What’s in Bloom?

Despite it being the end of the summer, Quarryhill continues to put on quite a show. *Lilium speciosum* is just finishing its profusion of large flowers and *Lilium formosanum* is just coming into full bloom. This amazing lily flowers all fall with its towering pure white trumpets. The *Belamcanda chinensis* (Blackberry Lily), *Nelumbo nucifera* (Sacred Lotus), *Incarvillea arguta*, *Patrinia scabiosifolia*, *Patrinia villosa*, *Dianthus superbus*, and *Magnolia delavayi* are all continuing to flower, just to name a few. The many varied and colorful berries are commencing their fall display. Leaves are beginning to turn and the *Cercidiphyllum japonicum* is once again smelling of burnt sugar or cotton candy.

Down at the main office, the Jiang Entian Heritage Rose Garden has again filled with blooms: from showy David Austins and Hybrid Teas, such as ‘Elle’ and ‘Just Joey’, to Polyanthas such as ‘Mlle. Cécile Brunner’ and ‘Yvonne Rabier’, to Floribundas such as ‘Kirsten Poulsen’ and ‘Iceberg’, the garden is cycling through yet another round of color as it continues to gain in maturity and beauty every year. It’s a great time to take a walk in the garden.

What’s New?

2014 Star Award for Thora Graves

Each year, the Sonoma Valley Fund holds an event to honor volunteers at Sonoma Valley non-profits by presenting them with a Star Award for their volunteer service. This year, Quarryhill volunteer Thora Graves will receive a Star Award on September 14th at the new Sonoma Valley Community Health Center. Thora has been volunteering at Quarryhill for the last three years, greeting visitors and offering cart rides up into the garden. Always with a kind smile and a friendly demeanor, she is the perfect first impression for our visitors. Thora has told us that being in the garden and meeting visitors has had a profound positive impact on her life and health, which is readily apparent to everyone she meets.
What’s New? (continued)

New Volunteers

We are just finishing our latest volunteer training program and now have several new volunteers for Quarryhill’s very successful education program for 4th and 5th graders. Classrooms of students come from all over Sonoma County, and now some from Marin County, to learn basic botany, the importance of plants in our lives and the need to conserve them. We are almost fully booked for this academic school year with an expected 1,200 students from more than 20 schools. More than half of these classrooms have requested bus reimbursement.

The very skilled horticulturist Chris Woods has begun volunteering for Quarryhill. He was the director for more than 20 years at the well-known Chanticleer garden, a true gem outside of Philadelphia. He will be assisting by making recommendations for the thinning of some of the very crowded areas of the garden. In the early days of the garden, we intentionally over-planted so that the garden would look fuller sooner and also more natural, knowing full well that we would eventually thin as the plants matured.

New Roofs

Last month, a new roof and gutters were installed on the administrative office, and a new roof was also installed on the guest cottage. Many thanks to Quarryhill Director Harvey Shein for his skill and persistence in locating an appropriate contractor.

Visitor Center & Gift Shop

Beginning this September, the Visitor Center & Gift Shop will be open and staffed seven days a week. We are asking that all visitors (members and non-members) check in at the Visitor Center & Gift Shop as we wish to get an accurate count of the number of visitors to the garden and gather information about their impressions of Quarryhill. We are continually looking for ways to improve the visitor experience.
Upcoming Events (through October 2014)

Mark your calendars

"A Sense of Place" Talk with Pat Raven
Saturday, September 13th
10:00-11:30 AM
$10 for members, $15 for non-members

Fall Garden Tour
Thursday, September 18th
3 time-slots to choose from: 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, or 1:00 PM
Tour duration is approximately 3 hours.
$125 for members, $145 for non-members

Directors' Reception (Invitation Only)
Saturday, October 4th
5:00-7:30 PM

Medicinal Plant Walk with Peg Schafer
Sunday, October 19th
10:00-11:30 AM
$10 for members, $15 for non-members

Qigong with Linda Burquez
Sunday, October 26th
10:00-11:00 AM
$10 for members, $15 for non-members
Become a Member

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 made a difference

To learn more or to sign up to become a member, visit us at: www.quarryhillbg.org/membershipinformation

Legacy Gifts

If Quarryhill is important to you because of its beauty, serenity, 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.

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