Garden Highlights

As the garden enters a new stage of maturity, it is developing ever more distinct micro-habitats, prone to support communities of interdependent plant and animal species that create a balanced whole – trees providing shade protection and organic leaf litter to perennials thriving below; both planted and naturalized groundcovers providing a living mulch that retains moisture and sheds nutrients to the benefit of tree roots; new habitats for birds and butterflies; more nutrient-rich garden runoff feeding pond water that is repeatedly circulated through the garden via irrigation. Currently, visitors to the garden will see enormous panicles of Hydrangea aspera and H. paniculata, the very rare flowers of Emmenopterys henryi and the delicately scented Philadelphus spp. Just coming into flower are the lotus flowers in the upper grotto, Nelumbo nucifera, and the stunning crimson of Lilium speciosum. Hypericum and Iris forrestii continue to show brilliant yellow blooms, and the vivid blue fruits of Dichroa febrifuga will amaze.

What’s New?

Quarryhill’s Gift Shop & Visitor Center

Open 7 days a week since last fall, the Gift Shop & Visitor Center is the perfect place to begin your visit to Quarryhill. There, you will be met with a friendly smile by long-time employee Millicent Meade, our Gift Shop Manager/Buyer, or Julie Cade, our Guest Services Associate. Not only will they provide you with a wealth of information about Quarryhill, if needed, they, along with volunteers, can usually provide you with a ride up into the garden. We do ask that all visitors to the garden, members and non-members, check in at the Gift Shop & Visitor Center so that we are able to maintain accurate records about the number of visitors. While there, we hope you’ll take a moment or two to admire the many unique and curious gifts along with several young plants for sale from the nursery.
Quarryhill's newest employees, Samantha Myhre and Eva Corbin, joined Quarryhill in June. As Quarryhill’s new Nursery Manager, Samantha is in charge of the entire nursery, including all seed and vegetative propagation. As she becomes more familiar with the garden, she will also be overseeing the education program. She is a recent graduate of the University of California at Davis with a degree in Environmental Horticulture and Urban Forestry. While at Davis, she received several scholarships and worked for the UC Davis Arboretum as Nursery Assistant. The Nursery Manager at the arboretum that provided a reference relayed that Samantha was known as the “seed whisperer” for her unique ability to germinate seeds that everyone thought nearly impossible to do. With her academic background and practical hands-on experience in propagation, Samantha is ideal for this important position.

Eva Corbin joins us as Quarryhill’s Volunteer and Event Coordinator. She recently retired from her long-time position as Recreation Program Supervisor for the Community Services Department in the Town of Windsor where she managed hundreds of volunteers and planned, organized and executed dozens of large and small events. She has a Bachelor of Arts from San Francisco State University in Recreation and Leisure Studies and is already proving herself to be highly efficient and detail-oriented, characteristics that her position demands. Both Samantha and Eva come highly recommended and the staff couldn’t be more pleased with their addition to the Quarryhill team. We hope you’ll stop by soon to meet and welcome Samantha and Eva to the garden. Should you be interested in volunteering at Quarryhill, please contact Eva at 996-6027 or email her at ecorbin@quarryhillbg.org.
Corey takes a position at San Francisco Botanical Garden

After eight years as Nursery Manager and recently as Quarryhill’s Education Coordinator, Corey Barnes has moved on. We will all miss his sense of humor, his friendly smile and especially his dedication to Quarryhill. Always professional and a true team player, he worked particularly well with the staff and the volunteers. He was instrumental in the planning, organizing and implementation of Quarryhill’s very successful education program. It was a pleasure to watch him interact with and gently guide Quarryhill’s volunteers in the education program and in the nursery. Under his leadership, the garden made great strides in improving the quality of nursery operations, both in the health and number of seedlings, and in the record-keeping. We all wish him the best of luck and are confident that he will be successful wherever life takes him.

Membership & Legacy Giving

There are many benefits to becoming a member, including:

- Free admission to the garden
- Free access to nearly 300 gardens nationwide
- Discounts at local nurseries
- First access or special discounts to garden events and workshops
- Knowing you make a difference

If Quarryhill is important to you because of its beauty, its serenity, or the work it does in preserving plants, slowing the loss of biodiversity, and educating the scientists and conservationists of the future, please consider leaving a legacy gift to the garden in your will or trust. Supporters who make planned or legacy gifts become members of the Magnolia Circle, Quarryhill’s legacy society honoring those who help ensure the garden’s continued survival. Call 707.996.3166 for more information.

Unfortunately, we can not allow dogs in the garden and we kindly ask that you don’t leave them in the car.
Wild Collections Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported Quarryhill’s 3rd annual Wild Collections, Expeditions for Education Fundraiser on May 16, 2015.

Quarryhill Won 2nd Place!  (in the general category)

Sonoma’s 4th of July Parade

2015 is the first year Quarryhill participated in the parade. It was so much fun to see thousands of people joining in the festivities. We hope to be back again next year. Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who made it possible.

Glen Ellen Green Tour

This tour invites the green spirited and eco-conscious to participate in a curated “green” tour that focuses on the environmental practices of three top Glen Ellen attractions - Quarryhill Botanical Garden, Jack London State Park, and Benziger Winery. For more information, visit jacklondonpark.com/green-tour.html

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