Botanist Mary Bowerman, while working on the flora of Mt. Diablo for her dissertation project in 1936, didn’t know this would be the last year anyone would see the Mt. Diablo buckwheat (*Eriogonum truncatum*) until 2005.

Dr. Barbara Ertter, curator of western North American flora for the UC and Jepson Herbaria on the Berkeley campus, spent several years updating Mary Bowerman’s book, *The Flowering Plants and Ferns of Mt. Diablo, California*, initially published in 1944. Dr. Ertter’s revision, in collaboration with Dr. Bowerman, was published by the California Native Plant Society in 2002. Neither expert botanist was able to relocate the Mt. Diablo buckwheat. Dr. Ertter encouraged UC Berkeley student Michael Park to embark on a floristic project on Mt. Diablo. One species he was to keep an eye out for was this buckwheat.

Mt. Diablo State Park was only 6,788 acres at its opening in 1931. Over time the non-profit group Save Mt. Diablo, co-founded by Dr. Bowerman and Arthur Bonwell in 1971, has acquired or otherwise protected over 80,000 acres, much of it added to the state park. It was on one of these annexed parcels that Michael found a small population of annual buckwheat plants in May 2005. He was astounded to find that it was indeed the elusive *Eriogonum truncatum*.

Following additional verification of its identity, Ms. Cyndy Shafer of the state park system organized a working group to oversee the management of this tiny population. The Botanical Garden, long a member of the national Center for Plant Conservation and an active participant in Bay Area rare plant conservation, was invited to help.

Curator Holly Forbes visited the population site with Michael Park, botanist Mary Ann Showers (California Department of Fish & Game), Cyndy Shafer and Joanne Kerbavaz (also of state parks) in spring 2006. We built two wire exclosures to prevent predation by herbivores, possibly rabbits. This is an area that is grazed by cows, but we have no evidence that they were eating the buckwheats.

The specific location of the population is being revealed only on a need-to-know basis, to prevent unnecessary trampling as well as to thwart would-be collectors.

We helped collect a small number of seeds from the approximately 18 plants in the natural population, and brought them to the Garden to grow. About half of these seeds were put into long-term storage. Twelve germinated and grew robustly under the care of Garden propagator John Domzalski. Our twelve small plants produced an average of over 3,300 flowers each, for a total of over 40,000 seeds! Most of these seeds will
be kept in long-term storage for future use in restoration efforts.

In late fall 2006 we had excellent germination and potted-up 60, one-gallon cans of seedlings for additional seed production and specimens from which to make herbarium sheets to be shared with other botanical institutions. Over 30 herbarium sheets have been prepared from these Garden-grown plants.

Garden staff collected seeds from the fifty pots of the buckwheat over the summer. These seeds, projected to number over 150,000, will be used as the working group approves various introduction experiments. The long-term goal is to create several self-sustaining populations, eliminate the need for human intervention and spread the risk of potential catastrophic events among many sites.

Since last reported in 1936, the Mt. Diablo buckwheat mysteriously disappeared from the few sites from which it had been collected, including the Antioch area. The associated species remained, but not this small annual plant, frequently described as a pink “baby’s breath” (though unrelated). Many of California’s annual wildflowers have not been able to withstand the invasion of their habitats by non-native annual grasses and forbs (e.g. yellow star thistle), and this may be the case for the Mt. Diablo buckwheat. We will be experimenting with site manipulations (weeding, soil disturbance, moisture readings), trying to determine what this species needs to persist on its own.

The Mt. Diablo buckwheat working group continues to meet to discuss next steps for ensuring the continued survival of this species in habitat. The drought of 2007 took a heavy toll on the plants on the mountain. Lack of rain is the most likely reason the plants were barely four inches tall and produced very few flowers. In contrast, in the Garden’s nursery the plants had multiple stems and were as much as 12 inches tall, with thousands of flowers each.

The quest also continues in attempts to locate more populations, though efforts have not yet borne fruit. The working group members (California State Parks, the Botanical Garden, the Jepson Herbarium, Save Mt. Diablo, the California Native Plant Society, East Bay Chapter, California Department of Fish & Game, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service) held a workshop on identification in May 2006, lead by acclaimed buckwheat expert Dr. James Reveal. Expert and amateur botanists learned how to distinguish the Mt. Diablo buckwheat from other buckwheats known to occur in the vicinity of Mt. Diablo. Dr. Reveal gave a fascinating presentation on their evolutionary history, shedding light on how they can produce such huge amounts of seeds. Over evolutionary time, the plants’ flower stems contracted to be extremely short, so that there are dozens if not hundreds of flowers in each head, one flower per involucre (buckwheat morphology has a whole terminology of its own). On the first day the flowers open, only some of the stamens release their pollen, followed by receptivity of the stigma to pollen from other flowers or from its own stamens. On the second day the rest of the stamens release their pollen on the stigma as the flower closes for the last time, ensuring pollination and therefore seed production. Only one tiny seed results from each flower.

We will keep you updated as the work continues.

—Holly Forbes
We have been busy selecting and propagating water thrifty plants for many years. The front entry garden features many staff favorites that have proven reliable and garden worthy. We will offer many plants from the front entry garden (including the lovely Silene on the plant sale card!) as well as a suite of more obscure plants from the nooks and crannies of our 34 acre collection. These selections are excellent choices to help gardeners face the reality that 2008 brings the very real possibility of water shortages and water rationing due to the low levels of rainfall in 2007.

New this year is a focus on the flora of South Africa. We will be offering limited quantities of unusual shrubs from the Cape Floral Kingdom including the well-known Melianthus major and Kniphofia spp. The South African flora has a mind-boggling diversity of geophytes that we’ll feature in the sale such as the uncommon and dramatic Brunsvigia josephinae, or the well-loved Angel’s fishing rod (Dierama pulcherrima). Look for these plants and more in our bulb display inside the conference center. South African succulents large and small such as Aloe saponaria, spiral aloe (Aloe polyphylla) and Haworthia spp., will be available. We will offer limited quantities of the increasingly popular grass-like plants in the Restionaceae. Look for restios with our display grasses and grass-like plants. We will also offer a limited quantity of five and fifteen gallon cycads. Wonder what the big deal is about cycads? Go check out the new rock work and cycad plantings in the Garden.

Also new this year is an expanded selection of subtropicals from our Mexican/Central American collection. Many lush-looking subtropicals have proven surprisingly tough and drought resistant in our garden. Utilizing select broad-leaved flowery subtropicals is a great way of creating a lush and tropical-looking garden without unnecessarily taxing our water supply.

We will continue to offer a great selection of the ever-so-regionally appropriate and well-adapted California natives, including many species of the summer flowering buckweats (Eriogonum spp.). This year we’re also featuring a great variety of monkeyflower (Mimulus spp.) selections and cultivars which are justifiably popular for their long flowering season and garden tolerance.

Collectors will continue to find the plants that are unique to our operation here at the Garden. Come shop the finest collection of Lapageria cultivars ANYWHERE. Lovely specimens of oddly adapted and easy-to-grow insectivorous plants will be available near the newly rejuvenated Tropical House. For those who garden indoors, we will continue to offer choice houseplants for foliage and flowers.

Come enjoy the Garden atmosphere, the extraordinary plant selection, and advice from expert staff and volunteers at the Fall Plant Sale. We’ve expanded the hours of the Members’ sale to allow for a more leisurely shopping experience before we open the sale to the public. Please come and support the Garden! You can find a more complete list of plants to be offered at the sale on the Garden’s website http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu.
I am pleased to report the continued good health and beauty of the Garden. This past spring was dry but the Garden thrived, with a full bloom in all collections. We have enjoyed success in several areas and have some exciting new projects underway.

The annual Spring Plant Sale was another unmitigated success from the standpoint of sales but, perhaps more importantly, from the positive feedback from visitors. We have improved both the quality of plants offered as well as the logistics of the sale.

One of the first new things that visitors saw in spring was the new sign on the entrance: we are finally “on the map.” The entrance was further enhanced by the replacement fence that runs along Centennial Drive. We had hoped to get some new fencing related to the repair of the collapsed road, but the final results exceeded our wildest expectations. The majority of the old rusting, leaning chain link has been replaced by new black vinyl fencing. The outside of the Garden has truly been transformed.

We have been increasing the visibility and recognition of our daily plant sales to become a destination nursery in the Bay Area. Sales have been robust but there are opportunities to grow this program. Toward this goal, we have recently completed a major expansion of our plant sales deck. It has essentially been doubled and we are improving the layout for displaying plants. We have a wonderful array of plants to choose from for propagation and we have a dedicated and hard-working volunteer propagation staff of almost 100 people. However, we are still somewhat constrained by the very limited propagation facilities for this purpose, and one of the major goals for the coming year is the renovation of these facilities. The removal of the old office building (Annex) last fall has provided an ideal site for a new simple greenhouse, and funds are now being solicited for it. Our plan for these improvements will cost $20,000, an investment that I believe can be quickly recovered. In the meantime, I hope you will make us your resource for new and exciting plants for your garden.

Our plan for a major new plant display focused on our new collection of southern African cycads is coming to fruition. Through the generous support of several members, including Tim Gregory and Julie Fukami Gregory, Robert Ferber Jr., LaVerne and Douglas Leach, Florence Gong, and Richard Rundel via the M. Stanley Rundel Trust, this project is now in full swing. Master stone mason Philip Johnson was commissioned for this work (he constructed the karoo display in the Southern Africa Area as well as both the alpine fell-field and serpentine plant communities displays in the Californian Area), and progress has been rapid. We expect the planting to occur over the summer and the entire exhibit should be nearly complete this fall, but you do not have
to wait to come enjoy it.

I am also pleased to report the rejuvenation of the Tropical House display. The plants have perhaps been too happy over the years and had become somewhat overgrown. Horticulturist Christy Matasick completed the pruning, thinning and replanting in July, with assistance from Jerry Parsons. To cap off the makeover, the artificial “cork tree” has been resurrected with a wonderful display of bromeliads and other epiphytes.

A major event of the summer was our Annual Garden Party on June 24th, and what a party it was! Think of spectacular warm, but not hot, sunny weather, a mellow breeze, outstanding wines, delicious foods, and great music and being surrounded by good vibes, and you are starting to get a flavor of the event, but you really had to be there to experience it. Over 300 guests roamed the Garden and participated in the festivities. The theme this year—inflorescence!—highlighted the annual renewal of the Garden’s beauty and bounty. If you were not able to join us this year, I hope you will try to make the next one.

If I may return to events and plant sales, I want to remind you all of the upcoming annual Fall Plant Sale to be held on Sunday September 30th (on the traditional date for it, the last Sunday of September). We are gearing up to provide another outstanding experience with special attention to the need for water conservation. Please note that the timing of the event has been changed slightly to allow more time for members to shop before the arrival of the public. I hope to see you all there.

Robert J. Riddell Jr.

The Garden received the sad news recently that dedicated long-time Garden supporter Bob Riddell had passed away. His contributions to the life of the Garden over several decades were legion, ranging from being President of the board of the Friends of the Garden 1984 - 1995, a plant sale organizer and a lead supporter of innumerable Garden projects. He was personally admired by other volunteers for his immense gardening ability, his great love of rhododendrons, his forthrightness, his perseverance and the great effort he put into getting things done for the Garden. We were greatly pleased when Bob agreed to cut the ribbon at the dedication ceremony for the new Garden entrance in 2005, sadly, his last visit to the Garden. He said afterward that he really did enjoy cutting the ribbon knowing that it represented the hard work of so many over such a long period of time. The new entrance was a much longed for achievement and represented a real turning-of-the-corner for the Garden.

—Paul Licht
A fundamental challenge for the Garden is how to engage audiences that are truly representative of the diverse population of Alameda County. Creating stronger partnerships is essential to attracting and involving communities that do not have a tradition of visiting botanical gardens due to tangible barriers like transportation, admission and parking fees and intangible cultural barriers.

The Garden has a strong history of community partnerships and one special outreach project culminated this year with a visit to the Garden (the result of a generous donation by long time Garden supporter Mrs. Alba Witkin). The Gardens for Young Children and Families program commenced in the fall of 2006 at Franklin Elementary School in Oakland, southwest of Lake Merritt. 98% of the school population is on free or reduced lunch and 85% of the students are English language learners. Education staff built on our previous on-site teacher development program by providing a lesson study and horticultural activities, as well as family work days. Plants were donated from the Garden’s collections and from its volunteer-staffed plant sales program. We have mobilized a program of educational activities that continues to transform the ambience of the school. The Franklin school garden seems to be a magnet for conversation, education and neighborly exchange and the Garden staff and programming are beginning to be viewed as part of the fabric of that neighborhood.

On June 8, 2007, a group of first grade students, their teacher, Rochelle Jacobs, and family members visited the Garden for the first time as part of this grant. Garden docent Sally Schroeder organized a fabulous team of Garden docents to lead the students on a variety of adventures. Garden education staff provided a lesson for the students and family members in a take-home activity where they made paper origami “sprouting” pots and filled them with soil and fava beans. This was a huge hit with the children who opened the huge bean pods and observed the giant fava beans.

Ms. Jacobs wrote: “… Thank you for the field trip, the time in the garden, the lunch, the tours and the warmth, support and enthusiasm you gave to my class, their families, and Franklin School.”

This project would not have been possible without the assistance of Alba Witkin and our docents. The Garden education department has been using a similar whole-school model throughout the region to create multifaceted partnerships for improving children’s nutrition, science, and mathematics skills. Research has shown that there are several significant factors that encourage nontraditional audiences to use museums (including botanical gardens). Perhaps the most important is that people want to feel welcome (Falk, 1993; Lessane, 2003) and their experience is relevant to them (Hood, 1994; Smithsonian Institution, 2002). June 8, 2007 was such a day. Quotes from the children indicate that this experience was meaningful,
memorable and content relevant. Several children commented on the different areas of the garden: the “glass house”, the desert- “the big cactus!”, the California section. Six children thanked us for letting them see the Garden and letting them touch and eat something from the crop garden. All children expressed surprise at the size of the fava bean and the opportunity to take it home — something from the Garden.

Danny: It was fun over there in the garden. I like the lizards and I like the tree that is big.

Sidney: Thank you Molly (our docent) for letting us touch the plants. You have a great garden.

Raquel: Thank you for teaching about flowers and thank you for showing us how to make a cup and make a seed grow in it.

James: I like when we went to the glass house. I like when we was peeling the Fava beans. They are huge and slick.

Jennica: Thank you for showing me the lizards. I like the desert plants. Thank you for taking care of me.

We believe it is through experiences such as these that the Garden will continue to be part of the conversation in the students’ lives and in the lives of their families. It will be a place to come, learn, be inspired, to love and to feel a part of.

—Elizabeth Baker

References:


Materials Development Program, “Seeds of Success.” Curator Holly Forbes and Assistant Curator Barbara Keller will be collecting between 10,000 and 20,000 seeds each of several common species for stabilizing, rehabilitating and restoring lands in the United States.

North American Plant Collections Consortium (NAPCC): The NAPCC, a program of the American Public Gardens Association, is developing a network of North American botanical gardens and arboreta to coordinate a continent-wide approach to plant germplasm preservation. The Garden has been accepted as a member of the first multi-institutional collection of oaks (the genus Quercus). We are partnering with twelve additional institutions to preserve the genetic diversity of oaks, primarily those species naturally occurring in the United States and Mexico. The Garden is especially important for its unique holdings of Mexican species.

Conservation: The Garden is working on several new projects with US Fish & Wildlife Service staff to increase seed numbers for several federally-listed endangered species, including white sedge (Carex albida) from the Pitkin Marsh in Sonoma County, Marin western flax (Hesperolinon congestum) from the San Francisco Presidio, and Kenwood Marsh checkerboom (Sidalcea oregana ssp. valida) from Sonoma County. These are in addition to our continuing work with Baker’s larkspur (Delphinium bakeri), yellow larkspur (Delphinium luteum), and the Presidio manzanita (Arctostaphylos hookeri ssp. ravenii).
Gerald Ford retired on July 1st from his role as lead building maintenance staff member. He began his career at the Garden in January 1990, hired for both his carpentry skills (he is a licensed contractor) as well as his passion for horticulture. Early assignments included horticulturist for the Garden of Plants for Mankind (now called the Crops of the World Garden) as well as an endless list of building and equipment repair needs. He received his pesticide applicator’s license within his first year here. Building and equipment needs were so demanding that he reluctantly relinquished his horticultural assignment to devote all his energy to them. He was reclassified from a gardener to lead building maintenance worker in 1992, a job category not often granted on our campus.

Gerald has been almost single-handedly responsible for many of the physical building improvements at the Garden. These include several office remolds in the Garden office (several in the same spaces to accommodate different needs) as well as in the Annex, where we had our first office for a Garden director, ever (the building was demolished in October 2006). He also built the xerophytic fern display planter running the length of the Arid House.

Some of Gerald’s favorite accomplishments include:

• design and construction of a Maybeck-style pergola for the 1990 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show at Fort Mason;

• design and construction of the pergola in the Garden of Old Roses, now the site for intimate weddings, and framing a view of San Francisco Bay;

• construction, from the ground up, of the carpentry workshop—likely the best insulated building on site and with a window view of the bay through the trees of the Mexican/Central American cloud forest;

• his design and installation of the display cases of the Orchid, Fern, and Carnivorous Plant House, which have allowed the Garden to display many more carnivorous plants and orchids in safety from theft and in good health; and

• his last project, with Eric Deschenes, replacing the Garden Shop decking with trex material, expanding the plant sales deck, and replacing the trellis with the goal of improving plant sales in support of Garden operations.

Gerald was the “go to” staff member of the Garden for any sort of question about carpentry, electrical supply, buildings, physical plant resources on campus, grounds equipment purchases and equipment maintenance. Though carpentry was his specialty, he was the all-around professional handyman we all wish we had access to for our own homes. He will be greatly missed and we wish him the best in his retirement.

—Holly Forbes
Long Time Volunteers Retire

Carlos Rendon, long-time volunteer propagator and section head for Vines, retired in May 2007 after six hard-working years at UCBG. Carlos, best known for his expertise and green thumb with Lapageria, religiously clocked 50 to 60 hours per month cultivating the choice plant specimens for the plant sales deck and our big fall and spring plant sales. He maintained the mother stock and built on the efforts of the previous vines section head, Sarah Wikander. Carlos’ meticulous attention to detail and passion for vines made the Garden THE source for choice vines and rare and hard-to-find varieties of Lapageria, the national flower of its native Chile. His passion for Lapageria extended beyond the Garden. In 2006, Carlos and Chris Carmichael published an article in Pacific Horticulture Magazine on “The History of Lapageria rosea at the University of California Botanical Garden” (Appendix 2). That article introduced two new L. rosea cultivars of particular horticultural merit: ‘Myrtle Wolf’s Pink’ and ‘Esquisita’ and brought attention from the broader horticultural community to our propagation program. Thank you, Carlos, for your contributions to the Garden!

Margaret Mitchell, member of the first class of Docent Training in 1974, is retiring from active volunteering. Margaret volunteered to become a docent when Director, Dr. Bob Ornduff, removed the interpretive, recorded “squawk boxes” in the Garden in order to utilize docents to actively interpret the collection. Margaret remembers the first docent class as a strong group who was galvanized to find ways to raise funds for the Garden. She was also involved in the formation of the Docent Council and the Friends Organization. Thank you, Margaret for your many years of service!

Generous Donation Brings Garden Shop into 21st Century!

Nancy Markell, 32 year Garden and Shop Volunteer, donated funds to purchase a new, high-tech barcoding cash register system for the Garden Shop. The system allows volunteers and staff to manage our entire inventory, helping immensely with reordering, improving customer service, tracking merchandise sales, and offering special sales. The computer-based system also allows Shop Volunteers to access the internet to provide plant information for customers. Thank you, Nancy!

The Garden Party, 2007

Over 30 volunteers helped make our annual Garden Party Fundraiser - inflorescence! - a blooming success! Volunteers contributed their energy and talents in every way, from soliciting and picking up donations, to serving food and wine, to the monumental task of cleaning up. Many of the Garden’s volunteers also showed their support by attending and bringing friends and family, raising this year’s attendance to nearly 300. Thank you to one and all.

Volunteer Coordinator on Leave during Winter & Spring

Head’s up! Perry Hall, the Garden’s Volunteer Coordinator, will be on maternity leave from sometime in November, 2007 through sometime in April, 2008. During her absence, Kerry McNaughton will be fulfilling her duties and can answer questions about volunteering and will provide support for volunteers. Kerry can be reached at the same phone number, 510-643-1924.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sick Plant Clinic
First Saturday of every month from 9 am – 12 pm
Free, no reservations required

Fall Plant Sale 2007
Sunday, September 30, 2007
Members’ Sale and Silent Auction
9 am – 11 am
Public Sale
11 am – 3 pm

Foods of the Americas
Friday, October 5 – Thursday, October 25, 2007 9 am – 5 pm
Explore varieties of colorful corn, tomatoes, peppers, chocolate, amaranth, quinoa, and oca and other produce domesticated by Native American farmers in our educational marketplace. Conclude your trip by visiting our related collections: Crops of the World Garden, Tropical House, and Mexico/Central America and South America.
Free with Garden Admission

Herb Day 2007
Saturday, October 13, 2007 10 am – 12 pm
Celebrate Herb Day by taking a tour of the Chinese Medicinal Herb Garden and Herb Garden with Horticulturist Elaine Sedlack. $15, $12 members

A Kid’s South American Market Place
Sunday, October 14, 2007 1 pm – 3 pm
Be transported to a vibrant South American marketplace! Tour our Foods of the Americas exhibit and discover a diversity of delicious foods while doing hands-on activities led by the Garden’s education staff including making and munching on authentic and nutritious snacks and drinks. See how these foods grow in our Crops of the World Garden. For children five and older; $20, $17 members, price includes one child and one adult, $10 each additional child or adult per family

Mayan and Aztec Medicinal Plant Tour
Sunday, October 21, 2007 11 am – 12:30 pm
Walk through the Garden’s collection of Mayan and Aztec medicinal plants in the renowned Mexico/Central American Area with Horticulturist Eric Schulz. See plants such as Mal Hombre, the Monkey Hand Tree and Tree Dahlias and learn which ailments they were used to cure. $15, $12 members

Fall Bird Walk
Saturday, October 27, 2007 9 am – 10:30 am
Observe resident, migrant and vagrant birds in the Garden’s many bird-friendly micro-habitats with expert birder Dennis Wolf and Associate Director of Collections and Horticulture Chris Carmichael. $15, $12 members

Spooky Stories in the Redwood Grove
Sunday, October 28, 2007 1 pm – 2 pm
Talking pumpkins and birds and trees, oh my! Join master story-tellers, Jean Ellisen and Bobbie Kinkead, for stories both strange and spooky (family friendly!) in the mysteriously enchanted Redwood Grove. Come in costume if you like and bring a blanket as October in the Grove may be chilly. $10, $8 members, price includes one child and one adult, $5 each additional child or adult per family

Autumn in Asia
Date and time TBD for best color, check our website
Experience the vivid colors of fall on a guided tour of the Asian Area with Horticulturist Elaine Sedlack. Highlights include fall color showcased by the expanding maple collection and a wider variety of other plants. $15, $12 members

Children’s Carnivorous Plant Workshop
Saturday, November 3, 2007 1 pm – 2 pm
Discover amazing insect-eating carnivorous plants, where and how they grow, and create a potted carnivorous plant garden of your own to take home. Includes a tour of the Orchid, Fern and Carnivorous Plant Greenhouse. $20, $17 members for one adult, one child and one garden, $10 each additional child or adult per family

Guest Speakers at the Garden
Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations Book reading and signing with David Montgomery
Sunday, November 4, 2007 1 pm – 3 pm
Listen to Professor David R. Montgomery, an award-winning leader in the study of geomorphology, the evolution of landscapes, as he reads from and talks about his newest book Dirt: The Erosion of Civilization. Free with Garden Admission; copies of Dirt will be available for purchase

Chocolate: The Cultural Flavors of Cacao with John Scharffenberger
Sunday, December 2, 2007 2 pm – 4 pm
Join chocolatier John Scharffenberger to discuss the flavor profiles of cacao. Refine your palate by tasting varieties of artisanal chocolate and discuss the principal flavor components. $15, $12 members

Members’ Behind-the-Scenes Tour
Sunday, November 18, 2007 1 pm – 3 pm
Discover the mystery behind the magic in the heart of the Garden. Join staff for this members-only tour of the Garden’s restricted areas: the corporate yard, collection greenhouses and propagation house. Free for members; registration required; space is limited

Creating Herbal Bounty
Wednesday, December 12, 2007 7 pm – 9 pm
Learn the secrets of making herbal gifts from your very own garden with herbalist Annabella DeMattei. Create an infused oil, bathing and culinary salts and a winter tea mixture to take home as gifts for someone special or yourself! $30, $25 members, price includes all materials

For all programs: Reservations are required for all programs and events, except the Sick Plant Clinic and Plant Sales. Parking is available in the UC lot across from the Garden on Centennial. Program fees include Garden admission. Register early, class space is limited. Cancellations received at least two weeks prior to program date are subject to a $10 service fee. Program fees of $10 or less and cancellations received less than two weeks to the program are non-refundable. Full refund if the program is cancelled by the Garden. For more info visit http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu
The UC Botanical Garden’s 6th Garden Party, *inflorescence!* was held on Sunday, June 24th 2007. It was a delightful day: the Garden, food, wine and good will all in full bloom. The sun shone down on the musical sounds of the critically acclaimed, and cutting edge Indian Classical meets Jazz quartet VidyA, which blew away a captive audience; whether they were listening to the music or being mesmerized by the stunning dogwood (*Cornus capitata*) that set the backdrop for the party, we’ll never know! Over 300 people attended the event — a commemoration of the Garden’s truly diverse and rare collection of plants at its most blossoming time. The smooth exotic string sounds of Dodge’s Sundogers encouraged all in attendance to relax, drink more wine and bid on the silent auction which was filled with special items- all donated to the Garden by gracious local businesses, volunteers and staff. The emergence of a new green and eco-conscious movement was also felt at the party with two organic caterers - Blue Heron and Back to Earth, as well as Frey Cellars who poured their outstanding organic and sulfite-free wines. They added to a large selection of food and wines donated by local caterers and California wineries. It was a truly inspirational and crowd pleasing party and a gem to see the Garden so filled with people and spirit. Many, many thanks to all who volunteered, donated, supported and enjoyed the party.

—Deepa Natarajan

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Perry Hall with Garden Volunteers
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- learn about plants from around the world
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Garden volunteer hours are Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. Garden Shop volunteers may work on weekends We ask that you work a minimum of three hours a week during those hours. For more information, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 510-643-1924 or email at perry@berkeley.edu.

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