

# GATHERINGS



VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2009

## Volunteers In The Garden

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**  
**DORRANCE HALL**

9:30 a.m. - Social Hour  
10 a.m. - Business Meeting  
10:30 a.m. - Program

**KEN SCHUTZ**  
**DBG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

PRESENTS

**"DBG UPDATE AND  
PLANS FOR OUR  
FUTURE"**



Photo by Adam Rodriguez

# PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

We have recently returned from our 12 week exploration of the West. Once again I am under a solid roof. It feels wrong to be so closed in. Hubby and I have roamed through three states. We visited seven National Parks and ten National Forests and explored nine Wilderness Areas. We hiked 546 miles and put about 3,900 miles on my car. By the end of our amazing sojourn I had relearned a valuable lesson. I miss being around people!

We had interactions with people we met along the way - short interludes where we would exchange road information or trail conditions. Or perhaps the conversation would last longer and we would give up our vital details, sharing home town names and where we've been. That was enjoyable and interesting but that didn't fill my need.

What I missed was the camaraderie of being a part of something, the fellowship that comes from working towards a common goal. I missed the expectation of walking along a Garden path and knowing that I'd see at least one familiar smiling face, if not three or four. I missed feeling connected to something. Okay, I'll admit it! I missed my Garden family.

I have returned to town refreshed, re-energized and ready for the year. I know it's going to be a great one. There are wonderful monthly VIG meetings, planned to educate and entertain. *Gatherings*, our on-line newsletter, will keep you in the loop on what is going on with volunteers in other parts of the Garden. We have several new exhibits to learn about, including the art of Allan Houser. And most importantly we have our guests, who might be returning visitors or brand new tourists. Either way, we will be there to help make their experience at the Desert Botanical Garden the best it can possibly be.

I'm ready to take my passion and put it into action. Won't you join me? Great! See you along the trail!

**DAWN GOLDMAN**

PRESIDENT, VOLUNTEERS IN THE GARDEN

# GREAT NEWS!

I'm proud to announce that the Desert Botanical Garden will have a float in this year's APS Festival of Lights Parade!

Led by BILL COPE, 15 volunteers will be designing, planning, constructing, lighting, building, and driving our float. They are BILL CARTMELL, DON SQUIRE, DON BRICKLEY, DON BERG, CLYDE PARKS, JANIE PARKS, TOM BEKEY, KAREN PALDAN, ED JONES, PHYLLISS PAVLING, ARCHER SHELTON, BOB DAVIS, SIDNEY ALLEN, GRETA SOMERS, and TERRI BARIATTI. A big thank you to you all for your dedication.

How can the rest of us support this effort? By cheering for our entry the nights of Friday, December 4th, and Saturday the 5th. On Friday night the floats are judged at North Phoenix Baptist Church (Central Avenue and Bethany Home), which is the starting point for the parade. The floats are lit up to dazzle the judges. It's a big colorful party open to all to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Holidays. Saturday is the parade itself which travels from the church down Central Avenue to Camelback over to 7th Street, ending at Indian School. There are thousands of people who line the streets enjoying the efforts of all the entrants.

In the three years that we have participated in this festival we have won First Place once and Second Place twice in our category of Non Profits. The prizes have been airline tickets that have been used by volunteers to attend various conferences, tickets that otherwise would have been paid for out of the volunteer budget.

So do me a favor. Show your community spirit. Mark your calendar now to be there. I'll bring the hot chocolate!

**DAWN GOLDMAN**

PRESIDENT, VOLUNTEERS IN THE GARDEN

## VOLUNTEERS IN THE GARDEN EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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### SEEDLINGS HIT THE FALL SEASON RUNNING

It may still be hot and still be summer as I write this but things are happening with the Seedlings Program. The registration has been posted on-line and there has been a rapid response as classes are filling quickly. If you have been thinking of attending with your child, grandchild, nephew, niece or a favorite preschooler, the time to enroll is now.

I hope every volunteer at the Garden knows of the program, but here is just a short synopsis in case there are a few that haven't heard of us. Seedlings is a science-based enrichment program for you and your preschooler that introduces your youngster to the wonders of the Sonoran Desert using our Garden as the laboratory. A new theme is presented each week during the six week session, introducing the plants and animals that live in our desert. In each session we use songs, stories, crafts, nature walks, discovery centers, healthful theme based snacks, and movement and touch to explore the week's theme and captivate young minds. Classes are led by SHANNON WHEELER, Early Childhood Programs Manager and our dedicated and loving volunteers.

Please check the Garden web site for the age-appropriate session for your preschooler. We hope to see you in class starting the week of October 27th and ending December 11th.

Please join me in welcoming KATY CONSIDINE, our new Kindergarten through Grade 12 program manager. Katy grew up in Wisconsin and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Conservation Biology from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. She moved to Arizona following graduation to do a year of volunteer work with the Coconino Rural Environment Corps, which is an AmeriCorps program based out of Flagstaff.



Katy has been with the Garden since January of 2008 when she was hired as a school guide. In the fall of 2008 she began working as the Science Curriculum Specialist working directly with the Digital Learning Project. This summer she assisted with summer camps and found she really enjoyed working directly with the children. She is excited about her new role, so please say hello and give her a welcoming smile when you see her at the Garden.

**BARBARA PETERS**  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM CHAIR



Seedlings at the Garden. Photo by Mary Versosky.

# THE GARDEN CORNER

## iguanas in the garden

When I started volunteering at the Desert Botanical Garden about five years ago, a local herpetologist told me that the native desert iguana, a 16 inch-long sandy-colored, primarily herbivorous lizard, probably no longer occurs at the Garden. So being an avid lizard watcher and not seeing any iguanas here myself, I was puzzled when the keen-eyed horticultural staff would periodically report observing them. Why wasn't I seeing any? It turns out that this heat-loving lizard mainly lives in the sun-baked creosote patches in the west and northeast areas of the Garden where few

above lethal levels for most other species. They have enzymes that can continue to operate at temperatures that would permanently denature human proteins. To warm up but avoid cooking, they are darker in color in the morning to absorb the sun's heat, and very pale by early afternoon to reflect sunlight.

We started to see more of these elusive lizards this past spring. CHAD DAMS, Curator of Agaves and Succulents, and his agave volunteers were regularly visiting the garden plot in the northeast corner of the DBG on hot days in an attempt



This handsome desert iguana was photographed by DBG propagationist Brandi Eide on a very hot May afternoon.

of us venture, especially on the 100+ degree afternoons when this gentle lizard likes to come out of its burrow and graze on creosote flowers and leaves, among other things.

This species is more heat-tolerant than any other North American reptile. It emerges later in the year and later in the day than other lizards and remains active longer into the hottest part of the day. Body temperatures of 113 degrees F have been recorded, well

(thwarted by ground squirrels) to cultivate agaves and yuccas in preparation for transplanting them to the new Berlin Agave Yucca Forest this fall. Chad saw six iguanas on one hot afternoon. The first part of the scientific name of the desert iguana (*Dipsosaurus dorsalis*) translates to "thirsty lizard". Who wouldn't be thirsty with a body temperature of 113 degrees and on a diet mainly of creosote leaves?

**TOM GATZ**  
THE GARDEN CORNER

# Hort Aide Cuttings

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CALENDAR

November 12 - Combined Pot Luck and Hike at the McDowell Sonoran Preserve

We will meet at the home of JUDY and LARRIE BATES to drop off Pot Luck dishes at 10 a.m. We will then proceed 3 blocks to the Lost Dog Trail Head where we will meet McDowell Sonoran Conservancy (MSC) volunteer stewards. We will hike on the least difficult trail for about an hour and then return to the Bates' home for our Pot Luck. Do not bring dishes that need to be refrigerated unless they are in coolers because there will not be room in the Bates' refrigerator for much. Judy and Larrie will provide drinks. This will be our only continuing education activity before the end of the year.

January 12 – Field Trip (possibly to the Wallace Gardens)  
February 10 – Pot Luck in Webster – 10:00 a.m.  
March 12 – Field Trip (possibly to the Olive Mill)  
April 15 – Pot Luck at Scott McMahon's Home, Garden, and Greenhouse (Details will follow in later *Gatherings*.)

## Welcome Back Everybody – We've Missed You!

It is always nice to welcome back the traveling Horticulture Department Volunteers and Winter Visitor Volunteers (though some of those do not return until after Thanksgiving or Christmas). Those of us that have been here most of the summer have been doing some clean-up work and some heavy-duty jobs like moving plants from the sand beds and taking down damaged trees and limbs – tough, tough work in July and August (dripping sweat, we've been)! The Horticulture Department staff continues to appreciate us though so we follow them obediently through thick and thin.

In closing, I'd like to mention that I had a recent conversation with CHAD DAVIS, Curator of Agavaceae and Aloaceae and he said that the hort aides would be helping to plant about 400 specimens in the new Berlin Agave-Yucca Forest during the end of September and early October. So, keep your knee pads ready -there is lots of work to do this fall and lots of good times ahead!

LARRIE BATES  
HORT AIDE CHAIR

## FALL EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

Autumn is my favorite season, and I can't imagine a better place to spend it than in the middle of Metropolitan Phoenix. Sure, some other cities may have changing leaves or cooler temperatures, but these are no match for a new season of Fab Fall events at the Desert Botanical Garden.

This year we are excited to introduce new traditions and welcome back some old favorites. **Biergarten**, our first annual Garden-wide beer tasting event, will offer craft brews, authentic German fare, and a blend of eclectic music. Also new, **Native American Recognition Days Music Celebration** will spotlight talented musicians on the legendary Canyon Records label.

The **Great Pumpkin Festival** and **Day of the Dead** will be expanded with extra dates, as well as more entertainment and activities. **Corks and Cactus** has a new home in November and will feature a savory preview of **Chiles and Chocolate**. Last Spring's hit **Spiked!** will be back for another round on Thursdays this Fall beginning in October.

**Fall Music in the Garden** will also return in October with an all-new lineup of fabulous local musicians. (For dates, times, and details of these events, please check out the Fall Calendar or [dbg.org](http://dbg.org).)

This year, we welcome all experienced and potential Fall Music in the Garden Volunteers to attend our Volunteer Training Class on September 17th in Volunteer Headquarters from 6-7pm. The sign-up sheet will be unveiled on that date and volunteer spots will be on a first come basis, so attending training is suggested. I will be the direct contact for signing up, so please contact me with any questions at 480-481-8191 or [kspratt@dbg.org](mailto:kspratt@dbg.org).

I'd like to thank everyone who donates their time to make the Garden great. I am looking forward to another wonderful fall season with the best volunteers in town. See you on September 17th!

KATY SPRATT  
ENTERTAINMENT COORDINATOR



# The Nectar-Robbing Carpenter Bee: Friend or Foe to the Desert Willow Tree?

A Desert Willow flower's petals open to reveal red and yellow stripes. The yellow stripes are pollen-dusted highways to guide creatures to the flower's tubular core. Here, small yellow grains balance on four anthers that rest on filaments protruding from the nectary. Inside is a drink with the right proportion (about 24 percent) of sugar, just enough for the hummingbirds the plant hopes to attract.

A Black-chinned hummingbird hovers at a flower and puts its bill deep inside as its tongue reaches for nectar. The bird's bill brushes against the anthers, which deposit golden dust. Nectar is payment the flower gives the bird for trucking its valuable cargo to other flowers.

A Carpenter bee robs the nectary, enters by the back door, pierces the flower at its base from outside, and sucks out nectar. The anthers cannot deposit pollen. The bee transports no cargo. Is this detrimental to the plant?

Researchers Joan Maloof and David Inouye believe nectar robbers have an indirect positive effect on plants. Empty nectaries mean hummingbirds fly in search of full ones on other trees. As a hummingbird feeds on nectar, it transfers pollen from one flower to another. Inside a flower, a two-lobed stigma perches on a narrow tube called a style. Desert Willow pollen from one tree deposited on an open, receptive stigma of another tree's flower causes the stigma to close. Pollen travels down the style to the ovary to fertilize an ovule, which becomes a fruit with seeds.

Experiments show Desert Willow pollen must be transferred among trees for reproductive success. If hummingbirds found plenty of nectar on one tree, they would save energy, not fly elsewhere, and not transfer pollen to other trees. The Carpenter Bee's behavior encourages hummingbirds to fly to other

trees for nectar and transfer pollen. Both legitimate pollinators and nectar-robbing Carpenter bees improve the health of Desert Willow populations. As you stroll the Garden, observe not just the

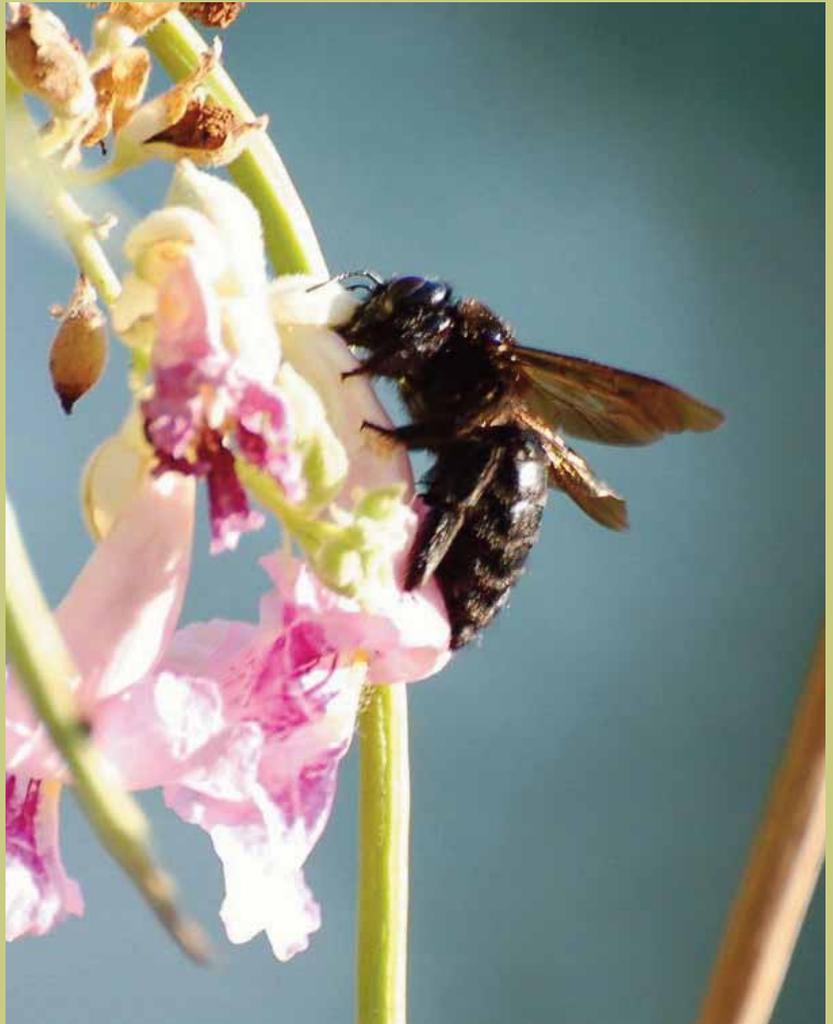


Photo by Steve Petrie, DBG member

beauty of our plants, but also the animals that have relationships with them. See whether the animal is a legitimate pollinator or a nectar robber. Or, is the animal using the plant for food or shelter?

What might be the implications of the animal behavior for plant reproduction and health? Observe what the plant is doing to attract or repel the animals.

**GILLIAN RICE**  
SATURDAY DOCENT

# CHIHULY CONFESSIONS

## tales from Chihuly hosts

I have to admit, I was a doubting Thomas when I heard what a draw Chihuly was predicted to be for Garden visitors. I realized how wrong I was on one of the first Sundays after installation when I was gathering visitors for my usual docent tour. A dozen people eagerly surrounded me, waving to their companions with shouts of "the tour is about to begin!" What was happening? I couldn't recall such enthusiasm for my docent tours before. As I greeted each person, I envisioned them endlessly fascinated with my stories of saguaro boots and pleats. After announcing that my tour would be about desert plants and not about Chihuly glass, my rapidly inflating ego was suddenly shattered when ALL 15 people stood up en masse and promptly left the tour gathering area. I worked through all five stages of grief, eventually reached the acceptance stage and revamped my tour to include a healthy dose of Chihuly lore. **THOMAS GATZ**

While my boyfriend and I viewed the Chihuly exhibit in the lovely setting of the Desert Botanical Garden on several occasions, the first time was the most memorable. Greeted by the magnificent Desert Towers, we rounded the Admissions corner to view the majestic Sun as a sentinel of the Ottosen Entry Garden. Our first visit was full of surprises. We eventually made our way to the Blue Reeds populated among the Agave on the mini-footbridge. What a stunning show. As we marveled along with several other onlookers, an orange-striped cat was spotted walking figure eights through the Reeds and making its way toward the crowd. The cat was quite a surprise for those expecting to see stationary glass exhibit and ever-so slightly moving desert plants. The surprise heightened as the cat scratched a hole next to a Reed, faced the crowd, and did its business. Cameras all around clicked. One visitor remarked, "Everybody's a critic!" **AMY WHATLEY**

My first day at volunteering for Chihuly, I was near the "chandelier" exhibit/butterfly pavilion area. A man came up to me and said (I'm paraphrasing), "Wow, this is a marvelous botanical garden - so many varieties in such good condition, etc." Then he added, "The only thing wrong with this garden is that 'god-awful glass - it doesn't fit in at all.'" **BOBBIE BENSON**

I was working the third shift on a Saturday night at the second Y (by the Palo Verde tree). A wedding took place that night in the Wildflower Pavilion; the reception followed on Ullman Terrace. Between the ceremony and the reception, the bride and groom wandered through the garden with their photographer shooting some beautiful pictures of the couple with the plants and the glass sculptures. They passed by me on their way to the Cactus and Succulent Galleries. A short time later, I looked up and saw a ranger in a cart, bringing Mr. Chihuly through the Garden on his way to the Board of Trustees Meeting. I smiled at him and said "hello". He returned the greeting as they continued up the trail. The bride and groom, moving back down the trail, spotted Mr. Chihuly and recognized him. The bride ran to the cart (in her beautiful gown, of course), and asked Mr. Chihuly if they could have their picture taken with him. He must have agreed, because the next thing I saw was Mr. Chihuly getting out of the cart and posing with the bride on one side and the groom on the other. Needless to say, the bride was thrilled. What a coup! **JUDY FRASIER**

Photographers came out in hordes to photograph Chihuly. Many were polite and respected the Garden. However one morning, while manning the south end of the entry plaza, I spied one such dedicated photographer lying in one of the beds to shoot the orange horns positioned above him. I approached the man and asked him to take his picture and then remove himself from the bed. "Don't hold your breathe, honey" was his reply. The remark caught me off guard for just one second. Raising my radio, identifying myself and my location, I said "Security, I have a belligerent visitor here that I would like you to escort from the Garden." The photographer responded to that, finally turning around to see me in my official apron and shirt. "I'm so sorry," he said quickly gathering his things. "I thought you were another photographer!" **DAWN GOLDMAN**

One woman ask me if they melted down all the glass to make it easier to ship? Lots of people thought the pieces were shipped already assembled. Man it would take a lot of fancy wrapping and some mighty big trucks to do that. **MARILYN SHOMER**



# GO GREEN!

# VIG TRIP A BLAST!

The Garden is going "GREEN" and it's up to all of us to do our part. Last March the Garden's Green Committee, made up of representatives from every department, started meeting on a regular basis. Our goal is to reduce/minimize Garden consumption and waste and to promote sustainability through education and research. Many new initiatives have been started such as more comprehensive recycling and composting green waste, and we are developing product purchasing guidelines. Much research in many areas is being done. A complete Sustainability Plan is being developed. It's up to all of us, staff and volunteers, to make some changes.....we need to "walk the walk before we can talk the talk". We do want to teach others but first we must teach ourselves. Some simple things you can do:

- 1) Paper usage – This year all paper products for Volunteer events (cups, plates, etc.) will be available through the Volunteer Dept. Earth friendly products are being purchased. See Irene to get what you need for your next potluck. Our immediate goal - Absolutely no styrofoam in the Garden! Think before you make a copy -- Do I really need this? If so, always make two-sided copies if it is more than one page.
- 2) Plastic water bottles – Try not to use them! Filtered water is available in all buildings and reusable bottles are available for purchase – see Irene.

Each month we will be offering friendly tips so we can work together to make the Garden Greener. If you have questions or ideas please let us know. Thank you for all your help.

**BRANDI EIDE AND  
NANCY WHITE**  
CO-CHAIRS  
GREEN COMMITTEE



Fifty-two Garden volunteers, friends and family enjoyed a fabulous adventure to La Posada Inn in Winslow, AZ last May. We appreciated the lovely, historic Inn and the great food. We started Tuesday, with a Cinco de Mayo social hour and dinner at the Inn. Some participants even started early with a pre-social hour, taking advantage of the great weather and charming patios and comfy chairs.

The following morning we explored the town of Winslow. Some visited historic sites and several of us found ourselves taking it easy at Standin' on the Corner Park and, of course, shopping for tee shirts and other artifacts at the gift shops and museums. The Chamber of Commerce has taken over the old Ganado trading post and refurbished it. Seeing the enormous pressed metal ceiling and sheep scales which that still work perfectly, was historically delightful. Some folks took it easy at the Inn and just watched the trains go by.

Wednesday afternoon we toured the rock art site on Chevelon Creek, and visited other sites on a working family ranch. The Brentley family fed us well! We were entertained by a western singer after dinner. The northeastern Arizona plateau sunset was gorgeous. All together, it was a special day of Western fun, food and socializing.

Thursday morning we carpoled to Homolovi State Park where we enjoyed an informative and interesting talk by the "lone" park ranger. Due to budget cuts, he was the only staff person there to greet us, but he made sure we felt at home in this area that is so important to the Hopi people.

The committee thanks everyone who joined us on this trip, you made it fun for us, too. We sure missed Keith, but we know he'll be with us next time. We also want to thank our staff support: Eric Garton and Linda Hairston. We are already thinking about next May and have a few ideas about places to visit. We welcome suggestions. Our first meeting will be in October to start planning another great event. Watch for announcements and plan to join us in 2010.

**KEITH LONGPRE, LOWELL BAILEY, FRANCES COLLEY, JUDI IRONS**  
THE VIG TRIP COMMITTEE

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

Welcome back from your summer activities. Hope you had a wonderful time .

On Monday, September 14, our Director, KEN SCHUTZ, will give us an annual update and plans for the future. Remember the Refreshment/Social time is 9:30 a.m., followed by a short business meeting at 10:00 a.m. and then at 10:30 a.m., Ken's presentation on the plans for the future of the Garden.

The theme for the 2009-2010 VIG Monthly meetings is dedicated to the 90th Anniversary of the Grand Canyon. On February 26, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed Senate Bill 390 (notice the low bill number) creating Grand Canyon National Park. As you know, this is an unparalleled landscape protected and enjoyed by many generations. Between October, 2009 and February, 2010, we have arranged for special people to increase our knowledge about the area and its environs. The presentations will focus on Birds, History and Anthropology, Plants of the Canyon, and Vegetation of the Canyon.

I want to especially thank the Continuing Education Committee for all its hard work in bringing these programs to fruition.

**MIKE GILMAN, CHAIR**

DBG CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED

Donate used books you no longer need to the Garden Library Book Sale. Fiction/non-fiction - all subjects are welcome (no magazines please).

Please leave donations at Garden Admissions by Thursday, October 15. A receipt for tax purposes is available upon request from admissions staff.

And for a stress-free way to help at the sale, sign-up to volunteer in the book booth. No experience or money handling required, and you may get to read a little between customers. Thanks for supporting the Garden Library. See you at the Plant/Book Sale.

**BETH BRAND**

LIBRARIAN

## INSTRUCTOR AIDES tireless workers!

Instructor Aides really stepped up to the plate when Chihuly was here and all of the extra photo classes were added! Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the Garden and the education department!

On May 16th we had a thank you luncheon for the Instructor aides. There were presentations, prizes and of course the all important food. It gave everyone the opportunity to meet each other. A good time was had by all as you can see from the attached photo.

During this past year the Instructor Aides went green! No more mailings and stamps which has saved the Garden money and the earth trees! It was not always an easy transition but we are proud of our accomplishments! Your spreadsheet of Instructor Aide vacancies is now sent by email. The sign up process is by email on a first come basis! The class information sheet, sent to the aide before their class, is now sent by email. Thank you for your support in this Green transition.

The Volunteer Instructor Aide Training Agenda has been updated. We will have training sessions on October 1 from 6-8 p.m. and October 3rd from 10-noon. All Instructor Aides will need to attend one of the classes. We look forward to seeing you there. And a big thank you to all!

**DEANNA COUNCILL**

INSTRUCTOR AIDE CHAIR



Steen Lawson, Onsite Public Programs Manager and Catherine Crawley, "The Herb Lady" and others enjoying the party Photo by Deanna Council

# DOCENT UPDATES

## Coming Home!

This summer, we made a driving trip – around and about the Rocky Mountains. We crossed those mountains in Colorado and again in Glacier National Park. We got as far as the plains and wheat fields of South Dakota; we visited the orchards and vineyards of Washington State and came home down through Nevada and then through the emptiness of the Great Basin Desert. Then we began seeing the Joshua Trees and knew we were in the Mohave Desert. We experienced lots of beautiful country, but when we saw the Saguaros, we knew we were in our beloved Sonoran Desert and nearing home.

It's almost time to come home to the Desert Botanical Garden and get ready for the start of a new Docent Year. Please remember these dates:

**Wed., Sept. 23 – 10:00 a.m. - Day Captain Meeting**

**Thurs., Sept., 24 through Wed., Sept. 30**  
**Each day at 10:00 a.m. – Kick-Off week meetings**

**Thurs., Oct. 1 - 1st day of regular Docent Interpretation**

We hope new and seasoned docents can all attend the kick-off meetings as we have new events to

discuss, among them our new artist exhibit featuring Alan Houser and the new Agave Yucca Forest Exhibit. You will also have time to “fill your baskets” by replenishing worn out materials and adding new ones.

The Garden (and docents) had a great summer flashlight season and we especially thank the following Garden docents who mentored new interpreters and staffed the Discovery stations during June and July.

And thanks to all of you for representing the Garden in so many ways this past year. We have about 60 people who have said they want to be volunteers at the DBG and who will be part of Volunteer U this fall. That's a testimony to the enthusiasm you showed and the knowledge you shared on the trails during the Chihuly Exhibit and all through the year. Keep up the Good Work! See you on the trails.

**BEV & ED JONES**  
DOCENT CO-CHAIRS



Photo by Gene Almendinger

## COMING THIS FALL!

**Enter your volunteer hours from home again....**

This fall, we'll start using our new volunteer software and you'll be able to enter your hours online again. In September, we'll be sending you more information to announce "when and how" it works.

We hope everyone will give it a try... It will be easy AND you'll be able to check your hours from home too.

**JUDY AGUILAR**  
VOLUNTEER OPERATIONS MANAGER

## HERBARIUM SAMPLE STEALS SPOTLIGHT FROM RESEARCH/LIBRARY CHAIR PAT FICKES

The Summer *Gatherings* issue featured an article entitled "Bobbie Barrel Cactus Becomes Part of the DBG Herbarium Permanent Collection.' It was a fascinating article, outlining the thirteen steps necessary for Herbarium Sample DES00059406 to become part of our collection. Ungratefully, DES00059406 stole the spotlight by neglecting to credit PAT FICKES, Herbarium/Library Chair for writing up its adventures. Apologies to Ms. Fickes from both the humble sample and your humble editor for failing to note the omittance!

**NANCY WALKER**  
GATHERINGS EDITOR

# Volunteer DATELINE

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Friday nights, 7 - 9 p.m.  
Music in the Garden, Ullman Terrace

Mondays, 7:00 a.m.  
Bird walks - Meet at Admissions

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 p.m.  
Yoga classes, Classroom A, Weisz Learning Center

## AUGUST

August 27 – September 8  
African Safari with Ken Schutz

## SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 8,  
Deadline for submitting articles for October Gatherings

Monday, September 14, 9:30 a.m.  
Volunteers in the Garden Meeting, Dorrance Hall

Thursday, September 17, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Music in the Garden Training, Volunteer Headquarters

Wednesday, September 23 and 26, 9:00 a.m. - noon  
Butterfly Training, Volunteer Headquarters

Friday, September 25, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
Biergarten

Saturday, September 26 through November 15  
*Mariposa Monarca* Exhibit

Wednesday, September 30, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
*Envoy* Training, Volunteer Headquarters

## OCTOBER

Thursday, Oct. 1, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 3, 10:00 a.m. - noon  
Volunteer Instructor Aide Training, Volunteer Headquarters

Thursdays, October 1 through November 5, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
*Spiked!* (guests must be 21 or older to be admitted)

Fridays, October 2 through November 6, 7 to 9 p.m.  
Music in the Garden fall concert series 2009

Monday, October 5  
Deadline for submitting articles for November Gatherings

Wednesday, October 7, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
*Envoy* Training, Volunteer Headquarters

Monday, October 12, 9:30 a.m.  
Volunteers in the Garden Meeting, Dorrance Hall

Fri., Sat., & Sun., October 16 - 18, Fall Plant Sale Festival  
Friday - Garden Members Preview, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday - Open to the General Public, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday - Open to General Public, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thurs. thru Sun., October 22 - 25, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
The Great Pumpkin Festival

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
*Dia de los Muertos* Celebration