

# THE LEAFLET

The Monthly Magazine of the Vallarta Botanical Garden

April 2015



# THE LEAFLET

The Monthly Magazine of the Vallarta Botanical Garden

Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, México

April 2015

Vol. 5, No 4

**Publisher & Senior Editor:** Neil Gerlowski

**Co-Editor:** Bob Price

**Contributing Authors:** Iván Jiménez, Linda Asencio,  
Michaela Flores, Miguel Rubio

**Lead Translator:** Gerardo Luna

**Style Editor (English):** Dee Daneri

**Designers:** Gerardo Luna, Iván Jiménez

## Contents

- 1 Curator's Corner
- 2 10th Anniversary
- 3 Mexican Bird of the Month
- 3 Mexican Orchid of the Month
- 4 Huntington Botanical Gardens
- 6 The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
- 7 *Ursulea tuitensis*

## Upcoming Events

- 9 Closed Mondays Until December
- 10 Vallarta Botanical-BEER Garden

## Features

- 15 Vallarta Botanical Garden's Calender
- 16 VBG Education & Volunteer Program Report
- 17 Membership & Support
- 22 Donation Information



Cover photo: Iván Jiménez  
*Cattleya aurantiaca*



facebook



[www.vbgardens.org](http://www.vbgardens.org)

## Curator's Corner

### *Dear Friends of the Garden,*

To our great joy, the Vallarta Botanical Garden has been honored once again as one of the "Top 10 Gardens in North America Worth Travelling For" by the Canadian Garden Tourism Council. Our Director of Operations, Jesús Reyes, was present at the award ceremony of the Garden Tourism Conference in Toronto, Canada to receive this important recognition on behalf of our garden and express our entire community's heartfelt gratitude to the panel of judges that included us in their selections.

Considering the importance of tourism in Vallarta, our Garden's position as one of the top Vallarta area attractions on TripAdvisor.com and our presence in a "TOP 10" list of prestigious gardens, we are proud of our role as a tourism generator to the benefit of our region. Garden tourism is a powerful and growing market and communities that learn to embrace, promote, and support their public gardens are thriving like never before. Those who have shared our dream to provide a world-class botanical garden to the Vallarta region will undoubtedly join with us in celebration of the wonderful distinction that this award represents.

*Yours in friendship,*

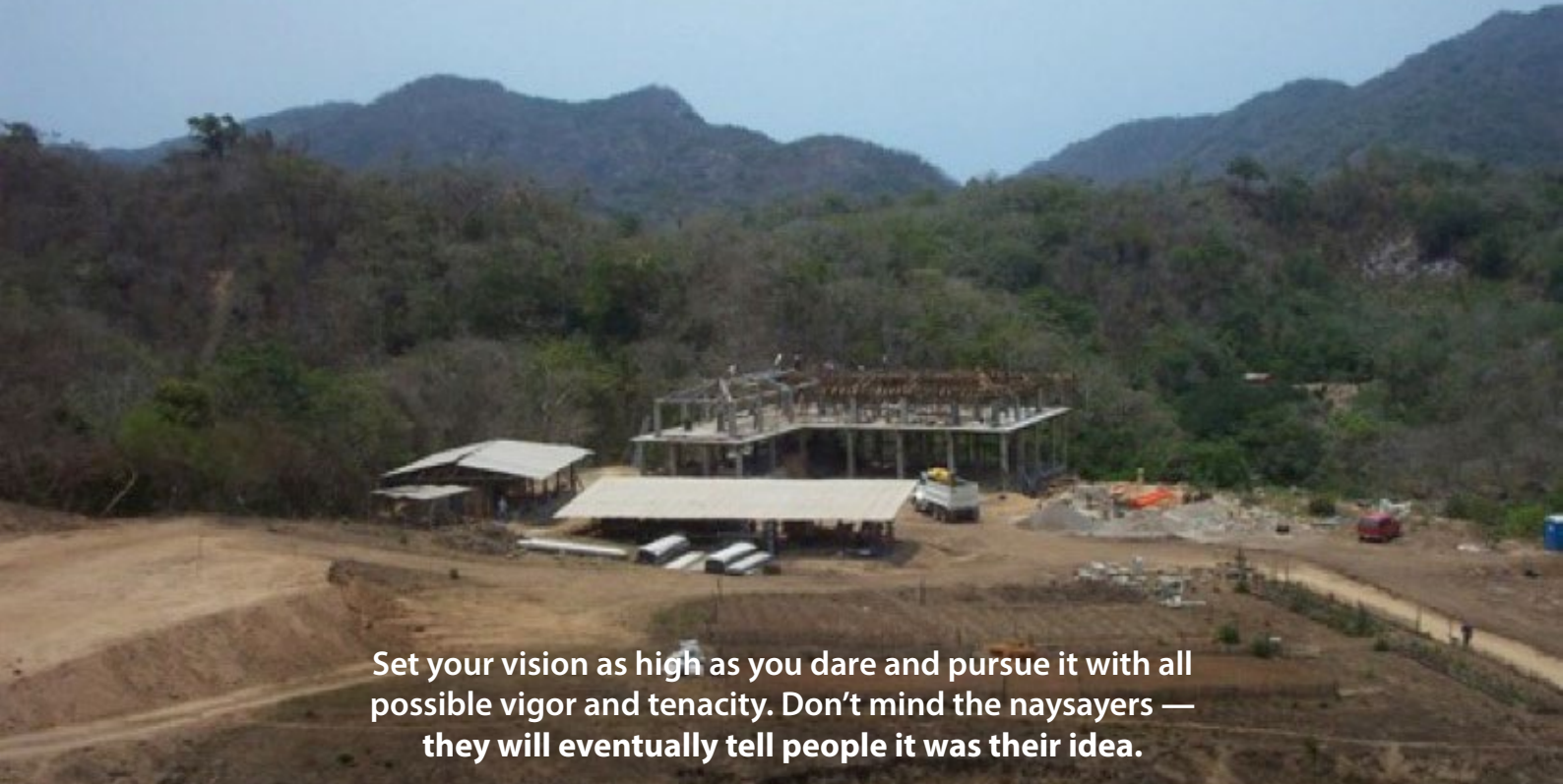
**Bob Price, Curator and Founder, VBG**

### 2015 list of the, "Top 10 North American Gardens Worth Travelling For" *As declared by the Canadian Garden Tourism Council (Listed in alphabetical order)*

Butchart Gardens	Canada
Chanticleer	USA
Denver Botanical Gardens	USA
Desert Botanical Garden	USA
Fairchild Tropical Garden	USA
Huntington Botanical Gardens	USA
Jardín Botánico Culiacán	Mexico
<b>Jardín Botánico de Vallarta (Vallarta Botanical Garden)</b>	Mexico
Longwood Garden	USA
Montreal Botanical Garden	Canada



## 2005: The Humble Beginning of the Vallarta Botanical Garden



Set your vision as high as you dare and pursue it with all possible vigor and tenacity. Don't mind the naysayers — they will eventually tell people it was their idea.

## 2015: 10th Anniversary Year of the Vallarta Botanical Garden



JARDIN BOTANICO  
VALLARTA  
[www.vbgardens.org](http://www.vbgardens.org)



## Mexican Bird of the Month

### *Campephilus guatemalensis*

The Pale-billed Woodpecker, native to Mexico and Central America, can be found in the uppermost parts of trees in intact tropical forests. It is a large bird up to 38 cm (15 inches) in length and 244 g (.5 lb). Its pale beak along with the absence of black and white facial lines can help distinguish this species from the similar looking Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*). Both of these species are predominately black with flashy crests, red heads and white lines running from the neck down the back.

Pale-billed Woodpeckers require forests with large old trees for foraging and nesting and will disappear from forests that are heavily impacted from timber cutting.



*Campephilus guatemalensis*  
Photo: Petr Myska

## Mexican Orchid of the Month — *Lonopsis utricularioides*

By Miguel Ángel Rubio Padilla, Biologist, UDG CUCosta

These delightful tiny epiphytes are a standard of the American Tropics with a natural distribution from southern Florida, Mexico, and the Caribbean to as far south as Peru and Brazil.

*Lonopsis utricularioides* is found from sea level to about 1,000 meters and thrives in a variety of plant communities including tropical jungle, tropical mountain forest, and even land converted to agricultural use such as coffee plantations and orange orchards.

During its blooming period (from February to June) lucky observers will note its loose branched inflorescences filled with small but beautiful flowers often predominantly lilac or pink and sometimes with purple veins in the petals and sepals, must noticeable on the proportionately enormous labellum (flower lip).



*Lonopsis utricularioides*  
Photo: Iván Jiménez



## In Good Company: The Huntington Botanical Gardens

*By Neil Gerlowski, Executive Director, VBG*

We at the Vallarta Botanical Garden are incredibly delighted to be included for the second time in the list of the “TOP 10 North American Gardens Worth Travelling For” and all the more because of the prestigious gardens that share this list with us. We’d like to highlight our fellow “TOP 10” gardens starting with this issue of The Leaflet.

This past month of March I had the opportunity to visit several gardens in southern California including those of The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino. These incredible gardens were founded in 1919 by railroad magnate Henry E. Huntington and his wife Arabella, whose legacies also include Huntington Beach in Orange County. The 120 acres of gardens are divided into over a dozen different themes including the famous Japanese Garden, Desert Garden, and the recently completed Chinese Garden which opened to the public in 2008. Walks through the Desert Garden and Jungle Garden are especially rich in native Mexican plants.

### 2015 list of the, “Top 10 North American Gardens Worth Travelling For”

*As declared by the Canadian Garden Tourism Council  
(Listed in alphabetical order)*

Butchart Gardens	Canada
Chanticleer	USA
Denver Botanical Gardens	USA
Desert Botanical Garden	USA
Fairchild Tropical Garden	USA
<b>Huntington Botanical Gardens</b>	USA
Jardín Botánico Culiacán	Mexico
<b>Jardín Botánico de Vallarta (Vallarta Botanical Garden)</b>	Mexico
Longwood Garden	USA
Montreal Botanical Garden	Canada





Quite incredibly, Jim Folsom PhD, the director of the Huntington Botanical Gardens, and his wife Debra had a cruise to Mexico scheduled the week after my visit at the Huntington and were happy to pay an instant reciprocal visit to the Vallarta Botanical Garden. Collection interests of our two gardens overlap quite considerably especially in regard to magnolias, oaks, orchids, cactus, and agaves leading to a natural opportunity for mutually beneficial collaborations.

I thank the Botanic Garden Conservation International (BGCI) for funding the majority of this trip for both me and our Garden's research coordinator, Alan Heinze, to attend a workshop of the International Plant Sentinel Network focused on plant pests and pathogens that pose threats to both the US and Mexico. Botanical gardens coordinating their efforts through organizations such as the BGCI multiply their power to make a meaningful impact on plant conservation.



Huntington Botanical Gardens  
Photo: Neil Gerlowski



Huntington Botanical Gardens  
Photo: Neil Gerlowski



## The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden— The Vallarta Botanical Garden's Sister Garden

*By Neil Gerlowski, Executive Director, VBG*

Since 1972, Puerto Vallarta and Santa Barbara have been officially tied as Sister Cities and a few years ago the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden (SBBG) and the Vallarta Botanical Garden made a beautiful symbolic liaison as Sister Gardens. We now offer reciprocal benefits to our members and have participated with exchanges including those for fundraising raffles and by hosting visitors for each other. Collaborative opportunities for the future are likely to include staff exchanges to improve our horticultural practices and inventory work in plant communities that overlap the interests of our collections, conservation programs, and research.

This past month, the SBBG's Executive Director, Steve Windhager PhD, hosted me for several days in his home as I visited his garden as well as Lotusland, Casa del Herrero, and Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. The SBBG will celebrate its 90th anniversary this coming year of 2016 along with the grand opening of its new visitor center now under construction. The SBBG was among the first botanical gardens in the US established with a mission strictly focusing on native plants and provides an incredible resource to those looking to explore California's rich and diverse flora. Any visit to Santa Barbara should include time especially reserved to experience the wonders of nature at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.



*Dudleya brittonii* at The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden  
Photo: Neil Gerlowski



The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden  
Photo: Neil Gerlowski





Specimens of *Ursulea tuitensis* in Lotusland  
Photo: Neil Gerlowski

## ***Ursulea tuitensis*— local representatives found in surprising locations**

**By Neil Gerlowski, Executive Director, VBG**

Those of us who have lived in Mexico for any amount of time will continually find our *compañeros* (comrades) in a variety of places until the farthest corners of the earth. Nonetheless, last month I was taken by surprise to see a group of fellow *Jalicienses* (inhabitants of Jalisco State) in the surreal landscapes of Ganna Walska Lotusland in Montecito, California. In this case it wasn't a group of people that I met but rather a cluster of plants in Lotusland's Upper Bromeliad Garden. These plants, known by the scientific name of *Ursulaea tuitensis*, are endemic to a tiny range of mountains surrounding the Vallarta Botanical Garden and our nearby town of El Tuito. *Ursulaeas* are an incredibly rare plant with only one other species in their genus—*Ursulea macvaughii*—native from southern Jalisco to Michoacán. Considering that Montecito is the neighbor of Puerto Vallarta's Sister City of Santa Barbara, it's even more appropriate that we have such excellent representation by such unique botanical ambassadors.



Upper Bromeliad Garden in Lotusland

Photo: Neil Gerlowski



*Ursulea tuitensis* in bloom at the Vallarta Botanical Garden

Photo: Iván Jiménez





Member Spotlight: Kathryn Hill

"I first joined the Garden as a member back in its earliest days. I always bring my friends to see the lovely plants, drink a fresh vanilla mojito, and swim in the refreshing river. If you've already been to the Garden before, a quick look at their exciting calendar of events is sure to give you new excuses to plan yet another visit."



## CLOSED MONDAYS UNTIL DECEMBER

As part of its commitment to our Puerto Vallarta Community, the Vallarta Botanical Garden remains open year-round, only closing for Mondays from April until the end of November as well as Christmas and New Year's Day. Please plan your visits accordingly. The next Monday that we will be open for is December 7th, of 2015. Come see us any other day of the week!



Los Horcones River  
Photo: Iván Jiménez

## **SEMANA SANTA—Beat the crowds at the beach by visiting the Garden instead!** *March 29 – April 5*

Anyone who has visited Puerto Vallarta during Semana Santa (Holy Week) knows that the beaches can be packed with people this time of the year. The Garden on the other hand remains a relative oasis of tranquility. Why fight the crowds on the beach then when you can visit the Garden instead? This year we are open every day of Semana Santa including Easter Day. If you need your beachfront fix, keep in mind the sandy shore of the Emerald Pools of the Horcones River accessed by our River Walk Trail. The Vallarta Botanical Garden is just a little beyond the beaches, but always far beyond your most imaginative expectations!



## **Vallarta Botanical BEER Garden**

**Saturday, April 18, 1:00 – 6:00 pm**

Our Sister Garden of Santa Barbara has a variety of fun events that inspire people to connect with plants and show their camaraderie as a community. One of their more popular events in recent years has been their Santa Barbara Botanical BEER Garden which pairs craft microbrews with specific places within their garden. For example, it's a rare treat to drink your favorite red ale among a grove of redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*). When you add live music and a group of friends to the mix you can see why their latest version of this event sold out a month before the big day.

While we don't have redwoods at the VBG, we do have local plants that we can easily associate with some of the delicious craft beers from Puerto Vallarta's own Los Muertos Brewing who will sponsor our upcoming Vallarta Botanical BEER Garden. Imagine for example, drinking a cold pour of Agave Maria Amber Ale among blue agaves (*Agave tequilana*), and you have an idea about just how enjoyable a beer festival at a Mexican botanical garden can be. Garden volunteers will serve samples at brew stations and point out a bit about what makes each of the different beverages so special and why we paired each with a particular place within the Garden .

***Advanced Ticket Purchase Required.***

***\$500 MXN for non-members and \$450 MXN for Garden members.***

***Tickets are available at both the Vallarta Botanical Garden and Los Muertos Brewing.***

***Please note: the Garden closes to public at 12:00 noon on the day of this event.***



Agave tequilana  
Photo: Ivan Jiménez



BEER

# VALLARTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

Sample your favorite local brews  
IN A STUNNING NATURAL SANCTUARY

ENJOY GREAT  
LIVE MUSIC!

SAT 18  
April 2015



AT THE Vallarta  
Botanical  
Garden

13:00 to 18:00



Los Muertos Brewing is sponsoring this "funraiser" in support of the Vallarta Botanic Garden's educational programs for local youths, so part of enjoying yourself is the satisfaction of contributing to a worthy cause.

Advanced Ticket Purchase Required:  
\$500 MXN per person.

Available at the Vallarta Botanical Garden &  
Los Muertos Brewing (in Old Town Puerto Vallarta)

**Note:**

- ★ Minimum age: 18 years.
- ★ General admittance limited to 250 tickets.
- ★ 50 designated driver tickets also available.
- ★ Garden closes to public at 12pm on the day of this event.



Visit Us! [vbgardens.org](http://vbgardens.org)  
[losmuertosbrewing.com](http://losmuertosbrewing.com)



Event Sponsor

JARDIN BOTANICO  
VALLARTA



## Do you know what mushrooms are?

By Iván Jiménez, *Biology Intern at the VBG*

Carl Linnaeus, the father of modern taxonomy, originally categorized mushrooms as plants. Noticeably absent from mushrooms though is the presence of chlorophyll which allows plants to produce their own food. This prompted the eventual categorization of mushrooms into their own kingdom: Fungi.

The principal difference between these organisms and the other principal kingdoms of life forms is that while plants mainly receive their food through their own photosynthesis and animals ingest their food, fungi get their energy by absorption. This makes fungi a fundamental part of the cycle of organic material decay.

All kinds of sizes in fungi exist from microscopic colonies inhabiting skin to colorful cornucopia-like groupings found in forests.

Mushrooms are principally composed of by hifas—lines of cells which form a web. These stay in the soil all year and what we see with our eyes is only their fruiting body. These fruiting bodies take on a variety of wonderful forms that can help us distinguish between different species. That's why mushrooms can only be found in brief times of the year following narrowly-defined environmental conditions. These conditions allow mushrooms to release spores to reproduce their next generation. As with plants and animals, mushrooms are important components of our natural environment.







**"Nature teaches more than she preaches."  
— John Burroughs**



## Vallarta Botanical Garden's Calendar

DATE		EVENT	COST
5	APR	<b>Easter</b> — Garden remains open	Included with entry
6	APR	<b>GARDENS ARE CLOSED ON MONDAYS FROM APRIL UNTIL DECEMBER</b>	---
6	APR	<b>Volunteer &amp; Staff Appreciation Day</b> — Gardens closed	---
18	APR	<b>Vallarta Botanical Garden</b> — Botanical Garden Special Event 12:00-6:00 pm Advanced Ticket Purchase Required (Available: VBG & Los Muertos Brewing) <b>Garden closes to public at 12:00 noon on the day of this event.</b>	Non-members: \$500 MXN Members: \$450 MXN
22	APR	<b>Earth Day</b> — Celebrate the wonders of our planet at the Garden	Included with entry
21-26	APR	<b>Vanilla Blossom Expo at the VBG</b> — Daily vanilla flower hand-pollination demonstrations at 1 pm	Included with entry
1	MAY	<b>Labor Day in Mexico</b> — Garden remains open	Included with entry
10	MAY	<b>Mother's Day</b> — (Mexico, USA, & Canada) — Treat Mom to a day at the Garden!	Included with entry

\* Some activities subject to change. The most current calendar, often with links to further event information, can be viewed at [www.vbgardens.org/calendar](http://www.vbgardens.org/calendar).



Oncidium cebolleta  
Photo: Iván Jiménez

### **Garden Hours**

**Open 7 days/wk**

**Open 6 days/wk**

**Early "Bird" Opening**

**Daily Guided Tour**

**Additional tours**

### **10 am – 6 pm**

for the months of Dec., Jan., Feb., & March (except Christmas & New Year's Day)

(Closed Mondays) April, May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., & Nov

8 am every Thursday

1 pm (Offered for the months of Dec., Jan., Feb., & March)

can be reserved in advance [www.vbgardens.org/tours](http://www.vbgardens.org/tours)



# VBG Education & Volunteer Program Report

By Linda Asencio, Biologist and Environmental Educator

Peace Corps Volunteer at the Vallarta Botanical Garden through a collaboration with Mexico's Park Service (CONANP)

Spring has now arrived along with beautiful blossoms of native Mexican plants. I've been busy capturing many of these inflorescences on film as a means to identify plants for the Garden's Curation Database—which we're excited to announce now has over 500 documented plants! We are working to increase this number into the thousands by the end of 2015.

Many plant species look nearly identical to their relatives except for when they're in bloom. Great examples can be found in the virtually countless numbers of naturally occurring orchids in the VBG's collections and forest preserve. Many of them look alike before and while budding, when they shoot off their first closed

inflorescences. Once these buds open we have an optimal window of time to complete the identification process.

Other exciting news from the Garden includes the success of our recent Capomo Harvest Festival when visitors learned about and sampled this important native fruit. I'd like to especially thank Lynnette, Rosemary, Walter, Carla, and Monika for volunteering for this festival. Next month we invite you to join us for Earth Day (April 22) and our annual celebration of most people's favorite orchid – Vanilla – during the Vanilla Blossom Expo at the Garden April 21–26. Should be tasty!



## **Monthly tally of visits, program participation, and volunteer service:**

<b>Mar. 2015</b>	Total member visits to the VBG:	264
	Total non-member visits to the VBG:	4,669
	Complimentary entries for organized school groups*:	434
	Total participation in daily 1 pm tours:	266
	Total participation in special events, classes, or workshops:	643
	Total volunteer service hours:	247

\*The VBG is happy to provide complimentary entries, guided tours, and educational programming for organized school groups with advanced reservations as one of our services to the Bahía de Banderas, Puerto Vallarta, and Cabo Corrientes communities. Reservation requests should be sent to [educadorambiental@vbgardens.org](mailto:educadorambiental@vbgardens.org) at least 5 days before the requested date of your visit. Requests are granted first come, first served and are scheduled around other events and programs already on our calendar.





Phyllostachys aurea  
Photo: Iván Jiménez



Michaela Flores, Membership Coordinator, VBG  
[memberships@vbgardens.org](mailto:memberships@vbgardens.org)

## From the Membership Desk

April heralds in the beautiful blossoms of native vanilla for our visitors just as the ever-popular Philippine Jade Vine is dropping the last of its exquisite flowers. While plants provide the incentive for many to visit the garden, we realize that not everyone is into flowers. Those of you looking for something a little different this season may wish to join us for the first-ever Vallarta Botanical BEER Garden when Los Muertos Brewing will provide samples of their tasty craft cervezas for a novel “funraiser” event complete with live music.

Whichever excuse you find to visit the Garden whether for the first time or the hundred and first, I look forward to seeing you here. If you’re not yet a member, I hope your experience causes you to fall in love with the Garden and that you consider joining our family of members who are making our beloved Puerto Vallarta even better.

Members: please always wear your membership card when visiting the Garden. This helps our staff and volunteers recognize you as members and offer discounts on your Garden purchases.

## Can you find your name on our WALL OF BENEFACTORS?

If you’re not yet “on the wall” we invite you to join the family that preserves the Garden forever!

Becoming a member is easy & provides great benefits:  
[www.vbgardens.org/memberships](http://www.vbgardens.org/memberships)

A high resolution image of this photograph is available at [www.vbgardens.org/benefactors](http://www.vbgardens.org/benefactors)





We would like to acknowledge and thank the following supporters:

**GUARDIANS:**

**ALAN & PATRICIA BICKELL**

**DEANNA "DEE" DANERI**

**RICHARD DITTON**

**PAM GRISSOM**

**DAVID HALES & FRANK OSWALD**

**GEORGE HOLSTEIN**

**MARY ELLEN HOLSTEIN**

**ROBERT MAJOR & RUSSELL JONES**

**RALPH OSBORNE**

**ROBERT & BETTY PRICE**

**JOHN & SANDRA SWINMURN**

**BARBARITA & BOB SYPULT**

**MICHAEL TRUMBOLD**



**TRUSTEES:**

**JOAQUIN AJA & DENNIS OWEN**

**DR. GEORGE ARGENT**

**KIMBERLY BENNETT**

**THOMAS BERNES**

**GEORGE & KATIE COLEMAN**

**LAURA CORNELL**

**RUBEN & MICHAEL COTA SCHULTZ**

**SAMUEL CRAMER & MICHAEL VITALE**

**PAUL CRIST & LUIS TELLO**

**SCOTT ELLIOT & JAMES CRANK**

**THE GALEANA FAMILY**

**MICHAEL HICKMAN**

**EARL HINES & MATTHEW RILEY**

**SOREN & KIMBERLY KIELER**

**DUNCAN KIME & MELINDA MCMULLEN**

**RICHARD LINDSTROM**

**THE MCCALL FAMILY**

**BUCK & CAROL LEE MILLS**

**DR. NANCY MORIN**

**DAVID MUCK & COLE MARTELLI**

**JOHN POOLE & KENT DELEONE**

**TERENCE RILEY & DAVID SCHWENDEMAN**

**CHARLES & JUDITH SILBERSTEIN**

**ROGER & JOANA SMITH**

**DONNA SNOW & MICHAEL ROBINOFF**

**DAVID & PAM TOMLIN**





## COPA DE ORO MEMBERS:

CARLOS AGUILAR

[ARCHIE'S WOK](#)

BRUCE BECKLER

ADELAIDE BLOMFIELD

PAUL & WENDY BRISTOW

FAITH COLLECTIVA

FAYE CÁRDENAS & KEITH COWAN

RAY CAREME & MICHAEL HOLLAND

CASA DEL QUETZAL

CASA REDONDA

[CASA LOS SUEÑOS](#)

CASA VALLARTA INTERIORS

CHARLENE BAILEY CROWE

CHRIS DANNER

ROBERT DIRSTEIN & ROBERT ARNDER

WILLIAM & LOIS ELLISON

JUAN ESPINOZA LOZANO

BETTY JEAN "BJ" ETCHEPARE

ROBERT & GAIL FARQUHARSON

FLOWERS TO GO

RON GAUNY

BURI GRAY

POUL & JUDITH HANSEN

HARRINGTON LANDSCAPES

WALTER HAYES & BEN CAMACHO

ANNE-MARIE HAYES

[HINES WARNER WEALTH MANAGEMENT](#)

ELANE HODGSON

[HOTEL MERCURIO](#)

HOLLY HUNTER & DANIEL GAIR

MARIO & ALECIKA JIMENEZ

RANDY & JANIS JONES

DR. JOHN & HELEN MANNE

ALEJANDRO MARTINEZ & DAVID ARPIN

ANISE MCARTHUR

IRVINE MCDANIEL

DR. FÉLIX MONTES

[NO WAY JOSÉ! RESTAURANT – BAR](#)

OFICINA DE PROYECTOS CULTURALES

JANE PEABODY

PV MIRROR

BIJAN & SALLIE SALESS

THOMAS SCHIAVONE

KENNETH SHANOFF & STEVE YOUNG

ANNA SORTINO

[TRAVEL DESIGNED BY STEPHANIE](#)

[VALLARTA LIFESTYLES](#)

[VILLA LOS ARCOS](#)

VILLA SOLEADA

FRANCISCO VILLASENOR REYES

MATTHIAS VOGT

WATERWISE GARDEN CENTER INC

BILL WILLIAMS & JUAN ALVARADO

DEVON & ELLEN ZAGORY

ANONYMOUS (4)





## SUSTAINING MEMBERS:

BRUCE ABRAHAMSON & DAVID BRANCH  
GARY & SUSAN ADAMSON  
WILLIAM & MICHELLE AGUILAR  
EDWARD F. ALEJANDRE & BILL WURZELL  
WENDY ALLEN  
ROSIO AMPARÁN SALIDO (I)  
ED & GRACE ANDRES  
NOREEN ANGUS & ED MOWATT  
JOHN & DIANNE ARGUELLES  
PAM ARTHUR  
CARLOS ARTURO ESTRADA  
CHARLENE ATKINS  
GARIN BAKEL & LIONEL CUNNINGHAM  
JACK & LAURA BARRETT  
CURTISS BARROWS & CARLOS ALBERTO  
CAMPOS BERNAL  
DAVID BEARS & STEPHEN PUSHIE  
DANIEL BELLUM & CAROL EASTON  
RICHARD & PAT BENDIX  
CARMEN BERKOWITZ (I)  
BOB & SUE BERNDT  
JOHN & MARIANN BERTRAM  
PAUL BISTOW  
GARY BIVANS & ISAIAS ORTEGA  
DON & SUSAN BLASER  
JOHN & PATRICIA BOCK  
GARTH BODE & KAREN NORDIN  
ROB BOYD & KEVIN WU  
ARNIE BRAUNER & ROBERT BULTHIUS  
FRED & MYRNA BROWN  
SIDNEY BROWN  
BOB BRUNEAU & GERARDO LUGO  
PAT & DEBBIE BRYAN  
JUDITH BYRNS & JOE BERGQUIST  
JOSEPH & BEVERLY CAIRNS  
ROBERTA CAMHI  
WALTER & DORIS CAMP  
BARRY & LAUREN CAMPBELL  
LEONARDO CAMPOS  
KAY CASSERLY & GEORGE BYRNE  
RONALD & JANE CEASE  
SANDRA CESCA (I)  
FABRIZIO CETTO PADILLA (I)  
RYAN CHAFFE  
LEE & NANCY CHAPMAN  
BONNIE COLE  
JANET COTTON (I)  
KEITH COWAN  
BILL & ED COFFIN  
GORDON & JUDY CRAIG  
SAM CRESS  
BRUCE CROWLEY & CATHARINE BUTTINGER  
JOHN & CARYN CRUMP  
CLARK CURTIS  
CARLA CUTHBERSON (I)  
FRANCES & CHARLES DASLIVA  
ERIC DAVIES  
LEN & PAT DAVIES  
JIM DAVIS & DAVID WILHOIT

GLENN DEAVEN  
YVONNE DEFEITAS & PAUL WERLER  
NICK & CHERRY DELORENZO  
GUY DEMANGEON & PATRICIA JUIN  
WALLACE DEMARY & CHARLES MALLERY  
ANGIE DEVINE  
NED & GRETCHEN DEWITT  
JORGE DIAZ & CONSUELO ZEPEDA  
JOHN DOCOTE & KEN BARNES  
ROBERT & SHANTI DOELGER  
ALFREDO LOPEZ DOMINQUEZ  
FERNANDO & STACEY DONAYRE  
BRUCE & LINDA DOWNING  
MICAELA DOYLE  
TIM & GEORGINA DRUMMOND  
DAYNE DUDLEY (I)  
DONALD DUNCAN & SANDRA ESSEX  
BONNIE ECCLES (I)  
MARY EDMONDS & SHARON O CONNOR  
SCOTT ELLIOT  
ANNA ENEA & CAROLYN RALSTON  
LANCE & SUZANNE ERIKSON  
MIKE & KAREN ERP  
MARCIA ESCONTRIA (I)  
FRANCISCO ESPINO IBARRA  
CARLOS ARTURO ESTRADA  
CLIFFORD & SUSAN FAIRCHILD  
DANA FARIS & CESAR HERNANDEZ DE BOSQUE  
FRED & CARDENAS FERNANDEZ  
TERRI FINE  
ZEPEDA FLAVIO  
ALAIN FLEUROT  
MICHAELA FLORES  
FRANK FOGARTY & CONNIE WIMER  
DEAN & ANN FOSTER  
RON V. FRANCO  
WAYNE FRANKLIN & MARIA O CONNOR  
DANIEL FREEMAN & YUM CHIN  
JOHN & LINDA GALSTON  
JESÚS ALBERTO REYES GARCÍA  
GEORGIA GARDNER & MARK BANTZ  
NEIL GERLOWSKI  
RIKKI & STAN GILBERT  
BRENDA GILL  
RANDALL & SUSAN GOMEZ  
LUZ MARIA GONZALES VILLAREAL (I)  
MICHAEL GOODING  
FREDEKE GOODYEAR  
CATHRYN GORDON (I)  
STEVEN GOROSH & SCOTT KNUTSON  
PAUL GRACE  
GALE GREEN  
ROLLAND GREGORIE  
JOHN HALL & EDWARD GRANT  
DIAHANN HAMILTON (I)  
MICHAEL HAMMOND  
KEN & MAGGIE HARBOUR  
ALAN HARMON  
RON HARNER & CLINT HARRIS

T. J. & HELEN HARTUNG  
RACHEL HARRIS & BRUCE HOBSON  
JOYCE HARTVIGSON (I)  
ELEANOR HAWTHORN & SANDRA WICKS  
COLE HICKMAN (I)  
AL HILBERT & GAIL BOAL  
DAVID HILL  
KATHRYN HILL  
GEORGE HINKLE & BILL REDDICK  
GREG HOMEL  
PAUL HOOKER  
OLGA MORA HOPPE (I)  
ROBERT HOWELL & ELROY QUENROE  
MIA INGOLIA (I)  
DAVID & NANCY JACKOVICH  
GAIL & JOE JAREMA  
ROBERTA JENSEN  
VICKIE JENSEN & JAY POWELL  
BILL & SHANNON JOHNSON  
KENT JOHNSON & CODY BLOMBERG  
DONALD JONES & GUSTAVO VALDIVIA RANGEL  
RANDALL & JANIS JONES  
KIRSTINA KAISER  
JOSEPH H. KANDALL & CERGIO GONZALEZ  
LIZA DANIELLE KELLY (I)  
MANSUR KIADEH (I)  
JOHN KING & EDGAR GARCIA  
RON KNIGHT & DEBORAH MOORE  
ROBERT & LOUISE KNOPICK  
ROBERT KOPSTEIN  
LARRY KRICK  
DR. JUDY KRINGS  
JERRY LAFFERTY (I)  
MIKE LAKING & PAUL BOIVIN  
DEBORAH LARSSON  
RONNIE LEE & DAVID TOVAR  
SARAH LEGAN (I)  
ESTHER LERNER & DANIEL CARRICO  
HANK & VICKI LINDSEY  
NATIA LOLLIE (I)  
TIM LONGPRÉ & ROCHA AGUSTIN  
FRANK LOPEZ & MARIA DENINO  
JUNE LOPEZ (I)  
DAVID LORD  
DAVID LORD & SUSAN WISEMAN  
CASEY & KEITH LUPTON  
MARLON LYLES & JEFF COTE  
HARRY LYNN  
CHARLES MALLERY & WALLACE DEMARY JR.  
JIM & VICKI MANN  
CHRISTINA MARTELL  
PATRICIO & ANN MARTINEZ  
CHERYL MATTHEWS (I)  
MARTIE MCBRIDE  
JAMES MCCLINTIC  
TANDACE MCDILL (I)  
JIM & LESLEY MCFARLANE  
DEAN MCINTYRE (I)



SCOTTY MCINTYRE & ALLYN DIXON JR LORAN & BARBARA MCKAY LISA MCKIVERGIN (I) CARLOS MENDOZA ASHLEY MEYER (S) BLAKE & BRENDA MEYERS CHRIS & MARGARET MILLS JEFF MILTENBERGER & LEE SANNELLA DON MINSHEW GILBERT MOCHEL & CAROLINE ROYER MILLARD & BONNIE MOTT MEG MUNRO ERICA MUSE (S) MARY NARY ROGER & BETTY NEFF GREG & JONI NEUTRA BILL & CYNTHIA NOONAN JOHN & CECILIA NORMAN JANICE NORTH HILDA ALICIA NUNEZ & CONSUELO ZEPEDA NUNEZ FRANK & VICKI OHLY KENT & SHIRLEY OPP KEN OSGOOD (I) SHIRLEY MAE OWENS EDWARD PADALINSKI MICHAEL PANOPOULOS & TOM CORBETT LUZ PALOMERA (I) ALICIA PARTIDA ALISON PARTRIDGE DENNIS & PATTY PASQUINI TOMMY & NANCY PATTERSON JEAN PENDER & DANIEL GARIBAY KENT & DIANE PETERSON WILLIAM & DENISE PIETRI FRANCISCO PIÑA & VICKI JENSEN PACO PIÑA & CONNIE NAVARRO SALVADOR PIZANO WILLIAM & MARY PLATZER JOSEPH PORTNOY HARVEY & ELINOR PRAWER MARCELA PRECIADO (I)	WILLIAM PROCTOR & KATALINA MONTERO TAMMY PRUST (I) DAVE & ELLIE QUISLING WENDY RASMUSSEN (I) LARRY READ (I) ED REED & LEN PACITTI SANDRA REEVES & YOLETTE GARRAUD PETER REX RICKI RICARDO ALAN RICHARDSON (I) ROBBIN & CHUCK RICHARDSON PRISCILA RIEDESSER ALEJANDRO RIEFKOHL & LOURDES LOZANO LINDA RIESS (I) STEVE & MARYANN ROBALINO DOUG ROBINSON JAVIER RODRIQUEZ MARY ANN ROTH (I) NICK & PATTY ROUSE AL & CATHY ROUYER ANN ROWLEY JOHN SABO & ALAN HARMONY MICHAEL SAHM & MICHAEL SNYDER ROSIO AMPARAN SALIDO (I) DANTE SÁNCHEZ LUCY SANCHEZ & SOFIA LÓPEZ SANCHEZ BARBARA SANDS (I) INDIRA SANTOS (I) DARIO & ANN SAVIO GREG SCHELL (I) JOHN SCHMAELZLE SUSI SCHUEGRAF WALTER SCOTT KEN & KARRIE SEBRYK RON SEDGWICK & CAROLINA ROBLES SANDY & CHRISTINE SETH BARBARA SHARFTEIN RALPH & ELBA SHAW DAVID SIMPSON PHIL SIMS BRYAN SMITH & SUZANNE FRENCH-SMITH	SHIRLEY SMITH (I) ELLEN SPANGLER (I) JIM STAGI KEN STARAL (I) CHARLES & MARIANNE STROZEWSKI CLIFFORD & ROSEMARY STUEHMER DONALD SULLIVAN (I) KENT & SHIRLEY SWANSON SUSAN SWANSON DAVID SZYSZKA & GIOVANY MARCELENO DAVID TARRANT SHERRY TOFFIN WILLIAM THIELEMAN (I) RICHARD & CECILIA THOMASON NEAL & MARY THOMASSEN FREDA THOMPSON TIK & JOHN THURSTON BILL & PAULINE TRACHTENBERG PEGGY TREMAYNE (I) SCOTT TUFT & COURTENAY SHORTHALL MICHELLE VENANCE & MIKE HORNBY JACK VETTER & CARLY HEGLE POLLY VICARS (I) PABLO & DIKI VOIGT CATHY VON ROHR (I) THOMAS & PATRICIA WAGNOR CARLENE WALKER & CARL OCHOCKI STEVE WALTERS (I) NANCY WARNER RALPH & BARBARA WATKINS JEFFERY WEAVER & NATALIA KIM KATHY WEBER STAN & PAT WESSNER GREG WHITE & PEGGY REMSEN JUSTIN WILLIAMS (I) MELISSA WRIGHT DONNA WYMAN (I) LUIS CARRASCO ZANINI FLAVIO ZEPEDA (I)
--	--	---

**If your name is missing or you find an error, please alert the Membership Coordinator,  
Michaela Flores: [memberships@vbgardens.org](mailto:memberships@vbgardens.org) Thank you.**


**(S) = student (I) = individual**


**We Also Thank the Following Foundations for Their Recent Support:**

**THE CALIBAN FOUNDATION  
CHARLES H. STOUT FOUNDATION  
MELINDA MCMULLEN CHARITABLE TRUST  
OPTICS FOR THE TROPICS  
SHIRLEY K. SCHLAFER FOUNDATION  
STANLEY SMITH HORTICULTURAL TRUST**



# Your Donations to the Vallarta Botanical Garden are Greatly Appreciated


**Mexico** - Cash, check, & credit card donations are accepted at the Vallarta Botanical Garden. Please visit!  
 - Credit card payments may be made by phone: 322 223 6182 (10am – 6pm, closed Mon. in summer)  
- Direct Deposits: Banorte account # 0201383728 (account name: Vallarta Botanical Gardens A.C.)  
- **For questions about tax-deductible giving in Mexico please contact us:** [info@vbgardens.org](mailto:info@vbgardens.org).

**Canada** - Our educational programs qualify for **tax-deduction receipts** provided by The Canadian Children's Shelter of Hope Foundation (CCSHF)  


Cheques may be mailed to:  
Canadian Children's Shelter of Hope Foundation  
87 Lavinia Ave  
Toronto, ON,  
M6S 3H9  
Canada

Please write "VBG" for "Vallarta Botanical Gardens" on your cheques.

Alternatively, you may donate using a credit card through CanadaHelps.org (whose donation page is linked to the CCSHF website [www.ccs hf.ca](http://www.ccs hf.ca)) selecting the "Vallarta Botanical Gardens Fund."

**USA** - Our direct support 501(c)3,  "Friends of Vallarta Botanical Gardens, A.C." issues **tax-deduction receipts**:

Checks may be mailed to:  
Friends of Vallarta Botanical Gardens, A.C.  
759 North Campus Way  
Davis, CA 95616

Wire transfers / direct deposits can be sent to:  
Routing number: 322271627  

your choice {	General Fund Account:	0635607190
	Conservatory Account:	3310099857

Credit Card Payments:  
Call us w/ your card info: +52 322 223 6182

PayPal: [www.vbgardens.org/fvbg](http://www.vbgardens.org/fvbg)

Donations of stocks and IRA distributions:  
- Charles Schwab Account # 46789311 DTC  
Clearing # 164 Code: 40  
- Chase Brokerage DTC # 0352  
Account # 7422361



## Thank you for your generous contributions!

### Vallarta Botanical Garden's Contact Information:

Phone: 01 52 322 223 6182 (international calls) or 223 6182 (local calls)  
Email: [info@vbgardens.org](mailto:info@vbgardens.org) Web: [www.vbgardens.org](http://www.vbgardens.org)

Free subscriptions to the Vallarta Botanical Garden's monthly magazine, **"The Leaflet,"** are available at [www.vbgardens.org](http://www.vbgardens.org)