Garden Mission: To promote water conservation in the California Central Valley landscape through excellent gardens, exhibits and programs that educate and inspire the public.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check our website for details throughout the year @ www.clovisbotanicalgarden.org

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| Thursdays, September 8 to October 6 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM | TWILIGHT THURSDAY CONCERT SERIES  
Music and beverages |
| Saturday, September 10th @ 10:00 to 11:00 AM | GARDEN SEMINAR  
“Tree Pruning and Care” with John Pape  
$20 registration online or day of event |
| Saturday, October 8th @ 10:00 to 11:00 AM | GARDEN SEMINAR  
“Pumpkin Succulent Arrangements:” demonstration by Master Gardener, Roz Tampone  
$20 registration online or day of event |
| October 12 to November 9         | SCARECROW GARDEN  
$20 registration to display your scarecrow for one month |
| Friday, October 14th from Noon to 4:00 PM  
Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM | FALL PLANT SALE – Free Admission |
| Saturday, December 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM | WINTER HOLIDAY FUN – Free Admission |

NOTE: Due to high afternoon temperatures, the Gift Shoppe will be open from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM from Wednesday through Sunday during the months of July and August. Full-day operations will resume in September from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Welcome to Our New Members!

Uribe Family  
Pachelbel Family  
Wakiya Family  
Rajinder Dhaliwal

Volunteer Opportunities

Without dedicated volunteers giving freely of their time and talents, the Clovis Botanical Garden would not exist. We encourage and invite you to become a volunteer. **We are actively searching for volunteers interested in garden maintenance, assistance with special events, and a volunteer coordinator.** Those interested are encouraged to contact us soon!
TIPS FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEY GARDENER:
“Summer Flowers & Pollinators”

By Elinor Teague

Temperatures in June, July and August are so high that most plants go into a semi-dormant survival mode here in the Central Valley. Their growth slows, and flower production slows or even stops completely in summer. This is a tough situation for pollinators which depend on the pollen and nectar from flowers for food.

Many home gardeners try to keep their non-productive flowering plants in bloom during our summer heat by fertilizing the plants heavily, which is exactly the wrong thing to do. Because the plants are semi-dormant, applying high number fertilizers during summer to force flower production stresses the already heat-stressed plants. A light application once a month, at half or less the recommended amount of a lower number food such as a 4-6-5 formula, will provide enough nutrients to sustain a light crop of flowers. The summer flowers may have fewer and thinner petals, less-vibrant color and less fragrance, but they will still contain some pollen and nectar.

Deadhead any spent flowers regularly to prevent the flowers from ‘going to seed.’ Seed production signals the end of the flowering season for many plants.

Check out the UC Berkeley Urban Bee Lab website, www.helpabee.org, for lists of spring and summer bee-attracting flowers for California and photos, as well as descriptions of bees that might be visiting your bee-friendly garden.

Bees and other pollinators, including butterflies, get really thirsty searching far and wide for scarcer food sources in summer. Bees prefer to drink clean, trickling water. A fountain or a trickling pond are ideal water sources for bees in home gardens. A bird bath will work if it is kept clean with a daily rinse out. Bees will also drink from dripping hose bibs while you are hand watering your container plants. Butterflies flock to shallow puddles to drink in summer. You can create a shallow, inch-deep pebble-lined puddle to attract butterflies to your garden. The puddle may need to be refilled a couple of times a day when temperatures are high. Or check local nurseries, garden gift shops and garden centers for prefabricated butterfly bowls.

AMAZON SMILE

ATTENTION AMAZON USERS! Amazon will donate to the charity of your choice for each purchase at no cost to you! Just go to “Amazon Smile,” list Clovis Botanical Garden as your charity of choice, and shop on Amazon as you usually do. It could not be easier, so please sign-up today and shop throughout the new year!
The Clovis Botanical Garden was inspired by the vision and dream of the late Gordon A. Russell, who introduced the concept to the City Council in 1996. After many years of persistent promotion, the development of the botanical garden was approved by the city council in July 2001. The first tree, a valley oak, was planted in 2002. It was named the “Freedom Tree” to commemorate September 11, 2001, paying tribute to the heroes and victims of the day. Clovis Botanical Garden’s 20 Year Celebration was a full day of events beginning at the Freedom Tree with speeches by President, Anne Clemons, Fresno County Supervisor, Nathan Magsig, and Gordon’s daughter, Jennifer Russell.

In the past 20 years, the site of the Clovis Botanical Garden has been transformed from an unattractive 1-acre field to a beautiful garden for our community of almost 4 acres. The celebration paid tribute to the many supporters and volunteers who have designed, developed, and maintained the land to include the following areas: Mediterranean Garden, South African Garden, Chilean Garden, California Native Garden, Water-Wise Home Demonstration Garden, Edible Garden, an Irrigation Education Display, Event Pavilion, Sensory Garden and a Children’s Garden. Amazing accomplishments have occurred in the past 20 years. Gordon Russell would have been delighted to see his vision become a reality!
Beautiful photo displays enabled visitors to see the “before, during and after development “of each garden area.

Garden Seminar and tour by Elinor Teague: “Central Valley Friendly Landscaping”

Children’s Garden Ribbon Cutting with Perry and Ree Coy and Children’s Activities

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT:
Jeff Millard (SWIRL chimes), Peter Emerson (guitar) and Erin Rana (ukulele)
A Message from President, Anne Clemons

Progress on the new visitor center continues. The Clovis Planning Commission approved the project while recognizing issues concerning parking and trash. This prompted additional review by the Planning Department and CBG to resolve these issues. Next the Clovis city council needs to approve the project. Thanks to the Clovis Planning staff and Dwight Kroll for working together to find solutions to all concerns.

The CBG 20 Year Celebration was a tremendous success. Several ardent supporters traveled from other states to participate in the event, joining local supporters and city/county officials to enjoy a day of celebration. Activities throughout the day included a welcoming ceremony at the Freedom Tree, ribbon-cuttings, musical entertainment, a seminar with a tour and succulent planting for the children. It was a special time to honor hundreds of volunteers, members, and supporters whose efforts throughout the years have resulted in the beautiful garden we enjoy today. A huge thank you to Andrea Reed, Joanne Fiedler and Barbara Davidson for coordinating the events and all involved in planning and orchestrating CBG’s 20th anniversary celebration!

Interest in the Sensory Garden grew after the 20th anniversary celebration. Local FOX affiliate Channel 26 featured the garden in a story about autism. Elsabe Kruger, the inspiration and guiding light for the therapeutic sensory garden, returned from Kentucky to cut the ribbon for the official opening.

With the Children’s Garden completed it has become a magnet for children. Many linger in the entrance tunnel to admire the butterflies painted on the walls. The Little Free Library was an immediate hit. Thanks to donors for replenishing the children’s books!

Find a shady bench, sit, pause, and enjoy the garden’s sights and sounds. Thanks to all volunteers and visitors who make the Clovis Botanical Garden a success.

Enjoy your Summer!

Please Donate Today!

We hope to break ground for the new Visitor Center this year, but need to raise an additional $200,000 to reach our goal of $1.5 Million to begin construction. This will be the last big project for Clovis Botanical Garden, and we are excited to make it happen! Your support will be greatly appreciated!
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