

No. 74 SPRING 2011



SANTA MARGARITA FOOTHILL PENSTEMON

(*Penstemon heterophyllus* 'Margarita B.O.P.'), a California native and Arboretum All-Star, will be highlighted at the spring plant sales. Flowers are butter yellow as buds, bright blue as blooms, then change to purple-pink. Thrives in garden conditions, needs little water once established, attracts hummingbirds and pollinators.

SPRING PLANT SALES April 2, April 30 May 14 9 AM-1 PM

Arboretum Teaching Nursery

Theme Gardens Inspire Spring Sales

Diane Cary, Communications Director

Spring plant sales focus on plants from the Storer Garden and plants that delight the senses

This spring, plant sales at the Arboretum will inspire gardeners with new plants, great plant combinations, and suggestions for theme gardens for the Central Valley. The sales also celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum.

The April 2 sale will focus on plants from the Ruth Risdon Storer Garden, one of the most popular sites in the UC Davis Arboretum. This demonstration garden of flowering perennials and shrubs, designed for year-round interest, is an adaptation of a classic English perennial border for California's Central Valley. The plants grown here resist drought and heat, tolerate heavy, alkaline soils, and thrive with minimal maintenance.

The Storer Garden is named for Ruth Risdon Storer, Yolo County's first pediatrician and an avid gardener. Her garden was always noted as one of the most beautiful in the entire community, and the wide diversity of her plants made her garden botanically interesting. Dr. Storer generously shared plants from her garden with her friends and fellow gardeners, and many of the plants here are descendants of those cuttings.

Dr. Storer established an endowment to support a demonstration garden at the Arboretum, and many of her friends contributed to it in her honor. She was present for the dedication of the garden on February 24, 1980, her 92nd birthday.

The garden dedicated in Dr. Storer's honor illustrates a theme that is very important in the Arboretum: excellent ornamental plants that need little watering and a minimum of care, used to create a landscape of year-round beauty and color. This demonstration garden is an appropriate tribute to her longtime interest in discovering the best plants for the Central Valley. Many of these plants will be available for sale at the Arboretum's spring plant sales.

Be sure to visit the Storer Garden this spring to enjoy its glorious peak bloom and to see examples of plants that you might like for your home garden. Arboretum docents will offer two preview tours before the April sales: on March 26 in the Arboretum Teaching Nursery and March 27 in the Storer Garden (see Calendar, page 6, for details).

GARDENING FOR THE SENSES

The April 30 sale will highlight Gardening for the Senses, with a focus on plants that offer exceptional fragrance or texture, as well as culinary herbs for taste. Special displays and plant groupings will inspire you to create a garden of sensory delights.

The May 14 plant sale, the last sale until fall, will be an end-of-season clearance sale, with significant discounts on many outstanding plants.

All sales take place from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Arboretum Teaching Nursery, on Garrod Drive across from the Vet School on the UC Davis campus. For more information, please visit our website at arboretum.ucdavis.edu.

LOOK FOR THESE STORER GARDEN PLANTS AT THE APRIL PLANT SALES

FALSE DITTANY



Ballota pseudodictamnus

This Mediterranean mint forms a compact mound to 2 feet with pale green, woolly, rounded leaves and furry stems, and looks great in the garden against dark green or bronzy foliage. Tolerates drought, alkaline soils, and wind; requires good drainage. An excellent choice for borders, banks and rock gardens. Shear to maintain a compact form.

Salvia dolomitica

Perennial shrub to 3 feet tall native to

Transvaal in South Africa. Prefers full

sun and good drainage. The profuse,

gray foliage has a pleasing scent. Dark

SOUTH AFRICAN SAGE



PINCUSHION FLOWER

against the lavender-pink flowers. Scabiosa 'Butterfly Blue'

maroon flower bracts are striking



This compact perennial with beautiful lavender-blue flowers grows 12" high and wide. With a neat growth habit, it is trouble-free and ideal for edging. Blooms continuously from spring to fall with heaviest blooming in the spring; excellent for cut flowers. Attracts butterflies. Voted Perennial Plant of the Year 2000 by the Perennial Plant Association.

This evergreen perennial is one of the

alkaline soils and attracts butterflies.

most beautiful of the culinary sages, with

a shapely, compact habit; large, rounded,

very aromatic, gray-green leaves; and purple

flower spikes in spring. At 2 feet tall, it's per-

fect for planting along walkways. It tolerates

Salvia officinalis 'Berggarten'

COMMON SAGE



DWARF OREGANO



• Origanum 'Betty Rollins' This Arboretum All-Star is a wonderful lowgrowing form of oregano, with deliciously fragrant foliage. Forms a dense mat 6 inches tall and spreading. Pink tubular flowers attract butterflies mid-summer to early fall. Nice as small-scale groundcover or between stepping stones. Sun or part shade with occasional summer water. Deer resistant.

GARNET GERANIUM

Pelargonium sidoides

This lovely evergreen perennial, a native of South Africa, has fragrant, felted, crinkled, gray leaves. Sprays of butterfly-shaped, dark wine-red flowers contrast dramatically with the foliage. Its small stature makes it a perfect candidate for a container or a walkway

edge. Deadhead consistently to prolong bloom. Prefers neutral to alkaline well-drained soil and part shade in hot-summer areas.

PAIGE NORBERG & DAVID GONZALEZ SHARE THE PINKERTON PRIZE

Carmia Feldman, Assistant Director Elaine Fingerett, Academic Coordinator

Every year, we have the distinct pleasure of awarding the Pinkerton Prize for Outstanding Student Contributions to the Arboretum to one or more



Paige Norberg



of our talented student employees. This prize was created by Deborah Pinkerton, who worked as a student employee in environmental education from 1979 to 1985. She and her husband, Bret Hewitt, continue to add to this endowment in support of our exceptional students.

We are thrilled to honor two graduating seniors with the prize this year. Paige Norberg and David Gonzalez are co-coordinators of the Arboretum Ambassador program, our environmental leadership internship. Paige is majoring in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning and David in Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity. In their third year as Ambassadors, they bring a great deal of experience to the program.

David Gonzalez

Paige and David have both participated in writing successful grant proposals to Target with which they have funded two unique Arboretum programs. Last year, Paige helped organize two full days of activities for middle school children from Woodland. Her project—Discovery Days—engaged roughly 140 sixth-graders in learning about features of the Arboretum's Shields Oak Grove, food webs, composting, and sustainability. This year, David spearheaded a new and very successful "Storytime Through the Seasons" program that explores natural and cultural themes through reading and hands-on activities for children and families. The Ambassadors are offering five of these free public programs this year.

Paige and David's shared leadership of the Ambassadors is built on their numerous strengths—their creativity, imagination, motivation, cooperation, enormous energy, and generosity. Each truly is outstanding!

THE CALL OF THE ARBORETUM

Here, students become the people they choose to be

Margaret Kralovec, Community Outreach Manager

"It's not what we get but what we become, what we contribute, that gives meaning to our lives." —Anthony Robbins

While cynics opine that today's young people are selfinterested, overly acquisitive, or absorbed by technologies that isolate and insulate them from the world, UC Davis students disprove such notions on a daily basis at the Arboretum. Whether for inspiration, relaxation, or life lessons, university students come to the Arboretum to develop their skills, to make a contribution, and to express their values.

Separate from any coursework that takes place in the Arboretum, Aggie students select the UC Davis Arboretum as a particular place where they can be volunteers, environmental activists, engaged citizens, artists, and even ardent courters (UC Davis Arboretum: Best Place to Take A Date—*California Aggie*, Best of Davis, 2011). What is it about the Arboretum that draws students in? Is it beauty? Nature? Opportunity? Wonder? For each, the reasons are probably as different as the students themselves. Here are some stories of students and student groups who have given their time to the Arboretum.

CORINA AND FELICIA SILVA

These industrious identical twins, both sophomores majoring in Environmental Science, sought out the oppor-



Felicia (left) and Corina Silva

tunity to volunteer at the Arboretum. Each week, they give four hours of their time to provide administrative services, taking on important but timeconsuming tasks that could not be completed without them. They receive neither course credit nor money for their work. Instead, they have created for themselves an opportunity to learn and to contribute to the field of informa-

tion management, upon which the success of most environmental endeavors depends. Just because Arboretum staff members still have a hard time telling them apart doesn't mean their individual contributions aren't appreciated! Many thanks, Corina and Felicia. May your experience at the Arboretum serve you well in your lives.



Cadets in the UC Davis ROTC program volunteer for clean-up after each Arboretum plant sale. (Left to right) Cadet Scott, Second Lieutenant Lindsey Hutchison, Cadet Williams, Captain Laughlin, and Cadet Amin.

UC DAVIS ROTC

Cadets from the UC Davis ROTC program make service at the Arboretum part of their preparation for service to our country. Teamwork, energy, and a sense of purpose mark this group's approach at the close of each Arboretum plant sale. After a busy day of customer sales and service, plant sale volunteers are buoyed by the arrival of the ROTC cadets, who bring fresh energy and muscle power to return the Teaching Nursery to normal, taking down tables, folding up shade structures, disassembling temporary wiring, stacking chairs, and disposing of garbage and recycling. Thank you, UC Davis ROTC, for selecting the Arboretum to be the recipient of your service work. We hope you get as much out of the experience as you give!

STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Did you know that UC Davis has been named to the national honor roll for student service hours, based on the number of hours its students volunteer? For several years, the Arboretum has called upon individual students and student service organizations to assist at fundraisers, workdays, and plant sales. Student service groups have been a reliable mainstay of our volunteer efforts, providing extra hands and youthful enthusiasm for a variety of special events. We look forward to continuing our valuable partnership with Aggie students on campus.

As part of the 40th anniversary of the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum, we want to make sure all students know they can get a student membership for \$15 (with ID). Students can show their support of the Arboretum through their memberships and their volunteer services, like the students in this article.

inter Events in the Arboretum



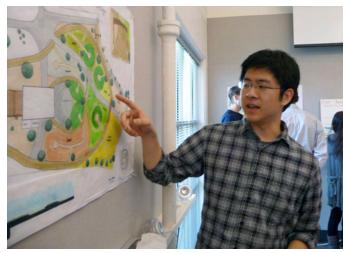
Antonio Flores (right) demonstrates how to play the Native Californian elderberry flute to participants of all ages who have made their own instruments.



Children learn to grind acorns and cook with stones during Storytime Through the Seasons: Under the Redwood Tree, an interactive program led by Arboretum Ambassadors and volunteer naturalists that included storytelling, living skills, crafts, and singing, with a focus on Native California culture.



Actors Steph Hankinson as Maria, Kris Ide as Malvolio, and Robert Williamson as Sir Toby Belch in a scene from the Davis Shakespeare Ensemble production of *Twelfth Night*, presented at the Arboretum's Gazebo in January.



A student in Prof. Heath Schenker's landscape architecture studio class presents his design concepts for a California native plant garden in the Arboretum.



Student volunteer Mona Shahab (in yellow) and Arboretum Ambassador Brett Anne Balamuth play a Persian game with participants during an interactive family program, Storytime Through the Seasons: Under the Persian Oak.

Behind the Scenes

FRIENDS OF THE ARBORETUM RECRUITING BOARD MEMBERS

The Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum Board is accepting nominations for members-at-large and the Vice President and Secretary positions for the term beginning July 1, 2011. The board leads the Friends work groups that support the Arboretum through fundraising and involvement in strategic initiatives. This year, Board leaders are especially encouraging nomination of individuals with social media expertise to help support the Arboretum's and Friends' growing activity in social media communications.

Any member of the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum is eligible for nomination. Nominees will be considered by a nominating committee appointed by the president. Consider celebrating the Friends 40th anniversary by offering your talents to support this amazing organization! Please submit nominations to Martha Ozonoff at mjozonoff@ucdavis.edu by June 1, 2011.

GRANT SUPPORTS WILDLIFE HABITAT IN THE ARBORETUM

The Arboretum has received a grant of \$4,000 from the Thornton S. Glide, Jr. and Katrina D. Glide Foundation to improve wildlife habitat in the planned California Native Plants Discovery Garden. The garden will feature demonstration habitat plantings and educational signs, and will provide a site for educational programs about wildlife gardening, following the Arboretum's Wildlife Management and Enhancement Plan.

STAY CONNECTED ... and Share Your Arboretum Stories, Photos, and Videos

Want up-to-the-minute updates about when the Arboretum redbuds are blooming, timely announcements of Arboretum events, instructions on how to prune your sages, or suggestions of great native plants for shade? You can have this type of information right at your fingertips by staying connected through the Arboretum's growing social media presence.

- Visit the Arboretum website at arboretum.ucdavis.edu.
- From the homepage, sign up for the free e-news list, *The Leaflet*, for reminders about plant sales and other events.
- Become a fan on Facebook at facebook.com/ UCDavisArboretum.
- Watch for new blogs and Twitter feeds from our expert horticultural staff.

We also want to hear from you and encourage you to share your stories, images, and videos of the Arboretum.

- Search "UC Davis Arboretum" on Flicker to see photos others have taken and post your own.
- Subscribe to "The UC Davis Arboretum" channel on YouTube to view videos of the Arboretum and post your own.
- Submit a review of the UC Davis Arboretum on yelp.com.
- Watch for announcements about our upcoming 75th anniversary story project and ways you can share your favorite stories and memories about the Arboretum.

CERAMIC MOSAIC INSTALLATION DEPICTS OAK FOOD CHAIN



Art/Science Fusion Co-Director Donna Billick (left) and Asst. Director of Horticulture Emily Griswold installing "Oak Food Chain" in Shields Oak Grove.

Come visit the Art/Science Fusion program's latest ceramic creation in Shields Oak Grove, titled "Oak Food Chain." This 40-foot-long tile installation wraps the top surface of a curved concrete bench at the entrance to the grove. The design features a series of interlocking rings, and within each ring you can find a "link" in a food chain connected to the coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*). Follow the chain to see an insect eating an oak leaf, a predatory insect eating the first insect, a bird eating the predatory insect, etc. Images of insects, birds, reptiles, mammals, and fungi all appear in this cycle that connects the primary producing tree to herbivores, predators, and decomposers.

UC Davis students in Entomology 1, community volunteers, AgraQuest employees, and local DaVinci High School students participated in creating tiles for the installation. The tiles stunningly portray the intricate layers of interdependence that connect the oak, as a keystone species, to a broad diversity of animal and microbial life. This installation supports our goal to develop Shields Oak Grove as an outdoor classroom that engages visitors of all ages with innovative scientific content.

Roxanne Loe Reynolds



Guided Tours

No charge, no reservation required

PLANT SALE PREVIEW Saturday, March 26, 2 p.m., Arboretum Nursery

SPRING IN THE STORER GARDEN Sunday, March 27, 11 a.m., Gazebo

WALK WITH WARREN: CALIFORNIA WILDFLOWERS Wednesday, April 13, noon Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center

ARBORETUM ON WHEELS Sunday, April 24, 2 p.m., Gazebo Bring your bike—Rain date: May 28

BUGTOPIA: EVERYDAY INSECTS Sunday, May 1, 2 p.m., Gazebo

WALK WITH WARREN Wednesday, May 11, noon, Gazebo

BUSCANDO LOS RAÍCES A Spanish-language tour of California plants Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m., Wyatt Deck

DISCOVER THE OAK GROVE TROVE Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m., Gazebo

WALK WITH WARREN Wednesday, June 8, noon, Gazebo

SILENT WALKING MEDITATION Saturday June 18, 6 a.m., Gazebo

Family Programs

Storytime Through the Seasons DOWN UNDER THE EUCALYPTUS Sunday, April 10, 2–4 p.m.

South end of Lot 10, near A and 1st Streets

Explore the natural and cultural world of Australia in this program for children and families. Take part in readings and hands-on activities about traditional Australian culture in the Arboretum's spectacular Australian Collection.

Storytime Through the Seasons LOS COLORES DE LA PRIMAVERA/ THE COLORS OF SPRING

Sunday, May 15, 2–4 p.m., Wyatt Deck Discover Latin American culture and the colors of spring in the Arboretum in this outdoor reading event for children and families. Join us for traditional stories, games, and crafts.

Presented by the Arboretum Ambassadors through a grant from Target.

Workshops

Your Sustainable Backyard: LANDSCAPING IN CALIFORNIA

Saturday, April 9, 8 a.m.–3 p.m. UC Davis ARC Ballroom Plant sale: 3–5 p.m., Arboretum Nursery Fee: \$35, includes morning coffee and lunch

Debra Lee Baldwin, photojournalist and author of *Designing with Succulents*, and Bob Perry, landscape architect and author of the new *Landscape Plants for California Gardens*, will discuss sustainable landscaping and the unique plants best adapted to California gardens. Then, shop for plants at the Arboretum Teaching Nursery. Sponsored by the California Center for Urban Horticulture. Contact Missy Borel at 530-752-6642 or mjborel@ucdavis.edu, or ccuh.ucdavis.edu.

DRAWING CLOSER TO NATURE

Workshop with Peter London

Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Wyatt Deck (Rain location: Environ. Horticulture 146) Fee: members \$65, general \$75, includes materials

Want to draw deeper, closer to and with nature? The only prerequisites to our workshop are an open mind, an adventurous spirit, and a willingness to step outside. Peter London is an active studio artist whose work is in many private and public collections. Peter is generously donating all proceeds from this workshop to the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum. Pre-registration required: arboretum@ucdavis.edu or (530) 752-4880. Class limited to 20.

Plant Sales

Saturday, April 2 **Storer Garden Spotlight** Emphasis on low-maintenance gardening

Saturday, April 30

Gardening for the Senses Featuring plants for color, texture, fragrance

Saturday, May 14

End-of-Season Clearance Reduced prices on exceptional plants

All sales 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Arboretum Teaching Nursery

Experienced gardeners will be on hand to help you choose the best plants for your garden design and conditions. Bring your member card or join at the door for 10% member discount—new members get a free plant! Free parking in Visitor Lot 55.

Arts & Letters

THE SONNET PROJECT

Thursday–Saturday, March 31–April 2, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 3, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Gazebo Tickets: \$12, Students \$8, Children 12 and under \$5

An evening of poetry, song, and movement inspired by William Shakespeare's famous Sonnets, performed by the Davis Shakespeare Ensemble. The production features original music and focuses on the nature of love, passion, and desire in Shakespeare's Sonnets. For ticket reservations or more information, e-mail davis.shakespeare@gmail.com or visit www.shakespearedavis.com.

FOLK MUSIC JAM SESSIONS

Fridays: April 1, 15, 29; May 13, 27; June 10, 24 12–1 p.m., Wyatt Deck

Folk musicians bring their acoustic instruments fiddles, guitars, banjos, mandolins, squeeze boxes, you name it—and play together informally over the lunch hour. All skill levels are welcome— listeners invited.

SPRING MUSICAL GATHERINGS

Sunday, April 17, 4-6 p.m., Gazebo Sunday, May 15, 5-7 p.m., Gazebo

The Sacramento City College World Music Ensemble, in its first collaboration with the Arboretum, presents two casual music gatherings for your pleasure. Sacramento City College instructor Bob Wren will direct. Listen or bring an instrument and join in. Bring a chair if needed.

POETRY IN THE GARDEN

Wednesday, April 13: **Aung Aung Taik** 12–1 p.m., Wyatt Deck

Rain location: Environ. Horticulture 146

Aung Aung Taik is a Burmese poet and artist living in San Francisco. He has published many poems and essays, a novel and a cookbook, and his work has appeared in publications such as the NY Times, SF Chronicle, Poetry USA.

Thursday, May 12: **Amy Champ** 12–1 p.m., Wyatt Deck

Rain location: Foster Room, Meyer Hall

Amy Champ is a graduate student of Performance Studies at UC Davis, a yoga and meditation teacher, poet and documentary filmmaker. Her research and writing deals with yoga studies, women's sacred arts, ritual performance, and transnational feminism.

Sponsored by the Arboretum and Rebecca Morrison

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED)

Thursday–Sunday, May 12–15 and May 19–22, 8 p.m. Sundays, May 15 and May 22, 2 p.m., Gazebo Tickets: \$12, Students \$8, Children 12 and under \$5

An irreverent, fast-paced romp through the Bard's 37 plays performed by the Davis Shakespeare Ensemble. This hilarious lampoon of Shakespeare's comedies, histories, and tragedies will leave you breathless with laughter! For ticket reservations or more information, e-mail davis.shakespeare@ gmail.com or visit www.shakespearedavis.com.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 OAKS

Sunday, June 12, 5:30 p.m., Gazebo (Rain location: Environ. Horticulture 146)

Under the direction of Bob Wren, the Sacramento City College World Music Ensemble will perform music from many of the countries that are home to the oaks in our collection. We'll walk through the grove, stopping to hear musical selections related to individual trees. Bring a camp stool if needed. Docents will share special features of the oaks.

Donations November 2010-January 2011

We extend our sincere gratitude to these donors

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From the Director



Dear Friends,

This year we are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum. The Friends have been invaluable partners over the years, raising funds through memberships, plant sales, and memorial and

other donations. Their contributions to the Arboretum have supported education programs, garden development, and other Arboretum enhancements. In honor of this high level of support, totaling more than \$1 million cumulatively, the Friends were named as Chancellor's Laureates in 2009—and their support keeps growing. It is particularly important at this time of economic challenges to have such a strong history of community support.

One of the major contributions of the Friends has been through the plant sales (see page 1) that provide income for our programs and gardens and support the outreach and public education mission of the Arboretum. Plant sales attract thousands of people annually and provide an important venue for disseminating educational messages about environmentally-appropriate plants and gardening practices. The April 2 plant sale will highlight the plants of the Storer Garden. This outstanding demonstration garden was made possible via an endowment established by one of our Friends, Dr. Ruth Storer (see page 1). I hope you all will come to the sale and enjoy the selection of gorgeous plants, including our highlighted plant, the Santa Margarita foothill penstemon (Penstemon heterophyllus 'Margarita B.O.P.').

The Friends' donations and volunteer work make it possible for the Arboretum to offer a wide range of exciting education programs, which reach students, children, families, and the public. See page 5 for pictures of some of our programs from last quarter, and page 6 for upcoming programs to enjoy this spring.

I'd like to thank the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum board for providing community leadership support to the Arboretum. We are also grateful to the donors whose contributions are so critical to our success. For example, Deb Pinkerton and Bret Hewitt created an endowment to honor and support our outstanding student employees. You can learn about the latest winners of the Pinkerton Prize on page 2.

So thank you, Friends, for all your contributions over the past 40 years. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining. You can also support the Arboretum by volunteering, shopping at our plant sales, donating in honor of a loved one or to commemorate a special event, or connecting through social media (see page 5).

Remember, spring is a great time to visit the Arboretum to walk through the gardens and appreciate everything that our Friends have helped to build.

Best wishes,

Kathleen