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The Entry Gardens, W. Gary Smith

# BOTANICAL GARDEN AT MUSEUM HILL UPDATE

Several years of effort are evident in the latest, most fabulous design drawings for the new botanical garden, beginning with the Entry Gardens.

## The Entry Gardens

The Entry Gardens will feature an entry walk and welcome patio that continues along a path to a meadow garden, to a fruit tree orchard with water-wise perennial border and shrub rose and lavender walk, and finally to a xeric garden. Benches and seat walls along the path will provide welcome places to sit and enjoy the gardens. This relatively small area will provide just a taste of what's to come in the remainder of the botanical garden including the Courtyard Gardens, the Naturalistic Gardens and the Arroyo Trails.

Our landscape architect W. Gary Smith articulates his vision with tantalizing details. The orchard will be enclosed with a dry-laid stone wall that will look as if it's been in place for many years. Stone paving will allow for tough little survivor plants to

come up in the cracks. Meadow grasses and wildflowers will carpet the ground beneath the fruit trees creating a romantic look. The vision in our minds makes us extremely excited.

Plants have been selected for each unique area within the entry gardens. Illustrated plant lists are available on the website. To see garden design drawings, please visit [www.santafebotanicalgarden.org](http://www.santafebotanicalgarden.org), the Museum Hill Garden page.

Ground breaking for the Entry Gardens is planned for summer 2010 with a grand opening, when planting is complete, in mid 2011.

## City Bike Trail

Meanwhile, the City of Santa Fe is completing the layout of the Museum Trail section of the public bike path beginning at the Old Pecos Trail and continuing to Camino Corrales. The trail will serve both cyclists and botanical garden visitors. When a preliminary layout is complete, the City of

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Bartlett pear (*Pyrus communis*)

Santa Fe and the BTAK committee will share the plan with the public and ask for feedback before finalizing the design.

## Visit the Site

Please call the office to sign up for the walking tour of the garden site on Wednesday, April 7th at 2:00 pm.

## How You Can Help

If you would like to learn more about how you can join others in playing a significant role in supporting the Museum Hill project, please contact Linda Milbourn 505-471-9103. ■

## Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve

Open Saturdays 9am to noon and Sundays 1 to 4 pm  
Guided Tours offered every Saturday at 10 am

PHOTOS: JANICE TUCKER



**Nancy Daniel, smelling the roses in a Santa Fe garden, will lead a Spring Nature Walk at the Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve on May 1st**

**The Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve (LCWP)** will re-open for the 2010 season on Saturday, May 1st, with a Spring Nature Walk led by Nancy Daniel. The walk begins at 10am and is free and open to the public. Nancy is a knowledgeable and engaging naturalist who has logged hundreds of volunteer hours educating visitors at the wetland. From plant description to species identification, Nancy leaves no rock unturned. Plan to visit LCWP this summer to learn for yourself. Nancy will lead various walks throughout the summer and fall on the first Saturday of each month. Visit our website for details.

## Great Backyard Bird Count

**On a cold and sunny blue sky Saturday morning** in February, SFBG opened the wetland for the Great Backyard Bird Count. Twenty hardy birders of all levels of bird watching experience came out to count and identify birds. The Bird Count was part of a national event co-sponsored by the National Audubon Society and The Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Each year, tens of thousands of people throughout the US and Canada take part helping scientists understand more about how the distribution and abundance of birds are changing through time. Our team of adventurers counted nearly 30 different species of birds after which they were rewarded with hot cocoa and homemade cookies.

## Docent Training

**LCWP is staffed** entirely by volunteer docents. Walking with a docent through the preserve is like taking a personal tour of a small ecosystem. Each docent specializes in some aspect of the preserve — birds, geology, pond life, plants. These outdoor enthusiasts work weekends throughout the season sharing their stories with visitors. Anyone can be a docent. Docent Training begins in May. Call the office for details. ■

## A Weed Management Plan for LCWP

**Thanks to funding** from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, we will prepare a weed management plan for the LCWP. The final report will be available to the public at no cost.

The invasive weed *Acroptilon repens*, or Russian Knapweed, has been an ongoing problem at the Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve. This invasive weed reproduces from buds on a creeping perennial root system. The plant has been spreading at an alarming rate, requiring a swift intervention.

In the fall large patches of Russian Knapweed were treated with a dose of the herbicide Milestone, approved for use in wetlands. Timing is very important to the success of the application. The fall spraying was done after the first frost of the season, but before a hard frost. A second application will be made when new buds appear this spring. Again, timing is everything.

The Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve has been managed by the Santa Fe Botanical Garden since 1993. Throughout the years we have attempted to use a judicious hand when introducing or reduc-



**Nancy Daniel points out plant characteristics**

ing plant species. However, invasive, non-native plants pose a serious threat to the ecological balance and diversity of this splendid New Mexico wetland.

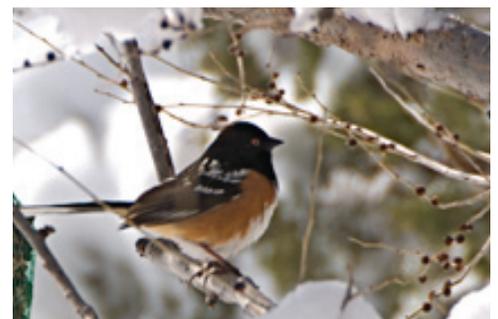
A grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service funded the removal of a large number of Russian olive trees that were encroaching on the perennial creek and pond areas. Some of the grant funds were utilized for the Russian Knapweed project. The remaining funds will be used to complete a weed management plan that will identify the most troublesome species, and offer best management practices for their control.

When complete, the weed management plan will be posted on the SFBG website as a reference to everyone exploring options for controlling noxious and invasive plants.

## Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve

Open for docent led activities only May through September

**The Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve (OMEP)** will open for the season in May. We open the preserve for docent led activities only. This rugged preserve is a spectacular natural area with ponderosa and piñon trees and everything from brown bears and coyotes to horned toads and lions, and over 80 species of birds. The hike up to Placer Peak, offered twice during the season, is an exhilarating trek and well worth the walk to the top. Birding, hiking, geology, bat, plant and history tours will be offered throughout the season. OMEP is located south of Santa Fe along the Turquoise Trail. Visit our website for details. Reservations are suggested for all OMEP activities. ■



**Spotted Towhee**

# 2010 GARDEN TOURS Don't Miss Them!

June 6th and June 13th, 1 – 4pm

From intimate enclosures to grand vistas, from contemporary landscapes to traditional designs—once again this year's June garden tours offer a range of beautiful and inspirational Santa Fe gardens. The June 6th tour will feature a number of cottage gardens—south-western style!—in a little-known, secluded neighborhood near the Railyard. The range of variations on the theme will amaze you. Park your car and get to know this charming neighborhood up close as you stroll from garden to garden. Tour goers will also visit two larger gardens just north of town where plants, sculptures and garden artifacts take on additional interest against stunning backdrops of mountains and forests.

On June 13th the tour returns to the historic area bordering the Acequia Madre. Park at the Acequia Madre School and visit three charming gardens just a short walk away. If you're game for a bit of adventure, you can continue on foot via Abeyta Street (a typical "old Santa Fe" lane that twists and turns, gently climbing, from one charming surprise to the next) to a magnificent garden combining both European and Asian motifs on Camino Rancheros. It's a short drive for those who prefer to save their energy and there is plenty of street parking nearby. Maybe you'd

like a short hike with no rise in elevation. In that case, you can walk from the elementary school, via Arroyo Tenorio, to a recently restored garden on Miller St., where purple clematis adds pizzazz to the ivy-covered wall. Of course, you can also drive, with parking nearby.

**Last year's pre-tour luncheon at the Inn of the Turquoise Bear sold out early, so this year we are expanding our capacity. Our gourmet picnic will take place on June 6th, beginning at 11:30, at the beautiful estate of Mrs. William Egolf. Ticket holders for the picnic will dine on the estate's expansive grounds beneath mature aspen and evergreen trees. They will visit the rose garden, the poolside gardens, and tour Mrs. Egolf's garden room with its exotic birds and tropical plants. Don't fail to reserve early for this special treat.**

Once again, throughout the month of April, we will offer our Early Bird Special for the tours, with discounts for those who purchase tickets before May 1. For details and to download a ticket-request form, please visit our website at [www.santafebotanicalgarden.org](http://www.santafebotanicalgarden.org) or call the office at 505-471-9103 to order by phone. ■

—By ROSEMARY MINARD, SFBG BOARD MEMBER AND  
LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEE

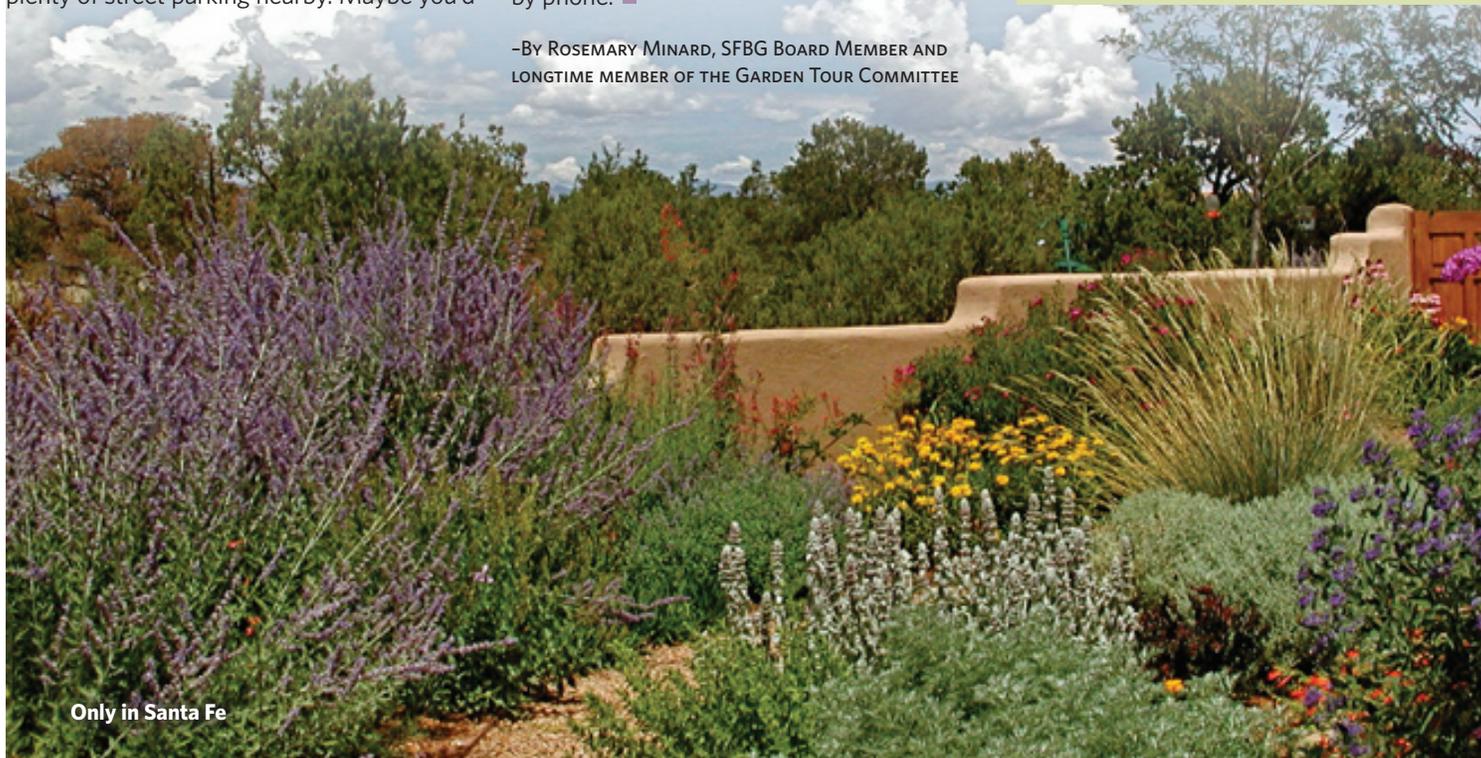
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Santa Fe Garden Bench

## Buy Early and Save

Throughout the month of April, we will offer our Early Bird Special for the tours, with discounts for those who purchase tickets before May 1. Call us for details.



Only in Santa Fe



## MARK WOOD: A REMEMBRANCE

I met Mark Wood in 1991, right after I moved to Santa Fe and became, totally unexpectedly, a member of the Board of the Santa Fe Botanical Garden. Mark was already there and we established an instant rapport that lasted until his untimely death. He had always been devoted to the improvement and extension of life, first through the medium of horticulture, latterly by learning to teach people how to take care of themselves. I had always insisted, when he was contemplating his change of profession,

on how much I owe to modern medicine, including a triple bypass, as a result of which I am now on my fourth life. Yet modern medicine apparently couldn't save him, as it has me. Oh, Mark: I wish I could tell you how I grieve about that. What irony!

But I have wonderful memories of our Garden experiences. We went to an American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta meeting in St. Louis together and met Peter Raven ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter\\_H.\\_Raven](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_H._Raven)). We planted cottonwood poles at the Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve—and I now look at the already large trees into which they have grown as a perpetual memorial to him. He and I were the first people from the Garden to inspect the Museum Hill site after the City told Rosemary Minard and me that it might be available to us—and we both immediately saw its potential. So Mark is eternally associated with both LCWP and the Museum Hill site—but he and I have one more cooperative effort for me to recall in his honor, which we share with many, many others: the saving of the Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve. The two of us really pushed hard for the Garden to acquire the site of the gold mine—I was Garden president, he a former president at the time—and when, finally, the transfer of ownership took place, Amy du Charme, the representative of the mining company with whom we had dealt most closely throughout the negotiating process, who, by the time the signing took place had long been transferred away from Santa Fe, came back specifically to thank Mark for his negotiating efforts. I can't believe he is gone.

May he rest in peace—although, if I were he, up there, wherever he is, I'd be totally FURIOUS at having been cut off in my prime. ■

—BY MICHAEL PULMAN

## IN MEMORIAM

### Mark Wood died on January 23rd.

Plans are being made to create a special memorial to Mark in the new Botanical Garden at Museum Hill. If you would like details please call Linda Milbourn at 505-471-9103.

### Donations have been made in his memory by these friends:

- Patti Bearpaw
- Annie & Phillip Bennett
- Sheldon Culver
- Lucy & John Draper
- Diane Forsdale
- Rosemary Minard
- Lynette Schuebach
- Janice Tucker

## ON LANGUAGE

### Interesting facts about a highlighted word

**Wetland:** Wetland covers a constellation of names and traits, but all generally refer to an ecosystem, land covered by shallow water and dependent on constant or recurrent inundation. A short string of wetland forms: swamp, ciénega, marsh, fen, tulare, pocosin, vernal pool, sponge bog, quaking bog. A wetland may be freshwater, saltwater, or brackish. Found over the full swath of the continent, from Alaska's muskies to the South's cypress swamps, with the inland marshes of the Great Basin in between. Found along lakes and rivers, or in isolation, a pothole on a prairie, restless with skeins of bird. In *A Sand County Almanac*, Aldo Leopold frames an image of wetland diversity: "Out on the bog a crane, gulping some luckless frog, springs his ungainly bulk into the air and flails the morning sun with mighty wings." ■



Bullfrog in the reeds at Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve

—BY ELLEN MELOY

# Santa Fe Botanical Garden

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# MEMBERSHIP

## Roll Call

Welcome new members of the Santa Fe Botanical Garden, from December 5th, 2009 through February 28, 2010.

- Edward Adlworth
- Barbara Lenssen & Keith Anderson
- Patricia West Barker
- Patrick Carr
- Paul Chitwood
- Camille Coates
- Coates Tree Service
- Deborah Farson
- Patricia Feather
- Mary & Jim Finney
- Moira Gehring
- Sara Haber
- Janet Hiron
- Dora Horn
- Dee Nelson
- Nancy Smith
- Phyllis Smith

## Become a New Member or Renew Your Membership Online

Click on the Membership link on the Homepage at [www.santafebotanicalgarden.org](http://www.santafebotanicalgarden.org)

## Become a Santa Fe Botanical Garden Business Partner

For many years the SFBG has been gratified by the support of the business community, especially the nurseries, garden designers and landscape contractors, through their continued membership and sponsorship of events. To simplify benefits to our business members and to encourage greater collaboration with the community, we are launching our new Business Partner Program.

### The Importance of our Business Partners

As a Business Partner of the Santa Fe Botanical Garden, your company will be aligned with our members and visitors who share interests in conservation, the environment and sustainability, horticulture and gardening. Your investment in an annual membership will leverage your marketing initiatives and increase customer loyalty. And last but not least, your membership will directly support the educational programs and the community service activities of the Santa Fe Botanical Garden.

#### All Business Partners will receive:

- Free admission to the SFBG Preserves
- Library privileges at the SFBG library
- Listing in the Santa Fe Botanical Garden quarterly newsletter and our monthly activity and event calendar, and on our website
- Discounts to many interesting and enlightening SFBG programs for you or your employees
- Free admission to over 200 botanical gardens across the country
- Volunteer opportunities for you and your employees

#### Other attractive benefits, depending on the membership level, include:

- free sponsorship of a garden at the annual Garden Tour event
- one free household gift membership and free sponsorship of a newspaper advertisement
- free title sponsorship of a SFBG signature event

For more information about our Business Partners Program, please look at our website or call Fran Cole in the SFBG office. Please join today! ■



## THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

A gift membership is a great way to support SFBG and introduce others to the Garden we all love. A membership to SFBG is the perfect gift for the garden lovers on your list.

Visit our website at [www.santafebotanicalgarden.org](http://www.santafebotanicalgarden.org) to see all of the benefits of a Santa Fe Botanical Garden Membership.

Giving a gift membership is easy—call us at **505-471-9103** or email [info@santafebotanicalgarden.org](mailto:info@santafebotanicalgarden.org)

## FEATURED BUSINESS PARTNER

**David Howard,**  
*Chamisa Landscaping*

David Howard has been a member of SFBG since 2003.



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# BREAKING NEW GROUND – WINTER LECTURE

## Orchardist Gordon Tooley on Fruit Tree and Orchard Scouting in the Southwest

Thursday, March 11th, 6:00 pm

Collected Works Bookstore, 202 Galisteo St. on the corner of Water St.

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**Gordon Tooley** is passionate about saving heirloom fruit trees introduced from fields afar and long ago, when New Mexico settlers brought with them plants from home. Gordon will talk about his personal mission of traveling the state, especially the Four Corners region, searching for homesteads, abandoned orchards and forgotten trees. He is interested in the history told through these trees. With his expertise in grafting, Gordon has propagated many trees, saving them from extinction.

The intricate magnificence of trees is what delights the expert eye of Gordon Tooley. Gordon lives and works at Tooley's Tree Farm, a retail and wholesale organic nursery located in Truchas, NM. His nursery is spectacularly sited at 8,000 feet on the high-road between Santa Fe and Taos. Gordon and his wife, Margaret Yancey, raise trees that are drought tolerant and adapted to high Ph. Tooley's specializes in species of trees and shrubs and old heirloom fruit varieties that thrive in difficult sites and conditions. The lecture is free and open to the public.

For more information call SFBG at 471-9103 or email [info@santafebotanicalgarden.org](mailto:info@santafebotanicalgarden.org). ■



Jan and Paul Barbo's apple  
orchard in La Mesilla, NM



## One Gardener's Junque is Another Gardener's Treasure

**SFBG is planning** the Fall Fair & Plant Sale and welcomes your contributions to the Garden Artifacts Shop. We will be happy to receive donations of furniture, pots, tools, books, treasures and lovely collectibles with the caveat that what you give us is in good, clean, working condition. Who said that cleaning house wasn't fun? Many thanks. ■

**“To lay paths, first place goals at natural points of interest. Then connect the goals to one another to form the paths...their paving should swell around the goal.”**

—CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER  
*The Pattern Language*

## Community Funds from County Commissioners

**It has been announced** that the Santa Fe Botanical Garden will receive \$500 from the County's Community Funds controlled by the County Commissioners. The grant will be used to pay for school buses to bring students to the Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve for a fall field trip.

The Santa Fe Botanical Garden has offered a hands-on wetland science program to 3rd grade students since 2003. Budget cuts for school buses have made transportation more difficult for Santa Fe Public Schools. We are very pleased that the program will continue this fall as planned. Thanks to Commissioner Liz Stefanics for her generous response to our request. ■

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

For more information call SFBG for details or visit [www.santafebotanicalgarden.org](http://www.santafebotanicalgarden.org)

**Thursday, March 11th**  
**6:00–7:00 pm**

***Gordon Tooley of Tooley's Trees speaks about Fruit Tree and Orchard Scouting in the Southwest***

Collected Works Bookstore  
202 Galisteo St., Santa Fe, NM 505-988-4226

**Thursday, April 1st**

***"Early Bird" Annual Garden Tour tickets go on sale.***  
Tickets available through SFBG office

**Wednesday, April 7th**  
**2:00 pm**

***Walking Tour of the Museum Hill garden site with Michael Pulman***

Meet at the Museum Hill overflow parking lot

**Saturday, April 10th**

***Meet Anne Hillerman and Don Strel Author and photographer of their new book Gardens of Santa Fe***

Presentation and booksigning in Barbara Duno's Garden  
Reservations required

**Wednesday, April 14th**  
**10:00 am–noon**

***Visit High Country Gardens' greenhouses in Bernalillo, with special tour by David Salman***

Reservations required

**Saturday, April 24th**  
**10 am–4:00 pm**

***Santa Fe Master Gardeners Annual Garden Fair***  
County Extension Buildings  
3229 Rodeo Rd., Santa Fe, NM

**Saturday, May 1st**  
**10:00 am**

***Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve – Opening Day***  
Spring Nature Walk with Nancy Daniel  
Visit [www.santafebotanicalgarden.org](http://www.santafebotanicalgarden.org) for directions

**Saturday, May 1st**

***Annual Garden Tour tickets available***  
through the Lentic Theater Box Office 988-1234

**Saturday, May 22nd**  
**8:30 am**

***Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve Bird walk with Lawry Sager***

Visit [www.santafebotanicalgarden.org](http://www.santafebotanicalgarden.org) for directions  
Reservations suggested

**Saturday, June 5th**  
**10:00 am**

***Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve Plant Walk with Nancy Daniel***

Visit [www.santafebotanicalgarden.org](http://www.santafebotanicalgarden.org) for directions

**Sunday June 6th and Sunday June 13th**

***Annual Garden Tours 1:00 pm to 4:00 each day Gourmet Picnic Lunch on Sunday June 6th, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm***

Tickets available through the Lentic Theater Box Office, or at the door on sale days.  
Lunch reservations are limited. Call 988-1234 to reserve your lunch today!

**Saturday, July 3rd**  
**10:00 am**

***Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve Plant Walk with Nancy Daniel***

Visit [www.santafebotanicalgarden.org](http://www.santafebotanicalgarden.org) for directions

**Saturday, July 17th**  
**9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

***Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve Watercolor Class with Jan Denton***

Reservations required

**Saturday, August 14th**

***Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve Creative Writing Workshop with Lauren Camp***

In collaboration with The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum  
Details to be announced  
Reservations required