

Upcoming Events

Details at: slobg.org/events-classes
\$3 County parking fee on weekends.

Sunday, June 3, 4 PM

**Oak Glen Pavilion Concert Series -
Hawkeye Herman & Friends, Blues**
\$15 members/\$20 non-members.
Ticketing at slobg.org/hawkeye-herman
See article inside.

Saturday, June 9, 1 PM - 3 PM

**Saturday at the Garden -
Succulents: Ideal Landscaping
for Today**

\$5 members/\$10 non-members. 2 PM
Docent-led tour. See cover article.

Saturday, June 9, 1 PM - 3 PM

**Saturday at the Children's Garden:
Summer Succulents!**

Plant your own miniature succulent
garden! \$5 donation for materials.

July 9 - 13 and August 6 - 10

**Mediterranean Adventure Camp!
TWO sessions this year**

Don't miss out on this incredible fun
and educational day camp. Details at
slobg.org/education/summer-camp.
See article inside.

Saturday, July 14, 1 PM - 3 PM

**Saturday at the Garden -
Flowers as Photographic Models**

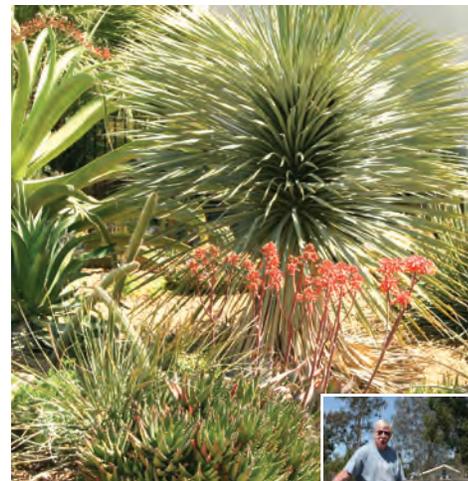
\$5 members/\$10 non-members. 2 PM
Docent-led tour. Details at
slobg.org/flower-photography.

Saturday, July 14, 1 PM - 3 PM

**Saturday at the Children's Garden -
Summer Succulents!**

Sunday, August 26, 4 PM

**Oak Glen Pavilion Concert Series -
Chris Stuart and Janet Beazley,**
from the group, Backcountry; folk, blue
grass and country. \$15 members/\$20
non-members. Limited seating,
ticketing at slobg.org/stuart-beazley.



Photos by Gene Schroeder

Saturday at the Garden - June 9, 1 PM - 3 PM

Succulents: Ideal Landscaping for Today

San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden welcomes South County resident and Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society President Gene Schroeder to share his expertise with succulents at the Garden's Oak Glen Pavilion on Saturday, June 9, from 1 PM to 2 PM. With water conservation and fire prevention being topics of current interest to residents of the Central Coast, Gene's presentation will support the role of succulents in these critical areas, as well as providing information about how succulents grow and can be chosen to successfully enhance a landscape.

A retired engineer, Gene describes himself as a long time admirer of the plants that have adapted to live and thrive in dry areas of the world. Starting with a few plants in his collection, his hobby has grown to include propagation and conservation of succulents. As well as being the current President of the Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society, Gene is a member of both American and British succulent societies, as well as being a Master Gardener. He is a frequent volunteer at the Nipomo Native Gardens, and is also a member there. Visit centralcoastcactus.org for more information about the Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society (CCCSS).

Presentation is \$5 for Garden and CCCSS members/\$10 non-members. For more information contact 805.541.1400x304 or education@slobg.org. To be followed by a free docent-led tour in the Garden.

Saturday at the Children's Garden – Summer Succulents!

Saturday, June 9, 1 PM - 3 PM

Squishy and unique succulents are fun to grow! Make your own tiny succulent landscape to bring home with you. \$5 donation appreciated. For more information contact our Education Coordinator at education@slobg.org or 805.541.1400x304.

A \$3 fee is charged for parking by San Luis Obispo County Parks in El Chorro Regional Park April through September on weekends and holidays.

Connections With Nature:



Mike's Field Notes —

Color — Gardens exist for many purposes: learning, serenity, medicinal needs, plant collections, texture, form and color. To me, it's the colorful part that is most noticeable and therefore most important to our visitors. It's also easy to think that 'colorful' only applies to flowers, plants and gardens, after all we are a botanical garden. Yet we do more that I hope is also recognized as 'colorful'.

I hope you feel that our communication with our membership and supporters is colorful. And that our events are also colorful. I know that I am all geared up for an event when I see Larry Tolson setting up our 25 flags from countries with mediterranean climates!

Even our programming should be colorful in the sense that we offer a mixed palette of options for a wide variety of plant and nature-related interests — programs that challenge participants to expand their canvas of experiences.

But back to what most of us feel is color — plants and gardens. Butchart Gardens in Victoria, British Columbia is recognized as a superior garden, and here on the west coast, many of us have actually been able to see it for ourselves. To me, this is a garden that is all about color. Yes, there are amazing vistas, but the gardens are punctuated and carried by color — the play of colors in harmony and in opposition.

SLO Botanical Garden is becoming more colorful, too. We've opened up the tree canopy and the new light is allowing for the growth of bright colors. We've also repainted the Amphitheater to be representative of mediterranean colors, too – along with the wine barrel planters around the Oak Glen Pavilion.

Come see our Garden. You'll return for the color.

Volunteer Spotlight —

Growing the Cal Poly Connection

by Kristina Van Wert, Director of Volunteers

Cal Poly and the SLOBG go back to the very beginning. After all, Eve brought forth the Garden from her own Cal Poly studies, and over the years both students and faculty have been instrumental in its development. It makes sense for us to tap into the college for enthusiastic students looking to apply their class skills to the real world, and each year quite a few come knocking on our door.

While volunteering is always an option for students, either as individuals or in groups, serious students sign up for department sponsored internships, which require an extra level of commitment. Interns come to us from all areas of academia, and have included students from Journalism and Public Relations, Recreation and Tourism, Education, Geography, and of course Horticulture and Agriculture. Each department has its own requirements, usually a minimum of 100 hours over the quarter, allowing enough time for the students to work on projects that utilize their skills as well as provide opportunities to learn new ones.

Just as each volunteer is unique, so are their interests. This year we have interns working on projects related to children's education, facility rentals, native plant collection development, social media, and concert promotion. We have had others interested in plant production, geocaching, event management, photography ...the options are almost unlimited!

So if you or someone you know attends Cal Poly (or Cuesta College) and are looking for an internship opportunity, let's talk! You can reach me at volunteer@slobg.org or 805.541.1400x305.

Cool Kids!

A Summer Adventure Like No Other!

by Lindsey Collinworth, Education Coordinator

SLO Botanical Garden is proud to host our third annual Mediterranean Adventure Camp this summer. Last year's camp was so successful that we immediately had a waiting list, so this year we are offering TWO Adventure Camp sessions!

This unique summer camp for 2nd - 6th grade children focuses on the five mediterranean climate regions of the world: California, coastal central Chile, the Cape Province of South Africa, south and southwestern Australia, and the Mediterranean Basin. Using hikes, gardening, art, dance, cooking classes, live animals and other hands-on activities campers will discover the relationship between plants and people.

Two Adventure Camps: July 9 - 13; August 6 - 10

The first session of Camp is July 9 - 13 and the second is August 6 - 10, and both run from 10 AM - 3 PM. We'll provide snacks, but please bring a bagged lunch. Cost is \$150 per child, 10% member discount and scholarships available. Register now as spaces are extremely limited. 805.541.1400x304 or email Lindsey at education@slobg.org. Details and online registration available at slobg.org/education/summer-camp.

Email education@slobg.org for more information on these and other upcoming events, or visit our website slobg.org/education/kids-events.



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SLOBG Concert Series ~ 2012

Hawkeye Herman and friends

Sunday, June 3 at 4 PM

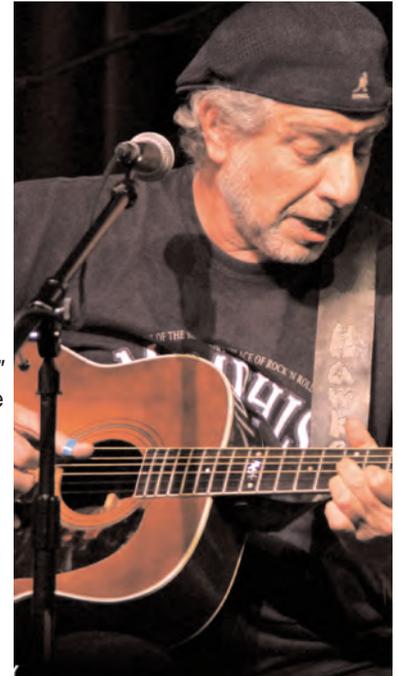
Blues Hall of Fame member and Pacific Northwest blues phenomenon Michael "Hawkeye" Herman, is a blues guitar master with 40 years of performing experience and many recordings. He exhibits versatile musicianship, originality, and compelling artistry. Called "*The Midwest's Blues Ambassador*," audiences throughout the US/Canada/Europe have come to know and appreciate Hawkeye's unique hard-driving blues style while telling the story of the blues.

Hawkeye and Friends - Performing with Hawkeye will be: Tom Corbett, a mandolin and guitar playing singer-songwriter who has contributed his talents to blue grass and American roots music, and has toured and recorded with some of the finest musicians in the folk world; Phil Salazar, a high-spirited, energetic fiddle performer, is recognized for his unique "folk fusion" style by combining rock, blues, Irish, country, and Middle Eastern music. He has played with the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Rincon Ramblers and the Acousticats. Sarah Jane Nelson, a singer/songwriter will round out the "friends" as a very talented vocalist.

Visit slobg.org/hawkeye-herman for more details, links to each artists website, and links to YouTube videos of Hawkeye in action!

Seating limited, reserve early at Eve's Garden Shop or on-line at slobg.org/hawkeye-herman, \$15 members/\$20 non-members. Indoor concert, doors open at 3:30 PM, concert begins at 4 PM. Free docent led tour of the Garden begins in the Preview Garden at 2:30 PM. No-host bar, please no outside food. Our 2012 Concert Series is proudly supported by New Times and KCBX.

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Blues wizard, Hawkeye Herman



Phil Salazar



Tom Corbett Sarah Jane Nelson

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eScrip Dining — You Eat, We Grow!

What could be better than enjoying a delicious meal and supporting the Garden at the same time? Not signed up with the eScrip program? It's easy. Just go to eScrip.com and follow the link on the home page to register your debit or credit card and select San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden as the group. Dine at a supporting restaurant, use your registered debit or credit card and the Garden will receive up to 5% of your entire meal as a contribution. Check out these participating restaurants in San Luis Obispo to earn contributions for dining:

Laguna Grill
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Item of the Month —

Back by popular demand – Wearable Poppies!

Our June Item of the Month in Eve's Garden Shop is our popular poppy t-shirt. This season, we've ordered exciting new colors for men. Men, if you think the black t-shirt with the orange poppy is striking, wait until you see the poppy on sapphire or purple. We also carry sand, white and sport grey.

The ladies t-shirts come in a slim and a ladies' style. The colors for women are white, purple, sport grey and royal blue. All are short sleeve and 100% cotton. Get your summer tees at Eve's Garden Shop.

During the month of June the poppy t-shirt will be on sale in Eve's Garden Shop at a 15% discount for Garden members and a 10% discount for non-members.



Photo by Mike Bush



Plant of the month

by Ron Kindig, Volunteer

Lavender Cotton to Brighten Spring!

One of the brightest plants in the garden is the lavender cotton (*Santolina chamaecyparissus*). Its bright yellow pom-pom flowers form a striking mass over its bright silver foliage, and they last well into summer. It comes to us from the Mediterranean Basin, and can be found in Bed H in the Garden.

The lavender cotton's leaves have a pleasant aroma, which made the plant popular as far back as early English knot gardens. Typically arranged in squares, coats of arms, or embroidery (resembling knots), knot gardens include colorful and aromatic and culinary plants.

Use lavender cotton in rock gardens, borders, ground covers, on slopes, in large containers, and near oak trees. It is both fire and deer resistant, and is hardy to 0° F.

Shear the plant back after it blooms, then cut it back each spring to keep it from becoming too rangy. Remove and replace it when it becomes too woody.

Santolina chamaecyparissus was chosen for the Garden's 128 of Our Best, which includes plant photos, descriptions, and uses of 128 of the Garden's best plants for the landscape. This book is available in Eve's Garden Shop. Find out more about our plants on our website at slobg.org/our-garden/what-we-grow.



Photos by Ron Kindig

Specimens of lavender cotton are available for purchase at Eve's Garden Shop.