

*The Santa Fe Botanical Garden
2009 Annual Report
is dedicated to
the board, its committees,
the membership and volunteers
for their energy, intelligence
and extraordinary generosity*

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Santa Fe Botanical Garden celebrates, cultivates and conserves the rich botanical heritage and biodiversity of the region. Our commitment is demonstrated through education, community service and sustainable management of our nature preserves and future public garden.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Effective December 2009

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President's Message

2009 was a busy, challenging and exciting year for the Santa Fe Botanical Garden full of activities, programs, projects and planning. The year began with a realistic assessment of the economic downturn and its likely impact on our annual budget. Adjustments were made to some of our activities; we postponed a garden trip to the Hamptons on Long Island and took a hard look at some discretionary spending. We are pleased to report, however, that our members continued to support our mission through membership and in fact, our revenue from membership dues increased over the prior year.

We launched a winter lecture series, Breaking New Ground and were extremely pleased with the turnout of gardeners who came to listen to some of Santa Fe's finest designers share their ideas to maximize difficult sites and to plant with sustainability in mind. For example, pairing edibles with ornamentals to get the most bang for the buck – garden style.

Progress was measurable at the Botanical Garden at Museum Hill. With the restoration project in the Arroyo de los Pinos finished, rain water is no longer rushing through the channel, but is collecting in pools which will naturally support vegetation. Schematic design work was completed by landscape architect W. Gary Smith. As planning continues the vision of the garden is becoming more focused. We know now what our garden will look like and have a better idea of how we might utilize it for public programs and community outreach.

Our quarterly newsletter went paperless and our subscriber list for our monthly event calendar E-News grew to include many new friends. Thanks to a few dedicated volunteers, the SFBG library is organized with books shelved according to Library of Congress call number.

We are extremely grateful for our volunteers who staff our preserves, the Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve and the Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve, leading weekend tours for our visitors and ensuring that both are attractive, safe and secure. Our committee of educators delivers excellence in school programs that enhance the science education taught in our public schools.

This month my term as Board President comes to an end. It has been my privilege to serve in this capacity. On behalf of the rest of the Board of Directors, I thank everyone who gave talent, time, and financial resources to support our important work.

Carlos Duno
President

2009 in Review

The Organization

The Santa Fe Botanical Garden is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, established in 1987 by a small group of gardeners, botanists and environmentally oriented people who shared the vision of establishing a botanical garden in Santa Fe. Their vision grew, and in 1992 a membership program was initiated.

From the beginning, the Board of Directors recognized the need for a better understanding of drought tolerant or xeric landscaping, and water conservation as relatively wet years were followed by a period of drought. To serve the community, the SFBG initiated a schedule of workshops to provide horticultural and ecological advice to individuals and community and school groups. Educational programming has remained the primary goal of the SFBG, and we continue to offer relevant workshops and events that focus on environmentally responsible garden design, including plant selection and care, as well as conservation techniques for water catchment and harvesting.

Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve

In 1993 the Santa Fe Botanical Garden entered into a long term lease with the trustees of El Rancho de las Golondrinas for the 35 acre site, the Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve, which quickly became the focus of much of the organization's educational programming. The unique and fragile beauty of this land is a treasure in Santa Fe. Many dedicated volunteers have spent countless hours removing exotic and invasive plants, restoring the habitat through revegetation and ensuring that the pond remains a healthy environment for riparian plants, birds and invertebrates. Improvements including a floating dock, boardwalk and bird blind have allowed visitors access to the site without damaging its delicate ecosystem.

Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve

The 1,350 acre Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve was acquired by the Santa Fe Botanical Garden in 2001 as one condition in the settlement agreement of a lawsuit requiring the cessation of mining activities by a mining conglomerate. Since assuming stewardship of this land, volunteers have made the land accessible to our members and visitors through the addition of a network of trails and a visitors' kiosk. In 2007 the land was sold to the County. Management of the preserve remains the responsibility of the SFBG. Each season a series of free lecture tours and hikes is offered to the public on varied topics including the

history of gold mining in the Ortiz Mountains, native plant communities at 8,000 feet, photographing the natural landscape, early morning bird walks, and more.

Botanical Garden at Museum Hill

In December 2006 11.25 acres of land were leased from the City of Santa Fe for the development of a new botanical garden. Landscape architect W. Gary Smith was hired to design the garden. Smith is an award winning landscape architect who has designed public gardens across the country. Development costs have been funded by the State of New Mexico through capital outlay grants in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

The garden will be accessed from Camino Lejo, where visitors will share parking with the Museum of New Mexico. Phase one, known as the Entry Gardens, will be created on state owned land leased to the Santa Fe Botanical Garden by the Department of Cultural Affairs. Construction of the Entry Gardens, is scheduled for mid 2010 with completion anticipated in summer 2011.

Organizational Structure

The Santa Fe Botanical Garden is guided by a Board of Directors elected by the membership at the organization's annual meeting in April. Each Director is elected to a two-year term and may be re-elected for three consecutive terms. Officers, including a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, are also elected at the April annual meeting.

A full time Executive Director handles the management of operations. A full time Outreach Director is responsible for membership development, volunteer recruitment and management and publicity.

Committees play a crucial role in the organization. Current structure places designated committees under the authority of an executive committee. Some committees have standing subcommittees. Committee and subcommittee chairs are approved by the Board, but are open to interested SFBG members. Standing committees are: Executive; Finance; Development & Membership; Marketing & Public Relations; Sites; Educations & Outreach.

Signature Events

Among the SFBG programs offered each year are three signature events that provide outreach, fun and learning opportunities for everyone.

Garden Tours

Over 800 people attend the annual June tour featuring private gardens located throughout Santa Fe. Garden styles are as varied and diverse as the gardeners who tend them, but all are standouts. 2009 was the tour's 14th year – and it just keeps getting more popular. Garden Tours are a major fundraising event for the organization. Ticket sales support general operations.

This was the first year for a gourmet picnic option on one of the tour days. The lunch was held at the Inn of the Turquoise Bear and lovely box lunches were prepared by Santa Fe Dining and the Sleeping Dog Tavern. Lunch tickets sold out quickly.

2009 Garden Tour Sponsors: Los Alamos National Bank, Agua Fria Nursery, Coates Tree Service, Green Forward LLC and Landscape Nursery Services. Little Valley Wholesale Nursery, Marcia Owen Associates/Group Powell One, PBA, Inc, Payne's Nurseries, Plants of the Southwest, Santa Fe Classic Rock, Santa Fe Dining, Santa Fe Greenhouses, Santa Fe Tree Farm, Tropic of Capricorn, and Walter Burke Catering.

Plant Sale

This was the 3rd year for the plant and garden ornament sale held in September at the County Extension Exhibit Hall at the rodeo grounds. This event features a Friday members' only evening and a Saturday public sale. Attendance is growing each year as the word spreads about the wonderful selection of reliable perennials, ornamental grasses, bulbs and shrubs, many displaying brilliant fall color. Plants were obtained through a combination of donations from member's gardens and from our local nurseries and landscape design and construction companies. A small number of plants were purchased and resold. Proceeds from the sale support general operations. This event was sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank.

Children's Holiday Craft Workshop

In December SFBG volunteers hosted an event where children are provided the opportunity to make holiday gifts for their loved ones. This free event reaches out to young families. Children choose several crafts that are made from natural and botanical materials. Each child leaves with three unique gifts. Our

volunteers say that this event puts them in a true holiday spirit. This event was sponsored by Ann Mumford.

Achievements and Accomplishments

Children's Education Program at the Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve

The Education Committee, comprised of former board members and retired teachers, has offered programs to 3rd grade classes from Santa Fe Public Schools since 2003. Typically about 250 students participate in the program twice each year. The programs are offered in spring and fall; each with a different theme.

May 2009: *Nature Detectives*

Children followed clues to located plants along the trails, played "Bird Bingo", learned about coachwhip snakes and about how sunflower seeds develop after the bloom is spent.

October 2009: *The Terrific Tree*

The program focused on the 3 most prevalent species of trees at the preserve; the Rio Grande cottonwood, Russian olive and one-seed juniper. Children learned about the parts of a tree, about photosynthesis and how to determine a tree's root spread.

This program is entirely a volunteer effort. Funding was obtained from the Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation.

Botanical Garden at Museum Hill

In 2009 planning began for a capital campaign to fund Phase One of the new garden. The effort is being led by members of the board of directors and skilled and dedicated volunteers. The preliminary construction budget is approximately \$850,000.

Landscape architect W. Gary Smith completed the schematic design for the Entry Gardens, Courtyard Gardens and the Naturalistic Gardens, three uniquely different sections of the Botanical Garden at Museum Hill. At year end, design development was well underway with the addition of Beverly Spears of Spears Architects and Tracy Neal and Linda Churchill of Green Forward LLC to the design team.

Tours are available for people who would like to see where the garden is located and how the various gardens and garden elements will be placed in the landscape.

The Santa Fe Botanical Garden
is grateful
for the generous support of the community
during 2009.

Santa Fe Botanical Garden's 2009 Volunteers

I can no other answer make, but, thanks, and thanks. William Shakespeare

Jan& Paul Barbo	Sue & Ed Fenimore	Gisela Knight
Tom Antonio	Viola Fisher	Charles Koenig
Sue Barnum	Laura Folsom	Betsy Kramer
Steve Barrett	Bryan Force	Beverly Kune
Carmela Baruth	Jill Foster	Nancy & Ed Lane
Linda Batkin	Stacy Fradkin	Liz Layden
Bill Baxter	Doris Francis	Marie Helene Levine
Rebecca Belletto	Anita Gianardi	Marlene Lind
Jamie Bennett	Roberta Gibbons	Hedaya Livingstone
Kas & Bonnie Berget	Sue Gibbs	Arabelle Luckhardt
Barbara Bloomberg	Barbara Goede	Katie Macauley
Sallie & Dave Brewer	Gary & Eleanor Gossen	Peg Madden
Barbara Briggs	Jeanne & George	deMarie Malnar
Anthony Brooke	Gozigian	Del Marien
Todd & Pat Brown	Sarah Grace	Laura Markley
Kay Burdette	Helen Gram	Joan Maynard
Jane Burns	Sally Greenwood	Maureen McCarthy
Carlene Carey	Cynda Grenfell	Millie McFarland
Cynthia Christian	Guy and Cathy Gronquist	Robin Merlo
Linda Churchill	Gabrielle Hakki	Yana Merrill
Susan Clough	Sarah Henderson	Marce Miller
Ken Collins	Jean Higgins	Rosemary & Bernie
Jim Colombo	Tom Hill	Minard
George Cox	Ruth Holland	Peggi Mitten
Sara Cunningham	Akasha Holmes	Timmi Montoya
Nancy Daniel	Zita Hubler	Allison Moore
Carol and Cliff Danielson	Wendy Jacobs	Donald Moorman
Francesca Davies	Vicky Jacobson	Joan Morse
Alice Davis	Jan Jardine	Ann Mumford
Joan & Doug Dayton	Marilyn Jensen	Gail & Paul Murray
Dodie Dean	Carol Johnson	Andrew Neighbour
Jan Denton	Gary Johnson	Charlie Newman
Joe Dietrich	Sara Jordan	Don Nofte
Kathleen Dittmer	Susan Juel	John Oberhausen
Jamie Douglass	Cathy Kalenian	Erika Oliver
Donna Dreschel	Mark Kaltenbach	Justine Olmstead
Claudia Dunitz	Mary & Herb Kaufmann	Josie Ozelton
Barbara Duno	Lacy Keil	Jeff & Barbie Paine
Carlos Duno	Chick Keller	Kate Palmer
Debby Everett	Susi Keller	Gwynne Pardington
Pat Farr	Karen King	Carol Pava
Aviva Faust	Ilona Klein	Bob & Jeni Pennington

Marion Phelps
Judith Podmore
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Michael Pulman
Mike Roedel
Jonathan Rutenberg
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Cristina Salvador
Bob Shelly
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Kate Smith
Phyllis Smith
Bonnie & Mike Spear
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Robyn Suzuki
Judy Swayne
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Jeanne & Roger Tilkemeir
Carol Toobin
Carl Troy
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Janice & Sonny Tucker
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Ellen Wilde
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Susan Yanda
Cheryl & Joe Zebrowski
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