



**San Francisco Botanical Garden Society
Annual Report FY 2008 - 2009
Highlights**

Dear Friends,

So many of you have been supportive of the work the Society does to make the Botanical Garden more beautiful and true to its conservation education beginnings that I thought that you would like to know what has happened this year to improve both appearance and conservation education initiatives.

Pathways. After a two-month delay caused by the original contractor's financial collapse (this is the world we are living in), a new company continues the work in full force and doing an outstanding job. The project, now approximately 75% complete, should be finished by early March. I am very pleased with both the look of the crisp new paths and the fact that they bring visitors more intimately into the collections. These pathway upgrades are friendly to those with mobility challenges, and have resulted in a net of 8,600 square feet returned to garden!

Signage. It's easy to get lost in these 55 acres, and that is a comment we hear all too often from our visitors. As part of the Pathways Project, a complete program of wayfinding signage has been developed to draw the visitor into and through the Garden. In addition, both interpretive and garden identification signs are being introduced in the newly renovated gardens. Finally, handsome banners at both entrances will announce the Garden to visitors much more clearly.

Tree Succession Plan. After the completion of a \$500,000 arborist program to treat, prune and remove dangerous trees throughout the garden, we are now in the final stages of a plan to introduce new trees of appropriate types as the existing canopy ages, falls in windstorms, or succumbs to disease. Very large numbers of the original tree canopy planted in the 1870's is well past its natural life span. This plan will provide for the Garden for another 100 years.

Gondwana Circle Competition. Building on the reputations of some of the finest garden designers in California, the Society wished to introduce new talent into the mix of gardens and structures that grace the Garden. Gondwana, the ancient supercontinent that drifted apart 100 million years ago to form the current land masses of the Southern Hemisphere, has a lot to tell us about plate tectonics and how plants evolved as they hitched long rides with the shifting land, adapting to changing

environments while still remaining botanically related. This is a big story for a small garden space that is only 30 feet in diameter. The winning team, two young landscape architects from Manhattan, was selected by our blue ribbon jury. Once all the funds have been secured, their exciting design will be built to reveal the fascinating Gondwana story.

Southeast Asia Cloud Forest Garden. To be the only one of its kind in the world, this collection of rare plants from the cool, foggy highlands of Southeast Asia will be graced with architectural material we were given by the Doris Duke Foundation, thus giving this new space an authentic and culturally specific look and feel.

Native Plant Garden Extension Plan. Once the new Nursery: Center for Sustainable Gardening is built, the existing nursery will be removed. In its place, we will extend the already considerable Native Plant Garden, so that a new “wet meadow” will connect the existing native garden first to the Redwood Grove and then on to the new Nursery where a dune restoration will link seven city blocks of native plant material--from about 12th to 19th Avenue--creating an enormous outdoor classroom for the study and observation of California native plant communities and their inhabitants.

Nursery: Center for Sustainable Gardening. The second LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum structure in Golden Gate Park and the City of San Francisco has been designed, is gaining the necessary City approvals for construction, and is well along in the funding process. In fact, we have raised close to half of the \$13.1 Million for the project. This new Nursery will embody most of the state-of-the-art energy-saving building techniques now available and showcase them for the public. To be located adjacent to the Children's Garden, this "transparent" structure will be on view by visitors, including our young ones, so they can see first hand how a relatively small building can be good-looking, hard-working and very, very green.

Sidewalk Greening. We have been approved for a State of California grant to inform residents and encourage the planting of green sidewalk strips in residential areas throughout the City. Working with the Mayor's office, the Departments of Public Works, and Recreation and Parks to assure smooth permitting procedures this innovative program has the potential to take sustainability into every neighborhood in the City once the pilot is funded and tested.

Cultural Collaborative. This collaboration of the Botanical Garden, Conservatory of Flowers, de Young Fine Arts Museum, the Academy of Sciences, the Japanese Tea Garden and the Convention and Visitors Bureau has continued to meet to solve challenging problems for visitors to Golden Gate Park and these key museums and collections. Founded by Garden Director, Brent Dennis, the Collaborative has made real progress on behalf of visitors to all of the attractions.

Youth Education Program. Year in and year out, Annette Huddle with her small staff and volunteer children's docent cadre make us all proud. 10,000 San Francisco Public

School children learn each year from age-appropriate classes, the Children's Garden, and from teachers trained here to take the conservation education message back to their schools.

Michael McKechnie
Executive Director

San Francisco Botanical Garden Society

Revenues Fiscal Year 2009

Grants/Contributions/Special Events/Bequests	37%	\$1,374,931.00
Memberships	5%	\$198,443.00
Earned Income (Nursery/Bookstore/Education)	12%	\$457,999.00
Investment Income	2%	\$56,502.00
Capital Campaign funds from prior years	27%	\$1,001,325.00
Other funds from prior years	17%	\$634,617.00
Total		\$3,723,817.00

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Expenses Fiscal Year 2009

Public Programs	31%	\$1,171,977.00
Support for gardens - all sources	43%	\$1,597,939.00
Collections Management	5%	\$173,797.00
Memberships	2%	\$87,639.00
Management	10%	\$387,383.00
Fundraising/Development	8%	\$305,082.00
Total		\$3,723,817.00

THANK YOU

The San Francisco Botanical Garden Society gratefully thanks and acknowledges the generosity of its Annual Donors whose gifts support the care and maintenance of the Garden's plant collections and its outstanding conservation education programs for people of all ages.

April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

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The Campaign for the Garden We Love

The San Francisco Botanical Garden Society is working with its closest friends on a Capital Campaign to support various improvements throughout the Garden. The Campaign's capstone project will be the new Nursery: Center for Sustainable Gardening. All members will soon be invited to join in this effort.

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