

Grand Opening of Arboretum Teaching Nursery at 34th Annual Plant Faire, October 4, 2008

Ellen Zagory, Director of Horticulture, and Beth Gale, Nursery Manager



Yerba mansa, *Anemopsis californica*, a California native plant that is rarely found in nurseries, is one of the plants that will be for sale at the 34th annual Plant Faire on October 4. The event will take place in the brand new Arboretum Teaching Nursery.

Finally the contractors have gone, and we have been given the keys to our beautiful new Teaching Nursery, located on Garrod Drive east of the School of Veterinary Medicine near the Storer Garden. Spacious gravel beds and pristine decomposed granite paths are laid out under silver W-truss shade structures and taut custom-fitted shade panels. This new nursery features a

uniform, efficient, overhead irrigation system. A new evapotranspiration-based computerized irrigation controller calculates the water used by the plants and amount of soil moisture lost, and supplies the water needed.

We are excited about the potential for the new site, its visibility, and the capacity to involve more members and supporters in ecologically-based gardens. We are planning, in addition to plant sales, to create new education programs, beautiful new planting displays and educational exhibits, and opportunities for students, volunteers, and the public to learn about plants and techniques for more sustainable Valley-wise gardens. We also plan to

develop partnerships with other organizations like the Master Gardeners, who will use the site for outreach and education activities.

You can see the new Teaching Nursery at the 34th annual Plant Faire on October 4. In addition to the new site we will, of course, also have a great offering of plants for you. We always try to provide the most beautiful, reliable, and adaptable plants possible. As always, we strive to have as many Arboretum All-Stars—our recommended plants for your Valley garden—as we can for sale. Recently we have been working to produce plants that support pollinator insects like bees and butterflies and beneficial “good bugs” that eat your pests. We’ll also have a good selection of plants that attract hummingbirds.

We look forward to seeing you all at the teaching nursery on October 4, where we will begin a new era while carrying on a rich tradition.

34th Annual PLANT FAIRE October 4, 2008

Member sale 8–10 AM
 Public sale 10 AM–3 PM

Join or renew at the door for
 • Early admission
 • 10% member discount
 • Free plant coupon

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Find these Arboretum All-Stars and other great plants at the 34th annual Plant Faire on October 4

GREAT TEXTURES IN THE GARDEN

Here are some Arboretum All-Stars that have low water requirements. *Stipa gigantea* is a large Mediterranean grass that remains evergreen and adds movement to the garden. It looks especially showy when the golden flower heads glisten from summer through fall. *Hesperaloe parviflora*, coral yucca, provides food for hummingbirds all summer long with its large wands of coral flowers. It also adds some architecture to any garden with its strong upright form. *Epilobium canum*, various cultivars of California fuchsia, makes a great groundcover for full sun with fuzzy leaves and brilliant red-orange tubular flowers all summer. This plant does spread happily but it's easy to control with less watering.



Hesperaloe parviflora, coral yucca

COOL SHADES OF PURPLE AND BLUE

Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman' is a large evergreen shrub that can be shaped into a small tree. Its glossy leaves are adorned with bright blue, honey-scented flower clusters in early spring. This California native is a good choice for the garden because it tolerates less than perfect drainage and some summer water. *Teucrium fruticans* 'Azureum' is a great low-maintenance shrub that can be used as an informal hedge or in the background. Its silver foliage is attractive year round and it has pale lavender-blue flowers over a long season. It really shines wherever you plant it. *Lavandula stoechas* 'Otto Quast' is a compact evergreen Spanish lavender that loves the hot sun and attracts bees with its fragrant dark-purple flowers. Nursery manager Beth Gale enjoys this plant in her own garden, where it is located near a walkway so she can enjoy its aroma when she brushes against it.

FOR THE SHADY SPOTS IN YOUR GARDEN

There are plenty of options for filling in and adding brightness to a shady garden. A favorite is *Helleborus x hybridus*, hellebore, of which we have three cultivars: 'Candy Love', 'Snow Love', and 'Double Queen'. 'Candy Love' with creamy pink flowers and 'Snow Love' with creamy white flowers are both fast-growing, profusely-flowering cultivars with a bloom time from December to March. The flower clusters are carried nicely above the leaves for good visibility, but the evergreen leaves themselves are also attractive with marbling that makes them

a great groundcover choice. 'Double Queen' has silk-like double flowers ranging in gleaming colors like burgundy, maroon, pink, cream, and light green. With all of the hellebores, the flowers last well into summer, fading in color, but are nice additions to any flower arrangement. *Heuchera* 'Rosada,' California native coral bells, does well in dry shade. It has a neat mat of scalloped leaves and in the spring is loaded with pink flower clusters that the hummingbirds fight over. It's a very rewarding plant with little effort; you definitely want more than one.

We will have some other shade plants for sale that are not All-Stars, but they are just too good not to mention. *Geranium* 'Gerwat', Rozanne™ is the 2008 Perennial Plant of the Year. It earned this title with its large 2½" saucer-shaped violet-blue flowers that appear spring through first frost, by being heat tolerant and having deeply-cut, slightly marbled deep-green foliage that changes to red in the fall. This plant is spreading but not sprawling and vigorous but never invasive, making it good for the front of the border or a container. We have two small perennials perfect for sticking into any small spots (even when you think there is no room left): *Oxalis tetraphylla* 'Iron Cross' and *Oxalis triangularis* subsp. *papilionacea* 'Atropurpurea.' The first has dark maroon centers on each large green clover leaf, while the second has solid dark-purple clover leaves; planted together they complement each other. They both have lovely flowers in the summer, but they make the best impact with their luscious, colorful foliage.

FOR THE NATIVE PLANT COLLECTOR

If you are looking for something rare, we have just the ticket for you. *Epipactis gigantea* 'Serpentine Nights' is a native stream orchid with striking deep-burgundy foliage and pale yellow-brown to yellow flowers with purple veins. It's perfect for the shady, moist spot in your garden. Not a rare native, but unusual in the nursery trade, *Anemopsis californica* is the perfect groundcover for any poor drainage and/or clay area. It's beautiful in spring and early summer with white cone-shaped flower spikes, and as it goes deciduous the leaves turn a red color. It can also be used in a pond as a marginal plant.



Susan Macaulay

The spacious new Arboretum Teaching Nursery awaits the arrival of thousands of potted plants. This year's Plant Faire on October 4 will be the grand opening of the new facility, on Garrod Drive across from the School of Veterinary Medicine.

GREAT PLANTS WITH BOLD FOLIAGE

This year we have some plants that will liven up any dull spot in the garden. *Canna* 'Phasion' and 'Striata' both have very large, colorful, striped, tropical-looking leaves that glow in the sunlight, topped with satiny orange flowers that persist all summer with some simple dead-heading. Cannas thrive in the heat and if given regular water will spread with time. *Yucca filamentosa* 'Garland's Gold' has thick, sword-like blades which are outlined in green with a creamy golden stripe in the center that form an evergreen rosette. Equally assertive in a container or the ground, it will not mind our hot, dry summers. It is especially beautiful in the winter when the foliage blushes pink in the cold weather and in the summer when tall spikes of cream bell-shaped flowers appear. *Cotinus* 'Grace' is an excellent large shrub for year-round interest that is disease free, drought resistant and tolerates a wide range of soils. In the spring the leaves emerge light red, darkening through the summer until autumn, when the foliage turns a mosaic of red, orange and gold. In addition to its glowing foliage, it is covered with enormous sprays of deep-pink flowers in the summer that make the entire shrub look like a cloud.

NEW ROSE CULTIVARS

Along with our wide selection of heirloom roses, we will also have large quantities of new cultivars that will be available in five gallon containers. *Rosa* 'Radcor' Rainbow Knockout® is a compact landscape shrub rose that is disease resistant and blooms from late spring through late fall. The delicate two-inch



Rainbow Knockout® rose

single flowers are a lovely shade of deep coral-pink with a yellow center that age to a soft coral-pink. With a mature size of 3' by 3', it makes a great container plant or fits nicely in the small garden. No wonder it's a winner of the 2007 All-America Rose Selections Award. *Rosa* 'Jafrain' Mardi Gras® is the hot, new floribunda rose of 2008 to have. It has been given top honors by the All America Rose Selections judges for its unique carnival colors, incredible bloom production, and disease resistance. The apricot-orange buds open slowly to reveal bright pink and yellow blooms; the plant will add festiveness to you garden. *Rosa* 'Meimoublan' Marmalade Skies™ has clusters of brilliant tangerine-orange double blooms that are a constant show of color. This 2001 All America Rose Selections winner produces a "complete bouquet" on a strong stem and the compact plant only reaches 3' x 3'.

In Memoriam DR. JOHN M. TUCKER



Debbie Aldridge

Dr. John M. Tucker, Professor Emeritus of Botany at UC Davis, a world-renowned expert on oak taxonomy, and director of the Arboretum 1965-66 and 1972-84, passed away on July 5 at the age of 92. In 1962, he established Shields Oak Grove near the western end of the Arboretum, planting acorns that he had collected from around the world for his research. Today the Arboretum is home to 574 oak trees. This group of oaks is particularly important because it contains the greatest taxonomic diversity of any known oak collection and includes 17 oak varieties not found in any other collection. In 2001, Dr. Tucker established an endowment to ensure the continued maintenance and development of the oak collection. Arboretum Superintendent Warren G. Roberts wrote the following appreciation on behalf of the Arboretum.

Throughout his entire professional life Professor John M. Tucker was involved with the UC Davis Arboretum: on a volunteer basis since 1947, as an active member of the Arboretum committee for decades, as director for 12 years, as a major donor, and as a volunteer again clear on to the end of his life. He always held a strong vision for the Arboretum. As Director from the early 1970s into the 1980s, his was the calm and sure hand of leadership building the Arboretum's programs, maintaining the integrity of the plant collection and its records, and establishing collaborations across the Davis campus and into the community.

Dr. Tucker was the one who guided the development of the Peter J. Shields Oak Grove, which is the most distinguished collection in the Arboretum and widely recognized as one of the very best of its kind in the world. During his tenure our powerful volunteer support was established and nurtured. He truly laid the foundation for the current and continuing growth and excellence of the UC Davis Arboretum. He was the Arboretum's mentor, our clear-minded guide, and we miss him more than I can express.

THE ARBORETUM GATEWAYS PROJECT—A MASTER PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Design team selected after national search

Diane Cary, Communications Director

The UC Davis Arboretum GATEways Project (Gardens, Arts, and The Environment) is a master planning framework for the Arboretum that envisions the Arboretum as an open door into the campus, to welcome visitors and showcase the creative work and spirit of inquiry at UC Davis.

With the GATEways Project, the Arboretum will continue its work as a national leader in the public garden field, but it will also adopt a new mission: to inform visitors about the important ideas and complex issues UC Davis scientists and scholars are tackling. We are working with campus and community partners to develop a multi-layered learning experience that will use teaching landscapes, public arts, exhibits, digital technologies, and interactions with students to engage and inspire visitors.

A major focus of the Arboretum GATEways Project is to link undergraduate learning with community engagement in the Arboretum. We are partnering with campus departments to create participatory student learning experiences and innovative leadership and service learning internships, in which students plan and implement outreach initiatives, beautification efforts, and educational events for K-12 students and campus visitors (see “Service, Learning and Outreach: The Arboretum Ambassador Program,” Spring 2008; “Students Learn While Sharing the Arboretum,” Summer 2007).

Arboretum staff have been working closely with campus planners to develop a framework plan for a major redesign of the Arboretum and the southern edge of campus as a visitor corridor, integrating the two-mile long Arboretum with campus circulation and developing three major visitor entry areas, with an eye to creating an open, accessible campus landscape.



A Lutsko Associates project:
The Sustainability Garden at Turtle Bay in Redding

The selection committee, comprised of Arboretum Director Kathleen Socolofsky, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus Planning Bob Segar, Associate Dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Diane Ullman, and Associate Vice-Chancellor for Campus Operations and Maintenance Maurice Hollman, requested proposals from design and planning firms to create a unifying aesthetic vision and landscape design for the Arboretum and the south campus area.

We are pleased to announce that the team assembled by Lutsko Associates has been selected after a national search to design the GATEways landscape. The firm has a stellar reputation for naturalistic garden design and expertise in California plants and landscapes. Ron Lutsko, a UC Davis alumnus, designed the renovation of the Arboretum’s Redwood Grove in 2002. You can learn more about the firm’s work at lutskoassociates.com.

Lutsko Associates will now begin work on a design that will incorporate unifying elements that will run throughout the Arboretum, including

- Design treatment for the Arboretum waterway and bridges

- Teaching gardens and plant collections
- Orientation areas, outdoor classroom areas, performance spaces
- Visitor amenities: benches and seating areas, water fountains, restrooms, shade structures, way-finding elements
- Parking, pathways, and lighting
- Interpretive signage system
- Plan for incorporating public art and art/science fusion projects

Additionally, the firm will create designs for three major campus entrances, with thematic elements reflecting the distinct character of each GATEway.

We look forward to sharing this project with you as it unfolds. There will be opportunities for public input at several stages of the planning and design process. To learn more, download the Arboretum GATEways Project concept guide at our website, arboretum.ucdavis.edu.

GRANTS SUPPORT OAK GROVE, POLLINATORS

The Arboretum received a phone call from the office of Senator Barbara Boxer in July to announce that we had been awarded a grant of \$150,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to create an interpretive trail, exhibits, and education programs for Shields Oak Grove. The Oak Discovery Trail will invite visitors to learn about oak biology and ecology, the importance of oaks in human history and culture, their significance in mythology and lore, and the challenges facing oak populations worldwide. The project will include a range of education programs focusing on the oak collection, as well as resources for researchers.

Student horticulture assistant Kim Chacon received a grant of \$1,000 from the Campus Sustainability Program to design and install a pollinator-attracting planting at the new Teaching Nursery. This will be her senior project in the Landscape Architecture Program at UC Davis.

ARBORETUM GIS PROJECT FEATURED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Mary Burke, Director of Planning and Collections

In 2007, the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) provided seed money to the UC Davis Arboretum and its partners to begin building a national Geographic Information System (GIS) data model for botanical gardens (see “Major Grant Funds Digital Mapping Project,” *Arboretum Review*, Summer 2007).

In April 2008 ESRI, maker of the leading GIS software, negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding with the American Public Gardens Association to support this project with three years of free ESRI software, free specialized training and technical support, and free registration at the annual ESRI User’s Conference for every zoo and botanical garden in North America.

Arboretum Director of Planning and Collections Mary Burke worked with the American Public Garden Association (APGA) to develop a strong presence for public gardens at the 2008 International ESRI User Conference—attended by more than 14,500 people from 124 countries—including a GIS demonstration by conservation botanists and a major exhibit in the main exhibit hall. The conference keynote address by Dr. Peter Raven of the Missouri Botanical Garden was a powerful experience for attendees and introduced a new audience to the worldwide impact of botanical gardens and zoos. Described by *Time* magazine as a “Hero for the Planet,” Dr. Raven, one of the world’s leading botanists, has long been an advocate for conservation and protection of global biodiversity.

In his keynote address on August 4, Dr. Raven called on GIS professionals to team up with their local botanical gardens and zoos and volunteer their expertise to help build an accessible national and international resource for research and education.

Close to one-third of the world’s floristic diversity is currently protected within the scientific collections of botanical gardens and zoos. Museum collections are a critical reference tool as researchers seek to identify and characterize new species on earth. The living collections at zoos and botanical gardens serve not only as a genetic reservoir for molecular and genomic studies, but as documented, controlled study sites and living frameworks for research on climate change and invasive biology.

Brian Morgan, the Arboretum’s GIS Manager, has been the system architect for the new emerging botanical garden and zoo data model, leading the design team and designing protocols for development and testing of the new system. More than 160 gardens and zoos are now participating in this project and, as a result of intense interest from botanical gardens and zoos around the world, plans are underway to expand the project scope internationally.

As funding permits, the UC Davis Arboretum looks forward to continuing to serve in a leadership role in this important project, to provide new tools and opportunities to a large professional community of researchers, scientists, and collection managers. The GIS data model will make it possible for botanic garden and zoo curators to map their collections more efficiently, improve national standards of specimen curation and collection care, and participate in national and international scientific conservation initiatives.



Mary Burke, Director of Planning and Collections, with Dr. Peter Raven of the Missouri Botanical Garden at the 2008 ESRI Users Conference.

ARBORETUM “MOVES” TO NEW ADMINISTRATIVE HOME

On July 1, the Arboretum joined the campus Office of Resource Management and Planning (ORMP). This administrative move resulted from much study and discussion among campus administrators, including Arboretum Director Kathleen Socolofsky, about the best way to support the long-term growth of the Arboretum as a campus-wide resource. Other units transferring into ORMP included Facilities Management, which includes the Grounds Division, and Architects & Engineers.

This move has the potential to be advantageous for the Arboretum, especially as we move into a period of master planning and growth with the Arboretum GATEways Project (see page 4). Kathleen has been working closely with Campus Planner Bob Segar and will now report to the Vice Chancellor of Resource Management and Planning, John Meyer.


Vice Chancellor Meyer welcomed Arboretum staff with a message that read in part, “I am excited at the opportunity to work more closely with the Arboretum and see my job being one that supports your continued success. The Arboretum is a wonderful and unique asset. It is a magnificent landscape to be sure, but even more importantly it serves as an educational resource for the entire campus. And, it is a resource that can also be shared with our broader community. The Arboretum has a rich tradition and its future holds extraordinary promise.”

The Arboretum will maintain its strong relationship with the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences on academic and outreach initiatives, as well as for information technology and fundraising support.

UC DAVIS ARBORETUM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FALL 2008



GUIDED TOURS

No charge, no reservation required

WALK WITH WARREN

Wednesday, October 8, 12 p.m., Gazebo

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS AND FIRE

Saturday, October 11, 11 a.m.
Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center

TRADITIONAL USES OF CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS

Sunday, October 19, 2 p.m.
Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center

THE OAKS OF THE ARBORETUM

Saturday, October 25, 11 a.m., Gazebo

AUTUMN IN THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT COLLECTION

Saturday, November 1, 11 a.m.
Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center

MORE COLOR IN YOUR GARDEN

Sunday, November 9, 2 p.m., Gazebo

WALK WITH WARREN

Wednesday, November 12, 12 p.m., Gazebo

WHAT'S NEW? BICYCLE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, November 15, 11 a.m.
Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center
Bring your bike!

BIRDS IN THE GARDEN

Sunday, November 23, 2 p.m.
Arboretum Headquarters

GARDENING IN A MEDITERRANEAN CLIMATE

Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m., Gazebo

WALK WITH WARREN

Wednesday, December 10, 12 p.m., Gazebo

FOLK MUSIC JAM SESSIONS

Fridays, Oct. 3, 17, 31, Nov. 14, Dec. 12
12:00 p.m., Wyatt Deck

Pull out your fiddles, guitars, mandolins, banjos (you name it) for an acoustic jam session. Campus and community folk musicians play together over the lunch hour. All skill levels welcome. Listeners welcome!

Information: (530) 752-4880
www.arboretum.ucdavis.edu

WORKSHOP: GREAT PLANTS FOR CENTRAL VALLEY GARDENS

Saturday, September 27, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Fee: \$45 general / \$35 members

Ellen Zagory, Arboretum Director of Horticulture, and Missy Borel of the California Center for Urban Horticulture will discuss the Arboretum All-Stars, lead a tour of the beautiful Storer Garden, and host a special sneak preview of the new Teaching Nursery. Bring questions about your own garden. Advance registration required; (530) 752-4880 or arboretum@ucdavis.edu.

34th ANNUAL PLANT FAIRE

Grand Opening of the Arboretum Teaching Nursery

Saturday, October 4
Member sale: 8:00–10:00 a.m., Public sale 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Arboretum Teaching Nursery, Garrod Drive

Join us for the opening event at the new Teaching Nursery and sale of great plants for Central Valley gardens, including the Arboretum All-Stars, our recommended plants for sustainable Valley-wise gardening. Live music, refreshments, children's activities. Join at the door for early admission, 10% member discount, and a free plant!

Opening Night

READINGS BY THE CREATIVE WRITING FACULTY A UC Davis Centennial Event

Friday, October 10, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Wyatt Deck

Award-winning fiction writers and poets from the UC Davis Creative Writing Program will read from their work in the Arboretum to kick off the year and celebrate the UC Davis Centennial. The evening program includes YiYun Li, Lucy Corin, Joshua Clover, Alan Williamson, Pam Houston, and Joe Wenderoth. Sponsored by the English Department and the Arboretum.

Arboretum Adventures

PRACTICING NATIVE CULTURE

Sunday, October 12, 1:00–3:00 p.m., Wyatt Deck

Maidu/Wintun/Hupa/Yurok cultural interpreter Diana Almendariz will share traditional plant knowledge through stories and hands-on activities. Learn to make a doll from tule reeds and try your hand at grinding acorns. All ages are welcome!

BOTANICAL WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

Arboretum-Inspired Holiday Gift Wrap, Tags, Cards

Sunday, November 9, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Fee: \$85 general / \$75 members and students

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. Advance registration required; (530) 752-4880 or arboretum@ucdavis.edu.

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From the Director



Dear Friends,

This is the 100th anniversary of the founding of the UC Davis campus, and as part of the centennial celebration Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef has announced the Centennial Year of Service, during which members of the campus community will be encouraged to participate in service projects that are meaningful to them. The Arboretum has a long history of service, and this issue of the *Review* highlights some of the ways we are continuing the tradition. Our new Teaching Nursery is an important tool for promoting sustainable gardening and educating visitors about the best plants and practices for Central Valley gardens (see page 1). The Arboretum GATEways Project will make the expertise of UC Davis more accessible to visitors, through teaching landscapes, exhibits and programs, and to audiences worldwide through web-based resources (see page 4).

We serve the scientific community by maintaining outstanding plant collections and curatorial records. A new grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services will enable us to continue to develop Shields Oak Grove as a resource for researchers and educators (see page 4). As part of the project we will build new partnerships with the UC Davis Center for Plant Diversity's John M. Tucker Herbarium and the U.S. National Arboretum herbarium. This is a fitting tribute to Dr. John Tucker, who passed away in July. Dr. Tucker played a very important role in shaping the Arboretum, through his research, which led to the establishment of the Shields Oak Grove, and through his vision and leadership as director of the Arboretum. He remained actively involved with planning for the Arboretum's development, and was committed to the educational mission of the Arboretum and excited about our plans for the future. He was always so generous, sharing his time and expertise, and funding an endowment to support the oak grove. The Arboretum staff and volunteers and I will really miss him (see page 3).

We serve our peers in the public garden profession by being innovators and pioneering new programs and partnerships. At the recent meeting of the American Public Gardens Association, attended by 600 garden professionals, our staff presented a full-day workshop and four sessions, and led two professional section meetings. Our GIS data model project, and the historic partnership with ESRI spearheaded by Mary Burke, will provide resources for our colleagues at gardens and zoos worldwide to manage their collections more effectively and participate in international conservation efforts (see page 5). This is an example of environmental leadership with global impact.

Don't miss the grand opening of the new Arboretum Teaching Nursery at the 34th annual Plant Faire on October 4. I look forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,

Kathleen

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