

Flora & Fauna News

Phase One of the Rain Garden is complete!

By Flora & Fauna Staff

With many thanks to our great volunteers and contributions from local businesses and nurseries, Santa Ynez Stone and Topsoil, Manzanita Nursery, and Windmill Nursery, the Garden now has completed the bones of our central drainage system, a winding biofiltration system to carry runoff from the site. A generous grant from the Murphy Family Foundation allowed us to purchase the additional materials, labor and equipment rentals needed for completion.



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Habitat Garden diversifies to attract more pollinators

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The Habitat or Pollinator Garden continues to evolve as we increase the diversity in plantings to attract more pollinators throughout the seasons. This work has been

supported by the Garden Club of Santa Barbara. We look forward to their future work parties in 2021.

This area now has a new interpretive sign spearheaded by our intern last summer, Kathleen McCollum. Now that 'Kat' is back in

the area, assisting in the development of the beautiful organic garden at Presqu'ile Winery and working as a horticultural and administrative assistant at Arcadia Studio, we are thrilled to announce she has joined our board.

Chumash Foundation is helping us to continue to grow

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Other areas of the Garden continue to grow. Under the guidance of our board member, Julio Carrillo and with generous support from the Chumash Foundation, a new traditional tule Ap has been completed. It is now flanked by a new collection of plantings used by Chumash weavers for baskets and other woven items.



The Medicinal Garden now has additional plant identification signs provided through a grant from the Woods Clayssen Foundation.

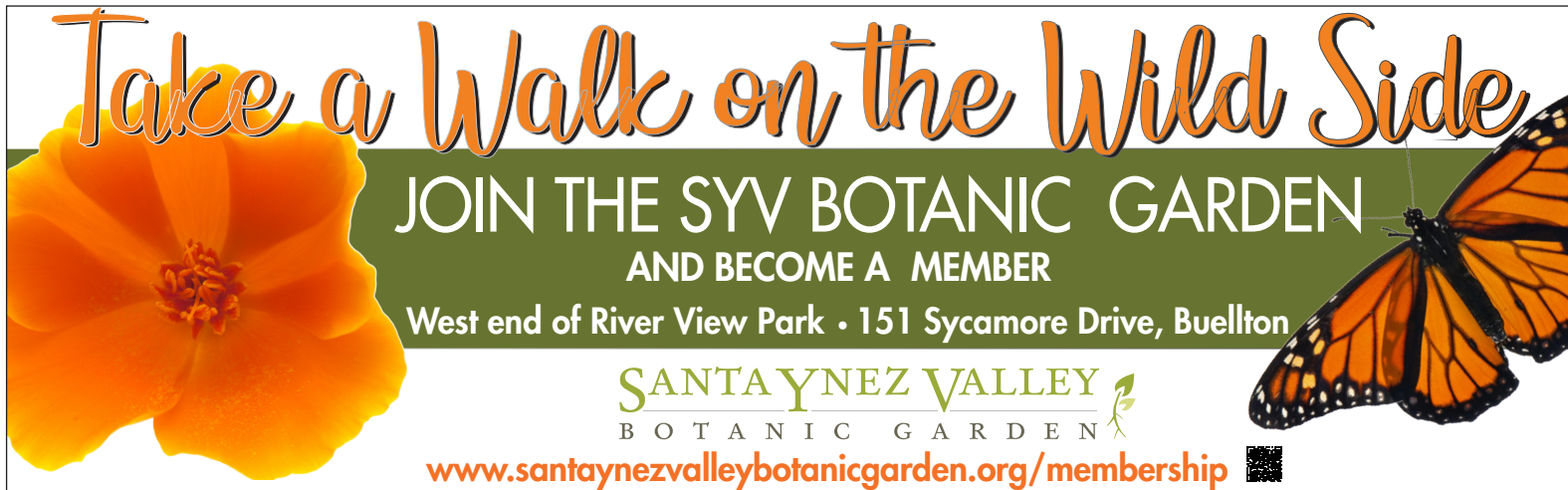


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A big thank you

Many thanks to Michele Bandinu of Custom Hardscape and Chris Pendergast of Stonescapes for contributing and placing new boulders throughout the Garden.

We are launching our membership drive for 2021



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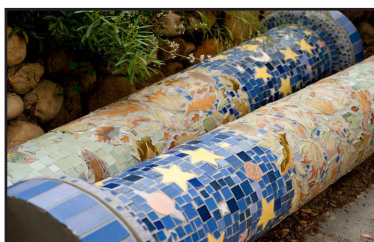
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Throughout these trying times, the Garden has offered visitors and volunteers a chance to connect with nature, to find solace and discover the healing power of gardens and native plants. The Garden relies on the good will of the community to continue 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.



News is sprouting up everywhere in the Garden



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This pair of mosaic columns, crafted by ceramic artist Michelle Griffoul will be erected to create a gateway for the Garden.

An entrance worthy of our only public garden

Several years ago, we received a pair of mosaic columns, designed and crafted by a nationally recognized ceramic artist Michelle Griffoul, whose studio was in Buellton for many years. With the support of the City of Buellton and other donors, the columns will be erected to create a gateway for the Garden. Check our website for our ribbon cutting in early 2021.

The Garden continues to inspire art, artists

The Garden continues to inspire and bring together local artists from our community. Discover the mosaic pieces created by the NAME, a talented group of local teenagers. Stacey Thompson created another 'Day of the Dead' installation and continues

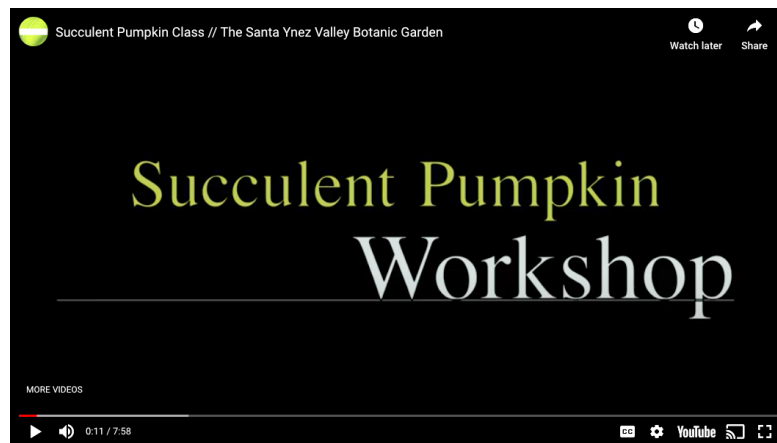
to lead monthly 'Art in the Garden' workshops. Although we have not been able to host our popular workshops such as 'Succulent Pumpkins' we were able to create a how-to video available on our website.

Our outdoor education program for 2021 is being developed by Lindsey Jenkins with the support of the Magistro Family Foundation. Please continue to check our website for announcements about outdoor education.

Our volunteers make the Garden a unique resource

A big thanks to ALL of our volunteers. The Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden is a unique community resource that relies on the ideas and hands on work of our volunteers since the Garden began fourteen years ago. From the first tree plantings to our energetic group of propagators, volunteers have shaped and maintained the Garden, building our Ap, pruning shrubs and most importantly asking "What if?"

If you are looking for a place to share your passion for native plants and our local environment, or just want to connect with other community members or learn about gardening, consider becoming part of our Garden family. We have projects for people of all ages, skills and physical ability.



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Check out our "Art in the Garden" workshop video on our website and learn how to create your own succulent pumpkin at home.