

**Santa Fe**  
BOTANICAL GARDEN



*Celebrating  
25 Years*



KAY BURKETTE

# A Mission of Education

The Santa Fe Botanical Garden is fortunate to be part of an environmentally keen community that is interested in programs focused on horticultural science, conservation and ethnobotany. At the same time, our community is challenged by science proficiency levels in our schools that rank far below the national average.

Following the example of botanical gardens across the nation, the Santa Fe Botanical Garden has offered structured classes and activities for children and learners of all ages since its inception in 1987. With a mission of education, community service and sustainable land management, we offer a full calendar of school field trips, lectures, and classes on everything from the basics of gardening in Santa Fe to the proper techniques for pruning young fruit trees.

From the best practices for amending the soil and mulching the garden to the notion that a native grass and wildflower meadow might be a more environmentally friendly and beautiful alternative to a bluegrass lawn. We have enjoyed program collaborations with the Santa Fe Master Gardener Association and the Santa Fe Chapter

of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico – one year dedicating the entire season to a series called Native Plant Summer. It was great fun.

On several occasions we offered a cooking class relying on ingredients harvested from our own New Mexico native plants, featuring guest chefs including Nancy Daniel and Bob Pennington. We've shared the research necessary to restore historic gardens using archival material; and taught the medicinal uses of commonly grown plants for every imaginable ailment.

We have chased butterflies with lepidopterist Steve Cary and insects with the Bug Lady, entomologist Linda Wiener. It is a privilege to plan such informative programs and fun activities for our community.

### FOR OUR KIDS

We are proud of our Wetland Science program designed for third grade students;



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initiated as a pilot program in 2005 and subsequently expanded to serve many Santa Fe County schools. This program has served over 2,000 children, providing them with inquiry-based science learning opportunities in the wetland ecosystem at our Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve. The program gears outside lesson plans to classroom curriculum. We have served the students and their teachers at Pinon Elementary, Turquoise Trail Charter, Carlos Gilbert Elementary, Wood Gormley Elementary, Ramirez-Thomas Elementary, Little Earth Elementary, Santa Fe School for the Arts and Sciences, Nava Elementary, Larragoite Elementary, Alvord

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2012 marks our 25th year of providing programming for the community of Santa Fe in the world of environmental education. This year we will expand our children's programming through middle school, thanks in large part to the generous support from local institutions. This math and science based curriculum will bring nature to the classroom, followed by field trip experiences on our properties.

In addition to our children's programming, we offer plant sales, garden tours, winter lecture series, and free seminars for new members on growing appropriate plants and conserving water in the Southwest.

As we continue efforts at our two Preserves, the Ortiz Mountains and the Leonora Curtin Wetlands, we also begin construction on our first in-town site, the Santa Fe Botanical Garden at Museum Hill. Our expansion will lead to increased operating costs, part of which will be offset by special events revenue and expanded membership support. We have created a Legacy Society to build an Endowment Fund for additional income, and we are pleased to report that generous Legacy donors have already pledged \$3.5 million in estate gifts.

Individual and Business memberships are available at all levels with many wonderful benefits. Our Capital Campaign for our Botanical Garden at Museum Hill has exciting naming opportunities, and gifts of all levels are most appreciated – and we need your help. Our Preserves and future site serve the needs of all our people through environmental education, boost our economic development through additional tourists and new jobs, and they will all become more beautiful and engaging as time goes by.

Please join us as we celebrate 25 years.

Cathy Kalenian Board President  
Linda Milbourn Executive Director

*Our Mission: The Santa Fe Botanical Garden celebrates, cultivates and conserves the rich botanical heritage and biodiversity of our region. In partnership with nature, we demonstrate our commitment through education, community service and the sustainable management of our nature preserves and future public garden. Since 1987, the Santa Fe Botanical Garden has introduced thousands of children and adults to our natural world and the cultivated landscape of unique Northern New Mexico ecosystems.*



CHRIS CLARK

# Planting our Future

SFBG's first in-town location at Museum Hill is taking shape, and 2012 promises to be a momentous year for the Santa Fe Botanical Garden. Located on a combination of city and state leased land on Museum Hill, the Botanical Garden will teach the lessons of nature through native and naturalized plants, ethnobotanical plants and water conservation techniques.

Already in 2011 the bike trail along the Arroyo de Los Pinos was installed, running from Old Pecos Trail to Camino Corrales. The continuation of this path along the arroyo itself is in

its natural state, creating an integral part of the Garden's educational mission, demonstrating effective storm water management strategies and encouraging a return to healthy biodiversity.

Connecting the future cultivated gardens on either side of the arroyo, a historic 1913 bridge has been relocated from ranchland outside Las Vegas, New Mexico, and now spans the arroyo in the heart of the garden. Part of the orphaned bridge program, this iconic Warren pony truss design structure was abandoned on property owned by the Bibb family when the road was reconstructed in that area. The 16' wide x 62' long bridge will now service pedestrians, connecting the Orchard and Courtyard Gardens to the Naturalistic Gardens at Museum Hill.

Construction will begin this spring on the first phase, the **Orchard**

### NATURALISTIC GARDENS



**Gardens.** While the primary element is a fruit tree orchard featuring an array of fruit trees with an extensive perennial border along a massive stone wall, there will also be a dry garden, meadow garden, pinon forest, shrub rose and lavender collection. A series of ramadas with contemporary style arbors will support canopies of flowering vines. This first phase will stretch from the primary entrance of the Botanical Garden to the pedestrian bridge spanning the arroyo.

It is expected that the first phase will be completed by June 2013 for a grand opening in early summer.

**The Naturalistic Gardens,** phase two, will be inspired by the natural landscapes of Northern New Mexico. Primary features will include an ethnobotanical walk of plants used for food, medicine and other daily uses throughout Puebloan history, an outdoor classroom, a xeric lawn, and numerous terraced native gardens

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ORCHARD GARDENS

# Planting Our Future

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and overlook points to enjoy the Jemez and Sangre de Cristo mountain ranges. Sculptor Tom Joyce, a New Mexico native and MacArthur Fellow, has conceived an exciting installation for the Naturalistic Gardens that takes its inspiration from the Fibonacci series and the Golden Ratio to connect the beauty around us and the underlying rules of nature.

## The Courtyard Gardens

will be composed of a sequence of spaces, each celebrating a different aspect of Santa Fe's heritage including Native American, Hispanic and historic Santa Fe traditions. The Tapestry Courtyard, inspired by mid-century modern design, will host a collection of succulents and other sculptural plants in a grid-like format representative of a textile.

The Heirloom Ramada, with its old fashioned climbing roses and other plants adapted to our region, will provide a calm resting place.

The Fiesta Court, the largest courtyard in the Garden, will be a very special outdoor space for activities including Shakespeare, chamber music, jazz, opera apprentices, weddings, special events and classes. Designed to hold up to 90 people, this outdoor venue faces onto the Jewel Box, a small arched courtyard to be created in collaboration with famed local artist Ramon Jose Lopez. The Jewel Box may be used by musicians or for wedding vows, as guests seated in the Fiesta Court look on.

Each of the individual cultivated gardens will host its own welcome ramada where groups and tours will gather before departing for their activity.



## COURTYARD GARDENS

SFBG's project manager is Peter Brill of PBI Inc. and he is also president of Sarcon Construction Corporation of Santa Fe. Past and current projects include working as owner's representative for the \$30 million New Mexico State History Museum, construction manager of the \$5 million Stieren Rehearsal Hall at the Santa Fe Opera, and owner's representative of the \$18.2 million construction project at St. John's College.

Our \$7.5 million project is expected to take five years when complete, and nationally based, independent botanical garden projections based on population indicate it will bring an average of 40,000 tourists per year to Santa Fe. Of the \$7.5 million total budget, \$1.5 million is designated for garden preservation fund and program development fund. \$2 million has been raised to date or just over 25% of the total goal. Funds are still needed to complete the Orchard Gardens in 2013.

The location on Museum Hill is not by accident. Our Botanical Garden will host a "living collection" alongside the other museum collections located on the Hill. Botanical Gardens are sites for science and botany, and must be catalogued in identical format to those in museums. We, too, are the managers of a collection identified in the Museum and Library Services world.

All major cities celebrate and embrace Botanical Gardens – and our 400 year old city will soon have one as well. People gravitate to Santa Fe for many reasons, but particularly for its natural beauty, landscape and environment. The Botanical Garden will provide an outdoor classroom for Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico residents and tourists alike.

## OUR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

With more than twenty-five years experience in public garden design and master planning, W.

Gary Smith has distinguished himself as a landscape architect who celebrates plants and the connection they offer between people and landscape. Gary Smith's first book was published in 2010, *From Art to Landscape: Unleashing Creativity in Garden Design*.



Working almost exclusively in public botanic gardens and arboreta, he is sought after nationally for his unique approach combining art, horticulture and architectural features to explore the intersection between ecological design and artistic abstraction.

Gary Smith has a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He has been a faculty member of the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Texas, and the University of Delaware. Some of his projects are located at Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center; Naples Botanical Garden; Bryant Park, NYC; Brooklyn Botanic Garden; Longwood Gardens, PA; Birmingham Botanical Gardens; and John A. Sibley Horticultural Center, GA.

Gary is working in Santa Fe with Beverley Spears, FAIA, architect and landscape architect, as our local architect of record. Spears Architects was established in 1981 as a design firm focusing on commercial/ institutional facilities, residential design, urban design, landscape architecture, and historic preservation.

# A Mission of Education

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Elementary, Agua Fria Elementary, Rio Grande School, Sweeney Elementary, Eldorado Community School, Gonzales Elementary, Waldorf School, Fellowship of the King Home School and the Willow School.

## COMING THIS FALL

Building on our experience with third grade, the Santa Fe Botanical Garden is now expanding its school programs to more grades, starting with middle school. Through generous funding from the William H. and Mattie Wattis Harris Foundation, the Wells Fargo Foundation, the Santa Fe Concours and the Hestia Fund, we are currently developing New Mexico Benchmarks for Science based lesson plans and suggested activities for students in grades six through eight. The launch of the middle school program is planned for October, 2012.

Driven by the desire to reach many more children and youth, our new materials will be available in a downloadable format for teachers. We will provide each teacher with a pre-visit video that will be shown in the classroom prior to the field trip, introducing students to the characteristics of the wetland ecology with an explanation of the experiences they will have when visiting the preserve.

Scientific principles are often best taught in nature. Programs will include activities that teach the scientific

method of thinking, of data collection, graph making and metric measurement. Students will learn about cells and cell function, respiration and photosynthesis, and plant reproductive biology. They will practice using math expressions to represent data and observations collected in scientific investigations.

When studying ecology in the classroom, students will reinforce their knowledge of biomes, ecosystems and the interaction within them, as well as the conditions and resources needed to sustain them. They will learn about plant classification and taxonomy, as well as binomial nomenclature.

## THE LESSONS OF NATURE

For years we have quietly taught the lessons of nature through educational programming for students of all ages. Our docents have witnessed the sight of children with eyes wide open, learning about wetlands and water conservation, frogs, trees, birds, snakes and plants. For many it is their first guided experience in nature. We know that children need education outside the classroom through such hands-on experiences to keep them engaged in learning. It is often these events which cause them to become motivated and stay in school. Our mission is to educate, inspire and enrich the lives of those we reach.

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Suzanne Ortega Cisneros, Senior Vice President – Investment Officer, and Bruce Galpert, Senior Vice President – Investment Officer, working together since 1996, have a long history in Santa Fe and the community. Suzanne began her financial services career in



From left to right: Suzanne Ortega Cisneros, Bruce Galpert, Angelica Martinez

to maintain our business. There is no limit to the types of investments available to us from equities, bonds, managed futures, commodities, REITs, ETFs, Market Linked CD's. Our range is global.<sup>1</sup> Suzanne Ortega Cisneros, a native of Santa Fe, is committed to serving her community and is currently Vice Chairman of the Board for the Santa Fe Community Foundation and is active with many other non-profit organizations in Santa Fe. Her husband, Fred Cisneros, owns an advertising and design firm in Santa Fe, and they have three amazing children, Ferbie, Jade and Amanda. Bruce Galpert has lived in Santa Fe since 1989, having moved with his family from Dallas in order to work initially for the investment firm of Smith Barney. His son Matthew, 29, is now a Financial Advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC in Houston and his son Evan, 22, is a manager with Santa Fe Brewing Company. Bruce intertwines his business and personal life, often spending time with clients on the tennis court, golf course, playing a game of chess, or just enjoying a nice glass of wine with them.

The Santa Fe Botanical Garden is proud to have Bruce Galpert and Suzanne Ortega Cisneros of Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC, as our Community Leaders of the Business Partners. Contact info: Bruce Galpert, 505-946-5925 and Suzanne Ortega Cisneros, 505-946-5901. GOGroup@WFAAdvisors.com

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# Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve – Nature on Display

BY STACI MATLOCK

*The New Mexican*

South of Santa Fe and tucked just west of busy Interstate 25, the Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve is a little oasis teeming with summer life. Giant big-leaf cottonwoods and a few large Russian olives shade the trail. The roar of traffic heading to Albuquerque softens during a stroll down the Preserve's main trail and is replaced by the rustling of wind through cattails and leaves. Purple marsh asters and three kinds of cheery yellow sunflowers are among the myriad flower species at the Preserve that bloom in spring, summer or fall.

"I love showing people this place," said Janice Tucker, a docent who gives regular Saturday morning tours of the Preserve. The first time she went to the Preserve in 2003, she was amazed at the diversity of plant life. The small Preserve has three distinct plant zones – riparian wetland, transitional and dry uplands. The Santa Fe Botanical Garden manages the 35-acre Preserve. Volunteers catalog plant species, document wildlife and battle nasty invasive weeds like Russian knapweed. Trained docents like Tucker conduct tours for the public and for hundreds of public school students a year.

"This is our signature plant, the yerba mansa," said Tucker, pointing out a cluster of long-leaved plants, which sprout white flowers and later turn red. "The leaves are cool to the touch no matter what time of day."

The Preserve is named for Leonora S.M. Curtin, a woman whose fascination with plants and their uses in the early 20th century led her to become one of the state's early ethnobotanists. *Healing Herbs of the Upper Rio Grande* was her signature 1947 published work that chronicled her research of the plants Pueblo people and Spanish settlers used for medicine and food.

The Preserve features a wood kiosk with benches where people can sit and listen to talks by local botanists or read informational brochures and look at photos of plants they'll encounter as they meander down the trail. A donation box near the kiosk was taken over a couple of years ago by a Bewick's wren. "She's had three broods there so far," Tucker said. "We named her Dona." Volunteers set up a new donation box elsewhere.

Wood benches made of non-native Russian olive trees cut down by volunteers are scattered along the main trail to a man-made pond. The trail is designed to accommodate wheelchairs. Boy Scouts built a bird blind at one spot where visitors can watch for coots, ducks, red-wing blackbirds and an occasional blue heron migrating through.

A nearby cottonwood has hosted a family of Cooper's hawks documented by photographer Beverly Kune on the Botanical Garden's web site. "They had four babies this year that survived," Tucker said. "They're magnificent birds."

Tucker stopped along the trail to break off a pencil-thin horsetail stem, a species that's survived since the Paleozoic era 360 million years ago and became dinosaur fare during the Jurassic Period, she said. The Preserve boasts two horsetail species. The reedlike plant contains silica and was used to scrub pewter pots and wood utensils during colonial days. "They are fascinating plants," she said.

Near the pond, cattails as tall as professional basketball players crowd the wetlands. "One little boy said they don't look like cattails at all. He said they look like hot dogs," Tucker said.



## LEONORA CURTIN WETLAND PRESERVE

**Life at the Preserve: Plants, birds, habitat, pond life, geology presentations & nature walks**  
9 am–Noon on the following Saturdays:  
May 5, May 26, June 9, July 7, August 11

**Butterflies – Monarch Migration**  
Saturday, September 22, 9 am–Noon

At the pond, fed by seeping underground springs, Tucker sat down on the wood dock close to the water's edge. This spot is a favorite of visitors, almost incongruous with the dry hills visible in the Preserve's upland zone. Tucker is looking for what she thought was a salamander, and later learned was a juvenile bull frog. A gaggle of young ducks appeared, frolicking in the still cool morning air and racing each other across the water top. Two dragonflies, still attached after a bit of lovemaking, alighted nearby. "I feel a little like a peeping tom," said Tucker, her blue eyes twinkling as she lost no time taking pictures of the little act of nature.

Some wildlife seem eager to help the docents teach young humans about the outdoors. One red-wing black bird has taken to appearing whenever a group of young children arrive to practice using binoculars. "He sits nearby and waits for them to look at him," Tucker said. "I've nicknamed him Ham."

From the pond, a trail leads up a hill. In less than 30 feet, the wetlands gives way to chamisa, juniper and cholla. The shade disappears and the trail quickly turns hot. A black crust layers the ground between grass clumps and shrubs. "That is cryptogamic crust. It is very fragile, kind of like the beginning of life itself," Tucker said of the crust, which is formed by moss, lichen, bacteria or algae.

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, plants. Tucker's love is plants.

By mid-September, the Preserve will begin donning autumn colors. The three-leaf sumac will turn a brilliant red, the cottonwood a deep yellow, their last hurrah before winter sleep. The giant cottonwoods are at their glory in October and not to be missed.

*The Preserve opens for the season on May 5, with hours on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m.*

## 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS & CLASSES

Register at  
santafebotanicalgarden.org  
Call 471-9103

### MAY

- Wednesday, May 9, 5pm**  
**SFBG Annual Meeting**  
Museum of International Folk Art
- Friday, May 11, 4-6pm**  
**Members Only - Spring Plant Sale**  
Under the Tent at Museum Hill
- Saturday, May 12, 8am-2pm**  
**Spring Plant Sale**  
Under the Tent at Museum Hill

### JUNE

- Sunday, June 3 and 10**  
**Garden Tours**  
(see article)
- Tuesday & Thursday mornings**  
**8:30 - 10:30am**  
**Field Biology Class: Developing a Personal Relationship with Nature**  
5 sessions - June 26 & 28, July 3, 5, 10  
Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve  
\$50 for entire 5 sessions

### JULY

- Saturday, July 14, 1-3pm**  
**Summer Garden Workshop**  
Community Room @ Railyard Park  
Members Free / \$15 not yet members

### AUGUST

- Saturday, August 4, 6-8pm**  
**SFBG Anniversary Party**  
\$100/person

### SEPTEMBER

- Saturday, September 8, 10am**  
**Plant Swap**  
Museum Hill Overflow Parking Lot  
(see article)
- Sunday, September 16 –**  
**Friday, September 21**  
Trip to Oregon Gardens, Orchards and Vineyards of the Willamette Valley
- Saturday, September 22, 9-Noon**  
**Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve**  
Butterflies – Monarch Migration

### OCTOBER

- Thursday, October 4, 5-7pm**  
**Membership Party**  
Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve
- Saturday, October 20, 1-3pm**  
**Fall Garden Workshop**  
Community Room @ Railyard Park  
Members Free / \$15 not yet members
- Sunday, October 28, Noon-2pm**  
**Volunteer Harvest Potluck**  
Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve

### DECEMBER

- Sunday, December 2, 1-3pm**  
**Children's Holiday Craft Workshop**  
Genevieve Chavez Community Center
- Wednesday, December 5, 2-4pm**  
**New Member Open House**  
SFBG's New Office



## PLANT SALES AND SWAPS

### PLANT SALE – MAY 11 AND 12

The Santa Fe Botanical Garden holds two major plant events each year - The Spring Plant Sale during Mother's Day weekend and a Plant Swap held annually in September.

### PLANTS FOR SANTA FE, TODAY & TOMORROW - UNDER THE TENT AT MUSEUM HILL

This year's Spring Sale is on Friday, May 11 from 4pm to 6pm and on Saturday, May 12 from 8am to 2pm. Friday's sale is a SFBG "Members Only" event with memberships available for sale at the door. The Saturday sale is open to the public.

Look for the big white tent on Camino Lejo located in the Museum's overflow parking lot. Great buys will include beautiful healthy plants including perennials, grasses, shrubs and a

variety of heirloom tomatoes, sweet peppers, chiles and culinary herbs. Featured will be the best choice plants to use now and in the future.

Due to popular demand, plant inventories have been increased for the sale. Experts will be on hand to provide planting information and advice on plant combinations, presentation and placement. Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own wagons, carts or recycled boxes.

### A PERENNIAL PLANT SWAP – SEPT. 8

Want to expand your garden for FREE and make new friends? Swap plants, seeds, cuttings, bulbs & seedlings with fellow gardeners at SFBG's Plant Swap on Saturday, September 8 at 10am. It's a fun way to add some wonderful new selections to your garden. After several rounds of swapping, everyone will find something new to take home. Registration is required.

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CAROL BEHN, RIGHT: TOU CHAMBER

## The Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve

Along the ridge tops of the beautiful Ortiz Mountains and in the hidden heart of their forests lies the faint traces of early Americans alongside the heavier footprints of some of our more recent treasure-seekers. For millennia Indians have wandered this land, and for over 400 years the Europeans. Ultimately, the Ortiz Mountains saw the first major gold rush in the American Southwest, a full 27 years before the rush to California.

Today there's a different kind of attraction that brings people to the Ortiz Mountains. The Santa Fe Botanical Garden (SFBG) manages 1,350 acres within the heart of these mountains. We invite you to join one of our docent led hikes into the Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve (OMEPE). Come for the mystery, come for the history, and come to commune with nature in this beautiful mountain habitat. The Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve

incorporates 1,350 acres in the upper reaches of the Ortiz Mountains, including Placer Peak, the highest peak in the Ortiz range at 8,897 feet. Once a center of mining activity during the New Mexico gold rush in the early mid-nineteenth century, the Preserve contains several historic mine shafts. The Preserve is located approximately 30 miles southwest of Santa Fe off the scenic Turquoise Trail.

**ORTIZ MOUNTAINS EDUCATIONAL PRESERVE SCHEDULED HIKES**

**Saturday, May 12, 8am**  
Hike to Placer Peak (8 miles)

**Saturday, May 19, 8am**  
Hike to Placer Peak (4 miles)

**Saturday, June 16, 9am**  
Loop Trail Hike

**Sunday, July 8, 9am**  
Skid Trail Hike

**Saturday, July 21, 1pm**  
History Tour

**Saturday, July 30, 1pm**  
History Tour

**Sunday, September 9, 9am**  
Skid Trail Hike

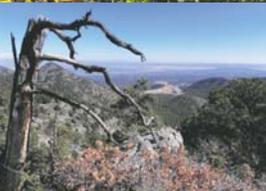
**Saturday, October 27, 8am**  
Hike to Placer Peak (8 miles)

**Call for info**

**A VARIED HABITAT**

The Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve is a spectacular natural area, a ponderosa and piñon habitat with everything from black bears (*Ursus americanus*) and coyotes to horned lizards, bats, antlions, and over 80 species of birds. During the 19th century the mountains saw significant logging and grazing by herds of sheep and today the Preserve is dotted with many old placer pits and lode mines. But nature is resilient, and the last hundred years have witnessed a remarkable recovery, the return of a thriving, forested, natural habitat in the Ortiz Mountains.

OMEPE includes three vegetation



communities. The lower, below 7,000 feet elevation, is piñon, juniper and blue grama; above that, around the elevation of the visitor kiosk which is at 7,300 feet, you'll find the mixed conifers and Gambel oak; and beyond that there's the overstory of tall white fir, Douglas fir and Ponderosa pine.

Throughout the Preserve, you'll find a distinctive array of native wildflowers that change with the seasons as well as numerous species of butterflies, birds, reptiles, small mammals, black bears, mule deer, bobcats and mountain lions. An ongoing bat census has identified at least two species in the Preserve, one as a permanent colony inside the now-protected old Santo Niño gold mine.

**HIKES & TOURS**

The Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve is open for docent led activities only. Most activities at the Preserve gather in the parking area at the top of Goldmine Road. From here we caravan in 4x4-high clearance vehicles up the 2 mile access road into the Preserve. OMEPE is a rugged & remote wilderness, accessible only via four wheel drive vehicles. Transportation is provided, and the gate to the Preserve is locked after a group enters as the initial trip crosses land owned by Lac Minerals. Registration is required for all OMEPE activities, and directions are given at that time.

## GARDEN TOURS - JUNE 3 & JUNE 10

**JUNE 3, 1-4 PM  
THE ICONIC EASTSIDE**

Our tour has returned to the iconic eastside, winding through the cozy historic Acequia Madre neighborhoods adjacent to Canyon Road. Known for its fine adobe homes, narrow tree-lined streets, and old-world charm, this is the most magical neighborhood in Santa Fe. See the first house in Santa Fe designed by John Gaw Meem. Its relaxed garden in the middle of a meadow reflects the taste and creativity of its artist owner. This tour contains four homes.

**JUNE 10, 1-4 PM  
SOLITUDE AND PERFECTION**

Meander through artists' gardens — one a charming mix of flowers and edible vines and another, a lush, floral landscape. A variety of fountains personify the sense of solitude in all of these secluded properties. This tour contains four homes.

**Gourmet Picnic Lunch**

On June 3, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, SFBG invites you to lunch at the beautiful Midyette garden. Enter the home and garden of Brenda and John Midyette via a large, walled patio lined with colorful pots of annuals and a generous pool of well-fed goldfish. The terraces, porches, and decks at the rear of the house overlook the Acequia Madre and are shaded by mature evergreens and a variety of deciduous trees — an idyllic spot for a gourmet picnic. Be sure to tour the house, the original rooms of which date from early Santa Fe.

Lunches are tantalizingly priced at \$25 and must be purchased by May 30.

All tickets for the tours and for the luncheon are available from The Lencis Box Office, 505-988-1234 or online at [www.ticketssantafe.org](http://www.ticketssantafe.org). Tour tickets are \$35/person for one day or \$65/person for both days. At-the-gate tickets are available on tour days for \$40/person for one day or \$75/person for both days.



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