

Flora & Fauna News



Photo by Derek Glas

New gateway expresses the world of the Garden

By Flora & Fauna Staff

On March 17, Buellton's Mayor, City Manager and City Council members joined the Garden board for a ribbon cutting for the new gateway to the Garden. The columns, designed and crafted by well-known ceramic artist, Michelle Griffoul, were once in Michelle's own home and donated by Geoff and Kathy Graber. Michelle's studio

and ceramic factory were located in Buellton for many years so the columns have literally come home. The colorful mosaics express the world of the Garden, from the adjacent river valley to the plant communities and open skies. They are topped by the entry sign, designed and crafted by local artisan and metal fabricator, Pat Carson.

Pat's studio, CCC, is also located in Buellton, making this project a true labor of local love.

Cub Scout Pack 2103, from Lompoc opened the ribbon cutting with a flag salute. Following the ceremony, the pack worked hard in the Garden, doing some spring cleaning in the Mason Bee habitat area. We also wanted to thank the Buellton Chamber, Buellton Parks and Recreation, Buellton Rotary Club, Los Olivos Rotary, and the Santa Ynez Valley Foundation for their attendance and continued support.



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Celebrate Spring with a membership

By Flora & Fauna Staff

Spring has sprung in the Garden. Just as our plants are waking up from cold nights and short days, our visitors and volunteers are full of renewed energy and enthusiasm, expanding their knowledge of native plants, creating garden inspired art, and adding new features to the Garden. We want to celebrate everyone who contributes to growing the Garden—our new members, sponsors, craftsmen, propagators, artists, volunteer gardeners and many more.

We are continuing our membership drive this spring. Please help us meet our 2021 goal; all funds from our members go to improving signage, maintenance materials and programs.

New habitat water feature installed in child-safe pond

By Flora & Fauna Staff



Photos by Derek Glas A new habitat water feature carved by Lonny Etzel was installed by students from Refugio and Santa Ynez Valley High Schools.

With a grant from Garden supporter, Alex Geremia, the Garden recently installed a new habitat water feature.

The central focus of the new small child-safe pond is a local boulder, sourced and carved by Lonny Etzel, a talented local sculptor whose work resonates

with the valley landscape. It features a solar powered pump and was installed under Lonny's direction by a crew of students from Solvang Elementary School, Santa Ynez Valley High School and Refugio High School.

Volunteers then planted a series of new native plantings including: Native Carex, Rye, Ceanothus, Sage and many others, be sure to go check them out!



Children's Garden



Kids get their own fun area

Each year, more children come to the Garden to explore and become acquainted with native plants of their local environment. As we watched all of their activity, the Board felt it was important to create a zone where they could play and explore freely.

With the help of the Buellton Rotary Club, a new balance beam and logs were installed as well as a log 'car' complete with steering wheel, carved by Tyler Powers, a local craftsman. If you have young children or grandchildren, make a date to play in the Garden and learn to identify a few plants along the way!

We also wanted to thank the Buellton Chamber, Buellton Parks and Recreation, Buellton Rotary Club, Los Olivos Rotary, and the Santa Ynez Valley Foundation for their attendance and continued support. A special thanks to the Schlinger Family Foundation for sponsoring this project.



New programs sprout up

Join the Propagation Sub Committee

Join the Garden's Propagation Sub Committee for a hands on educational opportunity with a range of horticultural tasks including: Seed collection and seed processing; Soil preparation for trays and pots; Propagation of California native plants from seed, cuttings and divisions; Transplanting and potted plant care; Cleaning pots and trays; Participating in plant sales events.

If Interested, please send an email to contact@syvbotanicgarden.org so we can add you to the email list and notify you of details regarding upcoming work days and opportunities.

Upcoming Propagation Work Days:

- Sunday April 25, 2021 12-3p.m
- Sunday May 23 2021, 12-3p.m
- Sunday June 27, 2021 12-3p.m

As of the publication of this

newsletter, we are limiting these workdays to seven persons, so please let us know if you would like to attend.

New docent training program begins

The first docent training program was held during March. We will have monthly meetings through the spring and summer in anticipation of a full Docent program in the fall.

Many visitors want to know more about the Garden and the plants found there. We hope to offer short guided tours with our trained volunteers one or two Saturdays a month. Information offered will vary from season to season and with different age groups.

If you are interested in becoming a docent, please go to www.santaynezvalleybotanicgarden.com to sign up. You will not have to know every plant in the Garden!

ART IN THE GARDEN



Many thanks to our Garden supporter and volunteer Karen Young, who recently taught an art class for charter school students from Santa Maria and Lompoc. With the help of other volunteers, she taught the students to open their eyes wide to the forms of leaves and flowers found in the Garden. Hesitant at first, the students soon lost themselves in their work experimenting with new techniques and truly 'relating to nature.'



Take a walk on the wild side with our membership drive for 2021

Take a Walk on the Wild Side

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Throughout these trying times, the Garden has offered visitors and volunteers a chance to connect with nature, to find solace and discover the healing power of gardens and native plants. The Garden relies on the good will of the community to continue to grow. Please consider renewing your membership or joining. We hope to reach 200 members by the end of 2021. We want to be the best small public garden on the Central Coast.

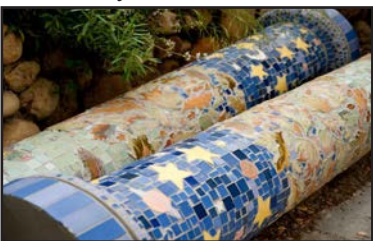
A big Thank you ♡

The Garden is honored by the help and support of our volunteers, supporters & donors

Many thanks to Michele Bandinu of Custom Architectural Stone for assisting with the installation of the entry columns. From his creative and skilled crew in his shop to the team who mounted the columns on site, the CAS team was instrumental in assuring the success of our new entry.

We also wanted to thank Dan Hemming of Dan Hemming Concrete and Mark Braun Engineering for their work on the foundation of the entry. From design, review and approval to create the column bases, Mark and Dan were an integral part of our local team who made it happen!

Diane and Barry Craig have been coming to the Garden on a regular basis for more than two years. The Garden depends on volunteers for a large portion of our Garden maintenance. Diane and Barry regularly water the new seedlings and starts in our propagation area as well as checking on new plantings in the garden. We hope they inspire others to become Garden volunteers and adopt plantings that need a watchful eye and seasonal care.



SVV Botanic Garden photo

This pair of mosaic columns was crafted by ceramic artist Michelle Griffoul for the gateway for the Garden.



Thank you to
Lisa and Angel Iscovich
for the donation of the
golf cart and trailer!



**DAN HEMMING
CONCRETE**




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- Michele Hinrichs
- Karen Young
- Richard Nagler



Shade Garden

- Lisa Iscovich
- Liz DAndrea
- George Lewis
- Kathryn Rohrer



Pond Garden

- Alex Geremia
- Michele Hinrichs
- Linda Oakley
- Devon DeFazio
- Kathleen Williams

- Lindsey Jones
- Stacey DeForrest
- Jefferson Woeste
- Tina Collins
- Amanda Maybroda
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Some of our volunteers in action



Barry Craig



Margurite Tibben



Hannah Rasby



Larry Heki

Yes! I want to support the Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden

Please complete this form and mail to:
Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden
P.O. Box 1623, Buellton, CA 93427

All members receive our newsletter, calendar of events, special discounts and more.

I am interested in volunteering:

- Gardening Youth Education
- Adult Education Newsletter
- Garden Plant Information and Database
- Art in the Garden
- Other _____

I would like to make a tax-deductible contribution at the following level for the year 2019.

- \$50 Individual \$65 Family \$100 Propagator
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