campus in partnership with the Arboretum for our second annual Wild Family Day! Wild Campus is a UC Davis student organization dedicated to the conservation of wildlife in Davis. Enjoy fun games and activities for all ages, as well as educational displays and even live animals! For more information, email wildcampus@ucdavis.edu.

Camp Shakespeare Sign-ups



Camp Shakespeare is back for its third year! Join the Davis Shakespeare Ensemble in the UC Davis Arboretum for exciting theater games, acting workshops, and a special camp production of *As You Like It*! Also, this year we are adding a session just for teenagers!

Camp runs Monday-Friday from 9am - 3pm with options for early drop off and late pick up. For more information and to enroll online, please visit www.shakespeare.ucdavis.com.

Session I (Ages 13-17)
July 8 – July 12

Session II (Ages 7-12)
July 15 – July 26

Session III (Ages 7-12)
July 29 – August 9

Guided Tours

WALK WITH ELLEN

Wednesday, April 10, Noon, Gazebo

Explore the west end gardens with the Arboretum's Director of Horticulture, Ellen Zagory.

ETHNOBOTANICAL PLANT WALK AND MEDITATION

Saturday, April 13, 2pm, Wyatt Deck

Learn about traditional uses of California native plants from the Arboretum Ambassadors, and enjoy a guided meditation and tea brewed from native plants.

GARDEN IDEAS GALORE

Sunday, April 14, 2pm, Arboretum Terrace Garden

From containers to companion plants, get easy ideas for your home garden during this spring tour of the Arboretum's Terrace Garden.



WHAT'S NEW IN THE NATIVE PLANT GARDEN?

Saturday, April 27, 2pm, Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center

Tour the recently renovated pathways and plantings in the Mary Watis Brown Garden of California Native Plants for examples of native plants that work well in home landscapes.

WALK WITH WARREN

Wednesday, May 8, Noon, Gazebo

Take a walking tour of gardens in and around Shields Grove with master plantsman Warren Roberts, Arboretum superintendent emeritus.

WATER-WISE...AND COLORFUL!

Saturday, May 11, 2pm, Storer

A water-conserving garden can be full of flair. See what colors are popping in the Ruth Risdon Storer Garden this spring.

WALK WITH WARREN

Wednesday, June 12, Noon, Gazebo

Enjoy amazing botanical tales during a leisurely garden stroll with Warren Roberts, Arboretum superintendent emeritus.

Arts & Letters

Common House Productions in collaboration with the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum present:

THE FOREIGNER BY LARRY SHUE

April 18, 19, 21: 8pm

FREE PICNIC DAY PERFORMANCE Sat April 20: 10am

April 25 – April 28: 8pm

Wyatt Deck

Join us for a show complete with grits, debutantes, and chipmunks. Watch what happens when Charlie Baker, a “foreigner,” discovers what everyone assumes is lost in translation. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students, seniors, and children. For more information and to reserve tickets, please e-mail commonhouseproductions@gmail.com or visit www.commonhouseproductions.com

POETRY IN THE GARDEN: MARIAM AHMED

Thursday, April 25, Noon-1pm, Wyatt Deck

Mariam Ahmed grew up in Folsom, CA and studied English Literature as an undergraduate at UC Davis. She enjoys organizing poetry slams and open mic nights featuring local artists, poets, and musicians.

YOGA IN THE ARBORETUM

Saturday, May 4, noon-1pm, Fire pit near Putah Creek Lodge

Join us for an hour of gentle yoga appropriate for people of all skill levels led by certified yoga instructor Loshan Ostrava, who teaches in UCD's Experimental College. Dress comfortably. Please bring a towel or yoga mat, as well as your water bottle. Sponsored by the Arboretum Ambassadors.

POETRY IN THE GARDEN: ZACH WATKINS

Thursday, May 30, Noon-1pm, Wyatt Deck

Zach ‘OmegaZ’ Watkins is a composer and poet living in Sacramento. He graduated from CSU Hayward (now CSU East Bay) with a Bachelor of Arts in music.

2ND ANNUAL MA FAREWELL READING

Wednesday, June 12, 7pm, Wyatt Deck

The Creative Writing MA program and the Arboretum present the 2nd annual student reading on Wyatt Deck. Graduating writers will read selections from their theses.

Davis Shakespeare Ensemble and Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum present:

AS YOU LIKE IT

June 13-June 30, Thursday-Saturday at 8pm, Sundays at 6:30pm

Thurs. June 13: Preview performance, \$5 off all ticket prices

Gazebo, 1 Garrod Drive, Davis, CA

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students/seniors, and \$10 for children 12 and under. For more information and to reserve tickets, visit www.shakespearedavis.com.

FOLK MUSIC JAM SESSIONS

Alternate Fridays, April 12 & 26; May 10 & 24; June 7 & 21, 12-1pm, Wyatt Deck

Folk musicians are invited to bring their acoustic instruments and play together informally over the lunch hour. All skill levels are welcome, and listeners are invited.

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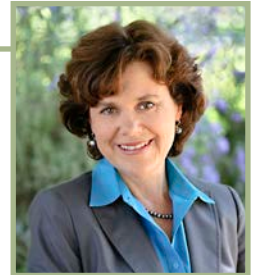
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From the Director



Dear Friends,

Spring is definitely in the air, and we are looking forward to a great plant sale season at the Arboretum. We hope you will support the Arboretum by attending one of our plant sales in April and May (see page 1). Be sure to take home some of our featured “Durable Delights,” 30 fool-proof plants that look great with very little maintenance and water.

We could not continue to showcase sustainable gardening plants and techniques, maintain our collections or offer so many educational programs without the generous support of you, our members, donors and plant sale customers. I want to take this moment for a special thank you to Dr. Eric Conn for his substantial matching challenge gift during the Friends’ Annual Appeal (see page 4). Many amazing Friends and donors stepped up to make this appeal our very best ever! In addition, I want to thank Whole Foods and its customers for donating over \$1,300 to the Friends through the Nickels for Nonprofits program, one nickel at a time!

We also have some special donors who leave a legacy for the Arboretum as part of their estate plans. In this issue we are recognizing the wonderful contributions of Arley Firch (see page 3). Arley was a long-time volunteer and left a significant bequest to the Arboretum upon his death in 1998. Arley’s sister and brother-in-law, Gladys and Ed Cosens, have also volunteered for many years. You’ll see them at our spring plant sales where Ed keeps a tally of customers and Gladys serves as a cashier. If you are interested in leaving a legacy gift for the Arboretum, please contact Suzanne Ullensvang, our Resource Development Manager.

As you know, there are many ways to enjoy the Arboretum, especially in the spring. You’ll see an extra full slate of programs on page 5 and 6, including family programs, theater productions, summer camp, tours and more. A special way to leave your mark on the Arboretum this spring is to donate a used shovel at our plant sales (see page 5). Your shovel will become part of an amazing art piece in our newest garden, the California Native Plant GATEway Garden, to be built at the east end of the Arboretum (stay tuned for more information in future newsletters).

Looking forward to seeing you in the garden,

Kathleen