OAK DISCOVERY DAY

Sunday, May 2nd, 1 to 4 pm
Shields Oak Grove, UC Davis Arboretum
(near the Gazebo and the Vet Med Complex)

Come spend the afternoon in the Arboretum’s beautiful oak collection, stroll the newly constructed Oak Discovery Trail, and enjoy oak-related activities for all ages.

Schedule of Events

1:30 pm – Arbor Day Ceremony
Celebrate our community’s commitment to trees in the Arboretum, UC Davis, and the City of Davis.

2:00 pm – Song-writing Workshop
Learn to serenade the trees with singer-songwriter Dave Nachmanoff.

3:00 pm – Sudden Oak Death Talk
Learn the latest about this oak disease from UC Davis plant pathologist David Rizzo.

Enjoy these activities all afternoon:

- **Guided Tours of Shields Oak Grove** (1:15 pm, 1:45 pm, 2:15 pm, 2:45 pm, 3:15 pm)
  Take a tour with a volunteer docent to learn about the amazing diversity of oaks in the Arboretum’s scientific collection.

- **Art/Science Fusion Ceramic Creations**
  Make a ceramic tile depicting a leaf or acorn from the oak grove with Art/Science Fusion program directors Diane Ullman and Donna Billick.

- **Natural History Cabinet of Curiosities**
  Peruse animal, insect, and plant specimens from the UC Davis natural history museums —the Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology, the Bohart Museum of Entomology, and the Center for Plant Diversity.

- **Native American Cultural Demonstrations**
  Diana Almendariz, a native Californian cultural interpreter, will demonstrate the traditional preparation of acorns for food. Arboretum Ambassador intern Alapay Flores will also have information about her work with Seventh Generation Nation to beautify the DQU campus.

- **Nature Crafts for Kids of All Ages**
  Have fun with the Arboretum Ambassador interns and Arboretum naturalists making leaf and bark rubbings to explore oak shapes and textures. Take inspiration from fungi to create paper bag “mushrooms” for a large scale temporary art installation in Shields Oak Grove in coordination with The Spore Project.
Tree Information and Advice
Get information from Tree Davis, the City of Davis, and West Coast Arborists about selecting and caring for the trees in your yard.

International Oak Society Information
Learn about the International Oak Society, a worldwide association of oak enthusiasts. Douglas McCreary, a University of California expert on oak woodland management will answer questions about California oaks.

Bake Sale
Pick up an oak leaf or acorn-shaped cookie and support the Arboretum’s student environmental leadership program.

About Shields Oak Grove
The UC Davis Arboretum’s oak collection is our most important scientific collection, thanks in large part to the work of the late Dr. John M. Tucker, a former Arboretum director and lifelong oak scholar. The full oak collection contains 578 oak specimens which represent 96 kinds of oaks.

The bulk of the UC Davis Arboretum’s oak collection resides in Shields Oak Grove, a 10-acre grove at the west end of the Arboretum. Most of the trees were planted from the early 1960s to the early 1970s, and many have grown into impressive mature specimens. Unique features of Shields Oak Grove include large collections of oaks from California, the Mediterranean region, Mexico, and Central America as well as an unusual series of experimental hybrid oaks created by Dr. Walter Cottam.

The Arboretum recently received funding from the Institute of Museum of Library Services to make Shields Oak Grove more physically and intellectually accessible to visitors with the development of an interpretive trail -the Oak Discovery Trail. When the project is completed in fall of 2010, the trail will not only serve as a physical pathway to guide visitors through the collection, but also a rich educational resource with plant labels, interpretive signs, ceramic mosaic art, and a cell phone audio tour.

Getting to Shields Oak Grove
Take I-80 to the UC Davis exit. Go north into central campus. Turn left at the first opportunity. Go straight across the creek, then turn left on La Rue Road. Continue on La Rue, turn left on Garrod Drive and turn left again at the T in the road. Follow Garrod until you see the Gazebo on your left. Parking is available in Visitor Lots 54 and 55 or on the street. Campus parking is free on weekends.