A note from Carmia…

Fall is in full swing here at the Arboretum and I wanted to tell you about some of the changes going on this season.

The biggest change is the opening of the beautiful new Arboretum Teaching Nursery (ATN). Many volunteer groups and staff have been working hard preparing for the opening of the ATN. Thank you to everyone who has pitched in to make this happen, especially our outstanding nursery teams and plant sale team leaders!

The Grand Opening of the ATN for the October 4th Plant Faire is sure to be a festive premier. The Faire will begin with the members-only pre-sale from 8:00 to 10:00 am. The general public is welcome from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Don’t miss this event!

The Friends Nursery Appeal Campaign is well underway and has raised over $22,000 toward the $100,000 goal. Funds raised are being used to pay for enhancements to the ATN. Donors to date were invited to a special thank you event hosted by the FODA Board on Friday, September 26th at the Nursery. Thanks to all of you who have already made a pledge to this campaign. The campaign is ongoing so additional contributions are welcome and appreciated.

I also have staff changes to announce. In early September, Suzanne Ullensvang started as our new Resource Development Manager at the Arboretum. Suzanne will be working in a variety of areas including: volunteer management (including the BARK), developing plans for expanded uses of the new ATN; community outreach related to the GATEways project; and working with the volunteer leaders. Prior to joining the Arboretum staff, she was Executive Director of the Explorit Science Center.

On a sadder note, Susan Macaulay’s temporary position with us ended in August. We thank her for everything she did for the Arboretum while she was here. We are also saying farewell to staff member Holly Crosson. She is moving on to live part-time in Oregon but looks forward to staying in touch with the people and plans of the Arboretum. We thank Holly for all she has contributed in her years as Interpretation Coordinator, and prior to that as a volunteer. Suzanne will be filling in to assist with the docent program coordination until hiring is completed for a new Interpretation Coordinator.

Thanks again for the many ways you help support the Arboretum and I look forward to seeing you at the Plant Faire!

Carmia

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Announcements

Call for Special Projects Volunteers

In an effort to make our educational programs more accessible to a wider audience, we are looking for an American Sign Language (ASL) translator to work at programs for which translation services are requested. The hours would vary by season, with a rather small time commitment required overall. If you or anyone you know would enjoy this opportunity, please contact Suzanne.

Ellen Zagory is looking for volunteers interested in learning about garden insects and the plants they visit. She hopes to create an informal, weekly “study group” to meet and discuss insect orders, characteristics of insects, how to distinguish one group from another, and how to collect, examine and identify bees, butterflies, and beetles. This will be a hands-on project, designed to figure out the tools and resources needed to document insects that use the Arboretum plants. Interested teams of volunteers may wish to continue their interests by selecting an individual group to explore, such as bees or butterflies. Ellen will assist with the use of guides, and access to available experts. This study group would only be active in the warmer seasons when the insects are most active. If you are interested, please email Ellen at emzagory@ucdavis.edu or call 752-3145 and leave a message.
Volunteer Crew Updates

Plant Sale Leadership Update

We are so fortunate to have the services of Lorna Belden, Dorothy Brandon, Joe Frankenfield, Carolyn Hinshaw, Mary Horton, Carol Knight, Kathryn Shack, Janet Thatcher, Ginny Vaughn, and Georgie Waugh, who have provided excellent recommendations for policies and procedures at our plant sales. Their guidance, enthusiasm, and direction has resulted in larger and more profitable plant sales. We are very grateful to them for their tremendous contributions to the Arboretum.

In anticipation of the move to the new ATN, Arboretum staff and the FODA Board have been refining the plant sale process. It has become apparent that we need to constitute a different configuration for running our plant sales. To this end, we will be forming small, targeted volunteer teams to manage specific plant sale tasks.

Our new team leaders include: Lorna Belden, Jim Fowler, Heather Jones, Christine Joshel, Kend Linderholm, Pat Miller, Shirley Maus, Walt Moseley, Anabel Sanicky, Kathryn Shack, Lyn Taylor, Janet Thatcher, and Ginny Vaughn. Many thanks to Kathy Olson and Mary Patterson for coordinating the transition to our new team leaders. Thank you!

Our Busy Propagators

Our teams of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday propagators have been busy this summer. Lyn Taylor, Charlotte Davis, Nancy Foster, Nancy Baum, Nova Poff, Mike Ozonoff, Jim Fowler, Walt Moseley, Christine Joshel, and Kathryn Shack have been helping to re-pot our 4-inch plants into gallon containers in preparation for the fall sale. Weeding and trimming has also been occurring thanks to Frances Andrews, Anabel Sanicky, Gerald Dickinson, Doris Yano, Liz Drye, Bryan Holcomb, Mary Horton, Heather Jones, Kend Linderholm, Marilyn Mansfield, Kathy Olson, and Bonnie Sandrock. Lorna Belden, Florence Breidenbach, Nancy Crosby, Jeanne Enos, Pat Miller, Marti Parks, Rena Smilkstein, Elizabeth Stemler, Ginny Vaughn, Georgie Waugh, and Helen Youngs will also be involved as we continue to move plants to the new ATN. When you next see one of our Propagators, please be sure to thank them for all of the weeding, trimming, repotting, and plant moving they have been doing all summer.

Arboretum on the Air

11:05 a.m., KSTE Radio 650 AM

Home gardeners heard UC Davis Arboretum Superintendent Warren Roberts chatting with host Fred Hoffman on the popular radio gardening show, “Get Growing with Farmer Fred”, on Sunday, September 28 at 11:05 a.m. on KSTE, 650 AM.

Warren discussed plants which are blooming now in the Arboretum and highlighted upcoming Arboretum special events.

New T-shirts are here!

Two varieties of T-shirts are now available for sale at the Arboretum headquarters. One is our lovely dark green “Plant Faire 2008” shirt. The second is a buff colored shirt featuring the Arboretum logo. Both are available in sizes S through XXL. $15 each or $13.50 for members. Shirts will be sold at the Plant Faire, too.
Upcoming Workshops:

Botanical Watercolor Workshop: “Arboretum-inspired Holiday Gift-wrap, Tags, and Cards”
Sunday, November 9, 2008
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Cost: $75 for Friends of the Arboretum and students, $85 for general public (includes materials fee).

Looking for a creative way to get ready for the holidays? Botanical watercolor instructor, Catherine Buscaglia, will provide the materials and instructions to create Arboretum-inspired botanical gift wrap, tags, and cards for the winter holidays. This workshop is open to beginning, intermediate, and advanced watercolor students. Participants should bring a sack lunch.

To sign up for the workshop, download the “Event Registration” form at our website, http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu. Please send your completed form, with payment, to UC Davis Arboretum, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. Upon receipt of payment, you will be mailed a confirmation letter with the location of the workshop, as well as further details. For more information about the workshop, contact Elaine Fingerett at efingerett@ucdavis.edu or call 752-4880.

Art/Science Fusion Ceramics Workshops
Tuesday evenings, Oct. 7 – Nov. 18 (except Nov. 11); 6 – 9pm
Free but registration required; To register, please call 752-4880 or email eifaber@ucdavis.edu

You are invited to join the Art/Science Fusion team, Donna Billick and Diane Ullman, in creating ceramic tiles for a next ceramic mosaic in the Arboretum. You will be given the skills and materials to contribute clay oak leaves, acorns and associated fauna to the ceramic mosaic mural that will be exhibited on the restroom building wall adjacent to the Shields Oak Grove. Please contact Betsy Faber at 754-8179 for more information.

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Fall Volunteer Training Cancelled for 2008

Due to the focus on opening our new Teaching Nursery this fall, the Arboretum will not be offering its usual fall Volunteer Training in 2008. However if people contact the Arboretum with an interest in volunteering, Suzanne will discuss various opportunities with them and determine if a match can be made with an existing volunteer team. If so, they will be “apprenticed” into an existing volunteer team and asked to take the full core training the next time it is offered.

Docent Reminder for Spring Free Tour Schedule

A reminder to docents that the deadline for signing up for the spring Free Public Tour schedule is coming up in early November. If you have interest in doing particular types of tours, please let Shirley Maus [shirleymaus@sbcglobal.net] know so she can get in touch with you when filling in the schedule.

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Calendar of Events

Friday, October 3rd, 17th, 31st, FOLK MUSIC JAM: noon, Wyatt Deck
Saturday, October 4th, PLANT SALE: Members only 8:00 am to 10:00 am; public hours 10-3
Wednesday, October 8th, TOUR: Walk with Warren, noon, Gazebo
Friday, October 10th, OPENING NIGHT: A Centennial Reading of the English Department Creative Writing Faculty in the Arboretum, 7:00 pm, Wyatt Deck
Saturday, October 11th, TOUR: California Native Plants and Fire, 11:00am, Redwood Grove
Sunday, October 12th, ARBORETUM ADVENTURES: Practicing Native Culture, 1:00pm to 3:00 pm, Wyatt Deck
Sunday, October 19th, TOUR: Traditional uses of Native Plants, 2:00pm, Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center
Saturday, October 25th, TOUR: Arboretum Oak Trees, 11:00am, Gazebo
Saturday, November 1st, TOUR: Autumn in the California Native Plant Collection, 11:00am, Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center
Sunday, November 9th, TOUR: More Color in your Garden, 2:00pm, Gazebo
Wednesday, November 12th, TOUR: Walk with Warren, noon, Gazebo
Friday, November 14th, FOLK MUSIC JAM: noon, Wyatt Deck
Saturday, November 15th, TOUR: Bicycle Tour, 11:00am, Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center
Sunday, November 23rd, TOUR: Birds in the Garden, 2:00pm, Arboretum Headquarters