Susan’s Corner

We have much to celebrate as we head into the summer months here at the Arboretum. We had a wonderful, albeit windy, send-off for Orchard Park Nursery in May.

Our new Teaching Nursery continues to grow and the Arboretum’s gardens are full of volunteers keeping them beautiful. In addition to that, we are already beginning to plan for our October 4, 2008 plant sale and our 2008 fall volunteer training class.

Thanks to all of you who were able to join us at our Volunteer Appreciation party on June 11th. The weather cooperated (except for a bit of wind) to help make it a great event. Bob Gregoire, with friend Glenn, and Ryan Deering took charge of the grill area and got us all fed in fine fashion. Side dishes filled out the meal. The perfect summer dessert of ice cream and cookies (prepared by Emily Griswold and Beth Gale) was delicious.

Diane Cary, Lisa Chaffee, Beth Gale, and Judy Hayes all helped with the beautiful packets of note cards (using images of original paintings of the Arboretum by Marie-Therese Brown).

Ellen Zagory and Betsy Faber handled the gorgeous centerpieces and decorations. Twelve lucky volunteers got to take home their centerpieces as raffle prizes. Eighteen lucky volunteers won the raffle organized by Carmia Feldman and Holly Crosson and got to pick their raffle prizes. The gifts were donated by staff members in appreciation of our wonderful volunteers.

Because it saves our precious resources, we will continue to send the BARK electronically, so please remember to email me at skmacaulay@ucdavis.edu if you’d like your copy sent via email rather than through the US mail.

Enjoy your summer - I look forward to seeing you out and about in the Arboretum.

Susan

Fall Plant Faire - October 4, 2008

It’s time to mark your calendars for our Fall Plant Faire. Save Saturday, October 4th, 2008 for the inaugural plant sale at the new Teaching Nursery. We are starting to sign up volunteers for the sale, so please call Susan at 752-4880 to get on the plant sale volunteer list.

2008 Volunteer Training

Our next volunteer training class will begin in October; classes will be held on Thursday mornings. If you know people who might be interested, please have them call 752-4880 to get on the training class list. We are also looking for one or two current volunteers to help with the class. Let Susan know if you’d like to help out.

General Announcement

In an effort to make the Arboretum’s educational programs more accessible to a wider audience and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), we will provide disability accommodations for all programs with advanced notice. Visitors can call, fax, or e-mail their request to the Arboretum at least two weeks in advance of the educational program. We want our volunteers to be aware of this service and let members of your community know that our programs are accessible to all audiences.
Farewell to Orchard Park Nursery

Approximately 40 hearty Arboretum volunteers and staff braved the hurricane force winds on May 22nd, 2008 to join in a final snack at OPN.

In spite of the gale force winds, we had a great time reminiscing about all of the fun times we have had there. Everyone was invited to grab a shovel and dig up any remaining plants to take home.

Moving out of Orchard Park Nursery

Beth Gale and Lisa Chaffee coordinated and led two teams as we moved our plants from Orchard Park Nursery into their interim locations around the campus. Over 20 volunteers helped load and unload plants at various locations.
Update on the new Teaching Nursery

We know many of you have gone by the new Teaching Nursery on a regular basis and have seen how fast it is changing. For those of you who haven’t had a chance to get by and see it, you will be pleased to know that the shade structure has been completed and the shade cloth is in the process of going up.

We are very excited about the upcoming inaugural Plant Faire on Saturday, October 4th. Please be sure to mark your calendar with that date and let Susan (752-4880) know if you are available to volunteer at the sale.

Our Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum Board has issued a challenge to the rest of the Arboretum members to invest in the new Nursery. The University is covering the cost of the nursery infrastructure, but the Arboretum is raising funds for additional features that will make the nursery more attractive and easier to use, and to help build our income-generating and outreach capacity.

The Board has contributed over $5,000 to get the campaign started, and the goal is to raise at least $100,000 for this great new outreach facility.

All donors to the Nursery Fund will be invited to a special nursery preview party in September 2008. Donors of $500 or more will receive special recognition on a permanent sign at the nursery.

The Nursery Appeal will begin in July (check your mail), so please consider helping. Your contributions will provide for the demonstration planting beds, signs and banners, paths and a sidewalk, and nursery checkout equipment.

Company matching contributions will be accepted for this campaign; this is a great way to double your investment in the new Nursery! Please contact your employer to find out about their policy for matching contributions.

Call for Special Projects Volunteer

Special Projects Volunteer Needed: In an effort to make our educational programs more accessible to a wider audience, we are looking 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 Susan Macaulay, skmacaulay@ucdavis.edu, 530 752-4880.
Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 6th, TOUR: July Color in the Storer Garden, 10:00am, Gazebo
Wednesday, July 9th, TOUR: Walk with Warren, noon, Gazebo
Saturday, July 12th, TOUR: The World of the Coast Redwood, 10:00am, Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center
Sunday, July 20th, TOUR: More Color in your Garden, 10:00am, Gazebo
Friday, July 25th, FOLK MUSIC JAM: noon, Wyatt Deck
Saturday, July 26th, TOUR: Mediterranean Garden Style, 10:00am, Terrace Garden
Saturday, August 2nd, TOUR: Australian Plants for Valley Gardens, 10:00am, A Street Bridge
Sunday, August 10th, TOUR: Choosing the Right Plants for your Valley-Wise Garden, 10:00am, Gazebo
Wednesday, August 13th, TOUR: Walk with Warren, noon, Gazebo
Saturday, August 16th, TOUR: Improve your Container Gardening, 10:00am, Terrace Garden
Sunday, August 24th, TOUR: Roses for Central Valley Gardeners, 10:00am, Gazebo
Sunday, August 31st, TOUR: Color and Foliage in the Garden, 10:00am, Terrace Garden