

# UCRBG Newsletter

## Butterfly Corner

### Sandhill Skipper

Article and photo by Ann Platzer



Ventral view

The Sandhill Skipper, *Polites sabuleti*, family HesperIIDae, is a common and widespread species with a wingspan of approximately one inch. Individuals of this species vary widely in color and pattern. These differences are especially prominent between populations from different geographical regions.

The ventral side of their wings is similar in both sexes (photo: ventral view of Sandhill Skipper taking nectar from a mustard flower). This ventral surface is a yellow-tan color with indistinct yellow veins and dark chevrons between the veins at the outer margin and dark spots at the vein ends. The postmedian chevron extends outwardly along the veins and is connected inwardly to the basal spots. Some populations, as in this specimen, have a dark pattern inside the chevron that resembles a hand with an outward-pointing finger.

The female lays eggs singly on or around the host plants. The eggs hatch in one to two weeks depending on the temperature. The larval food plants include many grasses such as saltgrass, *Distichlis spicata*, and Bermuda grass, *Cynodon dactylon*. Many flowering plants are used for nectar but the Sandhill Skipper is particularly

fond of wild heliotrope, *Heliotropium curassavicum*.

Food plants for Sandhill Skipper larvae are adapted to a wide variety of environments such as alkaline or salty soils and open spaces. Habitat includes moist meadows, salt marshes, lawns, and sagebrush flats, which are common in California. The Sandhill Skipper has many broods and the flight time is from April through September.

The geographical distribution of this species is from southern British Columbia and eastern Washington south through California and northern Arizona to Baja California and east to Wyoming and New Mexico.

One fun fact is that the name "skipper" comes from their flight patterns in which the species tend to skip from place to place with a very fast wing movement.

HAPPY BUTTERFLY GARDENING!

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Thank you to Edward Platzer for editing this article.

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## Director's Report - Dr. Jodie Holt



With cooler weather, holidays approaching, and the new year looming, we are so grateful for those who make the BG possible—our hardworking staff, loyal volunteers, generous donors, many long-time as well as new Friends members, and our many campus partners.

Over the past year your support has enabled us to grow our staff to 24 (17 plus 7 campus interns). We've accomplished much—added new gardens; augmented the collection; added a new plant nursery; started a transition to water efficient irrigation; renovated the orchard; restored our buildings with pest abatement, new roofs, and repairs; added gate stewards, new member benefits, more events, pop-up shops, and branded merchandise; and steadily maintained 40 acres of gardens.

We could not have done so much without the support of campus partners. Our admin team BEES has worked hard to help us develop a new business model; reduce expenses; raise revenue; launch online shopping; manage our requests for purchases, rentals, and facilities support; and fulfill some wacky head-scratching needs. The CNAS Development team, UCR Foundation, UCR Communications, Facilities Services, Grounds, TAPS, Fleet Services, ITS, and UCRPD have all been at-the-ready when we call, effectively expanding our workforce far beyond what we could afford as a largely self-funded public botanic garden.

We have weathered many storms, literally and figuratively - a pandemic, break-ins and thefts, downed trees and branches, failure of aging water delivery and plumbing systems, bee hives, and a steady stream of unexpected crises that require quick action on a near daily basis. Through it all it has been rare to see anyone without a smile and can-do attitude, ready to tackle the day, demonstrating the healing powers of nature, camaraderie, and feeding one's passion. My own days might include meeting a donor, greeting visitors, holding a staff meeting, choosing a shirt color or catering menu, plunging a toilet, or simply sitting at the computer doing the work of running a non-profit organization. When I can, I often take a quick stroll to Australia to breathe in the invigorating smell of eucalyptus and enjoy the expansive view of UCR and beyond, a reminder of how fortunate we are to have a nature oasis like this at UCR.

I hope you will visit this season when our plants are recovering from blistering summer heat and unfolding their beauty for the cooler months. Be sure to visit the rose gardens before the big pruning event on January 5<sup>th</sup>, and plan to visit then too so you can learn how to prune your own roses and win a prize. Please continue to follow us through our website, Newsletter, eNews, and social media, and send your feedback to me at bgdirector@ucr.edu or 951-827-7095.

*Jodie*

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## In Memoriam ~ Monika Ittig

by Simon Ittig



In the Fall Newsletter we published a brief article about Monika's passing from the perspective of those from the Botanic Gardens who knew her. This article is from the perspective of her son, Simon.

Monika Ittig passed away peacefully at her home on July 24<sup>th</sup>. She was born in Minden, Germany on December 10, 1941. She worked as a laboratory chemist first in Germany, then Switzerland, before moving to Riverside for a short-term exchange at UCR in 1968. This involved a large pay cut, but she spent a warm New Year's Eve at the beach and decided she would not leave. She met her husband, Brian, at the University and their son Simon was born in 1976. She stopped practicing chemistry in 1980, but went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Psychology at Cal State Hayward. She was fascinated by desert plants, spending many trips photographing cacti. She moved from Riverside to Northern California in 1980, but returned to Riverside in 1990 and developed a beautiful garden that occupied much of her time. She also became a docent at the UCR Botanic Gardens, where she volunteered for many years. She was knowledgeable about many topics, was an entertaining and enthusiastic dinner host, and had extremely strong

opinions about food and wine. She did not consider these opinions, but to her were merely facts, to which everyone would eventually come to agree. Beyond plants, her main passion was travel. She visited six continents and would have been to Antarctica were it not for thick ice floes. Her favorite trip was to Madagascar, where she was totally unconcerned by an outbreak of bubonic plague, unlike her son who read about it on the news. She traveled many times to visit her grandchildren in Scotland. She is survived by son Simon, daughter-in-law Robin, and her two grandchildren Marius and Skye. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations to the UCR Botanic Gardens: [gardens.ucr.edu/giving](https://gardens.ucr.edu/giving).

## Biological Control in the Greenhouse

by Catherine Shannon

This past summer's heat took a toll on our greenhouse ecosystem, allowing a large infestation of plant pests such as mealybug and spider mite to flourish and get out of control. Plants were struggling to stay alive and many were lost in spite of our efforts to control the problem with insecticide sprays and systemic granular treatments. After careful consideration, we decided it was time to take a chance and try doing pest control nature's way – with predatory insects.

In any ecosystem there are predators and prey, and for one of our pests, we tested out the mealybug's predator, the mealybug destroyer (*Cryptolaemus montrouzieri*). These little ladybird beetles arrived in the adult stage and thrived in the warm temperatures of the greenhouse, devouring the mealybugs and laying eggs that soon became larvae and then continued the lifecycle and predatory behavior. We ordered a total of about 400 adults over the period of late spring to mid-summer for the entire greenhouse and are thrilled that the mealybug pest population is now under control.

Due to the great success we had with the mealybug destroyer, we are in the process of ordering the mite predator, *Phytoseiulus persimilis*, for our spider mites, which have been more than opportunistic during the reorganization of the greenhouse compartments in anticipation of opening our new Display House. Hopefully we'll have equally exciting news in the next newsletter regarding our new natural predator, along with tips and suggestions on how to manage pest control in greenhouse and home environments.

Search for ARBICO Organics online for more information about the natural predators we used as well as other natural pest control options.



Adult

Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons



Larva

# Wildlife of the Gardens

## Barn Owl

By Michele Felix-Derbarmdiker

The American Barn Owl, *Tyto furcata*, is a common owl with a very uncommon call. Their nocturnal habits typically keep them out of the public eye but they are found on every continent except Antarctica. They are a very adaptable owl and can be found in a wide variety of habitats including suburbs and cities. If you would like to see one for yourself, take an evening stroll and keep your ears open for their scream like call.

### Habitat/Diet

American Barn owls are not terribly fussy about location but prefer areas near large open fields, agricultural lands, grasslands, desert areas or brushy fields. These areas provide the perfect opportunity to find their favorite menu items. Barn owls are carnivores and eat mostly small nocturnal mammals. In urban or agricultural areas, rats and mice make up the majority of their diet. This makes them Mother Nature's perfect pest controller. Other prey items include voles, lemmings, shrews, bats, rabbits, and occasionally birds. Incredibly, these prey items are swallowed whole but body parts such as fur, teeth, feathers and bones cannot be digested. These items are expelled as a bundle or pellet. These pellets are a fantastic way to explore the diet of owls.

### Breeding

Ever heard the saying "the way to the heart is through the stomach"? Well this is true of the female American Barn Owl. These owls are usually partners for life and during breeding season, the male will seal the pair bond by bringing her a large amount of prey. Prior to this, he will also conduct display flights and showcase potential nesting sites. Nests are made of shredded owl pellets and found in crevices of caves, cliff ledges, trees and a variety of human made structures, including barns. These nests sites are also used for roosting outside of breeding season. These successful hunters can have up to three broods a year; consisting of up to an astonishing eighteen eggs. After eighty to ninety days, the owlets will be ready to fledge the nest and sometimes travel hundreds of miles from their parents' nesting site.

### Identification

Just this year scientists have split the Barn Owl into three species - American, Western, and Eastern. Each of these species has been further split into several subspecies. These subspecies are distinctive in range rather than appearance. Barn owls are ghostly and almost magical in appearance. These medium sized owls have short tails and rounded wings, which give them a distinct silent flight pattern. Overall colors are pale in appearance and if seen at night appear completely white. In reality, their feathers are a combination of white, browns, silvery gray, and tans with hints of black. Their beautiful coloration perfectly complements their heart shaped facial disk. This disk funnels sounds and aids in their incredible hearing. The combination of their excellent hearing, acute eyesight, sharp talons, and silent flight makes them a truly formidable hunter.

### Threats

The American Barn Owl is not currently listed at the state or federal levels. Their population size is difficult to estimate due to their nocturnal behavior but their numbers appear stable. They are threatened by the use of rodenticides, car collisions, and the loss of agricultural hunting areas and nesting cavities. Adding proper nesting boxes to your property and avoiding the use of rodenticides are the two easiest ways to support this species. Even these predators can be a meal for others including larger birds of prey, raccoons, and opossums. Barn owls will try to scare threats off by spreading their wings, hissing, screeching rapidly, clapping their beaks and as a last resort, flipping onto their back to use their large talons as weapons.



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# Around the Gardens

By Nancy Cullen

## Welcome Week 2024 (September 23-27)



UCR students at the Turtle Pond while on a tour



Kona Ice Truck

This year's Welcome Week activities began with UCR students having a docent-led tour of the Botanic Gardens. We had over 200 residence hall students, far more than anticipated, pouring in for a closer look at the Gardens. Thanks to Scott, Mimi, and Pam for stepping in to help the docents! Back by popular demand, the plant giveaway on Tuesday had students lined up before the gate opened at 8:00 am. We enlisted our volunteer and houseplant specialist, Nancy Prokopchuk, to share plant care instructions with the new plant owners. On Wednesday we hosted a Pop-Up Shop for plants and UCRBG branded merchandise. Thank you to Emily for creating Thursday's challenging Scavenger Hunt for students and new water bottle stickers for the participants. The busy week was wrapped up with free Kona shaved ice treats on Friday.



Students in the long line for a free plant



Happy new plant owners

## Members Twilight Tour

Due to the excessive heat this summer, we had to reschedule the Members Twilight Tour to a later date of September 28<sup>th</sup>. The weather was perfect for the 45 members who were given a docent-led tour of the Gardens at that magical hour when the flora had interesting shadows and colors and the fauna started to roam the Gardens. After the tour, as the sun was setting, the tour groups returned to the Meeting Room to enjoy refreshments and a presentation by Director Holt on updates in the Gardens.



April Wilson (right) leading a tour at the Herb Garden



Lee Bayer (right) leading a tour at the Desert Garden

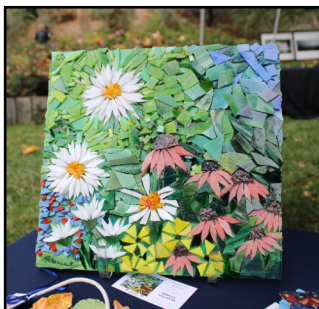


Members enjoying the greenhouse tour with Curator Janine Almanzor



## Art in the Gardens

November 2<sup>nd</sup> was a picture-perfect autumn day for the annual Art in the Gardens and the 650 plus guests. Karen Fleisher, our AIG coordinator, gathered a wonderful group of artists and craftsmen to sell their work. Beautiful items were sold from ceramics to jewelry to wooden bowls and watercolors. The Gardens also offered plants and merchandise for sale at our gatehouse. Many thanks to all the volunteers who assisted in making this event possible. Special thanks to the artists who participated and also donated items to our first Silent Auction, which raised funds to support the Gardens. Thanks too to Mien van de Ven for making delicious baked goods for sale at our Café and for donating all proceeds to support the Gardens.





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# Online Fall Plant Sale

By Janine Almanzor

After considerable discussion and input from staff, volunteers, and shoppers, we decided to hold our last Online Plant Sale this fall, and we have developed a new model for offering Gardens-grown plants to our supporters. After four years we developed a streamlined system for large online sales, so the Online Fall Plant Sale went very smoothly from start to finish. The plant list was smaller than usual due both to knowing it was going to be our last and the retirement of Lois Whyde, who oversaw most of our propagation. We grossed over \$8,000 at the Fall Sale compared to our average for larger sales of around \$12,000.

With the many requests for plant sales more often and the success of our Pop-Up Shop Plant Sales, we have decided to forego online sales and will be having Pop-Up Shops throughout the year in conjunction with other events in the Gardens. This program will

allow us to better manage inventory to target demand, reduce unsold inventory to reduce labor costs, and attract more visitors seeking to purchase our plants throughout the year. We will hold two Pop-Up Shop Plant Sales in the winter season. The first one will be held at the Rose Pruning Demonstration on January 5<sup>th</sup> and the second will be held on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> when we will have a presentation on orchid care by Norman Fang, the owner of Norman's Orchids in Montclair. If you are an orchid lover, you definitely should get to know Norman and his amazing nursery. All Pop-Up Shop sales will include our popular branded merchandise, as well.

We are thankful for the support of all the customers who have purchased our plants online over the past four years. We enjoyed bringing the plants to your cars and seeing the joy on your faces as you saw your plants. Please continue to support us at our Pop-Up Shops where you will be able to see the plants in person and select your own plants. If you have any plant requests or comments, please be sure to email me at [janine.almanzor@ucr.edu](mailto:janine.almanzor@ucr.edu) so we can better serve our customers.



L to R: George Spiliotis, Hillary Brown, Rosemary Neal, & Catherine Shannon



An award winning orchid by Norman's Orchids



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# Project Updates

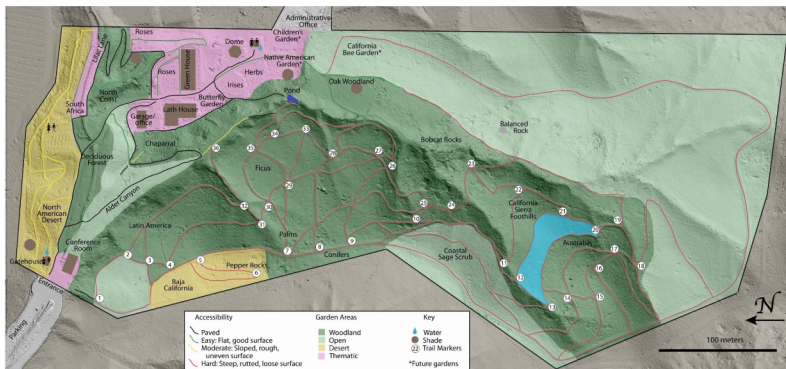
Article and photos by Miguel Estrada

As the year ends I like to take stock of what we have accomplished and what we can look forward to. We have many ongoing projects now as part of an initiative to shift our focus slightly from the maintenance operation to one centered around projects. Some of these projects include a new display room in the greenhouse, a large restoration in the Australia Garden in the south end of the Gardens, and a redesign and installation of a new irrigation system in the Subtropical Fruit Orchard. We are hoping to complete all of these projects by the end of next year.



Normally we would not attempt this many projects simultaneously, but we have had some good fortune with the addition of seven students on top of the six Student Workers already employed throughout the Gardens. These seven new students are Interns in the UCR College Corps Program, and we have partnered with the program to give these students the opportunity to work on climate action tasks. It is because of their added numbers that we are able to shift our focus and bring more improvements to the Gardens. One of the projects that I

am excited about is our first large scale restoration in many years. Usually in fall we plant new specimens throughout the Gardens. This approach has given us some success in keeping our collection from shrinking, but not as much progress as we would like. The dispersed plantings make it difficult to keep watch on all the new plants, and unfortunately some of the plants we install do not make it. This year we are taking a different approach. We are going to focus our attention on restoring a large planter bed in the Australian Garden. The



The Australia Garden renovation is highlighted in blue

bed is bordered by trail markers 12, 13, and 20, and is approximately 16,325 square feet in area. We currently are clearing all the unwanted vegetation, which includes an extensive area with *Encelia farinosa* and several weed trees that have grown to a formidable size. As of this writing, we have cleared 35% of the area and hope to complete all of it by the end of February. After that, we will move to phase 2 with new plant selections and irrigation installation. We hope to bring some exciting new plants that add to our already diverse Australian collection. I hope you will take some time to hike to our southernmost acreage to watch our Australian Garden grow.

To see some of the plants in bloom please visit [gardens.ucr.edu/information/bloom](https://gardens.ucr.edu/information/bloom). Check out the Rose Gardens, Butterfly Garden, and the Garage Office area to see plenty of plants blooming this time of year.



*Senna didymobotrya*  
"popcorn cassia"



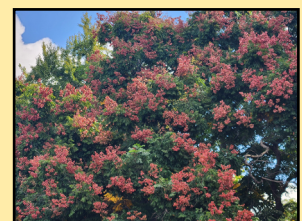
*Tagetes lemmonii*  
"Compacta"  
"mountain marigold"



Roses



*Salvia leucantha* (Highview Dwarf)  
"dwarf Mexican bush sage"



*Koelrueteria bipinnata*  
"goldenrain tree"



## Spotlight On Laura Navarro

By Janine Almanzor



We are pleased to announce that we have hired Laura Navarro as our new Nursery Technician. She has taken over managing propagation and the garden areas previously managed by Lois Whyde, who has retired. Laura was drawn to the Gardens because she loves plants and surrounding herself with them.

Laura graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a degree in Agriculture with a Plant Science emphasis. During her time as a student, she was employed at Cal Poly in the greenhouses as a Horticultural Technician. She learned the valuable skills of propagation, working with soils and fertilizers, rearing biological control insects, and scouting for various pests. She was then promoted to Research Technician for the Organic Tomato Breeding Project in conjunction with UC Davis. Soon after graduation she began working for the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) as a Pest Prevention Assistant II in

the Plant Detection and Eradication division. Her focus was on the Oriental fruit fly and the Mediterranean fruit fly. She also worked in the Citrus Division on breeding and releasing *Tamarixia radiata*, the biological control for the Asian citrus psyllid. Her team was able to successfully establish this important biological control insect in California.

Laura's job with the CDFA often brought her to UCR where she would trap insects in the agricultural fields. This prompted her to look for a position at UCR where she could surround herself with plants and the outdoors. Her favorite thing about working at the Botanic Gardens is, "It's like working in paradise!" Besides Laura's interest in insects, she also enjoys working with trees and she is well on her way to becoming an ISA Certified Arborist. When Laura is not working in "paradise," she enjoys camping, fishing, and exploring new places with her husband and ten-year-old daughter. Laura's knowledge, untiring work ethic, wonderful attitude, and contagious laugh have been a great benefit to the Botanic Gardens.

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Janine Almanzor at the Conservatory of Flowers in San Francisco

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## In the Works

By Botanic Gardens Staff

With the relief of cooler weather and approaching winter, much has been accomplished in the Gardens. Here are some of the activities underway as we head into a hopefully wet winter:

### Gardens and Grounds:

- ▶ We have completed more organizing in the greenhouse and have moved the desert plants to a sunnier area and arranged them according to their water needs.
- ▶ Seven new Climate Action Interns have been added to Miguel's Horticulture team.
- ▶ The area to the west of the Garage Office has been augmented with several sago palms, *Cycas revoluta*. The area to the north of the Garage Office will be planted soon.
- ▶ We are designing a new irrigation system to install around the Garage Office area.
- ▶ We are clearing the orchard weeds in preparation for an irrigation design and install in the second half of 2025.
- ▶ We have cleared approximately 38% of unwanted vegetation in two beds in the Australia section (approx. 6,000 sq. ft.) as part of phase 1 of the restoration project.
- ▶ We have approved a revised design concept to replace the dome with a functional lath pavilion that will include gathering spaces inside and shaded seating outside. Stay tuned!



Sago palms, *Cycas revoluta*, west of the Garage Office



Propagation class

### Activities and Events:

- ▶ The Butterfly Garden Master Gardener Docents have concluded their popular Sunday events for this year, which ran from April through October and will resume next spring.
- ▶ Our GIS team, Mike Cohen, Chuck Farrar, and Janine Almanzor presented our apps and Story Maps at the California Public Gardens GIS Workshop in September.
- ▶ Our docents have led many school (3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) and adult tours this fall.
- ▶ Our staff, along with volunteers Kay Force and Scott Lofquist, have held two propagation classes for RCC students.
- ▶ Art in the Gardens (AIG) was a success with over 650 visitors shopping with our 23 artists and craftsmen on a beautiful autumn day. Our Pop-Up Shop at AIG sold hundreds of plants and branded merchandise, and the new Silent Auction raised \$1,115.
- ▶ We continue our walk-in Volunteer Orientations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 9:30 am and our open Sundays (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) at 9:30 am.
- ▶ Nancy Cullen has moved her office into the Gatehouse where she can assist with self-guided tour groups, sell merchandise, and lead volunteer orientations.
- ▶ Branded UCRBG merchandise now includes new long-sleeved shirts in unisex sizes XS to 2XL. We will order more totes and kneelers, which are popular and sell out quickly.
- ▶ Master Gardener Docents, Karen Fleisher, George Spiliotis, and Teresa Wassman will be roaming Docents in the Gardens on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays from January through March. They will be available to answer questions, talk about plants, or just give directions to visitors.



Art in the Gardens



New long-sleeved t-shirts



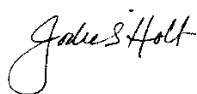
## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We have had another productive year in the Gardens and remain grateful to our incredible supporters who make it all possible, including UCR, CNAS, Friends members, donors, and dedicated volunteers. With your support this past year we have expanded our staff, added dozens of plants to the Gardens, hosted thousands of students and adults on guided tours, educated hundreds of participants at our events, added a new garden, and continued renovating our aging irrigation systems for greater water efficiency and labor savings. Your gifts and the donation of thousands of volunteer hours made all this possible. I hope you will take time to visit and see how your support helps the UCR Botanic Gardens thrive and grow.

Now celebrating our 61<sup>st</sup> year, the UCR Botanic Gardens continues to welcome visitors, school groups, and event participants; support UCR classes and research; provide a beautiful location for gatherings; and offer Gardens-grown plants to beautify home landscapes. It is gratifying to meet UCR alumni who return to relive their treasured memories of time spent in the Gardens and new visitors who are thrilled to discover such a special place to visit.

We pledge to continue to advance our mission of serving as an oasis of nature, source of learning, and place of respite. Your contribution will keep our Gardens and valuable programs growing strong for many years to come. Please make your gift today at [gardens.ucr.edu/giving](https://gardens.ucr.edu/giving)!

I look forward to seeing you in the Gardens.



Jodie S. Holt, Ph.D.

Director UCR Botanic Gardens

PS, also stay tuned for UCR's Annual Give Day on March 4, 2025 when we will raise funds to complete our new Greenhouse Display House!



## Your Legacy in the Gardens

We are humbled by how many people give to ensure the beauty and vitality of the UCR Botanic Gardens for future generations. There are many ways to accomplish this, including a gift through your will, a charitable gift annuity that pays income back to you, or an endowment. If you would like more information on how to leave a legacy to the Gardens, please contact:

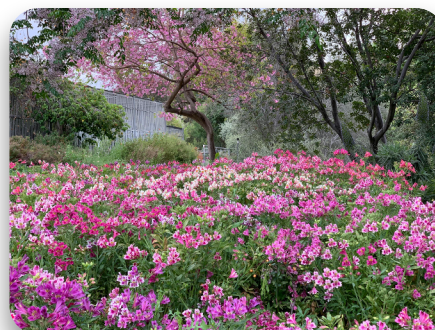
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If you have already remembered the Gardens in your plans, please let us know as we would appreciate the opportunity to steward your generous gift!





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## UCRBG Calendar of Events



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| Weekly     | <b>Volunteer Orientation</b> , Entrance, 9:30 am (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays & 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays) |
| Bimonthly  | <b>Roaming Master Gardener Docents</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays)                                                        |
| Monthly    | <b>Walk &amp; Learn at the Rose Garden</b> , 8:00 - 10:00 am (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesdays)                                                   |
| January 5  | <b>Rose Pruning Demonstration &amp; Pop-Up Shop</b> , 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm                                                                   |
| February 2 | <b>Orchid Talk &amp; Pop-Up Shop</b> , 9:00 am - 12:00 pm                                                                                 |

Please note: The UCRBG hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 3:30 pm  
and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
until further notice.

(Please check our website for closure dates)