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And We Have a Winner!!

By Brad Monroe, Program Coordinator

Last fall, the Ornamental Horticulture (OH) Program began a first-ever landscape design competition for the courtyard, which is now the new connecting area to the rest of the campus. Eleven students and alumni, individually or in teams, developed nine landscape plans. We originally planned to first narrow the competition to three finalists and then have them present their designs to our judges. However, after a suggestion was made by one of the judges, and in order to maintain an educational, rather than a competitive approach, we decided to have all participants present their plans on December 11 at 7 pm to the judges, the three landscape design instructors, other participants and guests.

The judging panel consisted of two judges: Gerald Fisher, a landscape architect who was on the original design team for Cuyamaca College in the 1970's and Steve Jacobs, owner of Nature Designs Landscaping in Vista. Also attending, to provide students feedback on their plans and presentations, were our team of landscape design instructors who are also landscape architects: Kathryn Fulhorst, Stephen Copley and Nick DeLorenzo. Complete with overhead projections, elaborate PowerPoint slideshows and verbal descriptions of their projects, each team presented their plan to a room filled with participants, judges, faculty and guests. The judges and faculty gave each designer/team feedback afterward.

The judges and faculty were truly impressed with each participant, and when the presentations

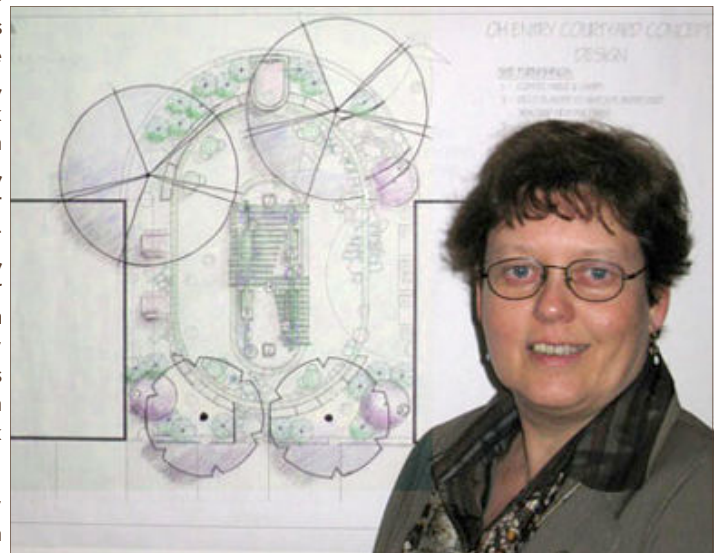
finished, well after 10:30 pm, they began their deliberations. After pouring over the designs and all of the wonderful ideas, a decision was made to not only choose a winning design, but to also incorporate some of the many beautiful ideas of other participants. In order to do this, Gerald Fisher and Nick DeLorenzo offered to assist the winning designer in refining the final design, to include ideas presented by other designers. And to recognize their effort, they also decided to display a plaque in the new courtyard to show appreciation to all contributing participants.

And so the winner is... Sylke Portner-Clark. Sylke started as a student in the program, has now completed her design classes and has assisted both the Introductory and Advanced Landscape Design classes as an Instructional Aide. She expressed her sincere appreciation to the judges and instructors, and acknowledged the stiff competition from

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Sylke Portner-Clark and her winning design.

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Following My Dream – Working as a Rice Family Foundation Intern

By Richard Lesser

“I was very fortunate to find the OH program here at Cuyamaca College. It has provided me the perfect avenue to follow my dream of working with plants and the people who love them.

We can all think back to a favorite hobby or activity that made us happy in our youth. With me, it started in my parent’s yard. It was the feeling of dirt on my fingers while taking a broken branch of my grandmother’s favorite geranium; placing it in a hole I made, and mounding the dirt around it to start another plant. I would water and watch that plant sprout new leaves, branches and finally a flower. Since that time, I have always loved to garden and it has remained my favorite hobby and weekend activity.

I have always dreamed of working in a nursery selling plants and interacting with customers one-on-one. A year and a half ago I was at a point in my life when I could semi-retire and make a career change.

It was scary, but at the same time, exciting. After some researching and with the support of my partner, I took a new path into the world of Ornamental Horticulture (OH), emphasizing Nursery Technology. This path led me to the Cuyamaca College OH program, where I could get the education to back up my experience.

Starting off slowly, I enrolled in Brad Monroe’s Fundamentals class and Fausto Palafox’s Plant Propagation. After a few weeks, I knew I made the right decision. The passion and drive that Brad and Fausto exude when teaching only fueled my passion for learning all I could about horticulture. My first lesson on this journey was that we plant in soil, not dirt, and that dirt is what we get under our fingernails! Three semesters later, I am still being corrected!

During the course of my first semester, I met many people with varied backgrounds who shared my passion and became new friends. You could not help but get caught up in the vortex of getting involved in the department’s projects. The OH department has many opportunities from volunteering to part-time grower and sales positions. Midway through my first

classes, I started volunteering at the nursery. Before I knew it, I was working both in the nursery and as a teacher’s assistant for Christy Powell in the Annuals & Perennials class.



Richard Lesser, Rice Family Foundation Intern

Recently, I have been elected as Activities Director for the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society (CCBS). Viva Emery, our current CCBS President, also asked me to accept the assistant manager position in our nursery. Without hesitation, I happily accepted, which gives me the opportunity to work in my chosen field toward a certificate in Nursery Technology. After only four months in this position, I knew this rewarding work was right for me. Best of all, I got to interact with our customers.

I was very fortunate to find the OH program here at Cuyamaca Col-

lege. It has provided me the perfect avenue to follow my dream of working with plants and the people who love them. Among those people are our scholarship donors. The Rice Family Foundation has helped me and others with their generous gifts which help ease the burden of college costs, encouraging students to continue their goal in OH. Their kindness is deeply appreciated and is a glowing example of the wonderful support within the Horticultural community.

Last but not least, the full time staff that runs and operates the nursery certainly deserve my thanks. Brad Monroe, John Thomas and Rosalee Clanton are all fantastic, and make working and learning both educational and fun.

Richard Lesser continues with his plans to obtain a certificate in Nursery Technology and work in the nursery helping others find the joy of gardening.

In Memory - Dorcas Utter 1924 - 2007

By Brad Monroe, Program Coordinator

The Many Lives of Dorcas Utter... Certified Public Accountant, Trophy Winning Marksman, Cuyamaca College student and instructional aide along with a very long list of other accomplishments, Dorcas came to the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Program in the 1980s after a long career as a CPA. Already docent trainer at Quail Botanical Gardens, wanting to learn more in order to help others was her hallmark - a love for learning and a passion for helping others. Dorcas passed away on Wednesday, November 28, 2007, after a short battle with pneumonia. She is survived by her son, Bill Utter of Oregon.

More than fifty friends and family attended a memorial service at the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College, on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, to pay tribute to an individual who, over the years, touched so many lives as a volunteer in a long list of organizations. At the memorial service, Jan Tubiolo spoke of bringing Dorcas to the Water Conservation Garden to start a docent training program for the newly opened garden after having first met her at the Laguna Mountain Volunteers. Marty Eberhardt, Garden Executive Director, talked about the first time she met Dorcas and how she was initially reluctant to introduce her new ideas for the garden to Dorcas. Through their friendship, though, she quickly realized that Dorcas was anything but intimidating, and instead supportive and helpful - traits those that knew her recognized immediately.

Brad Monroe also spoke of Dorcas and below is a portion of his eulogy:

"To try to sum up what Dorcas meant to all of us would be like trying to sum up everyone's view of a kaleidoscope. You can't simply add up the beauty and colors of the life that Dorcas brought to all of us. Each of us saw her from a different view, a different turn of the kaleidoscope. To her son, there was the independent mother that always wanted to do for herself and never ask for help. To the students she tutored in the Trees and Shrubs classes, she was the "hat at the head of the line" that always seemed to know where all the hidden trees were on campus. And I am sure to the docents at Quail Garden, her friends at Silverwood Sanctuary, the Braille Institute, and San Miguel Fire Department where she volunteered, and even here, at the Garden, where she established the docent program, she had an even different image. Each turn of the kaleidoscope brought another, even more interesting, view.

For me, it was her perpetual smile, steadfast inde-

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Thanks Mission Hills Garden Club!

By Carol Fuller

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So, we thank and
appreciate you,
Mission Hills
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from the tips of
our branches to
the ends of our
roots.**

Internships are a large part of the learning and growing (no pun intended) process for the Ornamental Horticulture Program (OH) here at Cuyamaca College. Without the support of the local community it would be difficult, to say the least, to provide the learning opportunities and experiences from which our students have benefited. With this in mind, it is time to recognize one of our greatest supporters. The program has the support of and gratitude toward The Mission Hills Garden Club as they support several internship positions in the OH Department.

Formed in 1998, the Mission Hills Garden Club is comprised of a group of energetic individuals from various backgrounds who share their love of gardening and the beauty of the environment. They are devoted to their community and believe that giving back to that community is the most fulfilling. They offer several types of educational and charitable programs from which the OH program benefits.

One of the events they organize is the Garden Walk through the Mission Hills neighborhood. The proceeds of this event are returned to the community in the form of local beautification projects, donations to worthy causes and horticultural scholarships. This is where we come in.

Each year the garden club's projects committee finds things for the club to fund. Scholarships began several years ago when they heard about the program from Brad Monroe (surprise, surprise) and Jim Bishop, a club member and last years co-chair of their annual fund raiser, as well as being a student in the program. Once they investigated further, the project committee presented to the board of directors to fund internship positions. The internships are advertised by the schools they support and the students are chosen by the schools based on specific criteria.

Three internship positions for this year funded by The Mission Hills Garden Club are held by; Arborist (Stevens Tabiando), Floral Field Manager (Louise Parks) and 2nd Assistant Grower (Amy Huie). These students work approximately 4 to 12 hours per week as a part of their educational program at Cuyamaca College. In addition to furthering their education, they help the OH Program to maintain a top quality field site and continued nursery production.

Mission Hills Garden Club hopes that by supporting the internship program, they will inspire those pursuing a career in ornamental horticul-

ture to perhaps open new nurseries or create a new style/design in landscaping. It is hoped that by getting hands on experience in this career choice more people will be inspired to continue the beautification of San Diego's rich and lush landscape, which is known and enjoyed by not only by those of us fortunate to live here, but also the many thousands of tourists who come here to visit this incredible destination.

Without the help of these three students, we would not have the quantity or quality of the plants we sell in the nursery that are used to further our OH program. Without the help and support of the Mission Hills Garden Club these internships would not be made available. So, we thank and appreciate you Mission Hills Garden Club from the tips of our branches to the ends of our roots.

The Mission Hills Garden Club invites you to visit their part of historic San Diego in the lovely neighborhood of Mission Hills. If you live in Mission Hills or its surrounds, they invite you to join the club and become a welcomed member of the larger and broader community of gardeners.

Garden club meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of every month, except for November's meeting (the third Wednesday due to Thanksgiving) and December as no meeting is held due to the holiday. Meetings are at the Mission Hills United Church of Christ (4070 Jackdaw Street at Fort Stockton). The entrance to the church is on Jackdaw Street, and is primarily street parking. Meetings are free to members; guests are welcome with admission of \$10.00. The doors open at 6:00 pm for refreshments and socializing, and the meeting begins at 6:30 pm and ends at approximately 8:00 pm.

More information on the Missions Hills Garden Club, can be found at their website, www.missionhillsgardenclub.org. It is a lovely site which has all the information you need on the club, membership application, past and upcoming events. "They're a welcoming, knowledgeable, and inclusive bunch who never judges you on the greenness of your thumbs."

Carol is an assistant to the CCBS board. She is pursuing certificates in Landscape Technology, Landscape Design, Arboriculture, and has added Floral Design and possibly Nursery Technology to her pursuits.

Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Spring 2008

Course Name	Instructor	Day/Time
Xeriscape - Water Conservation	Morganelli	Th 5:00 —6:50 pm
Floral Design I	Citrowske	T 11:00 am—3:50 pm
Floral Design I	Citrowske	M 4:00—8:50 pm
Wedding Design I	Butler	W 11:00 am—3:50 pm
Special Occasion Floristry	Butler	W 4:00—8:50 pm
Fundamentals of OH	Monroe	T 12:00—4:50 pm
Fundamentals of OH	Lovewell	M 5:00—6:50 pm Sat 8:00 am—2:10 pm
Plant Propagation	Palafox	T 5:00—6:50 pm Sat 8:00 am—2:10 pm
Plant Pest Control	Schultz	M 11:00 am—3:50 pm
Soils	O'Leary	W 7:00—8:50 pm Sat 8:30 am—2:40 pm
Plant Materials: Trees & Shrubs	Lovewell	Th 2:00—4:50 pm
Intro to Landscape Design	Fulhorst	W 11:00 am—3:50 pm
Intro to Landscape Design	Fulhorst	T 5:00—9:50 pm
Intermediate Landscape Design	Copley	Th 12:00 —4:50 pm
Annuals & Perennials	Rottke	M 5:00—7:50 pm
Adv CAD Landscape Design	Sumek	F 11:00 am—3:50 pm
Landscape Construction: Concrete & Masonry	Cochran	W 5:00—6:50 pm Sat 8:00 am—2:10 pm
Landscape Construction: Irrigation & Carpentry	Eagle	T 5:00—6:50 pm Sat 8:00 am—2:10 pm
Principles of Landscape Irrigation	Monroe	W 1:00—4:50 pm
Arboriculture	Simpson	Th 5:00—6:50 pm Sat 8:00 am—2:10 pm
Golf Course & Sports Turf Mgmt	Clark	W 5:00—6:50 pm Sat 8:30 am—2:40 pm
Diagnose Horticulture Problems	Staff	Th 7:00—9:20 pm
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	Love	Th 5:00—9:50 pm
Cooperative Work Experience	Switzer, Simpson	Hours to be arranged

Classes begin January 28, 2008.

For additional information, call (619) 660-4262 or apply and register online at the Cuyamaca College website: www.Cuyamaca.edu

Find out more about the program, classes, staff and instructors! Come to the Ornamental Horticulture Department's Program Orientation Wednesday, January 23, 2008 6:00-8:00 pm in Room M-110.

First Annual CCBS Photo Contest

By Carol Fuller and Will Rountree

*Flash bulbs have ceased flashing,
And judging has been done,
Now it is time to see who has won!*

The first CCBS photo contest commenced on September 1, 2007 and barring the many initial challenges of learning, like ... what the heck is a jpeg? ... the photos have now been judged. The panel of judges included Dan Simpson, Susan Butler and Robin Rushmore, three persons of artistic achievement.

Photographers were allowed to submit one photo in one or more of the following categories: Natural Landscape, Urban Landscape, Humorous Horticulture, Floral Designs, Black & White Horticulture and Digitally Enhanced Horticulture. The prize was \$50.00 for the winning photo in each category.

There were many noteworthy submissions to the contest but, as you know, each category has only one winner, and here they are...

Floral Design

"Organic Fireworks" by Matthew Pauchnick



The colors, textures and explosive display of plant material makes the title of this photo most appropriate.

Urban Landscape

"Huntington Library Gardens" by Will Rountree



Not only is this a low water use garden, the color and verticals caused the most interest.

Black and White

"Kauai" by Will Rountree



Can't you just hear the ocean and feel the tropical breeze across your face in this photograph? Pour me a Mai Tai and I'm there.

Of course, these photos are better viewed from the website at www.cuyamaca.edu/ohweb, Photo Contest Results link, or on the video display in the nursery sales office.

So there you have it, the first CCBS photo contest. It was a lot of fun and we look forward to seeing all of your photos again. So keep flashing away and next time, the winner could be you!

Will Rountree is pursuing Landscape Design, Arboriculture and Nursery Technologies. He would like to become a Landscape Architect. Carol Fuller is pursuing certificates in Landscape Technology, Landscape Design, Arboriculture, and has added Floral Design and possibly Nursery Technology to her pursuits.

Natural Landscape

“INYO” by Matthew Pauchnick



The light, definition and depth expressed in this photo made it a stand out.

Humorous Horticulture

“Log Face” by Will Rountree



Everyone who saw this photo laughed out loud. We're just not sure of who it reminds us!

Digitally Enhanced Horticulture

“Stained Glass Monarch Cocoon” by Heather Carlton



This picture's striking changes in color and texture made it a winner.

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900 rancho-san diego parkway
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update on current topics in turf management
turf field alternatives
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friday, march 7, 2008
7 am to 3 pm

CCBS Corner

By Emiliana Emery

The fall semester of 2007 has been busy, filled with fun and learning experiences. The year is off to a great start with fellow members and supporters of the Ornamental Horticulture (OH) Department. This year, with dedicated participation of the CCBS Officers and Assistants we have nothing but success to look forward to. As the President of CCBS, I anticipate even more success in the months to come.

The OH Department thrives on help from our students and volunteers. If you are interested in becoming an active member of the CCBS, please contact Richard Lesser, the CCBS Activities Director by sending an email to OHCCBS@gmail.com. Members are always welcomed. If you have an hour or ten hours to donate, any time spent volunteering at our events is not only greatly appreciated and contributes to the success of the event, but also invaluable to you and your own success in the program and your chosen field of study. Several upcoming events can give you an opportunity to meet fellow students, faculty and industry professionals.

First is a memorial tree planting at the 29th Annual Cuyamaca College Arbor Day, honoring Dorcas Utter. Dorcas was a student, teaching assistant for Trees and Shrubs and Pest Control, and also a superb mentor to hundreds of students in the OH Department here at Cuyamaca College. She inspired students to pursue careers in horticulture and environmental endeavors. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in the ceremony for this phenomenal woman on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 2:30 pm. We sincerely hope you can join us.

The 19th Annual Turf Management Seminar is being held on Friday, March 7, 2008. This CCBS event brings together turf industry professionals, sharing updates on current topics in turf management, turf field alternatives and technical presentations from the field. This is a great opportunity for students majoring or currently work-



CCBS 2007-2008 Officers. Pictured back row from left: Amanda Simpson, Kimberly Carlisle, Richard Lesser, John Herr, Rosalee Clanton, and Merilee Watkins; center: Carol Fuller and Viva Emery; seated in front: Janna Owens and Will Rountree.

If you are interested in becoming an active member of the CCBS, please send an email to our Activities Director, Richard Lesser, at OHCCBS@gmail.com.

ing in the Turf Industry. Please contact our Activities Director, Richard Lesser, at OHCCBS@gmail.com if you can volunteer all day or even just a few hours.

The Spring Garden Festival is one of the OH Department's largest events, drawing over 5,000 attendees last May. This year, the event is being held on April 26, 2008 and has been extended for an extra hour, from 9 am to 4 pm. This event takes at least 100 volunteers helping through various stages at the Festival. Any participation is appreciated, even if you aren't able to attend the day of the event. We can always use your help preparing in the days beforehand.

And finally, the reason for all of our hard work throughout the year, the CCBS hosts an annual Scholarship Banquet Dinner in honor of the many deserving OH students and scholarship recipients. This year, the Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 15 at 6 pm. The location will be announced at a later time. We highly encourage all students attending classes who have successfully completed at least three units in the OH department, to apply for a scholarship. The CCBS and all of our volunteers take pride in the money we raise throughout the year to help students supplement their tuition and expenses.

Viva Emery is the 31st President of the CCBS.



It's all about growing...

Come learn about
growing with us!

Ornamental Horticulture Department Orientation

Landscape Design ~ Nursery Technology ~ Floral Design
Golf & Sports Turf Management ~ Arboriculture
Irrigation Technology ~ Landscape Technology

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 ~ 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Refreshments Served ~ Cuyamaca College ~ Room M-110 (formerly O-110)
900 Rancho San Diego Parkway ~ El Cajon, CA 92019

This free presentation is open to the public, as well as new and continuing students.

Meet the professors, find out about classes, careers, job opportunities and
the Ornamental Horticulture Program at Cuyamaca College.

For more information, please call John Thomas at 619-660-4262,
or visit us online at www.cuyamaca.edu/ohweb

Schedule of Events

- **Tuesday, March 4, 2008** – 29th Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting – 2:00 p.m. Cuyamaca College Nursery
- **Friday, March 7, 2008** – 19th Annual Turf Management Seminar – 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Cuyamaca College Student Center
- **Saturday, April 26, 2008** – 15th Annual Spring Garden Festival (NOTE – One month EARLIER than last year) 9 am to 4 pm at Cuyamaca College
- **Thursday, May 15, 2008** – 27th Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet (NOTE – One month LATER than last year) 6 p.m. Location TBA

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pendence, and unquenchable thirst for knowledge. But one image I admire most in her was the strong "Positive Charge" that came with Dorcas - there were never negatives - no negative words about others, no negative thoughts about her challenges in life, nor negative thoughts about what she could do. When Dorcas was around, you knew that all was right, all good things would happen and there would always be a lot of fun, too.

Dorcas always made you feel that happiness was in the journey and not some anticipated destination. She took great pleasure in everything she undertook. The adventure of a new activity, a new class, or a new challenge was what she relished. She was constantly involved in activities where she could learn something new - from computers, to sign language, to horticulture, she always wanted to learn and put to use new things.

I guess if there is one quote that puts Dorcas in perspective it would be by Robert Byrne: "The purpose of life is a life of purpose." To that end, Dorcas always had a purpose in life, and that was to make a better life and bring that kaleidoscope of color and beauty to all those around her."

As a testament to her dedication to volunteerism, Dorcas Utter was the first recipient of the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society's Volunteer of the Year Award. She was also featured in newspaper articles and television news spots for her volunteer work. Below is a list of organizations that she was involved with over the years:

Anza-Borrego State Park

The Braille Institute - San Diego

C4U - An organization founded by Dorcas Utter,

dedicated to guiding visually impaired persons

Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Program

Laguna Mountain Volunteers Offshoot Botanical Tours

Quail Botanical Gardens

San Diego Audubon Society - Silverwood Preserve

San Diego Natural History Museum

San Miguel Fire Department

U.S. Forest Service

The Water Conservation Garden

2007 Aggie Open

By Amanda Simpson

Overall, the fun atmosphere provided an event that many said was the best year yet!

The fall semester brings many things to the Ornamental Horticulture department, one of the most exciting being the annual Aggie Open golf tournament. This is one of my favorite events throughout the year. As 1st vice-president of the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society (CCBS), one of my duties is to attend the steering committee meetings, along with my fellow CCBS officer, president Viva Emery, as well as John Thomas and Brad Monroe, our CCBS club advisors. Viva and I got to see from start to finish, the whole event from behind the scenes, as well as meet a lot of interesting people in the horticulture industry. It takes months of planning for an event of this nature. Most important is choosing the location. Luckily, for the past eleven years in a row, the event has been graciously hosted by Bonita Golf Course, a perfect, beautiful course just a short drive from the college. That's right, this event has been raising money for the OH students and department for eleven years! This year brought us a new corporate sponsor. Hydro-Scape Products not only sponsored the event, but also donated hats for the tee bags given to every player. There were over 110 golfers in atten-



dance, many of them returning players.

This was a record-breaking year for the tournament in many ways. We raised about \$12,000 for the OH department; which will be split between the CCBS scholarship fund and department programs. The Aggie Open is our largest fundraiser for the whole year, and with so many people coming together to help, our sponsorships went through the roof! Without these industry professionals and their support, there would be no tournament.

Another major success for the event was the teamwork put forth by the CCBS officers and volunteers. There were more volunteers than ever before. Seeing so many students helping to support the event was amazing. Volunteers did everything from being out on the course throughout the day, driving the beverage cart, registering participants, and selling raffle tickets, to setting up and breaking down before and after the event. Without the help of all of these wonderful volunteers, the tournament would never have gone so smoothly. I would like to personally thank everyone that helped.

Our CCBS officers have really come together to make this the best year, yet, raising the bar for years to come. I'm confident next year and each to follow will be just as great.



Thank You to Our 2007 Aggie Open Sponsors!

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Pardee Tree Nursery ~ Schnetz Landscape, Inc.
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Western Farm Service

With new faces came new ideas. We always have two games set up on the course for players and this year was no exception. One game, organized and run by John Herr and Kimberly Carlisle, challenged players to hit the ball within a specific distance from the pin. The other game, developed and organized by Will Rountree and Louise Parks, was an elaborate plinko game. We received rave reviews by players who really enjoyed themselves. One golfer I talked to said that he wished more tournaments were like this one, with games that make it such a unique and fun experience. Various sponsors provided additional games on the course. Donated prizes included a skid steer, pickup truck and even a golf cart! Demonstration areas were also set up along the course. There was even a putting contest including difficult boundaries and barricades, providing lots of fun for everyone to take a turn. Overall, the fun atmosphere provided an event that many said was the best year yet! I have to say, I share their opinion.

After the game was over, the fun continued with a delicious barbeque dinner, followed by the much anticipated raffle, organized by Kimberly Carlisle, Louise Parks, and Merilee Watkins.

There were so many wonderful prizes donated this year from a putter to a Barona Valley Ranch golf getaway. Our CCBS officers all donated a raffle prize as well. To add to the entertainment, Brad Monroe even put together a video and photo slide show of photos that he had taken throughout the day's event. Everyone shared a good laugh, especially when we noticed that Brad had been practicing his upside down video skills. After the show was the awards presentation, last chance and 50/50 drawings. Overall, it was a very fun, successful evening.

Next year seems so far away, and I know I can't wait. I might even join in and play along with the other golfers. Everyone should get involved - either by playing or volunteering. Either way, it's so much fun. And for students, it is a great opportunity to gain exposure to industry professionals. I, myself, have met some amazing people in the last three years I've volunteered for this event. For those interested, it is never too soon to get involved. Just send an e-mail to OHCCBS@gmail.com. There are lots of opportunities for students, sponsors and golfers alike.

Amanda Simpson is the 1st Vice President of the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society.

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all of the talented designers with their incredible courtyard plans. She will be working with Mr. DeLorenzo and Mr. Fisher over the next semester to refine her plan, with the goal of gaining approval by the faculty and installation to begin during the fall semester. The final plan with the modifications will be online when completed.

The OH department would like to thank the judges, faculty and students for participating in this "groundbreaking" experience. It

was truly a learning experience for all involved.

Following is a list of participants who will be included on the plaque to be hung proudly in our new courtyard.

Lead Designer: Sylke Portner- Clark

Participating Contributors: Jonathon Austin, Mary Clemons, Gena DeGraff, Holly Fields, John Herr, Carolyn Kalb, Roxanne Kim-Perez, Hermilo Mejia, Lisa Olivares, Matthew Pauchnick

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Saturday, April 26, 2008

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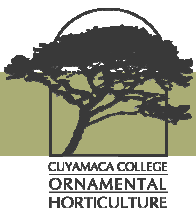
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