

Flora & Fauna News

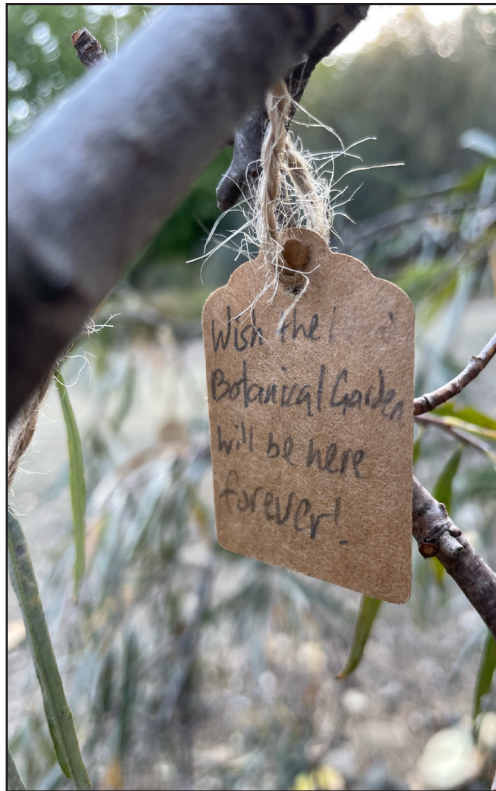
The Garden grows with thanks

By Derek Glas

The garden continues to change and grow just as the seasons of the year.

The summer months are when most native plants go dormant, but this year our garden was growing in other ways with wonderful fundraiser dinners and events at the Hitching Post 2, Presqu'ile Winery and a Family Fun Nature Craft Day in the Garden hosted by Acorn Village Forest School. Bryant Baker, The Conservation Director of Los Padres ForestWatch also led another amazing guided walk through the garden enlightening everyone on the native plants of the garden. Thank you to all who contributed to make these wonderful events happen! The new compost demonstration and education area was also completed over the summer thanks to a hard working collaboration with two county organizations as well as volunteers of the botanic garden. With all this going on, we also are continuing to plan for the future of the garden with exciting proposals of new projects, improvements and events.

Recently a wish from the wishing tree was shared with us from a young man sharing his "Wish the Botanical Garden will be here forever!" Tokens like this inspire us to continue our mission creating a collabora-



tive natural, educational environment for all to enjoy. Infrequently we are given reminders of the all the hard work that has gone into the garden over the past 16 years since its establishment in 2006. From the growing number of monarchs now fluttering through



Photos by Derek Glas
Autumn has fallen and most of our native plants have gone dormant, but the Garden continues to grow with the help from others.

the garden, visitors enjoying the new trails, relaxing or reading on benches underneath the shade of a mature tree, children laughing and playing in the family garden and willow maze and explorers reading the educational signs and searching for birds & wildlife.

We are thankful for everyone who has helped make all of this possible and making wishes come true! We wish you a wonderful holiday season and hope to see you in the garden soon!

Presqu'ile Winery provides a beautiful backdrop to help raise funds for outdoor education

By Flora & Fauna Staff

Thank you to Presqu'ile Winery's staff and the Murphy Family for a wonderful concert at their beautiful winery. With great food from Feed My Seoul and Casa Oaxaca, and as always, outstanding Presqu'ile wines, Garden supporters and friends

SYV Botanic Garden photo
Attendees enjoy the concert at Presqu'ile Winery.

of Presqu'ile helped raise funds for the Garden's outdoor education programs.

We also want to thank the great musicians who played their hearts out. It was a beautiful day filled with the two featured bands, The Tepesquet Tornados and Tina and the Graceland Exiles.

Please check the Garden website in the months to come to see our expanding education programs take shape.



Irrigation renovation begins

By Flora & Fauna Staff

With many thanks to our public partner, the City of Buellton, for their support of our new irrigation renovations that are beginning soon. With our continued drought, we are very aware of water use in the Garden. With a system that is over ten years old, it is time to replace aging and damaged equipment to ensure that our garden's irrigation is efficient and effective. The pre-construction work is wrapped up and renovation will begin shortly.

Please take this time to make sure your garden is 'water wise.' As the days grow shorter and cooler, check your irrigation clocks are adjusted and the systems are checked for leaks.

One 1 Gallon per hour emitter that is leaking can lose about 720 gallons of water a month. Think about taking the time to check your system the next time you pay your water bill.

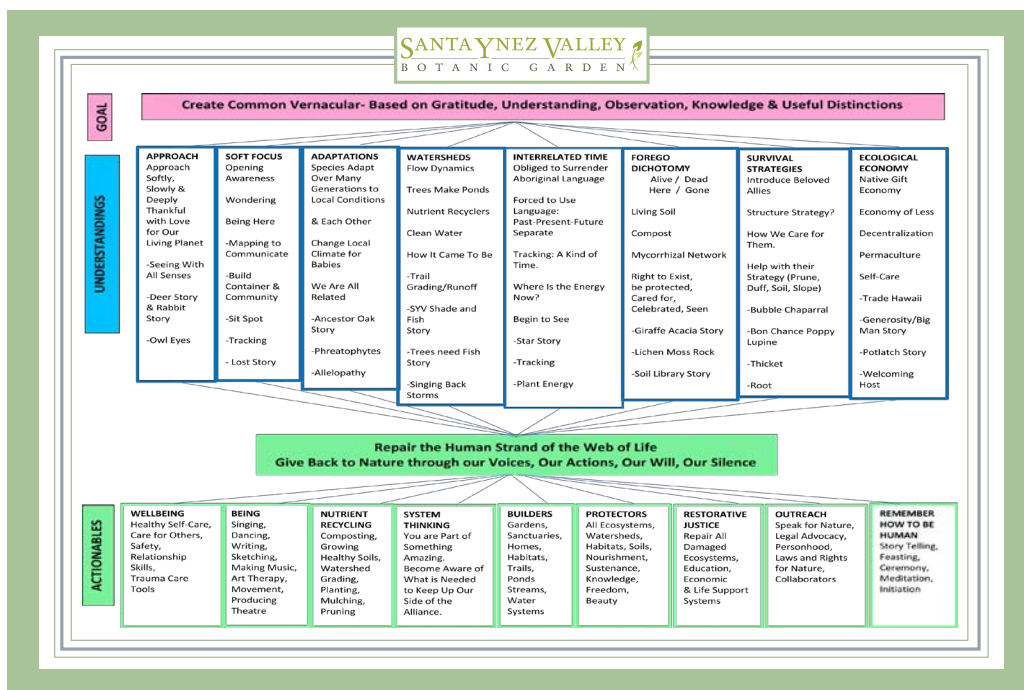


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Every drop matters.

GROWING THE GARDEN



SYV Botanic Garden photo

We developed our philosophical framework to help us identify and grow our education program that not only would be enjoyable but last

Autumn comes, native plants go dormant, but education thrives

As the acorn becomes a mighty oak, our outdoor education program is growing. This summer we developed the curriculum's framework and hosted the first adventure experience for school children. Some children expressed that it was the best day of their lives, others agreed it was the best field trip ever! These sentiments were echoed by the teachers as well.

We received a tremendous outpouring of support and appreciation for outdoor the program. Thank you to the Maigstro foundation, AMI, the Murphy Foundation and the Ostinis. With their help we are able to offer the program free of charge.

While limited to one field trip per year, we were honored that the Lompoc public school teachers chose to visit the Garden.

We also hosted our first training session for facilitators, in which we identified the

need for a basic policy and procedures manual to maintain the safe space of the garden and protect all beings.

As the first leaves begin to change color with the cold nights, we are moving into the winter of administration and capacity building, in preparation for spring class visits to resume. Fortunately, there are talented people willing to help and fund the process, so again, a great thank you to SB Foundation and the FUND for SB.

We want to express much appreciation for all the supporters and volunteers involved in the education program. I hope this day you feel a little joy and happiness, and a warm glow thru the winter, remembering that you have been and continue to be part of growing the Garden and community, creating memories for children for years to come. We are so blessed, thank you.

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SANTA YNEZ VALLEY BOTANIC GARDEN

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The Garden to host Enchanted Garden Holiday Lights Festival

By Flora & Fauna Staff

Santa Ynez Valley residents and visitors have a new reason to celebrate this holiday season. For the first time ever, the Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden will host the 'Enchanted Garden Holiday Lights Festival', an immersive light experience throughout December. Featuring installments such as a meadow of lights, LED animal figures, and a rainbow display, the Festival will showcase thousands of lights throughout the garden. This event will take place at the Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden at River View Park in Buellton, California (151 Sycamore Drive) and will help support future development and growth of the Garden.

The Enchanted Garden Holiday Lights Festival is scheduled to take place on December 2nd, 9th, 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th and 18th, 2022 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tickets to the Holiday Lights Festival include entry into the Enchanted Garden during your purchased time slot in addition to enjoying all that the festival has to offer as soon as the gates open at 5:30pm. Admission to the festival is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children ages 3-12 and free for children 2 and under. To purchase tickets for this family friendly event visit www.EnchantedHolidayLights.com.

This unique immersive lighted experience promises to fill everyone visiting with festive holiday spirit and includes a Holiday Country Market with food, beer and wine, and activities such as Christmas Carolers, falling snow, and photos with Santa. Live reindeer will be on-site exclusively on December 11th & 18th.

The planning of the festival has already sparked a lot of excitement and support from the community with sponsorships from The Wood-Claeysens Foundation, Ramsey Asphalt Construction, The Schlinger Foundation, Visit SYV, Rio Vista Chevrolet, SYV Rotary, Buellton Chamber, SYV Pride, Catherine Streegan Dentistry, Vreeland Ford and Nielsen's Building Supply.



Immersive Light Display | Santa | Live Reindeer | Carolers | Falling Snow
Beer, Wine, Hot Cocoa | Food Trucks | Vendors & more

DECEMBER 2ND

DECEMBER 9-11

DECEMBER 16-18



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FOR TICKETS

(LIMITED TIME SLOTS)

Guests can purchase tickets on select dates & times between 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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Learn from the Garden at home

By Flora & Fauna Staff

Thanksgiving is approaching quickly and what better time than now to check out our virtual Succulent Pumpkin Workshop!

This video can be found on our homepage or at YouTube, and allows you to create with the help of Garden volunteers, but in the comfort of your own home or home away from home.

Find the
video at:

www.syvbotanicgarden.org

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youtu.be/QJKBFXVsuy4

It's a great way to dress up your house, your church, or your workplace for fall. Not to mention it's a great activity to do with the kids or visiting relatives.



A HALLOWEEN JOURNEY

PHOTOS BY
SYV BOTANIC GARDEN

By Flora & Fauna Staff

On October 29th, Acorn Village Forest School presented Halloween Journey, an immersive theatre experience for children ages 2-8 years old.

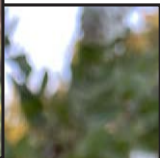
The SYV botanic garden was transformed into the home of fairies, gnomes, mermaids, witches, and the pumpkin queen. This event was held as a fundraiser for Acorn Village, SYV Children's Museum, and the SYV Botanic Garden.

A team of parents from Acorn Village produced, directed, and designed the event, the botanic gardens provided the venue and the photography, and the founder/director of the children's museum was on the production team as well.



A LOOK AT THE SUCCESSFUL IMMERSIVE INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE





Photos by
Derek Glas

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