

Audrey Ramirez (left) and Rini Jablonski (right) from the GATEways Outreach Learning by Leading™ team speak to Phil Syphrit, horticulturist and internship coordinator from Cornell Botanical Gardens, about their native bee outreach and education activities.



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## Growing Our Learning by Leading™ Network

*Carmia Feldman, Assistant Director*

Did you know that our Learning by Leading™ program now has student leadership internships tackling 11 different operational areas and environmental issues, with a new one related to our UC Davis Oaks Forever! campaign being planned as we speak? The 120+ students in the program are learning about and addressing problems in food insecurity, habitat and biodiversity loss, sustainable horticulture, water systems management, environmental literacy and more.

The interest in our Learning by Leading™ (LxL) program model keeps growing as well, with public gardens across North America wanting to pilot these impactful environmental leadership internships at their sites. In March of this year, we welcomed 17 garden colleagues from six institutions (Humber College in Toronto, University of Georgia, Cornell, Rutgers, Louisiana State University, and the University of Central Florida) at UC Davis to learn about LxL in a three-day immersion experience.

During their visit, our partners got to see every aspect of our LxL program. They visited many of our student teams during their work days and planning meetings, had a roundtable lunch with the student leaders of each of our internships, held a panel discussion with our staff liaisons and enjoyed a culminating “student showcase” and reception with some of our Friends Board and GATEways Planning Council members.

Through these experiences, our partners began to understand what makes our LxL internships different than a typical college



internship. We have taken care to create an environment in which our students can truly grow in their leadership capacity. First, we have developed a “Leadership Ladder” that defines different roles students can take on as they gain leadership experience and skills.

Then, the structure of the internships facilitates students having more and more leadership opportunities as they go through the program. Each internship has a staff mentor that is an expert in his or her content area and is passionate about creating leadership experiences for students. The staff mentor works closely with two student leaders (“co-coordinators”) who in turn recruit and lead a team of 8-15 student interns. As interns gain leadership experience and skills, they can become a co-coordinator, and co-coordinators can take on signature projects and become apprentices.

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Co-coordinator Marjorie Rhodes (left) showcases the work of the LxL Edible Landscaping internship to Excelerate Foundation board members, Ed Dadakis, Alex Sloan and Ernie Lewis.

## Growing our Learning by Leading™ Network

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Through conversations with students and staff, our partners could see that something special was happening in the LxL program. Students talked a lot about the impact the program has had on them. For instance, Rini Jablonski, co-coordinator of the GATEways Outreach internship, told the partners that “the LxL program has allowed me to learn about myself as a leader and a team player more than any other experience. I really cannot begin to scratch the surface of how much the program helps students develop as workers, planners and collaborators.”

Co-coordinators also talked about the impact of the program on the larger community. Natalie Ruckstuhl, co-coordinator of the Habitat Restoration internship, observed that “the ecosystems that we aim to restore provide a variety of services to the community, such as pollution reduction, air purification, and the preservation of a variety of native species.” Not only is the LxL program growing environmental leaders, it is allowing the Arboretum and Public Garden to increase its impact on UC Davis, the regional community and the broader environment.

## Thank You to Our Donors and Sponsors

Many organizations and individuals have made our Learning by Leading™ (LxL) program possible through their generous donations, including through our Annual Appeal, Give Day and Big Day of Giving campaigns, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of them.

We want to especially thank the Excelerate Foundation, which has donated significant funding over the last seven years to grow and expand the LxL program. In addition to funding, the Excelerate Foundation has inspired us to always think deeper about the goals and impact of this program.

We also want to thank all our corporate sponsors and donors. We extend a special thank you to our lead corporate donors. Cagwin & Dorward Landscape Contractors has donated and pledged considerable funding for eight years and sponsored numerous student workdays and other events. In addition, Mars, Inc. and the Mars Advanced Research Institute (MARI) have supported the program with significant gifts.

## Weeding Volunteers to the Rescue!

At the end of April and early May, dozens of Arboretum and Public Garden volunteers helped our staff tackle the weeds in the Arboretum with six “Bonus Weeding Parties” in hotspot areas, including the Arboretum GATEway Garden and even inside the Arboretum Teaching Nursery. “I cannot overstate the immense value these weeding superstars added to our organization in just a few short days,” said Stacey Parker, the GATEways Horticulturist who organized the parties. Volunteers from across our regular teams put in extra time to support this effort, some even volunteering four days in a week.

Linda Parker, a new Arboretum and Public Garden volunteer signed up for all six shifts and shared:

“The Arboretum and Public Garden is an incredible resource and I loved knowing that I was helping to make the gardens healthy and beautiful for our community.”

Thanks to these volunteers, we have limited the exponential growth of weeds in our gardens—an incredible accomplishment that will have a lasting impact. Look out for more Bonus Weeding Parties as the seasons change!



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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

# LaRue Bridge Replacement Project



The campus construction effort to replace the LaRue Bridge is well underway, and pedestrian detours will be in effect through the summer of 2020. Although we miss having access to part of the center of the Arboretum, the majority of the Arboretum is unaffected and open for visitors. Thanks to assistance

from our partners within UC Davis Finance, Operations and Administration, we have vibrant and user-friendly detour signs marking the new route. The detour also gives an opportunity to highlight some of the lesser known parts of the Arboretum and Public Garden, including the California Rock Garden, the monumental cacti of the Desert Collection, and the new sustainable pollinator garden along La Rue Road. New “Detour Discovery Walk” signage by our Learning by Leading™ students in our Museum Education program highlights some of these unique features, bringing a fun element to the detour route. We invite you to explore and enjoy this route as we wait for the bridge and surrounding Arboretum pathways to be completed.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

# Storer Garden and Animal Pasture



We are about to get some furry new neighbors at the west end of the Arboretum! A new animal pasture to support the School of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital has just been installed in the field west of the Storer Garden. Horses, llamas, goats, and a cow will be moving in soon, and a new trail along the side of the pasture will

make animal viewing easier for visitors. A portion of the Storer Garden was closed for a few months this spring to allow the contractors to alter garden pathways and irrigation to better connect with the new pasture. The garden is now open again and will soon be expanded with new plantings along the pasture edge. Arboretum visitors have long enjoyed visiting the horses and llamas across the street. These new improvements will allow garden and animal visits to be more seamlessly integrated. We are looking forward to continuing our partnership with the School of Veterinary Medicine to connect visitors with the academic work of UC Davis focusing on human, animal, and environmental health through the One Health Initiative.

## Community Scientists Help Monitor Water Quality

*Nina Suzuki, Waterway Steward*

What color is the water in the Arboretum Waterway today? What wildlife do you see? These are some of the questions we have been asking Arboretum visitors through an online survey posted at six locations along the Waterway. Their participation, through nearly 200 observations so far, makes them Community Scientists.

“Community Science and Citizen Science engage members of the public to collaborate with professional scientists to conduct research-based investigations, engage in monitoring activities, collect data and interpret results, and produce new knowledge used for natural resource management or basic research.” This definition comes from UC Davis Center for Community and Citizen Science, which helps scientists and communities collaborate on science to address environmental problems as a part of civic life.

This is an invitation to the community to contribute to important data collection on the Waterway, which supports future research and informs ongoing management. Observations about the Waterway help us assess wildlife, water quality, algae growth, and litter at various locations over time. Survey responses by the community, alongside water samples and data collection by the Waterway Stewardship Learning by Leading interns, offer a foundational understanding of the Waterway’s conditions throughout the year.



Alongside the survey signs, we are sharing the trends we see in the survey data with the community so they can see how their observations contribute to the bigger picture.

One highlight from the data so far: Water birds (ducks, geese, egrets) are the most common wildlife sighting at 89% of responses. The runners up are insects (23%), turtles (22%) and fish (18%).

So next time you’re strolling through the Arboretum, take a few minutes to share your observations and help make a difference in the long-term care of the Waterway. The UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden appreciates your participation! You can view the survey here: [tinyurl.com/arbwater](https://tinyurl.com/arbwater).

# Scenes from Spring Events

1. Ryan Gooch, Learning by Leading™ (LxL) fundraising intern, speaks about LxL and our UC Davis Oaks Forever! campaign to an enthusiastic crowd of UC Davis alumni in Washington, D.C. Ryan’s talk was part of our Picnic Day @ Smithsonian Gardens event in partnership with the Cal Aggie Alumni Association and UC Davis Regional Development. Ryan was also an intern at Smithsonian Gardens during spring quarter to help them develop an LxL pilot program in partnership with American University.
2. Learning by Leading™ Museum Education co-coordinators, Liz McAllister (left) and Mia Groff (right), created “tree tags” in support of the UC Davis Oaks Forever! campaign. The tree tags share interesting facts about the oaks in addition to educating the community about their environmental and economic value.
3. In March, the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture toured the Arboretum and Public Garden to learn more about our student environmental leadership opportunities. Here Karyn Utsumi, from the Learning by Leading™ Waterway Stewardship team, provides the attendees with information about the new, naturalized habitat along the banks of the Waterway.
4. Susan Gottlieb, founder and owner of The Gottlieb Native Garden, inspires a standing-room-only audience with her Beverly Hills home garden conversion to a California native landscape that is now the hub for multiple research studies including the UC Davis Hummingbird Health and Conservation Program (HHCP). Mrs. Gottlieb enjoyed learning about our partnership with the Vet School and HHCP on our Hummingbird GATEway Garden and research site in the Teaching Nursery during her visit here.
5. Learning by Leading™ (LxL) GATEways Outreach interns led efforts to design and construct an oak-themed parade float for Picnic Day in honor of our UC Davis Oaks Forever! campaign. Thanks to their hard work and creativity, and the other LxL students who helped build the float and walked in the parade, the Arboretum and Public Garden was awarded Best Department Float!



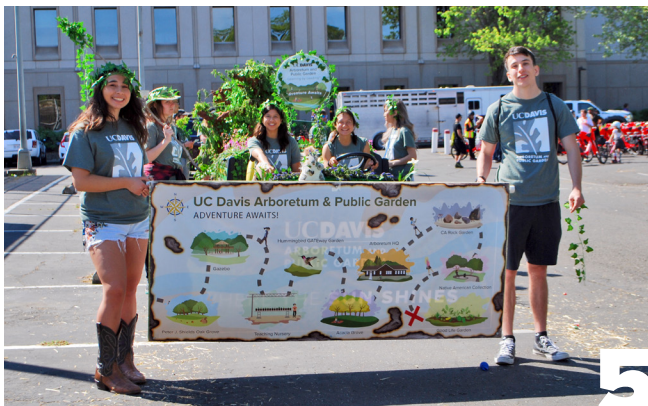
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# Friends Board News & Nominations

Suzanne Ullensvang  
Resource Development Manager

The Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden – our community support group – has been a tremendous partner in fostering the excellence of our gardens and programs and supporting the work of our staff and students for nearly 50 years. Thanks to the leadership of the Friends Board, and the generosity of our Friends members, the support group continues to provide critical financial and volunteer support each year.

We are grateful for the enthusiastic leadership of volunteer Ann Trump Daniel during her first year as President of the Friends. We have also been pleased to welcome two new members to the Friends Board this spring, Kristen Bennett and Jesikah Maria Ross. Both Kristen and Jesikah are enthusiastic about using their talents and community connections to give back to the Arboretum and Public Garden.

Would you or someone you know be interested in doing more for the Friends? The Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden Board is currently accepting nominations for members-at-large for the 2019-20 Board year and would also welcome volunteers interested in helping with special Friends projects. The Board leads work groups that support the Arboretum through fundraising and involvement in strategic initiatives. Any member of the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden is eligible for nomination. Consider offering your talents to support this amazing organization! Please submit nominations to the staff liaison to the Board, Suzanne Ullensvang at [sullensvang@ucdavis.edu](mailto:sullensvang@ucdavis.edu) by August 15, 2019.

## Summer 2019 GATEways Events

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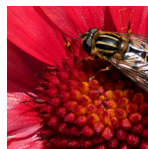
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### music & wellness

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#### Folk Music Jam Sessions

**Fridays, July 12 & 26;  
August 9 & 23; September 6 & 20**  
noon–1 pm *Wyatt Deck*

Folk musicians are invited to bring their acoustic instruments and play together informally over the lunch hour. All skill levels are welcome, and listeners are invited.



### guided tours

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#### Wednesday Walks with Warren

**September 11**

12–1 pm, *Arboretum Gazebo*

Join Warren Roberts, the Superintendent Emeritus of the Arboretum and famous storyteller and punster, for an always-engaging noontime exploration of spring in the UC Davis Arboretum's gardens and collections. These events are free.



#### Storer Garden Sizzlers

**Saturday, July 6**

10 am, *Arboretum Gazebo*

Is your garden sizzling? Succulents can take the heat, even in midsummer! See examples of succulents of all sizes in the Ruth Risdon Storer Garden and learn how to grow them in your home garden.

### camp shakespeare

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Campers will explore two productions from Davis Shakespeare Festival's 2019 season: *The Tenth Muse* and *The Comedy of Errors*. Through theatre games, acting workshops, and a culminating show, campers will sharpen their performance skills while having a blast.

Session I (Ages 8-12): **July 8 – July 19**  
Session II (Ages 8-12): **July 22 – August 2**

Both sessions will take place at the UC Davis Arboretum and camp will run Monday-Friday from 9 am–3 pm with options for early drop off and late pick up.

**SIGN UP!**

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Dear Friends,

Summer is here once again, and we have had an incredible year connecting with partners across the country who want to bring our Learning by Leading™ program (LxL) to their gardens and universities. Read the cover story to learn about our LxL partner visit in March, when we hosted 17 colleagues from all over the North America. These partners came to us with incredible energy, and their enthusiasm for student leadership was palpable. We are thrilled to have made these connections and look forward to learning with our partners as they implement the LxL program at their sites.

We had an incredible season of community participation in Arboretum and Public Garden projects. Thank you to our members and visitors who have helped us collect data along the Arboretum Waterway for our water quality citizen science project (see page 3). We would also like to thank all our fabulous volunteers that help keep our gardens and collections looking their best. This spring, dozens of volunteers participated in bonus weeding days (see page 2) throughout the Arboretum. Thanks to their efforts, we made a huge dent in the weeds that came up in force after the wet winter.

Construction is still underway at the La Rue Bridge (see page 3) and we'd like to thank you all for your patience as this improvement project continues. Head west to visit the new animal pasture adjacent to the Storer Garden (see page 3), where horses, llamas, goats, and a cow will be moving in soon. We look forward to continuing to partner with the School of Veterinary Medicine to connect our gardens with the academic work of UC Davis.

We want to thank all our members and donors (see pages 6-7), with a special thank you to everyone who supported our UC Davis Oaks Forever! campaign (see page 7). We are thrilled to welcome Kristen Bennett and jesikah maria ross to our Friends board (see page 5), and encourage members to consider nominating themselves or someone else to become a board member. Enjoy photos of our spring events (see page 4), and be sure to join us for events this summer (see page 5). Stay cool as you enjoy our gardens and collections.

*Kathleen*