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The 2014 CCBS scholarship recipients. Photos by Fausto Palafox

## Scholarships Awarded to OH Students

Scholarships totaling more than \$20,000 were awarded to 20 Ornamental Horticulture Department students at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet on May 22. The event, sponsored by the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society (CCBS), was held at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego.

CCBS officers, student members and advisers sincerely thank scholarship sponsors for their generous support at the banquet and throughout the year.

See page 6 for a list of scholarship recipients and more photos.



Ornamental Horticulture student Diane Shields received her scholarship from Esther and Normand Croteau. The Croteaus have been supporting the OH scholarship program for more than 20 years.

## CCBS Officers For 2014-15

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**Damien Rosales,**  
**Cristina Underhill**  
**and Jennifer Urbina,**  
Officers at Large



### Spring Garden Festival

*Volunteers get ready to greet plant shoppers in the Cuyamaca College Nursery at the 21st annual Spring Garden Festival on May 3. Besides helping with customers and sales in the nursery, volunteers staffed OH Department exhibits while floral students contributed floral accessories for the Festival fashion show. Photo by Don Schultz*

## CCBS Corner: You Get Back What You Put In ...

*By David Boggs*

... and sometimes you get even more. During my time volunteering with the CCBS, I have been exposed to numerous career opportunities and business contacts. These opportunities and contacts have not only helped me secure a wonderful job, but have also helped me achieve goals within that job that I would not have been able to accomplish on my own. The Ornamental Horticulture Department is full of these opportunities, and nowhere is this more evident than at the events put on by the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society.

In March we held our Sustainable Turf and Landscape Seminar, and it was a great success! A couple of hundred attendees filled the theater at Cuyamaca College, to learn about sustainability trends in the golf industry and pick up CEUs. Everywhere you looked there were industry professionals, all happy to talk to those interested in furthering their careers and business opportunities. I have no doubt that our volunteers were amongst those



*David Boggs*



*Lance Rallof*

who took advantage of these opportunities.

I want to thank all of our volunteers for making our events so successful. Without your generosity, we could never achieve what we do. Without fail, every event you staff results in success. It is my hope that you are getting back what you are putting in, and more. I was happy

to see some of you receive additional reward for your efforts at our scholarship banquet, where more than 20 students received hefty scholarships to fund the coming school year. Remember, the scholarship banquet is the result of the fundraising from our events, and could not happen without your hard work.

At our scholarship banquet, our incoming CCBS president, Lance Rallof, was introduced. I am looking forward to working with Lance and the new CCBS board as Ex Officio next semester. I have no doubt that the combination of new and veteran officers will make this coming year a successful one!

*David Boggs is the 37th president of the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society.*



## Artistic Eye, Love of Plants Lead Photographer to OH Program, Key Staff Position in Nursery

By Joanne Brannigan

Although I am a native of California, New York City is where I found my love of plants. Living around all that concrete made me realize how much I took plants for granted back in California. It's been nearly 17 years since I left New York City and moved to San Diego, but as a



Joanne Brannigan

photographer I never considered plants as a career before the economy took a downturn.

It became harder to land photography jobs, so I thought a career change might be a possibility. My friends had been saying for years that I should get into landscape design because of my love for plants. Having an artistic eye, I was already designing yards where I lived, but the idea of becoming a landscape designer I felt was challenging.

In fall 2011 I took the plunge and went back to school. I have almost completed the design program but, like so many others at Cuyamaca College, I have found that I am interested in other areas of horticulture. I will most likely be taking classes long after I receive my certificate in Landscape Design.

I started working in the Cuyamaca College Nursery in 2012. I was very excited to be named nursery manager for the next year, and I look forward to working with Jennifer Urbina, the new head propagator. We have plans to bring in more drought-tolerant plants that are featured at the Water Conservation Garden here at Cuyamaca College. The majority of our customers are asking for low water plants, so we want to provide a wide selection of California native, Australian, South African and Mediterranean plants. I want people to know they can have a colorful garden without the huge water bill.

I would like to thank the Rice Family Foundation for making this internship possible. It has been a great experience and learning tool.

*Joanne Brannigan is a Rice Family Foundation intern.*

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*Joanne Brannigan*

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Thanks to Our Seminar Sponsors



## Participants Make Sustainable Turf and Landscape Seminar a Success

By Don Schultz

The Ornamental Horticulture Department and the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society (CCBS) hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Turf and Landscape Seminar at Cuyamaca College on March 6. Thanks to the contributions by our sponsors and exhibitors, close to \$12,000 was raised to help fund the CCBS Scholarship Dinner on May 22.



David Phipps of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America opened the seminar with a discussion of sustainability efforts made on golf courses throughout the country. Luke Yoder, director of Field and Landscape Maintenance at Petco Park, gave a detailed summary of the life in a year of ball park management. Joe Vargas, plant pathologist from Michigan State University, spoke about the hazards – or not – of modern pesticides.

Other speakers included Kimberly Gard of



David Phipps of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America speaks at the Sustainable Turf and Landscape Seminar on March 6. Photo by Joanne Brannigan

Syngenta and Nancy Wickus and Kara Roskop-Waters from the County of San Diego.

Thanks go to our professional speakers, attendees and our sponsors and exhibitors for making the seminar a big success!

## Two Join OH Part-Time Staff

The spring semester brought a new instructor for the Landscape Construction: Concrete and Masonry class. Dave Ratynski, owner of D and S Masonry in Lemon Grove, has more than 35 years of experience in the field. He also has taught masonry continuing education classes for several years. His extensive work experience along with his lab class skills helped to make his first class a big success as the students built a small amphitheater for the Cuyamaca College Intergenerational Garden.

We are happy to announce that Dan Conger will be joining the Cuyamaca College OH staff



Dave Ratynski



Dan Conger

this fall to teach OH 235: Principles of Irrigation. Dan has a B.S. degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Cal Poly Pomona and more than 25 years of landscaping experience. Welcome, Dan!



Brad Monroe

## OH's Own Brad Monroe Heads to Full-Time Retirement

After 40 years as a college professor, Brad Monroe is retiring for good. He handed off the reins as the full-time program coordinator in 2012, but continued teaching part time. He taught his favorite

class, OH 235: Principles of Irrigation, for the last time this spring 2014 semester.

Brad will be missed by many, and we thank him for all his years developing the best horticulture program around.





*OH alumna Tracey Grillo's design for this street-facing residential property won the Sweetwater Authority award in the 2014 California-Friendly Landscape Contest. Photos by Tracey Grillo*

## OH Alum's Landscape Revamp Wins Award in California-Friendly Contest

A home landscape design by OH alumna Tracey Grillo has won the Sweetwater Authority award in the 2014 California-Friendly Landscape Contest. Tracey said the design, created for clients Judy and Helfried (Gerhard) Flacke, was installed early in 2012.

"Due to the large amount of lawn removed, they received a great rebate initially for doing a lawn removal!" Tracey said. "It is also an example of a compromise. Gerhard still wanted to have a small piece of lawn, which we redesigned for the northwest side of the house." The contest, sponsored by local water agencies, was judged for overall attractiveness, appropriate plant selection, design, appropriate maintenance and efficient methods of irrigation. An awards ceremony was held May 17 at the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College.

For more information on the contest, go to [landscapecontest.com](http://landscapecontest.com). Tracey's business, Botaniscapes by Tracey, is at [botaniscapes.com](http://botaniscapes.com).



*Above, grass dominated in the "before" view of Tracey's project. At left, plants bloom in the new landscape.*

**"This yard in particular exemplifies how we can change our use of water through design and education to the public as to what can be the 'new normal' in California landscapes."**

***Tracey Grillo***



## Landscape Industry Certified Technician Test

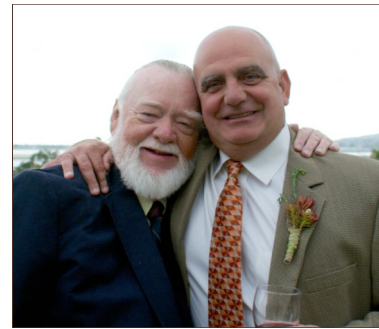
*The Landscape Industry Certified Technician test, administered by the California Landscape Contractors Association, took place at Cuyamaca College on April 5. The facilities at the OH complex are ideal for this comprehensive, hands-on test, which is now held every spring at Cuyamaca. At left, landscape industry professionals are tested for their abilities to program an irrigation controller. Photo by Chris Roesink*

In 1982 the first Scholarship and Awards Banquet was held at the German American Society Hall in El Cajon, and the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society awarded \$600 in scholarships.



**Scenes From the Banquet**

A group of Cuyamaca OH alumni took some time after the festivities to pose. From left, front row, are Patty Tackett, Jan Tubiolo, Robin Rushmore, Barbara Bender, Emiliana Emery and Amy Huie. Back row: Christiane Holmquist and Tricia Dailey. Below left, Monica Bockman presents a raffle prize to fellow student Frank Ugarte. Below right: Longtime colleagues, friends and OH instructors Don Smith, left, and Nick Spardy. Photos by Fausto Palafox



**Congratulations, 2014 Scholarship Recipients!**

Student Name	Sponsor	Amount	Student Name	Sponsor	Amount
Monica Bockman	Tree Huggers	\$400	Abigail Allen	Jim Stalsonburg	\$1,000
Frank Ugarte	Mission Hills Garden Club	\$500	Drew Cole	La Jolla Garden Club	\$1,000
Casey Woodall	Frank & Violet Pierce	\$500	Stephanie Land	Rice Family Foundation	\$1,000
Nancy Petitti	Noel & Edna Smith	\$500	Amanda Tarantino	San Diego Horticultural Society	\$1,000
Diane Shields	Esther & Normand Croteau	\$500	Cristina Underhill	San Diego Floral Association	\$1,000
Savannah Reed	Bonita Valley Garden Club	\$500	Abigail Migala	Wong Family Foundation	\$1,500
Suzan Ince	Bonita Valley Garden Club	\$500	Jennifer Urbina	California Association Of Nurseries and Garden Centers	\$1,500
Abigail Allen	San Carlos Garden Club	\$500	David Boggs	Rice Family Foundation	\$1,500
Brandon Linn	Cuyamaca College Floristry Club	\$750	Cari Johnson	Jim Lovewell Memorial Osher	
Ieszic Formeller	Hunter Industries	\$750	Cristina Underhill	Jim Lovewell Memorial Osher	
Kjersti Hoyer	Rain Bird Corporation	\$750	David Boggs	Samuel Ciccati Leadership Osher	
Lance Rallof	Hydroscape & Tiglio Family	\$750	Arron Lee Robinson	Monroe Memorial Osher	
Damien Rosales	La Mesa Beautiful	\$1,000	Jeffrey Kuebler	Monroe Memorial Osher	
Monica Bockman	OH Alumni Network/ Sustainable Seminar	\$1,000			



## Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture 2014 Interns

### Rice Family Foundation

Joanne Brannigan, Retail Nursery Manager

Stephanie Land, Retail Nursery Assistant Manager

Jennifer Urbina, Nursery Production Manager

Ashley Hays, Nursery Production Assistant Manager

Tamara Harlow, Nursery Production Associate

Francisco Gallegos, Nursery Production Associate

### Mission Hills Garden Club

Lance Rallof, Retail Nursery Associate

### California Rare Fruit Growers, San Diego Chapter

Sam Rankin, Fruit Orchard Manager

### Other Internships

Barbara Bender, Office Assistant

Drew Cole, Landscape Technician

John Hervan, Floral Field Manager

Pam Lawless, Office Assistant

Danielle Moher, Retail Nursery Associate

Joseph Reyes, Retail Nursery Associate

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### A Big Thanks To Our Intern Sponsors

Rice Family  
Foundation

Mission Hills  
Garden Club

California Rare Fruit  
Growers, San Diego  
Chapter

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### Arbor Day

The Ornamental Horticulture Department celebrated Arbor Day on March 13 with a traditional tree planting. Above, OH students and staff put the finishing touches on the correct placement of a Parkinsonia 'Desert Museum'. Three Desert Museum palo verde trees were planted that day. These trees are the first plantings of a future cactus and succulent garden in the OH facility. Photo by Don Schultz

## Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture

### Fall 2014 Class Schedule

Number	Course Name	Instructor	Day	Time
102	Xeriscape: Water Conservation in the Landscape	Schultz	Tue	5 to 7 p.m.
114	Floral Design I	Citrowske	Tue	4 to 9:50 p.m.
116	Floral Design 2	Citrowske	Mon	4 to 9 p.m.
120	Fundamentals of Ornamental Horticulture	Faulstich	Thur	11 a.m. to 4:50 p.m.
120	Fundamentals of Ornamental Horticulture	Faulstich	Tue	7:10 to 9:10 p.m.
	Saturdays 8/23, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22		Sat	8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
130	Plant Pest Control	Schultz	Wed	7 to 8:50 p.m.
	Saturdays 9/6, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/2, 11/15, 12/6		Sat	8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
170	Plant Materials: Trees and Shrubs	Whitney	Thur	3:15 to 6:20 p.m.
171	Landscape Drafting Techniques (9 weeks: 8/25 to 10/20)	Holladay	Mon	5 to 8:50 p.m.
172	Introduction to Landscape Design	Holladay	Mon	12 to 4:50 p.m.
173	Intermediate Landscape Design	Sumek	Tue	11 a.m. to 4:50 p.m.
175	Advanced Landscape Design	Sumek	Tue	11 a.m. to 4:50 p.m.
180	Plant Materials: Annuals and Perennials	Rottke	Wed	4 to 6:50 p.m.
225	Landscape Contracting	Jacobs	Thur	5 to 8:05 p.m.
235	Principles of Landscape Irrigation	Conger	Mon	5 to 8:50 p.m.
240	Greenhouse Plant Production	Palafax	Wed	5 to 6:50 p.m.
	Saturdays 8/23, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22		Sat	8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
250	Landscape Water Management	Schultz	Wed	1 to 5 p.m.
255	Sustainable Urban Landscapes	Whitney	Thur	7 to 9 p.m.
263	Urban Forestry (10/30 to 12/4)	Rottke	Thur	5 to 6:50 p.m.
	Saturdays 11/15, 12/6		Sat	8 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.
264	Safe Tree Climbing Practices	Staff	Sat	8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
	Saturdays 9/6, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/2			
266	Science in Practice in Arboriculture (8 weeks: 8/21 to 10/9)	Rottke	Thurs	TBD
275	Diagnosing Horticultural Problems	Simpson	Tue	5 to 7:30 p.m.
278	Business Management for Ornamental Horticulture	Crais	Mon	5 to 7:50 p.m.
290	Cooperative Work Experience	Palafax		Hours to be arranged

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### New Courses For Fall

**DH 264**  
Safe Tree Climbing  
Practices

**DH 266**  
Science in Practice  
in Arboriculture

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### Schedule of Events

**New OH Student  
Orientation**  
6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday,  
August 13, 2014,  
Room M-III, Cuyamaca  
College

**OH Alumni Network  
Mixer**  
5 p.m. Thursday,  
September 11, 2014,  
Hooley's Rancho San  
Diego

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**Fall classes begin August 18, 2014.**

**For additional information, please call (619) 660-4023 or apply and register online  
at the Cuyamaca College website, www.cuyamaca.edu.**