

UCRBG Newsletter

Butterfly Corner - The California Hairstreak

Article and photo by Ann Platzer



Ventral view

The Southern California Hairstreak, *Satyrium californica* is a common butterfly in our local mountains. Its wingspan ranges from only 1 to 1 ¼ inches.

The photo is showing the ventral view of the California Hairstreak. The ground color is a light gray and the post-median area of the fore and hind wings is composed of black spots, each surrounded by a thin white circle (white arrow). The outer marginal area also has black spots with external faint orange spots that become larger towards the trailing end of the hind wing. Lastly a large bluish-black area (blue arrow) almost obliterates the final orange spot. The yellow arrow points to a short black tail tipped with white. Extending from the thin black outer wing margins is pale gray fringe.

The host plants are wild lilac, *Ceanothus* spp. and oak, *Quercus* spp. The female lays single whitish eggs in a cluster of two to four in crevices of host twigs, cemented with copious clear glue. The eggs overwinter in place. In spring, the caterpillars eat only the leaves of the food plant and are usually attended by ants offering protection in exchange for the honeydew that

the caterpillars exude. There is one brood a year and they are mainly seen from late May to mid-August. There is one flight per year between mid-June to the end of August. The males perch and patrol from treetops, usually on hills, from about 2 pm to dusk to await a receptive female.

The range of the California Hairstreak is from southern British Columbia south to southern California. It is also common in the west coast states and in the central western states through Wyoming and Colorado. Here in southern California, it is a common butterfly mainly in foothill chaparral or lower mountain habitats, where it is often seen taking nectar from buckwheat, *Eriogonum* spp., yerba santa, *Eriodictyon* spp., dogbane, *Apocynum* spp., and other roadside flowers.

Please plant California native and butterfly friendly plants in your garden to help restore our native habitat for butterflies.

HAPPY BUTTERFLY GARDENING!

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Director's Report - Dr. Jodie Holt



This is the time when many of us prepare a holiday collage or letter to highlight our year, often glossing over the negatives. In the Gardens, challenges are inevitable, and we have learned to see them as opportunities for change. Thus, as this year ends, my holiday letter highlights the great, the not so great, and how we adapted to continue moving forward.

Dear UCR Botanic Gardens family and friends: We made it to 60 and have much to celebrate, although it wasn't always easy. Careful fiscal management facilitated expanding our staff with a new Nursery Technician, Gate Steward, and student workers. Recruitment brought in new volunteers, including College Corps Climate Action students, and our intrepid Docents lead tours for over 2,500 school kids.

Meanwhile, the ravages of time required treating buildings for termites, replacing wood, and reroofing. Door sweeps were installed on restrooms and the conference room to keep out insects, rodents, and sometimes snakes! A branch crushed the Celebration of Life Memorial, which was repaired and refreshed. A decayed 40+ year old belvedere was replaced by a curved redwood fence designed and built by a volunteer. We continued to fundraise to replace the dome, now held together only by the plants growing on and through it.

Our horticultural team completed massive projects to clean-up the Subtropical Fruit Orchard and create a plant nursery on the Frost Court property. In addition to ongoing weed control, pruning, trail repair, and cleanup, they completed installation of the California Bee Garden, and will augment it with a native bee forage ground.

We expanded engagement with new workshops, tours, and activities. Primavera in the Gardens was cancelled when food vendors could not participate, so we adapted with smaller fundraisers. Members enjoyed our first in-person Plant Sale in the new nursery, although it needs work before it is "ready for prime time." Our 60th anniversary celebration coincided with UCR's Welcome Week and received a huge response from students as well as the community, so we'll definitely do that again!

This summer we suffered a break-in and theft of two vehicles, including a newly donated Toro utility vehicle, and numerous power and hand tools. We were overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and gifts in response, totaling over \$7,500, which along with insurance will allow us to recover our losses. Donations overall have steadily increased, validating our vision for the Gardens as a nature oasis in a busy urban environment.

While we will always encounter difficulties, we continue to move forward to achieve our goals, which is made possible by your support. Please continue to follow us through our website, Newsletter, eNews, and social media, and send your thoughts and feedback to me at bgdirector@ucr.edu or 951-827-7095. Until next year, happy holidays!

Jodie

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Spotlight on Angela Barron

By Jodie Holt



Our horticultural team is growing! Last spring, we were pleased to welcome Angela Barron as our newest Nursery Technician to join Miguel's team. Angela has a B.S. degree from UC Santa Barbara in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Biology. While a student she received training in biodiversity,

ecology, and restoration and spent a semester studying tropical biodiversity in Costa Rica. Building on her education, she worked at the UCSB Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration planting and maintaining native plant species in a university wetlands site, conducting invasive plant surveys, and working on methods for invasive species eradication.

Angela brings to the Gardens experience in outreach as a program coordinator who created opportunities for historically underrepresented students to engage in outdoor activities while learning about land stewardship. She also spent time as an intern at the Santa Barbara Botanical Garden teaching Chumash ethnobotany to 5th grade students in the Kids in Nature Program.

As a student Angela worked as a greenhouse assistant, taking care of native, exotic, and rare plants in ten university greenhouses, and even assisting researchers with their study plants. She also worked at the UCSB student farm, growing crops sustainably for the student food bank and becoming an expert on vermicomposting in the process. Angela's most recent position prior to joining our team was with an organic herb farming company, where she worked in all aspects of hydroponic greenhouse production from planting to harvest.

Here in the Gardens Angela is responsible for a large area that includes Alder Canyon, the Desert Garden, South Africa, Chaparral, North Coast, and the Rose Gardens up to the Butterfly Garden. She is a hard worker and is doing a fantastic job! Angela loves working outdoors and is grateful that she can work in a place that provides a greenspace for the community and for wildlife. She says she never gets bored working here since the landscape is continually changing with the seasons.

Fall Members' Plant Sale

By Janine Almanzor

Our new plant nursery adjacent to the Gardens was finally ready for a trial run in time for our Fall Plant Sale. Without a public entrance or nearby parking, considerable planning and many volunteers



were needed to hold a plant sale at the new nursery. Friends members were glad to finally have an in-person event after four years of online sales, even though it meant they did a lot of walking to get to the sale site. Members were able to visit both our lath house and the new nursery area to shop for plants, and volunteers were nearby to assist with wagons and wheel barrows on the hilly terrain. Complimentary refreshments in the Rose Garden were provided by our CNAS Development team, who enjoyed meeting members, providing information, and handing out branded items from our college. It was gratifying to introduce members to our new nursery, which is a big change from years ago when staff and volunteers would tote thousands of plants and set them up in Alder Canyon for plant sales.

For many years our plant sales have been a big draw and recruitment for Friends members, who have enjoyed the benefit of shopping early or exclusively for Gardens-grown plants. What most people do not realize is how much time, planning, and labor are required to propagate and maintain so many plants in excess of our needs for the collection, nor how many staff and volunteer hours it takes in the lead-up and during each sale. Our new nursery helps reduce workload by consolidating plants that were spread over several locations, yet we, like other gardens, struggle to even cover our costs when holding plant sales. While we improve the nursery and safe access to it, we will continue to hold online plant sales as a member benefit and as a means of introducing a broader audience to our collection. We also plan to introduce more Pop-Up-Shops and sell plants during events. Be sure to mark your calendars for our Spring Online Plant Sale for members on April 6 and for the public on April 7!



The World in a Bowl: A Recipe for the Holidays

By Jo Ann Anderson

Plants and Human Affairs

This is the season when thoughts turn to holiday celebrations, gatherings of friends, and sharing warm cheer. Let us think of a dark winter evening, a roaring fire, friends gathered to celebrate the holiday, and a hearty Wassail Bowl.

The word “Wassail” comes to us as borrowed from the old Norse and was used as a greeting meaning “be well” long before its association with drinking. Its origin as a drinking tradition is Anglo-Saxon. Today, the word refers specifically to a warm bowl of cider, ale, or wine flavored with spices and citrus. To quote T.S. Eliot, “Oh, do not ask what is it? Let us go and make our visit.”



Cinnamon trees with their lower bark peeled



Close up of cinnamon tree with the bark peeled

To assemble the historic ingredients of a Wassail Bowl, we must visit various parts of the globe. England might supply the ale or cider; Europe is probably the most likely source of wine. Then we come to the key ingredients of our Wassail Bowl, the spices. Most references agree that those spices are cinnamon and nutmeg; cinnamon comes from bark of the tropical *Cinnamomum verum* tree and nutmeg comes from the seed pod of tropical *Myristica* tree species. Interestingly, a third spice, mace, comes from the outer lining of that same seed pod.

Far away, in the seas of eastern Indonesia, lies an

archipelago of over 1,000 volcanic islands jointly known as Maluku. Located at the corner of four geologic plates and two continental blocks, these islands have long held a fascination for geologists and naturalists. Alfred Wallace did much of his work on exotic birds here, for instance. But because they were until the 1900's the sole source of exotic trees producing nutmeg, mace, and cloves, they have long held an important place in the world's trade routes; thus, their alternate name is the Spice Islands.



Nutmeg berries

From Sri Lanka, India, and Bangladesh came the tree bark whose name, cinnamon, has its roots in ancient Latin, Greek and Egyptian languages. Both cinnamon and nutmeg were wildly expensive, and their sources were carefully guarded. One charming story about the source of cinnamon was that it was guarded by winged serpents; another was that it was collected as nest material by giant birds. It was so highly prized that it was offered to the Greek god Apollo at his shrine in Miletus, an ancient Greek city on the western coast of modern Turkey. The history of the spice trade is wide-ranging, involving explorers, botanists, trading companies, pirates, kings, and emperors. Wars have been fought over the control of spice trade, and thousands of natives of the Spice Islands lost their lives or were enslaved during the Middle Ages.

The final essential ingredient in a Wassail Bowl is citrus. Cultivated in the sunny lands surrounding the Mediterranean Sea, citrus has become a key ingredient in many of the world's most delicate and aromatic cuisines and provides the base of the most intricately crafted scents and tastes of our modern world. The UC Riverside Experiment Station houses the world's most comprehensive collection of citrus in existence, the Citrus Variety Collection, which in partnership with the Givaudan Corp. has been used to inspire many new flavors and fragrances. In the Gardens we have our own collection of citrus and other fruit-bearing tree species in our Subtropical Fruit Orchard, which was recently restored.

For a delicious Wassail recipe, visit: thepioneerwoman.com/food-cooking/recipes/a45547711/wassail-recipe/

Art in the Gardens

By Nancy Cullen



We hosted our 10th Art in the Gardens on a beautiful Saturday, November 4, from 10 am to 3 pm in the Alder Canyon lawn. With our tireless AIG Coordinator, Karen Fleisher, alongside staff and volunteers, we had over 23 vendors showcasing their art and crafts. We had several new artists this year, including Lori Beilby, who hosted our Natural Dyes workshop earlier in the year, and sold clothing, totes, and other small, dyed items. Other vendors displayed and sold items in a diversity of media



Karen Fleisher & Hilary Brown eyeing the plants for sale

including ceramics; fiber and fabric; glass; gourds; jewelry; mosaics; watercolor, acrylic, and oil paint; photography; ropework; woodwork; and more.

Always a favorite, our dedicated members Mien van de Ven and Antoon Ploeg sold beautiful and delicious pastry items, both sweet and savory, to an eager crowd, and generously donated their proceeds to the Gardens afterwards.



Rebecca Kallinger selling beautiful mosaic pieces

The Gardens also held a Pop-Up-Shop for Gardens-branded merchandise and plants that many missed from the Fall Plant Sale. We also sold succulent-topped decorative gourds like the ones made at a workshop offered earlier in the year by Linda Powell. Shuttles run by Miguel and his team moved guests between parking lot 13 and the event.

Thank you to all the vendors who attended and made this event a huge success, and special thanks to the volunteers who assisted our vendors with setup. We made sure everyone working at the event also had a chance to shop!

We look forward to seeing everyone at Art in the Gardens again next year.



Succulent pumpkins for sale



Pam Rose staffing the Pop-Up-Shop



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Wildlife of the Gardens

The Great Horned Owl

By Michele Felix-Derbarmdiker



Photo by Lee Reeder

You may not be aware but a formidable predator silently enters your neighborhood at night. Most of the time you would only know it was there if it made its classic call. No need to worry. This is not the stuff of nightmares, just the local Great Horned Owl. The owl of our childhood fairy tales is actually quite common and plays a critical role in local ecosystems.

Habitat/Diet:

Great Horned Owls are year-round residents found throughout North America and portions of South America. They are the coyotes of the bird world, and very adaptable. Home can be a variety of forest types, deserts, agricultural fields, and even suburban neighborhoods. During the day, they are comfortable roosting in trees, ledges or fabricated structures. At dusk these owls will head out and hunt, and just like their homes, they are not finicky about the menu. These are large owls who can easily kill hefty prey like hawks, skunks, house cats, coots, and porcupines while also eating all manner of rodent. Reptiles and invertebrates are also consumed. Prey is spotted from a high vantage point, and then on silent wings they strike. Their bodies are perfectly designed for the task. From their excellent night vision, bone crushing foot grip, sound-muffling feathers to their excellent hearing they are intimidating hunters.

Breeding:

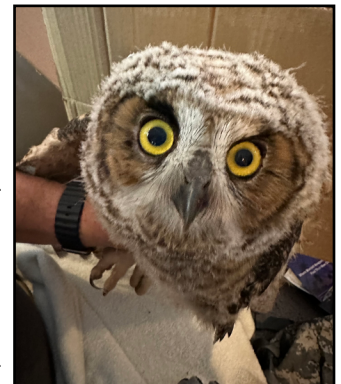
These owls are deadly hunters but they are also faithful partners. Bonded pairs are monogamous and often remain in their territory year-round. Pairs will call to one another with an increase in frequency during the winter breeding season. The pair will reaffirm their bond with a duet. Once mated, the pair will examine several nesting sites within their territory. They utilize the nests of other animals such as hawks and squirrels. Additional materials such as sticks and feathers are used to improve the nest. The female usually lays only one clutch of one to four eggs a year in late winter or early spring. The female will faithfully incubate her eggs through all manner of weather while the male provides her food. Once hatched, chicks are raised by both parents until they are ready to leave the nest seventy to eighty days later. Even after taking flight, juveniles can remain near their parents until autumn.

Identification:

These are larger owls, about the size of a red-tailed hawk, with broad round wings. Females are larger than males. Feather color is primarily mottled gray-brown with a rusty red color on their face disc and white patch on the throat. Color can vary regionally but they all have classic ear tufts. These tufts are not actually ears but modified feathers that help channel sound to their heart shaped facial disc and ears. Their eyes are large and yellow. They are so large in fact that they cannot move in their sockets. The 270° turning capability of their neck makes up for this lack of eye movement. Their coloration and silent flight can make them hard to spot, but a great way to identify them is through their call. Females call at higher pitches and males at lower pitches. Taking an evening stroll during breeding season is a great way to hear a local pair's duet.

Threats:

Throughout their range, the populations are considered stable. Their ability to adapt to a range of habitats paired with not being fussy eaters has allowed them to have great success. This species was once heavily hunted but the practice is now outlawed. Currently, their two greatest threats are vehicle collisions and consumption of rodenticides by consuming poisoned rodents.



Juvenile Great Horned Owl rescued near the Gardens

Michele has served as a biologist throughout Riverside County for the last 14 years. She is currently a naturalist for Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District.

In the Works

By Botanic Gardens Staff

Fall has been busy as usual with grounds and landscape work, infrastructure maintenance, and events and activities. Below is a summary of what's underway as 2023 winds to a close:

Gardens and Grounds:

- ▶ We are pleased to welcome two more student workers, Brandon and Carly, who will join Miguel's team, bringing our total to seven students and ten staff.
- ▶ Three of our buildings were fumigated for termites, wood repair/replacement was done, and two new roofs were installed.
- ▶ The campus tree crew removed one dead *Calocedrus decurrens* by the last bridge, removed a hazardous limb at the base of the steep driveway, and pruned the deadwood off a *Celtis occidentalis* in the deciduous forest section.
- ▶ We will remove 8,300 sq. ft. of cool-season turf in Alder Canyon to prepare the area for turf-grass conversion to warm-season bermudagrass.
- ▶ We are going to install a 245 ft. long dedicated drainage channel in the dirt trail from the Rose Garden to North Coast. We will also clean up the planters along each side of the trail.
- ▶ We will be repairing a few trails with severe erosion in the North American Desert.
- ▶ We are currently working to clean up the trails south of the Australia section and north of Bobcat Rocks.
- ▶ An inventory was taken of our potted plants in need of planting out, and we're gearing up to get them planted.

Activities and Events:

- ▶ The 2024 Master Gardener Class had their BG Orientation just in time to assist with the Fall Plant Sale. We look forward to seeing some new volunteer faces in the Gardens.
- ▶ Nancy, Emily, and new student volunteer Lauren will be working on student outreach and events and plans to boost membership.
- ▶ We had another Pop-Up-Shop including plants on Sunday, November 19.
- ▶ Much effort by staff and volunteers went into preparing the new nursery area for the in-person Members' Plant Sale held in October. The shade cover was built, plants were moved, trenches were filled, and debris was removed.
- ▶ Miguel and his team worked hard to clean up the Subtropical Fruit Orchard in preparation for the VIP breakfast and fruit orchard tour held in late September.
- ▶ We held a full week of activities for our 60th anniversary celebration, which are highlighted in another article in this issue.
- ▶ Thank you to our new volunteer Linda Rosaliti for donating the spooktacular Halloween decorations for the entrance.
- ▶ In October the Master Gardener Docents held their last Sunday Butterfly Garden event for 2023. They will resume in April, 2024.



Repaired upper restrooms



Nancy Cullen ready to give students a free plant



The new plant nursery area



Linda Rosaliti and her spooktacular Halloween decorations

What to See in the Gardens

By Miguel Estrada



This season we are tackling one of the most visible areas in the Gardens, Alder Canyon. It is hard to miss our grassy area near the entrance. It is truly a lovely site and well used by us and our visitors.

The lawn is approximately 25,000 sq. ft. of turf-grass consisting mostly of cool season grasses. Behind that picturesque area, however, is an uneasy truth; that lawn requires a significant amount of water, especially in the hot months (May through October). We use thousands of gallons a week to keep the turf-grass green and vigorous. Our cool-season grasses also require more fertilizer than warm-season grasses and they underperform in recovering from damage than their warm-season relatives.

The time has come to take a more responsible approach to water use. Over the next year we will be introducing the new Rio bermudagrass cultivar to Alder Canyon.



This warm-season grass when established will consume less than 50% of what the current lawn uses. There is one downside that we hope our members and visitors will understand, which is the appearance of the lawn during the cooler months. As a warm-season grass, the Rio cultivar, even with its improved cold tolerance and early spring green-up, will go into dormancy in winter like all warm-season grasses do in cold areas. This is a minor



trade-off for the impact it will have on our water use. We estimate that we can reduce our water consumption significantly once we have replaced all the grass. The conversion will not take place all at once since there is a lot of lawn that we need to convert. Here is what to expect in the coming months. The first effort will be the removal and replacement of 8,300 sq. ft. of cool-season grass. We will be removing the grass in November and December. From January through March, we will prepare the area by grading, installing gopher barriers, and installing a temporary irrigation system. Finally, we will sow the new Rio turf-grass in April and expect rapid growth during the warmer months. We hope you will share our enthusiasm for this significant move towards more sustainable water use practices.

To see some of the plants in bloom please visit gardens.ucr.edu/information/bloom.

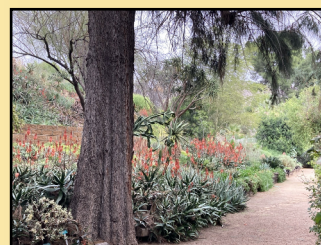
The best locations for flowers this time of year are in the Desert Garden, South Africa, Baja California, Salvia Knoll, Butterfly Garden and Rose Gardens (until rose pruning in January).



Antigonon leptopus, *Ruellia penninsularis*, & *Bauhinia divaricata* in Baja California



Mammillaria setispina & *Ferocactus latispinus* ssp. *latispinus* in the Cactus Garden



Many aloes in South Africa

Gardens Activities

By Nancy Cullen

Members' Twilight Tour



Jodie Holt (center) welcomes the Members

On Saturday, September 23, we offered our first Members Only Twilight Tour. Like our summer Twilight Tours, guests were divided into groups who were guided by docents on walks through the Gardens. Making this event even more special, we had five additional docents stationed around the Garden to provide a more in-depth commentary for groups as they visited each area. Following the extended tours, members convened in the conference room and patio where we held a reception of wine and appetizers, hosted by our generous CNAS Development team. Member attendees were enthusiastic about this tour format, so we plan to offer more such tours as well as additional members-only events.



Docent, Karen Fleisher (left) at the Native American Garden

VIP Breakfast and Fruit Orchard Tour

Most visitors are unaware of our decades-old Sub-tropical Fruit Orchard adjacent to the Gardens, which contains a unique collection of trees and shrubs with edible fruit. Over the past year this area has been a focus of clean-up, renovation, inventory, and irrigation repair. This 3-acre area had decades of debris, weeds, and decaying trees requiring hundreds of hours to remove, as well as beehives that had to be relocated safely away from areas frequented by people. With a dedicated crew of staff and volunteers, Miguel led the effort to bring the orchard back to its former glory.



Touring the fruit orchard

On September 30 we held a special catered breakfast in the conference room for our VIP members, hosted by our CNAS Development team. Afterwards Jodie gave an overview of the Orchard's origin and use, then Miguel detailed the renovation project. We then drove guests to the orchard where they were led on a tour by Janine and Catherine, her student assistant. The event wrapped up with a fruit tasting of some of the specimens that were ripe for the event.



Getting ready to taste the fruit and tour the orchard

Volunteers welcomed!

Please consider joining our volunteer team

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Volunteer Orientations are held 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9 am

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60th Anniversary Celebration Week

By Jodie Holt

This year marked the 60th Anniversary of the UCR Botanic Gardens, and to celebrate this milestone we planned a week's worth of activities that highlighted the Gardens, Docents, Friends membership, merchandise, and staff. The celebration was held in late September to coincide with the start of Fall Quarter and UCR's Welcome Week for new and returning students. We kicked off the week with a special members-only Twilight Tour followed by a reception in the meeting room and Alder Canyon lawn. On September 24, student move-in day, we held a special



Plants for the students

open day with free Gardens-grown house plants for UCR students, and were excited to see a line outside the gate even before we opened at 8:00 am! Monday we offered free tours of the Gardens led by our expert Docents, who give guided tours to thousands of school kids and adults throughout the year. On Tuesday we held a membership drive and offered free Gardens-grown plants to those who joined on site. Our wonderful cashier team from BEES joined us on



Pop-Up-Shop

Wednesday to hold a special Pop-Up-Shop where we sold more plants and branded merchandise to a steady stream of visitors. Thursday was Meet-the-Staff day, and we were delighted that Interim CNAS Dean Atkinson came to visit, meet the staff, and stay for a tour and discussion of our goals and needs. Finally, Friday brought out a crowd for

free Kona Ice treats, which were much appreciated on a sunny and warm afternoon. The week ended with a special VIP breakfast on Saturday morning, hosted by our CNAS Development team, after which we took our guests on a special tour of the Subtropical Fruit Orchard. We are grateful for all our staff, volunteers, BEES team, Development partners, and visitors, who helped celebrate this milestone anniversary of the beloved UCR Botanic Gardens.



Students in line to receive a free plant

Kona Ice



Merchandise for Sale at Pop-Up-Shops & Online

Tote, hat, water bottle, mug, coaster, t-shirts, kneeling pad, cleaning cloth, mouse pad, & journal





THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

This has been an eventful year in the Gardens, and we could not have continued to flourish without the incredible support of UCR, CNAS, Friends members, donors, and dedicated volunteers. This year your generosity has enabled us to support our staff and students, maintain and improve the Gardens, recover from a significant loss, and even complete major deferred maintenance on all our buildings. I hope you will take time to visit and see for yourself how each year brings significant improvements and additions to our collection, gardens, and grounds.

Now celebrating our 60th 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.

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!

I look forward to seeing you in the Gardens.

Jodie S. Holt, Ph.D.
Director UCR Botanic Gardens

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UCRBG Calendar of Events

A stylized illustration of an aloe vera plant with thick, pointed leaves in various shades of green, serving as a background for the event schedule.

Biweekly	Volunteer Orientation , Entrance, 9:00 am (2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays)
Jan 7	Rose Pruning Demo & Pop-Up- Shop , 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Feb TBA	Pop-Up-Shop
April 6	Online Spring Plant Sale - Members
April 7	Online Spring Plant Sale - Public

Please note: The UCRBG hours are Monday - Friday 8 am - 3:30 pm
and 1st and 3rd Sundays 8 am - 2 pm until further notice.
(Please check our website for closure dates)