



# San Diego Floral Association Newsletter

California Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Palomar District

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## S DFA Quarterly Meeting proudly featuring

### Julian Duval

**DIRECTOR, SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN**

Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 1:00 pm  
230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, 92024  
The Ecke Building

*\*A Brief History of San Diego Botanic Garden  
and news of The Dickinson Family Education  
Conservatory*

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**GUESTS ARE WELCOME**

**Program and meeting are free  
and open to the public.**

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Enter at the Main Gate, and you will be  
directed to the Ecke Building.  
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**There will be light refreshments, a short  
business meeting, and time to visit the  
gardens following the presentation.**

### *Message from the President, Suzanne Johnson*

Welcome to Fall, a busy time for Floral, as well as for our many affiliates.

On [October 11](#), we return to the The San Diego Botanic Garden in Encinitas for our quarterly meeting. San Diego Botanic Garden will host us in the The Ecke Room, and the \$14 entry fee to the gardens will be waived for meeting attendees. We hope this is a special opportunity for our North County members to connect and reconnect.

On [October 21](#), we will hold our first Haunted Garden Tour and Family Fair at Mission Hills Nursery. Chair Kathy Esty and her team have put together an opportunity for our members and guests to tour private gardens in Mission Hills, and enjoy a vendor fair with additional presentations and activities though out the afternoon. Tickets are \$35 per adult, children with adults are free, and your ticket cost is a tax-deductible contribution to Floral.

On [October 26](#), Kathy Taylor de Murillo will teach our 2<sup>nd</sup> class of the 2017-2018 year. Her subject will be the increasingly popular 'Cascade' design used for competition in flower shows accredited by the Southwestern Judges Council and CGCI.

*I hope to see you at one of these special events!  
Wishing you, in endeavors all  
A Happy and productive Fall!*

### Welcome New Life Member

Many thanks to **Ruth Jones**, our newest SDFa Life Member. Ruth has been a member for over 10 years and very much enjoys our California Garden magazine.

~LAURIE LEE, VP MEMBERSHIP

### Thank You, Les Bound

Over the summer, **Les Bound** donated more than 80 books from his personal horticulture library to SDFa. Please visit the SDFa Floral Library during regular office hours to peruse the new additions.~Suzanne Johnson, President

### Volunteer Spotlight

**Stuart Robinson** has been a supporter and Life Member of SDFa since 1986. He has been volunteering in the library for the past 2 years. He comes from a background of government service and is an avid golfer and tennis player.

**WE THANK STUART FOR ALL HE DOES!**

~LAURIE LEE, VP MEMBERSHIP

### Congratulations

to our 2017 Scholarship Recipients

**LaToya Jackson**

Southwestern College, \$500

**Neya Paisley**

Mira Costa College, \$500

~Fausto Palafox, Scholarship Committee Chair

### In Memoriam – Elizabeth Glover

Elizabeth Glover passed away peacefully away at home on Sunday, September 17 at the age of 95. She was editor of the *California Garden* magazine from 1985 to 1989, and an honorary Life Member of SDFa. She was involved in many garden societies, especially the San Diego Epiphyllum Society, for as long as she was able to get out and about. Floral members recall her being gracious, modest, and generous with her time. We mourn her passing, and remain grateful for the work she did to make *California Garden* magazine an enduring resource for horticulture enthusiasts.

~Suzanne Johnson, President

### Kate Sessions Birthday – November 8

SDFa will honor the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of our co-founder, Kate Sessions, this year by donating funds to plant a new tree in Balboa Park this year through the Balboa Park Conservancy.

More details to come.

~Suzanne Johnson, President

### Petals for Patriots 2017

Thank you to **over 50 volunteers** who participated by stripping and cutting stems, filling vases, making more than 350 arrangements, putting cards on the arrangements, delivering arrangements, and putting the room back in ship-shape order. A million thanks **from SDFa and David Root**. Your contributions were much appreciated by the recipients who received the arrangements. It's always rewarding to know we can bring some sunshine into other's lives with simple gestures of beautiful flowers.

~Barbara Clark, Coordinator

## Haunted Garden Tour & Family Fair

Saturday, October 21, 2017 – Noon to 6 pm

\$35 per adult, children under 12 free with adult

The gardens are ready to go, from the Wicked Witch Adobe to the Ghoulish Gecko Garden, and chariman **Kathy Esty** and her team have created an afternoon of entertainment to accompany our traditional historic garden tour.

Pioneer Park tours, cooking demonstrations, pumpkin decorating, face-painting, insect encounters, and a costume contest round out a day of easy walking, information, and crafts.

Proceeds from this event will help support our

Community College Scholarship Fund and

School Garden Programs. **S DFA is a 501(c)3**

**organization, and your contributions are tax-deductible.** ~Suzanne Johnson, Editor

### December Nights Comes Early in 2017!

Floral presents our gift to the community, a room of beautifully decorated holiday trees, on December 1 & 2 in Casa del Prado Room 101. This year's theme is "Gems of the Community in Ruby Red". Garden clubs and plant societies portray their organizations as gems, with an emphasis on the color red as Balboa Park celebrates its 40th 'ruby' anniversary of the December Nights festival in 2017. We urge you to join us, and celebrate Floral as one of the first participants in this annual pageant, 40 years ago.

New! This year, Festival of Trees will be open for a Special Showing on Thursday, November 30, from 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm for a \$5 per person donation. Please take this opportunity to avoid traffic, enjoy our holiday show when it is fresh, and support S DFA. Our traditional gingerbread cookies will be available for \$1. If carpooling, use the unloading zone behind the Botanical Building.

~Kay Harry, Festival of Trees Co-Chair

### New Floral Design Class

Thursday, October 26, 2017 10 am to 12 pm

Casa del Prado Room 104

\$20 per person (includes flowers & container)

Pay online at [www.sdfloral.org](http://www.sdfloral.org) (PayPal) or mail a check payable to S DFA.

**Kathy Taylor de Murillo** will teach the Cascade Design from the NGCI Handbook for Flower Shows. This is a new design with an emphasis on downward rhythmic movement. Class registration will close at 20 students, so reserve your space as soon as possible.

Many thanks to **Dale Rekus**, who taught our first class of the year to a group of enthusiastic designers on September 28.

~Suzanne Johnson, editor

### *Please support our advertisers in California Garden magazine:*

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California Native Plant Society

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The San Diego Horticultural Society

San Diego Iris Society,

Walter Andersen Nursery

## Thank You

**to our 2017 Volunteers of the Year**

**Lisa Prindle & Denise Thompson**

*~Thea Gurns, Immediate Past President*

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### **Weekly E-blasts**

Please send your organization's information to [info@sdfloal.org](mailto:info@sdfloal.org) to be included in our weekly e-blast to our membership.

### **Library Greeters Needed**

The S DFA library needs volunteers to cover one or more 2.5 hour shifts a month. There are 10 shifts a week, 2 shifts a day from 10am-12:30pm & 12:30-3pm. There is an immediate need to replace regular volunteers on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

Sign up with Laurie Lee at (619) 232 5762, or [llee3525@yahoo.com](mailto:llee3525@yahoo.com)

### **Staffing Coordinator Needed**

S DFA has an immediate need for a new Office Staffing Coordinator:

- \* create & maintain monthly office staff schedule
- \* recruit & train volunteers
- \* coordinate communication between volunteers, visitors, and board members.

Located in Balboa Park Casa del Prado Room 104, the S DFA office and library is staffed and open to our visitors and members, Monday through Friday, 10 am until 3 pm.

Please contact Laurie Lee – [llee3525@yahoo.com](mailto:llee3525@yahoo.com) for more information or questions.

### **Dec Nites Volunteers Needed**

December Nights is a less than 2 months away. S DFA will need a total of 40 volunteers to welcome guests to the Festival of Trees in Casa del Prado Room 101, and sell our delicious gingerbread cookies. There will be 5 shifts between Friday and Saturday.

Please contact Laurie Lee at [Llee3525@yahoo.com](mailto:Llee3525@yahoo.com) or 619.232.5762 to sign up and support our annual event.

### **TREASURER NEEDED**

Please contact Suzanne Johnson with candidates or helpful advice [president@sdfloal.org](mailto:president@sdfloal.org).