but studies underway at the Garden indicate that flowers pollinated with pollen from different plants often produce more seeds. Seeds produced by insect pollination are often more genetically variable than those produced by self-pollination. Continued on Page 9
Director’s Message

The Luxury of Living in a “Garden City”

On May 11, the Garden participated in a celebration of National Public Gardens Day. This day calls attention to an often overlooked resource in our midst, and I am greatful to say that Santa Barbara’s citywide partnership in promoting this celebration was the first in the nation. This is not surprising: Santa Barbara is a community which truly appreciates what gardens have to offer. The Garden worked with Lotusland, Casa del Herrero, Santa Barbara Mission, Santa Barbara Zoo, and City and County parks featuring spokesperson Billy Goodnick. The Garden is a private nonprofit model of sustainable practices. The Garden is a nonprofit foundation, Santa Barbara Beautiful, Master Gardeners, and national sponsors Rain Bird and the American Public Gardens Association. This year’s partnership is only the beginning. We have created a joint website at www.friendsbgbg.org to promote all the public gardens in our community and the gardening resources each has to offer year round, with specific targeted activities for next year’s National Public Gardens Day. We hope this effort will remind all of us how important these cultural institutions are to our community. Public gardens are an important part of creating communities where we all would like to live. Not only are they great spaces for recreation and for picking up ideas for home gardening (which remains one of the nation’s top hobbies), public gardens are often used to educate, display art, steward historic and cultural resources, and increasingly, they are examples of conservation and sustainability. I hope you took the opportunity to visit one of Santa Barbara’s many great public gardens on May 11th, but if you didn’t, don’t worry! Every day can be Public Gardens Day in Santa Barbara. Enjoy!

And on your next visit to the Garden, make sure you cross to the east side of Mission Canyon Road and go up on the Porter Trail. Our newest full time gardener, Tony Lee, has been hard at work on what has become a sun-filled garden since the Jesusita Fire, and it is looking wonderful!

Sincerely,

Steve Windhager, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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Ironwood—Publication of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

Be Green! Go Paperless! In line with our mission, the Garden has been working towards providing this newsletter to you electronically. While we will continue to produce a printed piece, we encourage you to support our conservation efforts by signing up to receive Ironwood via e-mail. We never sell or share any of your information—ever.

Please support us in this effort by providing us with your e-mail address by calling (805) 682-4726 ext. 133 or emailing gbmesh@sbgbg.org.

Be a Sponsor! This year’s Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Corinne Gallagher, a long-standing Garden Groover, Digital Image Library Assistant, and Instructional Aide for Garden classes. Besides her regular activities with the Garden Groovers, Corinne has been responsible for the complex task of creating and assembling care cards for all the new plants that come into the plant sales. Bridging computer and research skills, this Gifted Botanist to the Rescue in the last few days before the sale opens. It’s a stressful job that Corinne handles with an easy grace. Corinne is a data-entry specialist for the Digital Image Library whose immense contribution to cataloging images in the SBG Photos database has been critical to its success. Corinne Gallagher has been an incredibly dedicated, essential volunteer at the Garden for years, and we celebrate this honor with her.

New in the Garden Shop

Bring the kids to delight in the Garden, and then take some of the fun home! The newly arrived flower press kits are bound to encourage discovery and creativity. We have great gardening kits, colorful books, and much more.

Wine & Cheese Lecture Series

Each month, 3:00pm - 5:00pm Garden Courtyard & Blaksley Library This series features a variety of botanically-themed lectures while enjoying wines & cheese pairings from local vintners.

June 23 Conservation Biology at the Garden Lecturer: Dr. Dieter Wilson, SBG Winery: Lone Madrone Winery

July 28 Channel Islands Restoration Lecturer: Tim Owen, Executive Director of Channel Islands Restoration Winery: Orinoco Winery

August 25 Reproduction of Elizabeth De Forest’s Lecture for Garden of America Lecturer: Sydney Baumgartner, Landscape Architect Winery: Tercero Wines


Volunteer of the Year

Anna Dorinda Blaksley Bliss Award From time to time the Garden sees an incredible volunteer rise to meet serious challenges and make a significant change at the Garden. This year, we have awarded this special, distinguished award to Carolyn Kincaid Henderson, currently a Board Trustee and long-time Docent. From her earliest days as a docent trainee, Carolyn has promoted camaraderie within the docent group. Her contributions to the Garden have been significant indeed and we acknowledge and appreciate her years of service.

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A Library in the Garden
By Tricia Wardlaw
A small outdoor library, originally built in 1927, supplied nature books and magazines to visitors of the Blaksley Botanic Garden. Since that time, the library at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden has branched out and blossomed. A generous gift by Mrs. Charles Francis Saunders of her husband’s reference library (including a complete set of his works, autographs of early botanists, manuscripts, and paintings by Elizabeth M. Saunders) prompted the construction of the new library building. In 1942, Mildred donated the Blaksley Library in memory of her mother, Anna Dorinda Blaksley Bliss, founder of the Garden.

In that same year, Mrs. A.W. Hood spoke of her plan to collect a kodachrome library of trees and flowers which would belong to the Garden and could be loaned to speakers and schools. For 85 years, the Garden and its collections have flourished. This summer, the Garden’s new web-based digital image library, SBBGPhotos (with more than 35,000 digital images from the Garden’s archive collection of photographs and slides) will become available to the public with the launch of the Garden’s new website.

Corporate Membership
Corporate Members help the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden continue its diverse programs, while providing your company, and its employees with exclusive benefits and privileges. We work closely with corporations to create sponsorship strategies tailored to meet their needs.

Benefits of Corporate Membership:
At the $5,000 level:
- One company event on the grounds of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden each year
- Donor recognition on outdoor displays at the Garden
- Signed copies of Alice’s Garden & Trees of Santa Barbara
- A minimum of 25 free one-time passes for employees
- Acknowledgement in our newsletter the Ironwood and in our Annual Report
- Opportunities to reward your best customers or clients with special “perks”
- Exclusive invitation to Director-hosted events - these small events, such as private dinners held at the home of our Board Chair recognize high-level members of the Garden

At the $10,000 - $25,000 level Corporate Membership—Includes all the above benefits, plus:
- One catered company event on the Garden’s grounds per year or use of our library and its state-of-the-art audio visual system free of charge
- A signed and framed botanical illustration by Patrick O’Hara. This watercolor print is drawn from a limited collection of drawings commissioned by the Garden from an internationally-acclaimed biological illustrator
- A minimum of 150 free single-use guest passes

Over the years, steadfast curation and loving care by Garden librarians and valued volunteers (most notably, Ada Wood, a 30-year volunteer who generously established the Amy Wood Nyholm Fund for Excellence in Library Collections) truly made the Blaksley Library the treasured botanical and horticultural resource it is today.

The Library currently houses over 15,000 books, digital media, and journals on all aspects of plant science with an emphasis on the flora of California and the Channel Islands. Collection strengths also include floras of other Mediterranean regions of the world, botanical exploration of North America, plant conservation, ornamental uses of native plants and low-water use landscaping, landscape architecture and garden design, and history of gardens in Santa Barbara. Special collections contain personal collections donated to the Garden archives, photographs, artworks, and various documents relating to the Garden and its history. The Garden’s library catalog is available to the public on the Central Coast Museum Consortium website at www.centralcoastmuseums.org.

Keep your eye out for the Garden’s new “Little Free Library”, coming soon. (If you are not already aware of this ‘take a book, share a book’ sensation popping up in communities across the nation, check out the www.littlefreelibrary.org website.) The design of the Garden’s new “Little Free Library” will be inspired by and celebrate the Garden’s original outdoor library established in 1927. The Blaksley Library and special collections access are available to members and to the public by appointment. Please contact the Collections Manager by phone at 805.682.4726 ext 107 or by email at twardlaw@sbbg.org.
Also this year, a new work of art was added to the Meadow View bench. Created by longtime Santa Barbara artist and Garden member, Patti Jacquemain, the vivid mosaic depicts iconic meadow flora and fauna. “When the Garden decided to add a bench to a artery, we were looking for something that would really fit the Garden and add to our visitors’ appreciation of the Garden as a living work of art,” said Steve Windhager, Executive Director. “Patti’s work, drawing from the native wildlife and plants that you see in the Garden, really shows how the Garden can both inspire and contain art.”

“It is such a beautiful spot,” said Jacquemain, who was inspired by her love of wildflowers and familiarity with the Garden in the work. “I hoped the mosaic would blend in with with the Garden and be a part of the whole.”

Another addition to the section is a grouping of troughs, highlighted unique species which would be easily overlooked in the garden. These container gardens are artful compositions that bring the imagination with their distinctive shape and texture combinations. An Arctostaphylos ‘White Lanterns’ calls to mind a miniature apple tree, and the silver foliage of a rare carden. The Eryngium x stoloniferum overwinters desperately to the side, like a creature crawling out of a box. Other troughs contain diminutive ephemera and small succulents.

By Betsy Lape

Meadow View, rising to the northeast of the Meadow, is a garden gem - a series of terraces that boldly celebrates the beauty and diversity of California flora. At its crest, a premier viewpoint offers a sweeping view across the Channel to Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands.

Meadow View is a florid overture of chromatic splendor, abundant with sages and mellifluous birdsong. Meandering pathways converge at a bench site with the perspective for which the site is named. To the west, the shade of stately oak transitions to the cool Redwood Section and Canyon. Historically, the area was part of the Foothill Section, then became the home of the Garden’s first Home Demonstration Garden. Devastated in the Jesusita Fire in 2009, the section was lovingly renewed by our horticulture team this spring. One hundred individual plants, grown in the nursery, were added to the garden beds. The brightest blue penstemon and cheerful monkeyflower joined the existing redbud trees, goldenrod, and sculptural yucca in an exuberant landscape display. Overabundant plants were cut back, and compost manufactured on site was added to improve soil fertility. Finally, the trails were re-shaped to complete the finished look.

On Friday, March 23, 2012 at 10:30am, Salud Carbajal, 1st District Supervisor of Santa Barbara County cut the ribbon on the first electric vehicle (EV) charging station in southern Santa Barbara County at the Garden. The charging station was provided by Ecotality through the EV Project program. Early-adoption of electric vehicles are encouraged to “charge up” the Garden! Those who will use the service should sign-up for their own charging card at www.blinknetwork.com.

The County of Santa Barbara will greatly expand the EV Charging network, installing 18 charging spots at nine County-owned sites in Santa Maria, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Carpinteria. Santa Barbara County is an early adopter market by utilities and car companies. Electric vehicles achieve up to 100 miles per charge, produce zero tailpipe emissions, and reduce greenhouse gas pollution by 75% on California’s green electricity grid.

Native plant enthusiasts are responsible and practiced at telling all who will listen that planting is most successful in fall and winter. Plants use this long period of bright light and available water to extend their roots, searching for more dependable sources of moisture than our hit-or-miss rainfall. This extensive root zone helps the plant survive our blazing summers.

Does this mean no planting can be successful at any other time of the year? The fussiest of the drought tolerant natives, like bush poppy (Dendromecon), flannelbush (Fremontodendron), white sage (Salvia apiana), or Matilija poppy (Romneya), are challenged by with spring or summer planting and are more surely successful in fall. But many plants can be started at other times with success. The key is they will take more time and attention from the gardener than they otherwise would.

The easy choices are riparian plants. Trees like alder (Alnus) and sycamore (Platanus) and flowering plants like scarlet monkeyflower (Mimulus cardinalis) and M. guttatus, respectively) need moist soils to flourish. Keeping the soil moist through summer for these plants is best, whether or not they are newly planted.

For more drought-tolerant plants, the key to succeeding with late planting is keeping them periodically moist through the heat of summer. While watering too often is a real worry (especially in clay soils), the relative under-development of the new plant’s roots is their major handicap in surviving the summer. This is why late plantings need more attention - you have to notice when they are dry and needing more water. Look away for two weeks and you may look back to find dry leaves and no sign of life.

How long it will take for the soil to become dry will vary with ever locale and the ever-changing weather. While many of our drought tough plants can handle a day or two of truly dry soil when they are young, much longer is too much. The best practice is to allow the first 3-4 inches of soil to become dry (however long that takes) before you water again. The better the soil drains, the more leeway you have to water more frequently.

With the life-support of a willing, attentive gardener, planting can be successful at almost any time of year.
Building Bridges Recap

We are so grateful for all the support of the Garden’s “Building Bridges” fundraiser to replace the Campbell Bridge. We are pleased to report over 400 individuals donated a total of $80,465 towards our $80,000 community goal.

The redesign of the new bridge seeks to emulate the appearance of the historic bridge originally constructed in 1941, and we are nearly through the permitting process. Construction will commence this summer with a ground-breaking ceremony once bird-nesting season has passed. We will plan the Campbell Bridge ribbon-cutting ceremony for October or November as soon as we are able to ascertain a completion date.

We remain overwhelmed by the love our community has for the Garden, evidenced through generosity & support of the project.

Spring Appeal

Thank you to everyone who made a gift to the Garden’s Spring Appeal. The generosity of our community is critical to the success of our important conservation, education, and research programs, to the Garden itself—the planning, designing, propagating, and tending of the exquisite exhibits of California native plants.

Your gift today will demonstrate your continued commitment to the Garden’s tradition of powerfully evocative garden design coupled with rigorous science all in the service of California’s wonderful flora. Together we can inspire the conservation of California’s native ecosystems now and among generations to come.

Send your fully tax-deductible donation to:
Santa Barbara Botanic Garden (SBBG)
1212 Mission Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Attention: Development Department

Membership Upgrades

We wish to thank all of our members who have increased their membership support to the Garden during the first quarter of the year.

- Dr. Paul Abramson and Ms. Laraine Nestman
- Mr. Doug M. Allan & Mrs. Gloria Orozco Allan
- Mr. Michael Arnold & Mr. C. Matthew Arnold
- Ms. Jill K. Barnitz
- Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Byrne
- Mr. and Mrs. Kellam De Forest
- Ms. Vanessa DeLuca
- Ms. Deby De Weese & Mrs. Karen Myres
- Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Eidridge
- Mr. and Mrs. John Engel
- Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Donnelley Erdman
- Ms. Ellen Easton
- Ms. Diane I. Wilpon Flynn & Ms. Sara Flynn
- Mrs. Kimberly Garden
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Hanrahan
- Mr. Richard Hayward and Mr. Bosen
- Mr. Monti Hind and Ms. Suzanne Fritch
- Mr. Randy N. Jaffe
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- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sanders
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- Mr. and Mrs. Scott Simon
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- Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tobey
- Mr. and Mrs. David Torfeh
- Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Wyatt

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TEQUILA SUNSET
UPPER LEVEL MEMBERS EVENT
Dust off your sombreros!
The Board of Trustees and Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden cordially invite you to a festive evening with Tequila Tastings and Mexican Munchies.

On Friday, May 18th Garden members enjoyed a country western themed picnic in the Meadow. Members enjoyed a burger and hot dog bar catered by Jack’s Bistro. The evening included a best dressed contest, face painting for the kids and a real live cowboy demonstration.

Friday, August 10, 2012
5:00pm - 7:30pm

Your Hosts
Señora Susan Van Atta and Señor Kenneth Radtkey
Address disclosed upon registration

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Leaves of Learning

Calendar of classes, events and volunteer opportunities at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

To register for classes, visit www.sbbg.org under “classes,” call 805-682-4726 x 102 or email registrations@sbbg.org.

JUNE

- Special Lecture: The Fascinating Ecosystem of Wetlands with Biologist Larry Jan Friesen, Ph.D.
  - Friday, June 1, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
  - Join us in the Blakley Library for this lively look at the amazing, and often overlooked, wetlands habitats. Not only are they a vital home for birds, but the ecosystem in general is teeming with life histories of protozoa/protophyta, insects, crustacea, and amphibians. Dr. Friesen is a professor of Biology at SBCC and is widely known for his beautiful photos. (See July for his Nature Photo Workshop)
  - Fee: $20 members / $35 non-members

- Docent-led June Specialty Tour: The Discovery Garden—Exploring Biodiversity
  - Saturday, June 2, 2:00pm
  - Free with admission

Garden Concert: Rose & the Nightingale “Spirit of the Garden”

Friday, June 15, 5:30pm

Rose & the Nightingale is a critically acclaimed New York City-based quartet of world-class improvising vocalists and instrumentalists, creating beautiful and unique genre-defying music. Don’t miss the opportunity to experience the beauty of their music against the backdrop of the spectacular meadow during this exclusive acoustic concert & special opening reception for Kathleen Crocetti’s stunning art installation, paired with local wines and delicious hors d’oeuvres.

- Fee: $135 per person

- Special Benefit Concert Series: Rose & the Nightingale performs at the Center Stage Theater in Paseo Nuevo
  - Saturday June 16, 8:00pm
  - Saturday June 17, 2:00pm

Enjoy Rose & the Nightingale in these concerts to benefit Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. The Theater is located upstairs at 751 Paseo Nuevo, at the mid-way point in the complex. What a great way to spend some quality family time and support the Garden!

Tickets are only through their box office at www.centrestagetheater.org or call 805-963-0408.

- Fee: $40 per person

- Camp Wildflower Counselor Training
  - Wednesday, June 27, 10:00am - 5:00pm (one-hour lunch break)
  - Join Mary Carroll for her popular seasonal series of plant identification classes focusing on native plants and flowers of the summer. Bring a 10x hand lens if you have one.
  - Fee: $45 members / $60 non-members

- Spirit House Workshop
  - Saturday, June 23, 10:00am - 4:00pm
  - In Southeast Asia, every home and garden has a “spirit house” that attracts good spirits. This creative one-day workshop is taught by artist, teacher, and author Sukey Hughes, and will give you the opportunity to construct your own miniature dwelling that will call in your garden’s protective spirits. Come join the fun! A materials list will be provided.
  - Fee: $60 members / $75 non-members

- The Amazing Geology of Santa Barbara County: East Arroyo Burro Beach
  - Saturday, June 30, 10:00am - Noon
  - Explore folds, faults, rock types, landslides, and fossils. An easy walk on flat sand. About 2.25 miles round trip.
  - Fee: $20 members / $30 non-members
### July

#### Native Trees of Figueroa Mountain with Bob Muller
- **Saturday, July 14, 8:30am – 4:00pm**
  - Join Bob Muller, Director of Research and author of Trees of Santa Barbara for this exploration of one of our Santa Barbara County treasures! From the valley bottom to its highest point, over 50 trees and shrubs grow on the slopes of Figueroa Mountain. The distribution of these tells much about the range of environmental conditions the mountain provides. Spend the day exploring Figueroa’s landscapes and the vegetation along its slopes. Leave from Mattei’s Tavern 8:30am. Bring lunch, water, sturdy shoes, and a hat!
  - Fee: $30 members / $45 non-members

#### SBGB Book Discussion Group
- **Monday, July 16, 4:00pm – 6:00pm**
  - We will discuss a non-fiction book on an environmental topic. To reserve a spot or get more information, please contact Betsy Green at bjgreen07@gmail.com.
  - Fees: free to members / non-members

#### Camp Wildflower (summer day camp for children ages 7-11)
- **Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20 9:00am – 3:00pm**
  - Visit our wild and wonderful Garden for a week of fun and learning. We’ll hike, play games, and enjoy hands-on science, arts and crafts. Explore our oak woodland, ponds, and creek; learn about birds, lizards, butterflies, and flowers. Space is limited and scholarships are available.
  - Fee: $225 members / $275 non-members

#### Harvesting Color: One-Day Workshop with Rebecca Burgess
- **Saturday, July 28, 9:00am – 4:00pm**
  - Back by popular demand, ecological artist and Fibershed founder, Rebecca Burgess leads a day-long exploration in native plant dyes. Rebecca works as an ecological restoration educator, curricula developer, author, and textile artist (www.rebeccaburgess.com). Her newly released book, *Harvesting Color*, explains where to find plants in the wild and the best way to harvest them. Learn everything from harvesting to preparing local fibers to producing beautiful textiles with natural color from the California chaparral ecosystem. Rebecca currently resides in Northern California, and is offering this workshop exclusively for the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. Limited to 22 participants.
  - Fee: $60 members / $75 non-members

#### Design Ideas for Your Native Garden: Start with a Plan!
- **Sunday, July 29, 1:00pm – 5:00pm**
  - Arborist and Nursery Manager, Bruce Reed, presents some guiding principles for conceiving and establishing home gardens with native plants. Slides of intriguing examples from local installations will show both good planning and common mistakes. Ample time will be left to discuss specific issues from class participants. Fall is installation time! Use this class to think through the possibilities and get inspired!
  - Fee: $35 members / $50 non-members

#### Save the Date: California Botanical Summer Adventure: The Oldest Trees in the World!
- **Tuesday, July 31, Through Friday, August 3**
  - Visit the incredible Bristlecone Pines National Monument outside of Bishop, California, with trip leader Steve Junak. Also includes the rich history of the area with a side trip to Bodie—an original ghost town. See website for more information

#### August

#### Docent-led July Specialty Tour: Summer Wildflowers
- **Saturday, July 7, 2:00pm**
  - Free with Admission

#### A Grand Botanical Adventure across California with Bob Haller and Nancy Vryette
- **Saturday, July 7, through Sunday, July 15**
  - Venture from the wave-tossed Pacific Ocean, over the Coast Ranges, across the snow-capped Sierra Nevada, up to the lofty White Mountains and down to the even-lok, but beautiful Death Valley; including the best examples of the state’s diverse landscapes, flora and scencer. Don’t miss this rare opportunity!
  - Maximum of 5 cars and/or 15 participants.
  - Food, lodging and transportation are the responsibility of the participants. Hotel list/s will be provided.
  - Fees: $140 members / $165 non-members

#### The Amazing Geology of Santa Barbara County: Stevens Park
- **Saturday, July 21, 10:00am – Noon**
  - Join Susie Bartz for this interesting look at Stevens Park in the San Roque neighborhood. Susie will point out some of the unique geological features of the area. The route follows an incised, uplifted alluvial fan, evidence of the tectonically past of our region. An easy walk, about 2 miles round trip. Bring a hat, water shoes, and curiosity.
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#### California Naturalist Program Open House
- **Wednesday, August 22, 4:00pm – 6:00pm**
  - Join the Education Department for this informational meeting to learn more about the new UCCE California Naturalist Training class which begins in October. Prospective SBGB Docs, local natural history organization volunteers, and interested community members are encouraged to attend.
  - Fee: free to members / non-members

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### August

#### Docent-led July Specialty Tour: Streamside Plants of Mission Canyon
- **Saturday, August 4, 2:00pm**
  - Free with Admission

#### Breakfast with a Naturalist: Fred Emerson
- **Saturday, August 4, 10:00am – Noon**
  - Join the Education staff over coffee, juice and muffins and take a walk through the Garden’s many diverse habitats to sharpen your observation skills with naturalist and bird expert Fred Emerson. Bring binoculars, a hat, and curiosity. For adults and children over age 10.
  - Fee: $15 member adults / $5 children ages 10-18
  - $25 non-member adults / $7 children ages 10-18

#### Mission Creek Critters: Family Exploration and Discovery!
- **Saturday, August 11, 10:00am – Noon**
  - Join Diana Kennett, stream biologist, for this morning adventure into the riparian creek corridor at the Garden! We’ll collect some critters to look at in the microscope lab and discover the amazing unseen world of water insects and plants! Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy the Garden after class. Registration required.
  - Fee: free to members / $5 per person non-members

#### Trail Blazers Botanical Hike: Rattlesnake Canyon
- **Saturday, August 18, 10:00am – Noon**
  - Join a Docent for a hike up Rattlesnake Canyon to learn about some of our local flora and fauna. For adults and children over age 8. Parking information will be sent to participants.
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#### Create a Personal Nature Journal
- **5 Fridays, August 24, 31 – September 7, 14, 21, 28, 11:00am – 2:00pm**
  - Nature Journals are wonderful places in which to create freely, without hesitation, doubt, or fear. In them, you can experiment and just have fun. In this class, JoAnn McGeever Metzger will demonstrate basic techniques and discuss a variety of special effects. Beginners and advanced students are welcome. Bring your enthusiasm, a blank journal of your choice, and favorite pen or pencil. All other materials for the first class will be provided.
  - Fee: $95 members / $120 non-members

### September

#### Pruning Natives De-Mystified: A Demonstration Workshop
- **Saturday, September 22, 11:00am – 1:30pm**
  - Take some of the mystery out of pruning and maintaining your natives with this informative workshop led by Nursery Manager Bruce Reed. Participants will learn the techniques for trimming natives such as sages as well as pruning shrubs such as Manzanita and Ceanothus without killing them. Join Bruce for this walking demonstration of pruning do’s and don’ts. Bring a hat!
  - Fee: $35 members / $50 non-members

#### Time Travelers—Private Docent Botanical Day Trip
- **Saturday, September 29, 10:00am – 5:00pm**
  - **(Save-the-Date for the final trip of the year: Saturday, November 10, 10:00am – 5:00pm)**
  - Join SBGB’s Steve Junak for a rare glimpse of some of the last original native coastal landscapes in Southern California. The trip begins at the Santa Barbara train depot where you will ride in the restored Vista Dome Lounge-Dining Car (built in 1956) for a narrated scenic adventure along a beautiful coastline and through several historic ranchos (which cannot be seen from Highway 101). We will travel through Gaviota, the Hollister Ranch, the Cojo Ranch (including Point Conception), and Vandenberg Air Force Base (including the Sudden Ranch), and the Guadalupe/Oceano Dunes region. Learn about the area’s rich human and natural history before stopping in San Luis Obispo. We will have a catered buffet lunch onboard (including beer, wine, and soft drinks), and change levels and sides for a new and different view on the way back home. What an extraordinary way to spend the day with your SBGB friends and staff!!! Reservations are limited and must be made by September 7. Over 21 only. Trip will go rain or shine.
  - Fee: $140 members / $165 non-members