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Cuyamaca College Partners with Water Authority to Offer Landscape Auditor Internship Program

By Jim Lovewell, Grant Administrator

This exciting water conservation program for community college students is funded by a grant from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in the amount of \$285,870. The grant is administered by the Ornamental Horticulture department at Cuyamaca College via a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA). The current Landscape Auditor Internship Program grant (Program) is funded through calendar year 2010 with Program expansion or extension possible after 2010.

Interns are paid \$13/hr and may work up to 40 hours/week up to a Program total of 1000 hours. The Interns measure landscape areas on the ground or via GIS tools and prepare water budgets for water users at various water agencies. Some driving is associated with field duties and Interns must provide their own vehicle and possess a current California Driver's License and auto insurance. All work-related private vehicle use is reimbursed (currently \$.55/mile).

Prospective Interns undergo a rigorous selection process that includes an oral interview, background and reference checks including a LiveScan (electronic fingerprinting with law enforcement agency investigation) and in some cases, physical exams and/or drug testing. After selection, Interns must enroll each semester in a special session of OH 290, Cooperative Work Experience.

New Interns receive 12 hours of training prior to job placement. Training topics covered by Cuyamaca include Program over-

view, water conservation principles, customer service, workplace safety, Intern duties and workplace expectations. The CWA provides training in the areas of California water supply issues, vegetation classification and field landscape measurement. In addition, Interns receive hands-on introduction to WaterSmart Target, a proprietary computer software tool used to measure landscape areas with GIS technology and to create water budgets and related reports for water agency customers.

The first six Interns hired by the Program began their duties in June of 2008. This original group was composed entirely of

OH students at Cuyamaca. They were assigned to various member agencies of the CWA throughout San Diego County. The original seven Interns were Barbara Bender, Connie Johnson, Ellen Landfear, Matthew Pauchnick, Arleen Tavernier, Michael Taylor and Kimberly Walker. By December of 2008, this group had created over 1000 Water Budgets and were invaluable to the evolution of the WaterSmart Target software tool from a beta program to its present full commercial version.

Presently, ten Interns are employed for the summer semester at seven San Diego County water agencies. These Interns include Barbara, Connie and Arleen from the original group with new Interns Jesse Bartlett-May, Cody Bryant, Michael Cothran and Victoria Galloway from Cuyamaca and new Interns Kathy Coogan and Julia Swanson from Mira Costa Community College.

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Bearing the Fruit of a Rice Family Foundation Internship

By *Caitie Specht*

Hearing the language of plants and feeling the acceptance of plant-lovers keeps a smile on my face while serving in the department's retail operations.

As young children, we often have inklings of important factors that shape our lives. My first inklings of a love for plants came when I was three years old. Behind our home in Massachusetts, there was a lightly wooded area which I often found myself wandering into, searching for adventure. I would pick wild berries and bring them home, where my mom would show me which ones were safe to eat. There were blackberries, wild strawberries and raspberries, all cultivating a young person's delightful treasure trove.

Much later, as I looked around my world here in San Diego as an adult, I realized that the corporate world held no passionate interest for me. I needed to find a path that would feed my spirit, rather than take from it. Fortuitously, I found the Ornamental Horticulture (OH) Program at Cuyamaca College.

When I began taking classes, I found that the retail nursery was a comforting, beautiful place to spend time during class breaks, with so many kind and considerate people. I also found a culture of acceptance among plant-loving people, which was a balm of healing for me. I am somewhere in the range between hard of hearing and deaf. Hearing the language of plants and feeling the acceptance of plant-lovers keeps a smile on my face while serving in the department's retail operations.

Each of us comes to the OH Program with varying levels of knowledge and skills. The Rice Family Foundation's internships allow us to expand our knowledge base and grow beyond it while also lending a hand to the department. As a Rice Family intern, I have been delightfully occupied, supporting the program and its most recent

manager, Richard Lesser. During the past year, I have enjoyed watching Richard bring organization and structure to the nursery's retail operations, causing it to shine with beauty.

Serving as manager in the year ahead, I plan to not only continue Richard's progress, but also keep educating visitors about the beauty of xeriscape and improving water conservation efforts. Working with the Head Grower, Suzi Agosta, also a Rice Family Foundation intern, we hope to offer a variety of plant materials, and demonstrate to people the beauty that is possible in our environment.

The department is proudly making progress toward adopting green, sustainable practices. We continue to support recycling by using new Rice Hull pots, which degrade when disposed of properly. Due to the City of San Diego's new water restrictions, we are also increasing our use of California friendly plants to assist people interested in lowering their landscape water needs, and even considering expanding our sales area to meet higher customer demand.

I am very fortunate to be a recipient of the Rice Family's largesse. I know that I will bring passion and focus to the program, while at the same time, continuing to learn. All the while, I will thoroughly enjoy spending my time where plants and people meet, in the nursery.



Caitie Specht, new Store Manager of the Ornamental Horticulture Department's student-run nursery

Caitie Specht, is a Nursery Technology major and the new Store Manager of the OH Department's student-run nursery.

Dr. Cindy L. Miles Becomes New Chancellor

Excerpts from News Release, GCCCD Public Information Office

Dr. Cindy L. Miles began as the new chancellor of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District in March 2009. Beginning with a job as a part-time instructor in 1989, she found “great satisfaction as an educator in making a difference in people’s lives.” Since then, she has devoted the past 20 years to higher education, “focusing specifically on the community college arena because of its promise of educational access to all.”

Her most recent post was serving as president of an 11,000-student campus of Miami Dade College (MDC). “As founding president of Hialeah Campus, Miles is credited with establishing a strong college infrastructure, developing master plans and setting up processes to put the plans into motion. Having managed sizable budgets at three institutions, she brings significant experience in building and managing spending plans for complex organizations during periods of financial volatility. Amid the current uncertainty surrounding the California state budget and grim financial prospects for Grossmont-Cuyamaca and other public institutions, Miles stresses the importance of engaging the college communities as a whole in establishing budget and planning priorities. In Miles’ view, the district CEO must set the example as the key partnership builder and ambassador to diverse stakeholder groups. Miles has a history of building mutually productive relationships and collaborations between educational institutions and area businesses, community organizations, government and schools. Her expertise in this area is demonstrated by dozens of collaborations developed with MDC, CCD, and League partners, such as those with elected officials and business organizations in Hialeah and Denver. She is a national speaker, consultant and writer on topics of educational quality and innovation, leadership and change.”

“A native of the Lone Star State, Miles received her doctorate in educational administration in 1997 from the University of Texas at Austin; a master of science degree in secondary and higher education in 1990 from Texas A & M University-Commerce; a credential as a clinical laboratory technologist in 1983 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and a bachelor of arts in biology in 1976 from the University of Texas at Austin.”

The OH Department would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Chancellor. We look forward to her leadership and support in the years to come.

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Cuyamaca Community College Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects

By Carol Fuller

Currently, we are working on a pilot program on job shadowing. A member will spend the day with an architectural firm and learn just what the job entails.

As the first two year college affiliate chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects we have had a lot of organizing to do, but we did it. We must now set the stage for those who follow.

Our chapter charter and the by-laws thereto were submitted to the National ASLA, San Diego Chapter of the ASLA, and Student Club Association on campus for approval. Once that was completed we were on our way. We have a little money in our bank account for future events and projects that is now available to the club to use. Thanks to the San Diego Chapter we also have a tablecloth bearing our name for use at all Cuyamaca College events in which we participate.

Becoming more involved with the San Diego Chapter and its many committees has kept us busy. Once a month we meet with the Chapter Executive Board and review past and upcoming events. We assisted at the Christmas event in December and the Annual Kick-Off party in February. We are looking forward to working on the San Diego Landscape Stewardship Program.

We are still working on community awareness of our organization. The club members have been in contact with Habitat for Humanity and the Mt. Helix Project in the hopes of working on some upcoming projects. We look forward to becoming more involved in the community.

With this goal in mind, we participated in the organization and presentation of the Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference held in

March of 2009. It was a wonderful two day event that ended with a tour of sustainable landscapes in San Diego County. Next year will be even better.

The current board of executives is working closely with the San Diego Chapter in trying to find internships for our members. Currently, we are working on a pilot program on job shadowing. A member will spend the day with an architectural firm and learn just what the job entails.

As a group we look forward to our future careers in landscape design and thank the National American Society of Landscape Architects, the San Diego Chapter of the American Society of

Landscape Architects and Cuyamaca College for assisting us in achieving our goals of becoming the best designers and architects we can.



Carol Fuller, President of Cuyamaca College's Student Affiliate Chapter of the ASLA

Carol Fuller is President of the Cuyamaca College CSAC-ASLA. She is pursuing and / or has earned certificates in Landscape Technology, Landscape Design, Arboriculture, Floral Design and Nursery Technology, and will most likely add Sustainable Urban Horticulture to the list, as well.

Current CSAC-ASLA Board Members

- Carol Fuller, President
- Sylke Clark, Vice President
- Barbara Bender, Treasurer
- Ellen Landfear, Secretary
- Lynn Priddy, Assistant to the Board

In Memory of E. Robert Bichowsky

Excerpts from San Diego Union Tribune

E. Robert Bichowsky was a leading Consulting Arborist and Horticulturist in San Diego and Los Angeles Counties. He was born in Hollywood, CA to James and Ella Bichowsky.

He developed a love for trees and plants from an early age and took horticulture classes in high school. After spending 2-1/2 years in the Air Force as a bombardier, flying 25 missions over Germany, he returned to UCLA to receive his B.S. degree in Sub Tropical Horticulture. After graduation, he married his sweetheart, Margie Colby, on August 10, 1946. The couple had two daughters, Julie and Carolyn, and the family lived in the Los Angeles suburbs.

In 1961, Bob bought into a business in San Diego, established in 1892, called Butler's Mill, Inc. He built it into a pre-eminent position as an innovator and supplier with knowledge that helped nurseries, landscape contractors and architects, school districts, cities, military bases, homeowner associations and gardeners. Bob

spent years in the field, growing in knowledge about all aspects of landscaping, trees, soils, pests and diseases. He was a teacher and mentor to many people in the horticulture field.

After retiring from Butler's Mill in 1999 after 38 years, Bob started a consulting arborist business and became known as an expert in the diagnosis of trees, turf and shrub problems. He was also an expert witness on legal cases involving trees. Bob and Margie together were also involved with La Mesa Beautiful, a civic organization dedicated to encouraging attractive landscaping.

The horticulture community of San Diego county has lost one of the pillars of our industry. Someone whose enthusiasm, smile, and thirst for knowledge kept him engaged in horticulture both at work and at home. We will all miss him. An Ornamental Horticulture Scholarship is being set up in his name.

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Mission Hills Intern

By Nicole Schott

This spring was my first semester attending classes in the Ornamental Horticulture (OH) department at Cuyamaca College, and I am definitely hooked. When Suzi Agosta, soon to be Head Grower, cornered me in our Soils class one Saturday afternoon and asked me if I would consider being the Second Assistant Grower, I was thrilled. I had volunteered at the nursery a few times throughout the semester and at the Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference, and immediately recognized the value of the OH program to the students and San Diego community. So I jumped at the chance to get involved.



Nicole Schott, Second Assistant Grower and Mission Hills intern

My internship is for one year, and began on June 1st. Each week, I look forward to working with Suzi and the rest of the OH staff and volunteers, maintaining and learning about

running a nursery. Tuesday mornings I am typically found, usually with dirt on my face, digging into whatever projects need completing.

For the past month, we have been potting a large shipment we recently received, including Poinsettias, which has been very exciting. As we get more into the summer months, I have been responsible for watering, although a few surprise summer rainfalls have made my job a lot easier.

There is so much for me to learn and I am blessed to be surrounded by such a positive, supportive group of people. I am grateful to the Mission Hills Garden Club for this excellent opportunity and look forward to the upcoming year and all it will bring.

Nicole Schott, new to the OH Department, finds her niche as Second Assistant Grower and Assistant to the Board of the CCBS.

CCBS Corner

By Amanda Simpson

The Cuyamaca College Botanical Society (CCBS) is a club for Ornamental Horticulture (OH) students, founded in 1980 at the same time the department was just getting off the ground. The CCBS was originally formed by students wanting to raise money for scholarships and to help beautify the college campus. Now in its 29th year, it is still going and growing strong.

Students attending OH classes automatically become members, and best of all, it's completely free. There are no dues or membership fees.

Every year, the club elects new student officers that serve a one-year term. As an officer, you help organize and plan the year's events and have a lot of fun in the process. Elected officers are eligible to attend the annual summer retreat, which takes place in Idyllwild, California. This weekend is filled with team building, event planning, group activities and even some fun, highly competitive bocce ball games. During this retreat, we also begin planning our event schedule for the upcoming school year.

Our first and biggest event of the year is the Aggie Open Golf Tournament, which we help plan and coordinate. Held every October at the Bonita Golf Course, this event invites industry professionals and student golfers to a round of golf, lunch, dinner, awards and a variety of incredible raffle prizes. Not only do officers and members gain experience in planning these events, but they also have fun working game booths on the course and building a great network of industry professionals, all while helping to raise scholarship money for fellow students.

In December, the CCBS helps organize the department's Holiday Party, which is open to all OH students attending classes. In January, we get together for a mini winter retreat to plan the spring semester's upcoming events.

The Sustainable Urban Landscape conference is our newest event, replacing the Turf Seminar. This year, the conference, held in March, was a great success and we look forward to many more to come. Proceeds from this conference apply toward the scholarship fund, as well.

The CCBS also participates in the annual Arbor Day Celebration. This is the department's opportunity to honor and remember our major supporters, while planting a new tree on campus for future generations to appreciate. We are also involved with the annual Spring Garden Festival, an event enjoyed by more and more people in the community every year.

And last, but not least, is my favorite event of the

school year, the Scholarship Banquet. This is a fun event, primarily hosted to reward students for their hard work and dedication during the school year. This year, our students received a record \$33,800 in scholarship money! At this event, a CCBS officer is also recognized with the President's award for their contribution to CCBS throughout the year.

Each year is packed full of events helping the department and club continue to grow. As an officer for the past three years, I have really enjoyed participating in all of the events. Every OH student should get involved and share in this fantastic experience!

Amanda Simpson is the 32nd President of the CCBS.

New CCBS Officers for 2009-2010

Amy Huie, 33rd President

Lynn Priddy, First Vice President

Rosalee Clanton, Second Vice President

Gail Ballard, Treasurer

Barbara Bender / Carol Fuller, Secretary

Assistants to the Board: Suzi Agosta, Jay Davis, Ulyana Kuzmycz, and Nicole Schott



Amy Huie, 33rd President of the CCBS

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

Thank You, Scholarship Donors!

Thanks to you, we awarded \$33,800 in scholarship awards to Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture students in 2009!

Scholarship (Donor)	Recipient
Brickman Group Scholarship (Brickman Group) - \$400	Eddie Meyerholz
Benchmark Landscape Scholarship (Benchmark Landscape) - \$400	Arleen Tavernier
Forget-Me-Not Landscape Design Scholarship (Roxy Kim-Perez) - \$400	David Clarke
Cuyamaca College Botanical Society Scholarship (CCBS) - \$400	Evan Sims
Floristry Club Scholarship (Cuyamaca College Floristry Club) - \$400	Rosalee Clanton
Floristry Club Scholarship (Cuyamaca College Floristry Club) - \$400	Wendy DeFreitas
Cuyamaca College Foundation Scholarship (Cuyamaca College Floristry Club) - \$400	Debi Jarvis
Ethel & Roland Hoyt Scholarship (San Diego Floral Association) - \$500	Deborah L. Fehlberg
Ethel & Roland Hoyt Scholarship (San Diego Floral Association) - \$500	Jay Davis
E. Robert Bichowsky Memorial Scholarship (The Bichowsky Family) - \$500	Misha Parfet
Ray Spardy Memorial Scholarship (San Diego Golf Course Superintendents Association) - \$500	Brett Zimsky
Tree Hugger Scholarship (2009 Spring Arboriculture Class) - \$500	Jose Morales
Kirk Foster Memorial Scholarship (Cuyamaca College Floristry Club) - \$500	Jeannie McBurnie
Esther Croteau Scholarship (Esther & Normand Croteau) - \$500	Nancy Gong
San Carlos Garden Club Scholarship (San Carlos Garden Club) - \$500	Barbara J. Wallace
San Carlos Garden Club Scholarship (San Carlos Garden Club) - \$500	Michael Hogan
San Carlos Garden Club Scholarship (San Carlos Garden Club) - \$500	Barbara Bender
Bonita Valley Garden Club Scholarship (Bonita Valley Garden Club) - \$500	Constance A. Johnson
Bonita Valley Garden Club Scholarship (Bonita Valley Garden Club) - \$500	Florencia S. Manuel
Frank & Violet Pierce Memorial Scholarship (Don & Ginny Smith) - \$500	Joshua Weintraub
Jim Stalsonburg Memorial Scholarship (Lois Stalsonburg) - \$500	Rosalee Clanton
Cuyamaca College Botanical Society Scholarship (CCBS) - \$500	Jamie Simons
Eugene and Vivian Monroe Memorial Scholarship (Brad & Therese Monroe) - \$500	Amy Huie
Agri Service Scholarship (Agri Service, Inc.) - \$500	Mary Clemons
Nature Designs Landscaping Scholarship (Nature Designs Landscaping) - \$500	Mary Allen
Bernardo Gardeners Scholarship (Bernardo Gardeners) - \$500	Suzanne L Agosta
Bernardo Gardeners Scholarship (Bernardo Gardeners) - \$500	Carol Fuller
Bernardo Gardeners Scholarship (Bernardo Gardeners) - \$500	Toni Ontiveros
Branstetter Family Scholarship (Kathryn Fulhorst) - \$500	Jay Davis
Intelligent Use of Water Scholarship (Rain Bird Corp.) - \$500	Eddie Meyerholz
Cuyamaca College Botanical Society Scholarship (CCBS) - \$500	Eugenia Shidlovskaya
Dr. Kent W. Kurtz Memorial Scholarship (So Cal Chapter Sports Turf Managers Assoc.) - \$500	Rodrigo Aldrete
Dr. Kent W. Kurtz Memorial Scholarship (So Cal Chapter Sports Turf Managers Assoc.) - \$1000	Amanda Simpson
David Tiglio Scholarship (Tiglio Family and Hydro-Scape Products) - \$1000	Carol Fuller
Robert J. Tiglio Memorial Scholarship (Tiglio Family and Hydro-Scape Products) - \$1000	Jim Park
Bonita Golf Club Aggie Open Scholarship (CCBS) - \$1000	Gabriel Mitchell
La Mesa Beautiful Scholarship (La Mesa Beautiful) - \$1000	Janice Spooner
La Jolla Garden Club Scholarship (La Jolla Garden Club) - \$1000	Ellen Landfear
The Don and Dorothy Walker Scholarship (San Diego Horticultural Society) - \$1000	Debra Lynn Priddy
Dr. Samuel M. Ciccati Leadership Scholarship (Dr. Samuel M. Ciccati) - \$1000	Eliana Lynne Uretsky
Morgan Rice Memorial Scholarship (Rice Family Foundation) - \$1000	Mona Zammit
Morgan Rice Memorial Scholarship (Rice Family Foundation) - \$1500	Robin Taylor
Hunter Industries Scholarship (Hunter Industries Inc.) - \$1500	Janna Owens
San Diego Chapter, California Assoc. of Nurseries & Garden Centers - CANCG - \$500	Amy Huie
San Diego Chapter, California Assoc. of Nurseries & Garden Centers - CANCG - \$500	Nancy Gong
San Diego Chapter, California Assoc. of Nurseries & Garden Centers - CANCG - \$500	Joshua Weintraub
Pesticide Applicators Professional Association - PAPA - \$5000	Rosalee Clanton

Congratulations, 2009 Scholarship Recipients!

Congratulations to Jill Morganelli, Now Curator at the LA Arboretum

By Carol Fuller

On March 23, 2009, our own Jill Morganelli began her new position at the Los Angeles Arboretum. Her new position as Curator of the Kallam Perennial Garden will allow her to use her creative talents. She will also be working in the Rose Garden and the Herb Garden as well as with the other curators to manage the 128 acres. Her first task was the Los Angeles Garden Show which was held from April 30 through May 3, 2009.

Jill received a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture from Colorado State University in 1999. She began specializing in organic farming, and worked as an International Organic Inspector for years. She owns her own company, providing consulting services on Sustainable Landscape Design and Organic Gardening. With a passion for gardening and continual learning, she began taking classes at Cuyamaca College. She almost immediately found herself teaching Xeriscape classes, watching classes of ten students grow to over 30 in just a few semesters.

Prior to her new position, and while teaching at Cuyamaca College, Jill was a Greenhouse Manager/Horticulturalist for a 28 acre assisted living facility in Poway. This facility has an organic farm, orchard and completely equipped 900 square foot greenhouse that produces fruits, flowers and vegetables for the living facilities' internal use. It is an intergenerational seed to table program that interacts with local grade schools, garden clubs, colleges and the local community as well as the families and inhabitants at the facility. Just one way to repay the Golden Generation that gave us the America of today.

In addition, Jill lectured at the Water Conservation Garden on Plant Adaptations and is preparing to teach organic gardening classes for the Sustainable Urban Agriculture program at Cuyamaca. We hope to see Jill once a month with a lecture series of 12 classes on organic fruit and vegetable gardening. Best of luck to you, Jill!

To find out more
about the
Ornamental
Horticulture
program at
Cuyamaca College,
attend Orientation
on Wednesday,
August 19!
See page 10
for details.

First Annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference a Huge Success

By Don Schultz

On March 12 and 13, 2009, the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Program and the University of California Cooperative Extension Service presented the first Sustainable

Urban Landscape (SUL) Conference here at the college theater. By most accounts the conference was very well received by everybody who was there. We wanted to take this final

opportunity to thank the sponsors whose generosity made the event possible.

We would also like to thank the speakers and "tour guides" whose expertise and dedication made it a worthwhile experience for all of the attendees. Mark your calendars now for the 2nd annual SUL Conference on March 11 & 12, 2010. We are already making plans for an even better conference next year!

Thanks to the Sponsors of Our First Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference

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Alumni Quote

"My career path in the Green Industry is a direct result of the Horticultural program offered at Cuyamaca College. Cuyamaca College offers "real put-to-use" job-related courses"

A Garden Comes of Age

By Don Schultz

Daniel Mayorga has worked on grounds maintenance at the Water Conservation Garden since soon after its opening in 1999. During a short break recently, he commented on the unusual lack of crowds. "It used to be like this all the time," he said. "I remember when we'd have only a few visitors a day."

What a difference a decade has made. Ten years ago the Garden was unfortu-

nately a well-kept secret, known by avid gardeners and Cuyamaca College students, but few others. Water was deemed plentiful by many, and xeriscaping was embraced by few.

In the years since, the Garden has come of age. A transformation began five years ago, when Marty Eberhardt became executive director. She quickly started to work on an awareness campaign for the Garden, which was clearly hiding its light under a bushel. A frequent comment heard from visitors was, "This place is beautiful! How come I'd never heard of it?" More classes, events and festivals were scheduled. Local newspaper and television media provided much-needed exposure. More effort was put on grass-roots advertising using volunteers distribute event fliers. The volunteer and docent crew began to grow and provide more crucial support to a small staff. People began to discover this East County treasure. In 2006 PBS's *The Victory Garden*, television's longest-running gardening show, filmed part of an episode at the Garden, which resulted in national exposure. Also that year *Pacific Horticulture* magazine highlighted the Garden's H. Warren Buckner Cactus and Succulent Garden as its feature story. In the March 2009 edition of *Sunset Magazine*, the Water Conservation Garden ranked second among "Top 10 Western Gardens." This well-deserved recognition by a prominent gardening publication is a big feather in the cap for all involved.

Then the water shortage hit. Summer of 2009 has brought the first water restrictions in many



The Water Conservation Garden is a hub of activity these days .

years to San Diego County gardeners. The visionaries from Helix and Otay water districts who perceived and built the Garden knew that one day its message would be pertinent. Now the Garden is seeing more visitors than ever, and who are using it for its intended purpose – to get ideas for water-smart gardening. Children's programs are also much more popular, helping to show gardeners of the future from an early age that it's possible to have a beautiful garden and use less water. These programs are crucial to San Diego as it changes its mindset about water use in a dry climate.

After 10 years, the Garden is also showing signs of horticultural maturity. Many of its trees and large shrubs are now reaching a size that demonstrates their purpose in the overall landscape design. The peculiarities of the climate and soil are better known by the Garden's staff, who are making better plant choices and maintenance decisions. The educational value is better than ever, with almost every plant bearing a name tag. Many exhibits have been added or revitalized in the last few years, giving those areas a fresh look and a more pertinent message.

The Water Conservation Garden is just starting to come into its prime, both as a garden and as messenger for its mission - and that mission is more important than ever.

Don Schultz, previously the Horticulture Manager at the Water Conservation Garden, is now a full-time OH Department faculty member and instructor,

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Schedule of Events

- **Wednesday, August 19, 2009** - Student Orientation - 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Cuyamaca College, Room M-111
- **Friday, October 23, 2009** – 13th Annual Aggie Open Golf Tournament - registration begins at 10:30 am - Bonita Golf Club
- **Wednesday, January 20, 2010** - Student Orientation - 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Cuyamaca College, Room M-111
- **Wednesday, March 3, 2010** - 31st Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting - 2:30 pm - Cuyamaca College Nursery
- **March 11 - 12, 2010** – 2nd Annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference - Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Center
- **Saturday, April 24, 2010** – 17th Annual Spring Garden Festival 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Cuyamaca College Nursery & Campus
- **Thursday, May 13, 2010** – 29th Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet - Location TBA



It's all about growing...

Come learn about growing with us!

Ornamental Horticulture Department Orientation

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

Wednesday, August 19, 2009 ~ 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Refreshments Served ~ Cuyamaca College ~ Room M-111
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

Landscape Auditor Internship Program *continued from page 1*

Owing to the present California budget situation, I am currently not taking any new applications. However, I will be keeping an Interest List for any future openings. Current OH students who have completed at least nine units of college-level OH coursework are welcome to submit resumes and/or emails with personal information to jlovewell@earthlink.net.

All water agencies are very proud of "their" Intern(s). As an example, Interns Barbara B., Connie J. Matthew P., Arleen T. and Kimberly W. were all publicly recognized recently by the He-

lix Water District Board of Directors for their "Critical Role" toward their own Water Conservation efforts.

It is my pleasure to administer the Landscape Auditor Internship Program, a program critical to the future of water conservation!

Jim Lovewell has been an instructor for three years, teaching Fundamentals of Ornamental Horticulture and Plant Identification - Trees and Shrubs. He now also serves as Grant Administrator for the Landscape Auditor Internship program.

Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Fall 2009 Class Schedule

Course Name	Instructor	Day/Time
Xeriscape: Water Conservation	Schultz	W 3:00 — 4:50 pm
Xeriscape: Water Conservation	Schultz	W 5:00 — 6:50 pm
Floral Design I	Butler	Tu 11:00 am — 3:50 pm
Floral Design I	Butler	W 4:00 — 8:50 pm
Floral Design II	Citrowske	M 4:00 — 8:50 pm
Fundamentals of OH	Monroe	Tu 12:00 — 4:50 pm
Fundamentals of OH	Schultz * Lab Track 1	Th 7:00 — 8:50 pm Sat 8:00 am — 2:45 pm
Trees & Shrubs	Schultz	W 11:00 — 1:50 pm
Trees & Shrubs	Schultz	Tu 5:00 — 7:50 pm
Landscape Drafting (Classes held Aug 31 - Oct 23)	Holladay	M 5:00 — 9:10 pm
Intro to Landscape Design	Fulhorst	Tu 5:00 — 9:50 pm
Annuals & Perennials	Rottke	M 4:00 — 6:50 pm
Introduction to CAD Landscape Design (Additional 2 hours, 20 min instructional time/week via Internet required.)	Sumek	F 12:00 — 2:40 pm
Landscape Construction: Concrete & Masonry	Mitchell * Lab Track 2	W 5:00 — 6:50 pm Sat 8:00 am — 2:10 pm
Japanese Garden (Classes held Aug 31 - Oct 23 on: 9/19, 10/3, 10/17, 10/31, 11/14 at the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park)	Siers	Sat 8:30 am — 2:20 pm
Principles of Landscape Irrigation	Monroe	Th 5:00 — 8:50 pm
Greenhouse Plant Production	Palafox * Lab Track 2	Th 5:00 — 6:50 pm Sat 8:00 am — 2:45 pm
Landscape Water Management - NEW	Schultz	Th 12:00 — 3:50 pm
Arboriculture Short Courses (5 weeks each)	Simpson * Lab Track 1	Th 5:00 — 6:50 pm Sat 8:00 am — 2:25 pm
Urban Forestry		Begins August 24
Pruning Palms & Related Plants		Begins September 28
Tree Surgery & Specialized Pruning		Begins November 2
Business Management for OH	Switzer	W 7:00 pm — 9:50 pm
Cooperative Work Experience (Required Orientation August 28, 5:00 pm)	Simpson	Hours to be arranged

*** For classes with labs on alternate Saturdays:**

Lab Track 1: Meets on the following Saturdays: 8/29, 9/19, 10/3, 10/17, 10/31, 11/14, 12/5

Lab Track 2: Meets on the following Saturdays: 9/12, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/21, 12/12

Classes begin August 24, 2009.

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Friday, October 23, 2009

Bonita Golf Club

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10:30 am Registration ~ Putting Contest ~ Free Range Balls
11-12:00 Free Lunch ~ 12:00 Tee Time

Four person best ball format ~ Register Early! Previous Years Sold Out!

\$90 per person includes green fees, cart, range balls, tee gifts, lunch and barbecue dinner.
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