

Letter to our Public:

The UCRBG is a university botanic garden, free and open to the public, with a mission to serve UCR and the public as a resource for teaching, research, and outreach. Plant Sales are an historic component of our outreach mission.

UCRBG plant sales have grown beyond our capacity to handle; each large sale requires 2-3 months of staff time; negatively impacts our collections, gardens, and facilities; and revenue raised barely covers staff time to hold the sale. Most importantly, these events take staff away from advancing our mission.

Continuing our program to become financially sustainable, we will host the Garden Market & Plant Sale in the fall, the best season to plant our beautiful perennials. This spring we will pilot a smaller in-place sale that is more logistically and financially manageable, and is a benefit for members of Friends of the UCR Botanic Gardens. Our Friends have provided strong support for nearly 40 years; this new smaller sale is but one way we can show our appreciation.

We hope you will consider becoming a Friend of the UCRBG and enjoying the new benefits we have recently rolled out, including this new in-place plant sale.

Best wishes,  
Jodie S. Holt  
Director, UCR Botanic Gardens