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Spring hours are here!

From March through October, the Garden will be **open until 6 p.m.** every day. We expect increased attendance on weekends throughout spring.

For the most peaceful Garden experience, we recommend visiting on weekdays to bask in the late afternoon golden hour or **become a member** to take advantage of our special members-only hour from 9-10 a.m. to beat the spring rush.



Greg Trainor

What's blooming?

With Spring on the horizon, many are wondering what blooms to expect in the Garden. Even with the minimal rainfall received this season, our Poppies have already begun to pop in our iconic Meadow wildflower display! Read below for what to keep an eye out for in the Garden this month.



Salvia

Salvias like our hummingbird sage and purple sage are beginning to bloom in the Garden! Derived from the Latin word "salver" (to heal), many Salvia species have been used for their herbal and medicinal qualities since ancient times.

Salvias are pollinated by hummingbirds, bumblebees, wasps, and bees. Hummingbirds will defend the sages in their territory like they are the only water source in the desert!

Sages are extremely drought tolerant, can live for 30 years or more, and are often considered a favorite garden plant.



Irises in the Garden

Irises take their name from the Greek word for rainbow, referring to the wide variety of colors in the genus. Out of the 14 native species of Iris to California, about half of them are considered quite rare. Canyon Snow and other cultivars were developed by the Garden for landscape use. Our first blooming Iris of the season was spotted by our Grounds Manager, Stephanie Ranes, by the Japanese Teahouse.



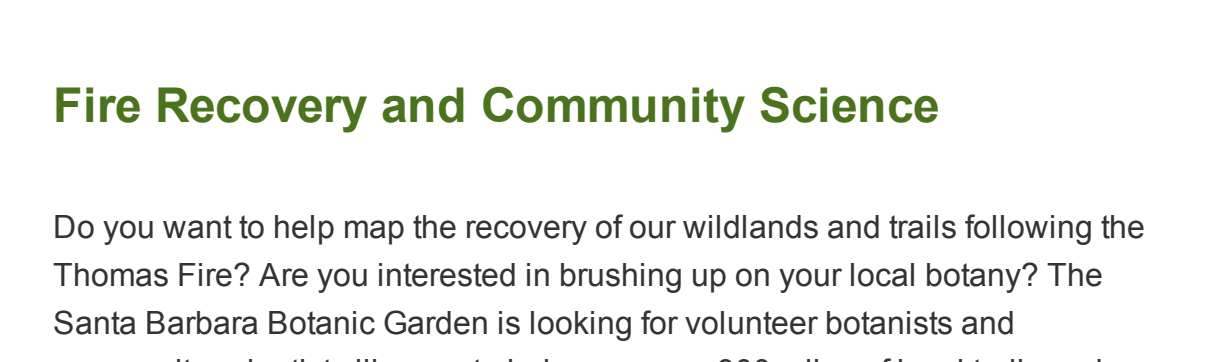
The Garden is turning 95!

On March 16th, the Garden will celebrate our 95th year! Our commitment to the conservation of native plants and habitats has remained at the core of the Garden's mission throughout our history and proves to be as important today as ever before.

Will you celebrate with us? Join us on March 16th for our socially-distant birthday!

Free admission will be provided for any visitors born in 1926, or on March 16th (valid ID required).

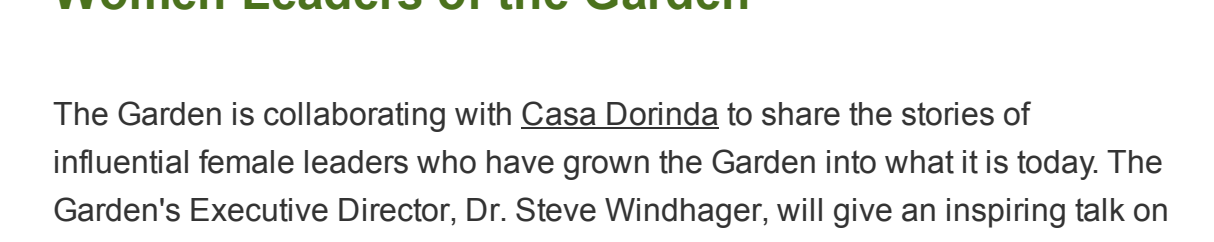
Events and Opportunities



Fire Recovery and Community Science

Do you want to help map the recovery of our wildlands and trails following the Thomas Fire? Are you interested in brushing up on your local botany? The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden is looking for volunteer botanists and community scientists like you to help map over 300 miles of local trails and roads that were affected by this fire.

[Get Involved](#)

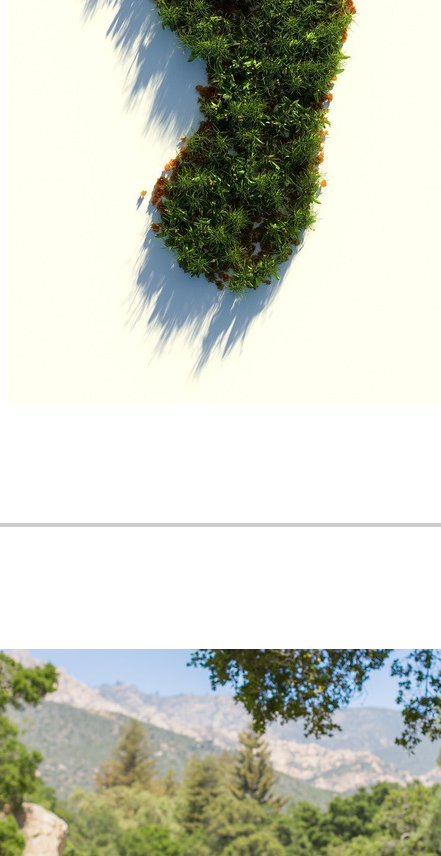


Women's History Month

Women Leaders of the Garden

The Garden is collaborating with Casa Dorinda to share the stories of influential female leaders who ground the Garden into what it is today. The Garden's Executive Director, Dr. Steve Windhager, will give an inspiring talk on the Garden's prominent founding mothers on **March 16 at 2:00 pm**.

[Zoom Link](#)

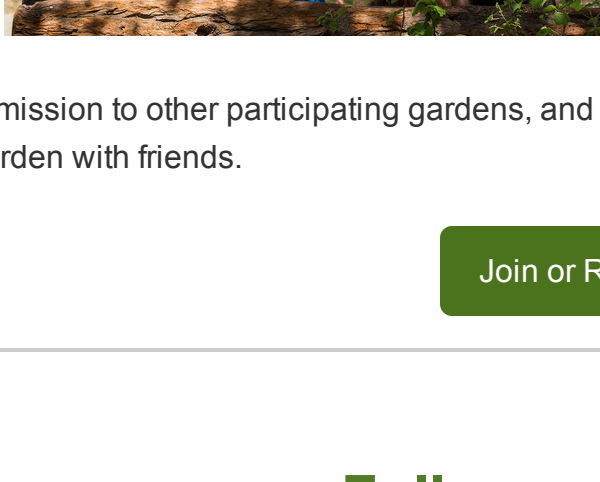


Know Before You Go

Plants grow by the inch and die by the foot.

Help us protect our fragile young plants! You may be surprised to learn that one footprint can spell the demise of young plants in our living collection. Help our Garden grow by keeping feet (adult, child, and canine) on designated paths while exploring the Garden.

Eager young Garden-goers can explore off the beaten path in our Mission Canyon section. The Canyon features physical challenges, playhouses, and more surprises for our younger visitors.



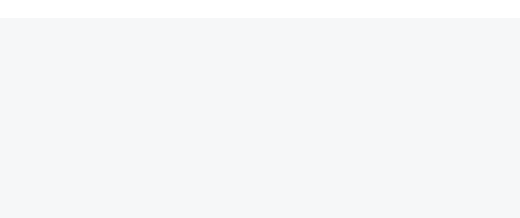
Are you a member?

Members of the Garden support the conservation of native plants and enjoy unlimited admission to the Garden.

Find the right membership level for you and your family to take advantage of special members-only hours and events, nursery discounts, reciprocal admission to other participating gardens, and guest passes to share your love of the Garden with friends.

[Join or Renew](#)

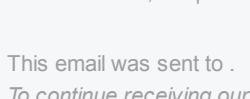
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