

## California Native Plants Featured at the Fall Plant Faire and Sale

Ellen Zagory, Director of Horticulture



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California goldenrod (*Solidago californica* 'Cascade Creek') bears bright yellow flowers in summer and fall that attract butterflies and beneficial insects.

### FALL PLANT SALES

**Saturday, September 25**  
(note date change)

*Fall Plant Faire*

*Focus on California Native Plants*

Member sale 9–11 AM

Public sale 11 AM–1 PM

**Saturday, October 16**

*Fall is for Planting*

Public sale 9 AM–1 PM

Arboretum Teaching Nursery

***Due to an unavoidable conflict, we have moved the Fall Plant Faire and Sale from October 2 to Saturday, September 25. Don't miss this opportunity to get a jump on your fall planting!***

Gardeners are often conservationists, not only through conscious motives but also through serendipity. We love plants, care for them and watch them grow (or not grow sometimes) to surround ourselves with their beauty. Gardeners are also often naturalists, observing the insects visiting flowers, enjoying hiking in wild places, and appreciating the marvelous diversity of our beautiful state. It seems a natural progression to bring native plants from the wild into our gardens, linking our own landscapes to the natural ones around us and providing shelter for birds, butterflies, pollinators and other beneficial insects.

With study and observation, gardens provide portals to the complexity of the natural world, places filled with astounding creatures that do not mold their environment (as humans have) but evolve as part of it, influencing its form through their dependence upon one another.

In his book *Bringing Nature Home*, Douglas Tallamy writes eloquently on why we should garden with local native plants (Timber

Press, 2007). He writes, “gardens have become important players in the management of our nation’s wildlife” by providing an opportunity to use native plants “to create simplified vestiges of the ecosystems that once made the land a rich source of life.” Native plants provide the resource base for native wildlife and are critical to maintaining insect diversity, the base of the food chain that supports other creatures. He stresses that “we can no longer rely on natural areas alone to provide food and shelter for biodiversity” and proposes that restoring natives to urban and suburban gardens allows us to share the place we live with the plants and animals that evolved here, providing “a grassroots solution to the extinction crisis.”

### MEASURING LANDSCAPE VALUE

The Sustainable Sites Initiative™ ([www.sustainable-sites.org](http://www.sustainable-sites.org)), an interdisciplinary effort of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at The University of Texas at Austin, and the United States Botanic Garden,

provides guidelines for measuring the essential benefits that sustainable landscapes provide to human health and well-being, including cleaner water and air, energy conservation, habitat creation, and support for biodiversity. According to the Ecological Society of America ([www.esa.org](http://www.esa.org)), other “ecosystem services” that landscapes provide include improved water quality for fisheries, pollination services for both agricultural and native plants, detoxification and decomposition of wastes, control of agricultural pests, and regulation of disease organisms, among others. Sustainable landscaping practices also reduce the negative effects of construction and maintenance practices such as soil compaction (which can lead to flooding), pesticide contamination, municipal waste generation, and wasteful over-irrigation. The value of these services to humans is estimated at many trillions of dollars.

## PLANT CALIFORNIA NATIVES

A critical component of sustainable landscaping is the use of plants that are adapted to the regional environment and selected to reduce resource (especially water) use. The benefits of planting California native plants in the garden are summarized on the California Native Plant Society website ([www.cnps.org](http://www.cnps.org)):

**Save water:** Once established, many native plants need minimal irrigation beyond normal rainfall.

**Low Maintenance:** Low maintenance landscaping methods are a natural fit with native plants that are already adapted to the local environment. Look forward to using less water, little to no fertilizer, few to no pesticides, less pruning, and less of your time.

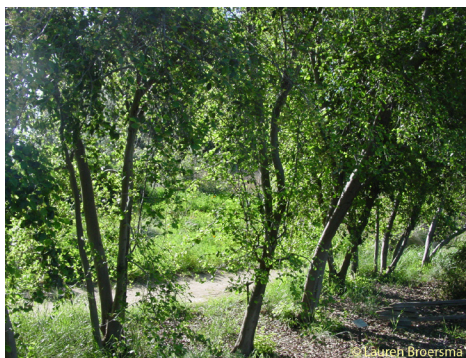
**Pesticide Freedom:** Native plants have developed their own defenses against many pests and diseases. Since most pesticides kill indiscriminately, beneficial insects become secondary targets in the fight against pests. Reducing or eliminating pesticide use lets natural pest control take over and keeps garden toxins out of our creeks and watersheds.

**Wildlife Viewing:** Native plants, birds, butterflies, beneficial insects, and interesting critters are “made for each other.” Research shows that native wildlife prefers native plants.

**Support Local Ecology:** As development replaces natural habitats, planting gardens, parks, and roadsides with California natives can provide a “bridge” to nearby remaining wildlands.

## SOME RECOMMENDED NATIVE PLANTS

Our fall plant sales this year will highlight California native plants for use in the garden. We will have a wide variety of drought-tolerant shrubs, perennials and bulbs available for sale. Shoppers will be able to visit demonstration plantings at the nursery to see California native plants used alone, natives mixed with Arboretum All-Star selections, and a grouping of plants that support birds and beneficial insects. Here are just a few California native plants, all Arboretum All-Stars, that will be available for sale.



The hard-to-find island mountain mahogany (*Cercocarpus betuloides* var. *blanchae*) is an attractive, small, evergreen tree. Able to tolerate low to very low levels of irrigation (once a month or none), it also will fit in narrow spaces because of its upright form. Clusters

of small white flowers provide nectar and pollen in early spring and are followed by twisting swirls of fuzzy seeds.

Ray Hartman California lilac (*Ceanothus* ‘Ray Hartman’) has mid-green shiny leaves and large lovely clusters of blue flowers in spring. Often listed as important as a pollen and nectar source for native insects in early to mid spring, it is one of the more adaptable ceanothus for heavier soils, as long as water drains away in winter. It is also amusing in the hot days of summer to hear the gentle sound of “rain” in the garden as the tops of the tiny fruits pop off



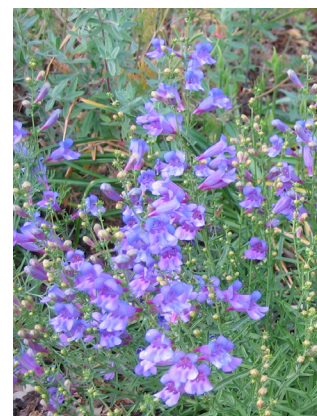
and release seed.

If we had to pick just one plant to attract hummingbirds and pollinating insects it would be a California fuchsia (*Epilobium canum*) cultivar. One favorite is ‘Bowman’s #1’ (also called Bowman’s Best), a prolific bloomer with a dense gray-green foliage that grows to about 24”



and is covered with orange-red flowers in late summer. In addition to hummingbirds, it attracts shiny fat carpenter bees (that help pollinate crops). You can observe them stealing nectar from the base of the flowers.

Santa Margarita foothill penstemon (*Penstemon heterophyllus* ‘Margarita B.O.P.’) is a semi-evergreen native perennial with showy flowers that start as yellow buds, bloom sky blue and age to purple-pink. It is easy to grow and thrives in a wide range of garden conditions.



## NATIVE PLANTS IN GOOD SUPPLY FOR FALL SALES

<i>Aquilegia eximia</i> 'Ellen's Blue'	serpentine columbine
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> 'Howard McMinn'	H. McMinn manzanita
<i>Aristolochia californica</i>	California pipevine
<i>Calliandra californica</i>	Baja fairy duster
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Concha', 'Frosty Blue', 'Joyce Coulter,' 'Owlswood Blue,' 'Ray Hartman,' 'Tuxedo'	California lilac
<i>Ceanothus griseus</i> var. <i>horizontalis</i> 'Yankee Point'	Carmel mountain lilac
<i>Ceanothus maritimus</i> 'Valley Violet'	maritime ceanothus
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> 'Sputnik'	buttonwillow
<i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i> var. <i>blancheae</i>	island mountain mahogany
<i>Encelia californica</i>	California bush sunflower
<i>Epilobium</i> 'Bowman's Best,' 'Calistoga'	California fuchsia
<i>Erigeron</i> 'W.R.'	Wayne Roderick sea daisy
<i>Eriogonum grande</i> var. <i>rubescens</i>	San Miguel Island red buckwheat sulphur buckwheat
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> subsp. <i>polyanthum</i>	
<i>Festuca</i> 'Siskiyou Blue'	blue fescue
<i>Festuca californica</i>	California fescue
<i>Fremontodendron</i> 'Ken Taylor', 'San Gabriel'	flannel bush
<i>Galvezia speciosa</i>	California island bush snapdragon
<i>Garrya elliptica</i> 'Evie'	coast silk tassel bush
<i>Heliotropium curassavicum</i>	wild heliotrope
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	toyon
<i>Keckelia cordifolia</i>	heart-leaved penstemon
<i>Lessingia filaginifolia</i> var. <i>californica</i> 'Silver Carpet'	spreading California aster
<i>Linum lewisii</i>	prairie flax
<i>Lonicera hispidula</i> var. <i>vacillans</i>	California honeysuckle
<i>Lupinus albifrons</i>	silver bush lupine
<i>Lupinus arboreus</i>	bush lupine
<i>Berberis aquifolium</i> var. <i>repens</i>	mountaingrape
<i>Mimulus</i> 'Brick Red'	sticky bushy monkeyflower
<i>Monardella odoratissima</i>	mountain pennyroyal
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	deer grass
<i>Penstemon</i> 'Margarita BOP'	Santa Margarita foothill penstemon
<i>Penstemon azureus</i>	azure penstemon
<i>Penstemon eatonii</i>	firecracker penstemon
<i>Penstemon palmeri</i>	Palmer's penstemon
<i>Penstemon parryi</i>	Parry's penstemon
<i>Penstemon pseudospectabilis</i>	desert beardtongue
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i> 'Goose Creek'	double-flowered mock orange
<i>Ribes malvaceum</i> 'Montara Rose'	chaparral currant
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i> var. <i>glutinosum</i> 'Brocklebankii', 'King Edward VII'	flowering currant
<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i>	evergreen currant
<i>Salvia apiana</i>	white sage
<i>Salvia clevelandii</i>	Cleveland sage
<i>Salvia spathacea</i>	hummingbird sage
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i> 'Nanum'	dwarf blue-eyed grass
<i>Solidago californica</i> 'Cascade Creek'	California goldenrod
<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	California bay laurel

## FEDERAL GRANTS FOR NEW NATIVE PLANT GARDEN AND MORE

The Arboretum has received a grant of \$150,000 from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services to support a new California Native Plants Discovery Garden and associated educational programs and exhibits. The garden will be located at the far east end of the Arboretum, as part of the planned City Arts GATEway. Arboretum staff will work with faculty and students in the landscape architecture, design, education, and plant science departments to develop the garden, as well as interpretive signs, cell phone tours, digital maps, family programs, science cafés, and hands-on Investigation Stations.

We are also participating in the education and outreach aspects of two grants awarded to campus researchers by the National Science Foundation. Chemist Jared Shaw is investigating the chemical basis of traditional medicinal uses of California native plants. Arboretum staff will work with high school student designs to create interpretive signs on the medicinal properties of individual plants. Environmental scientist Alan Hastings, with a team of UC Davis researchers, is investigating the effects of collaborative efforts to eradicate the invasive species *Spartina alterniflora*, an Atlantic cordgrass, from Pacific estuaries.. Arboretum staff will create interpretive signs and programs to educate multiple audiences about invasive plants.

## MARGARET KRALOVEC JOINS STAFF



We are delighted to welcome Margaret Kralovec as our new Community Outreach Manager. In this position, she will coordinate the volunteer program, manage special events, and work on developing partnerships with campus and community organizations.

A former teacher, Margaret got into environmental education and outreach when she created an environment-centered

curriculum for at-risk teens and saw how well the students responded. For 20 years, she has worked with a number of non-profit organizations and government agencies that manage public lands in the region, coordinating their volunteer and educational programs.

Margaret hit the ground running when she started at the Arboretum, co-coordinating a major event in her first month on the job. "It's exciting to be at UC Davis and the Arboretum," she reports. "I've loved the Arboretum for years and I really admire the way it's growing. The Arboretum is doing cutting-edge work and I'm excited to be part of it." We know she will be a great addition to the staff. Welcome, Margaret!

## Kudos & Celebrations



From left, Campus Planner Bob Segar, Deb Pinkerton, Bret Hewitt, and Arboretum Director Kathleen Socolofsky at the Triple Anniversary Party.

### CELEBRATING THREE ANNIVERSARIES

Deborah Pinkerton and Bret Hewitt, formerly of Davis and now residents of the Washington, D.C. area, celebrated their 25th anniversary with a party and fundraiser on June 24 in the UC Davis Arboretum at the site of their 1985 wedding. Ms. Pinkerton, former coordinator of the Arboretum's environmental education program, and Mr. Hewitt, a member of the UC Davis Foundation Board, commemorated their special day by hosting a party that recognized not only their anniversary, but also the upcoming 75th anniversary of the Arboretum and 40th anniversary of the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum. They hope this gesture will inspire others to get involved with and support the Arboretum.

It was a beautiful evening out on the lawn at Shields Oak Grove. The guests enjoyed drinks and hors d'oeuvres and live music. Arboretum Director Kathleen Socolofsky and Bob Segar, UC Davis Campus Planner, spoke eloquently about plans for the 75th anniversary, including special Arboretum GATEways projects like Nature's Gallery Court and new interpretive trails at Shields Oak Grove, and building an endowment to ensure a secure future for the Arboretum. Deb and Bret toasted each other, thanked their friends and colleagues, and encouraged everyone present to support the Arboretum.

The evening concluded with a lively auction to benefit the Arboretum. The generous bids raised funds to support Arboretum gardens and programs.

We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to Deb and Bret and to the donors of auction items: Del Almeida, Donna Billick, Garth and Sherri Hewitt of B.R. Cohn Winery and Olive Oil Company, Rob Forbes of Public Bikes, Eileen Hendren, Lauren Hewitt of 42nd Street Moon Theatre, Doug Kaplan, Franz MacMaster, Alexander and Pamela McGeary of Shadow Mountain Vineyards and Winery, Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, John Natsoulas Gallery, Tom and Sara Post, Howard & Nancy Shapiro, Susan Shelton, Tom and Meg Stallard, UC Davis Department of Viticulture and Enology, and Yolo Basin Foundation.

### ARBORETUM RECEIVES SPECIAL AWARD FOR APPLICATION OF GIS TECHNOLOGY

Mary Burke, Director of Planning and Collections

In July, the UC Davis Arboretum received a Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award at the 30th Annual Esri International User Conference (Esri UC) in San Diego, California, attended by nearly 15,000 people from all over the globe. The Arboretum received this honor for the vision, leadership, hard work, and innovative use of Esri's geographic information system (GIS) technology. The UC Davis Arboretum was selected from more than 300,000 organizations worldwide.

Mary Burke and Brian Morgan, at the UC Davis Arboretum, have been leading a nationwide team of botanical garden and zoo staff, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), to build a GIS that will help garden staff manage living collections of plants more effectively and efficiently. The long-term project goal is to help make these scientific collections—including the many wild-collected plants held within these gardens—more accessible to conservation scientists worldwide. Over 150 zoos and botanical gardens are currently involved in the project led by the UC Davis Arboretum.

Organizations honored at the Esri UC, the world's largest GIS event, spanned countries and industries including agriculture, cartography, climate change, defense and intelligence, economic development, education, government, health and human services, telecommunications, and utilities. "We created the Special Achievement in GIS Award to recognize our users' extraordinary contributions to global society," says Esri president Jack Dangermond. More information about the 2010 Special Achievement in GIS Award winners, including project information and photos, are available at [www.esri.com/sag](http://www.esri.com/sag).

### HARVARD FELLOWSHIP FOR BRIAN MORGAN



Brian Morgan, GIS Manager at the UC Davis Arboretum and PhD Candidate in the UC Davis Graduate Group in Geography, has been awarded the highly competitive and prestigious Katharine H. Putnam Fellowship in Plant Science at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. The Arnold Arboretum is widely acknowledged as the national leader in research use of living plant collections. Brian's

one-year fellowship at the Arnold Arboretum will provide him with an unparalleled opportunity to continue his research and development of the open-source GIS public garden data model that was designed and launched at the UC Davis Arboretum.

At Harvard, Brian will work with experts in the plant sciences and conservation science, as well as the GIS experts at Harvard's Center for Geographic Analysis, focusing on how to track and share research based on living collections. Brian will return to the UC Davis Arboretum in September 2011 to complete his PhD research and continue his work as GIS Manager.

## Guided Tours

Free, no reservation required

### CONTAINER GARDENS

Saturday, October 2, 11 a.m.  
Arboretum Terrace Garden

### PLANT SALE PREVIEW

Saturday, October 9, 2 p.m.  
Arboretum Teaching Nursery

### BIRDS THAT WINTER IN THE ARBORETUM

(slideshow and walk)  
Sunday, October 17, 11 a.m.  
Arboretum Headquarters

### FALL IN THE STORER GARDEN

Saturday, October 30, 11 a.m.  
Gazebo

### NATIVE AMERICAN USES OF CALIFORNIA PLANTS

Saturday, November 6, 11 a.m.  
Buehler Alumni & Visitors Ctr.

### WALK WITH WARREN

Wednesday, November 10  
12 p.m., Gazebo

### BIRDS THAT WINTER IN THE ARBORETUM

(slideshow and walk)  
Sunday, November 21, 11 a.m.  
Arboretum Headquarters

### THE OAK LIFECYCLE

Saturday, November 27, 11 a.m.  
Gazebo

### CALIFORNIA'S NATIVE PLANTS

Saturday, December 4, 11 a.m.  
Buehler Alumni & Visitors Ctr.

### WALK WITH WARREN

Wednesday, December 8  
12 p.m., Gazebo

### WHY DO SOME TREES LOSE THEIR LEAVES?

Saturday, December 11, 11 a.m.  
Gazebo

## NEW! Science Café

### CHUMASH TRADITIONAL MEDICINAL USES OF CALIFORNIA PLANTS

Dr. James D. Adams, USC School of Pharmacy  
Cecilia Garcia, Chumash healer  
Wednesday, October 6  
5:15–6:15 p.m.  
Wyatt Deck, Old Davis Road

The co-authors of *Healing with Medicinal Plants of the West: Cultural and Scientific Basis for Their Use* will present an informal talk and chat with audience members about their work. Light refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored by Prof. Jared Shaw and the Dept. of Chemistry.

## Plant Sales

### PLANT FAIRE—FOCUS ON CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS

Saturday, September 25  
(Note date change)  
Member sale 9–11 a.m.  
Public sale 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Arboretum Teaching Nursery

Choose among hundreds of varieties of great plants for Central Valley gardens, including a wide range of native plants, Arboretum All-Stars and pollinator plants. Enjoy live music, children's activities and beautiful new demonstration plantings. Join at the door for early admission, 10% member discount, and a free plant!

### FALL IS FOR PLANTING

Saturday, October 16  
Public sale: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Arboretum Teaching Nursery

Find great plants for fall, the best planting season of the year, and get expert advice on working with your garden conditions. Join at the door for 10% member discount and a free plant!

## Arts & Letters

### UC Davis Arboretum & Davis Shakespeare Ensemble present

### ROMEO AND JULIET

Thursday–Sunday,  
Sept. 16–19 and 23–26  
8 p.m., Gazebo, Garrod Dr.  
\$5 Students, \$8 Adults, Free for children 12 and under

Enjoy the classic tale performed in the round in a gorgeous garden setting. To reserve tickets or for more information, email [davis.shakespeare@gmail.com](mailto:davis.shakespeare@gmail.com) or call (760) 310-0323.

### POETRY IN THE GARDEN

Wednesdays, 12–1 p.m.  
Wyatt Deck, Old Davis Road  
(Rain location 126 Voorhies)

#### October 6 Xico González

Founder of Revoltoso Books and author of four poetry chapbooks, including *The Indígena Poems* (2003) and *Poesía revoltosa* (2004), as well as works in various literary journals.

#### November 3 Susan Kelly-DeWitt

Author of *The Fortunate Islands* (2008), eight small press collections, and the forthcoming *Afghanistan, A Window into the Tragedy*.

Sponsored by the Arboretum and Rebecca Morrison

### FOLK MUSIC JAMS

Fridays, Oct. 1, 15, 29;  
Nov. 12; Dec. 10  
12 p.m., Wyatt Deck,  
Old Davis Road

Acoustic folk musicians play together over the lunch hour. All skill levels welcome. Listeners welcome!

### OPENING NIGHT

#### Readings by Creative Writing Faculty

Thursday, October 14, 7 p.m.  
Wyatt Deck, Old Davis Road  
(Rain location 126 Voorhies)

This free program includes Lucy Corin, Greg Glazner, Pam Houston, Joe Wenderoth, and Yiyun Li. Co-sponsored by the UC Davis Department of English.

### ARBORETUM GATEWAYS ARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 23  
All day, various locations

Join us for a fabulous new showcase of UC Davis creative talent—an Arboretum GATEways project! Contact Katrina Wong, [kliwong@ucdavis.edu](mailto:kliwong@ucdavis.edu), or check our website for details.

- **Outdoor exhibition** by Iranian guest artist Minoosh Zomorrodinia
- **Plein aire painting** with Prof. Hearne Pardee and students
- **Conversation** with Prof. Simon Sadler about art and design around the Arboretum
- Music by the **Gamelan Ensemble**, under the direction of Prof. Henry Spiller, and **Samba School**, led by Chris Froh
- Scenes from Prof. Bella Merlin's solo theatre performance (with **circus ball walking!**)
- **Music, dance and theatre performances** by student choreographers, dancers, actors, directors, composers, and musicians
- **Bicycle drive-in film night** organized by Techno-Cultural Studies
- **and more!**

## WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS, MISSION IMPOSSIBLE!

Margaret Kralovec, Community Outreach Manager

Our volunteers bring energy and enthusiasm that are essential to achieving the Arboretum's mission "to be a living museum connecting people to the beauty and value of plants." In recent months, our docents and naturalists have hosted free public tours, school programs, and special tours and events. Behind the scenes, volunteers have provided countless hours of gardening assistance, fix-it help, curatorial and records services, office work, and nursery plant production so vital to our operations. On June 10, the Arboretum hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Party, a festive barbecue at Putah Creek Lodge served by a grateful Arboretum staff to 100+ volunteers. But seven days a week, 52 weeks a year, we want to recognize the efforts and time donated by these industrious Arboretum supporters. Our volunteers are easy to spot by the nametags they wear. If you see one working at the Arboretum, be sure to thank them for their contribution!

### INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT?

The Arboretum would like to add new volunteers to a few existing teams, and will be creating two new volunteer teams. If you or a friend might be interested in giving three hours a week or joining an on-call team to help the Arboretum offer beautiful gardens and excellent programs and events, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Margaret Kralovec, Community Outreach Manager, at makralovec@ucdavis.edu, or 530-752-4880 to find out how you can help.



Ellen Zagory

Volunteer gardeners Frances McChesney (left) and Julie Hamilton planting the demonstration beds at the Arboretum Teaching Nursery.

### CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Fall Plant Sales:** Saturdays, Sept. 25 and Oct. 16, 2010
- **Lower Terrace Nursery Team:** Every Tuesday morning
- **Outreach Team:** New team (on call for outreach events)
- **Special Events Team:** New team (on call for special events)
- **Gardening Team:** As needed
- **Office Help:** Every Wednesday morning
- **GIS/Mapping Team:** Weekly, or as needed

## THE PERFECT GIFT: DEDICATE A TILE AT NATURE'S GALLERY COURT

Suzanne Ullensvang, Resource Development Manager

Nature's Gallery, a ceramic mosaic mural composed of 140 hand-crafted ceramic tiles depicting plants and



Opuntia plant tile and surrounding insect tiles.

insects of the Storer Garden, will be the centerpiece of a beautiful courtyard, welcoming visitors to the Arboretum's west entry. Construction of Nature's Gallery Court is scheduled to begin this fall.

Individual tiles within Nature's Gallery are available for dedication and supporters have been reserving

the tiles at a quick pace! Already, 37 of the 76 available plant tiles and 17 of the 54 available insect tiles have been reserved by generous donors.

Why are people dedicating tiles in Nature's Gallery? The reasons are as varied as the donors: to honor a grandchild; to memorialize a loved one; to recognize a graduating student; to commemorate a special occasion; or simply to support the education and Art-Science Fusion programs of the Arboretum.

One donor, Rhoda Bruett, chose to dedicate the West Coast Lady butterfly tile in honor of her husband, Hank's, 80th birthday. This was a special secret surprise for Hank, a dedicated and enthusiastic Arboretum volunteer. Rhoda sent a note saying: "I want you to know it has been a pleasure donating to this special and unique Arboretum addition in Hank's name. The Arboretum means a great deal to both of us. Thank you for all your help in choosing this particular tile, and also for helping keep this a special surprise and special birthday gift I know he will remember for a long time."

Tile donors may dedicate their selected tile to a specific person or group; dedications will appear on the donor panel adjacent to the mural. If a tile dedication sounds appealing to you, there are lots of gorgeous tiles still awaiting sponsors. To view photos of the tiles, visit [dedications.ucdavis.edu](http://dedications.ucdavis.edu) and click on "Dedicate a Tile".

To inquire about reserving a tile or to learn about other donor opportunities in the Nature's Gallery Court, please contact Martha Ozonoff, Director of Development, at (530) 848-9042 or [mjzonoff@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mjzonoff@ucdavis.edu).

# Donations May–July

*We extend our sincere gratitude to these donors*

## NATURE'S GALLERY COURT TILE DONORS—

*Thank you!*

### Insect tiles

Jacqueline & James Ames  
Jonathan Bowman  
Rhoda Bruett  
Mike & Nanette Dentinger  
Christy & Chris Dewees  
Gary & Ada Feldman;  
Jaime Ordoñez & Carmia  
Feldman; Jeff Michel &  
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Warren G. Roberts  
Harold Schultz  
Robert Snider  
Audrey Stoye  
Janice & Wayne Heine;  
Sandra Kelley; Randall &  
Susan Padgett; Guyla Yoak

### Plant tiles

Jacqueline & James Ames  
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Brian & Kim Billick  
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### NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

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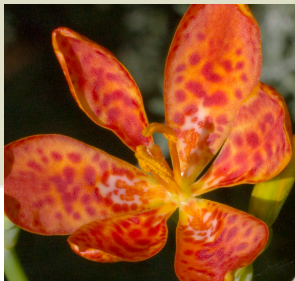
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**From the Director**



Dear Friends,

Next year, 2011, will mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UC Davis Arboretum and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum. In June, Deb Pinkerton and Bret Hewitt, longtime supporters of the Arboretum, helped us kick off the festivities by hosting a party and fundraiser to celebrate these milestones along with their own 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at Shields Oak Grove, where they were married (see page 4). They hope to inspire others to support the Arboretum and our important work.

We are planning several special 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary projects. One of them is Nature's Gallery Court, which will include a beautiful new gathering place, demonstration plantings, and a spectacular work of art at the west end of the Arboretum, between the Teaching Nursery and the Storer Garden (see page 6). We expect to begin construction this fall. There are still opportunities to support the Arboretum and honor a loved one or commemorate a special occasion by dedicating a tile in the ceramic mosaic mural, by sponsoring a tree, interpretive sign, walkway, planting bed, or seating wall, or by naming the entire court.

Nature's Gallery is just one example of the innovative work the Arboretum has been doing in collaboration with our academic, professional, and community partners. Look for details on the wonderful public events we are co-hosting with the Departments of English, Theatre and Dance, Art and Art History, Techno-Cultural Studies, and Music this fall, including the exciting new Arboretum GATEways Arts Festival, as well as with the new Davis Shakespeare Ensemble (see page 5). We are also co-hosting a Science Café—an opportunity to learn about science in a relaxed, informal setting—with the Department of Chemistry.

I am pleased to announce that the Arboretum was awarded a highly competitive Museums for America grant by the federal Institute for Museum and Library Services to create a new California Native Plant Discovery Garden (see page 3). Additionally, the curatorial staff were awarded the Special Achievement in GIS Award at the annual Esri Users Conference (attended by 15,000 people from all over the globe) for their leadership in the international Botanic Gardens GIS project, and Brian Morgan, GIS Manager, was awarded the Katharine H. Putnam Fellowship in Plant Science at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University (see page 4). We are pleased and proud to be recognized in these ways by our professional colleagues at the national and international level.

I am grateful for your continuing support—it helps us to stay strong during these trying economic times and allows us to look forward to a dynamic and successful future. Don't forget you can always support the Arboretum and your own garden by shopping at our fantastic plant sales coming up on September 25 and October 16 (see page 1).

Best regards,

*Kathleen*