

Garden News

November 2011

2011 was a fantastic year at the Conservation Garden Park. Completion of the Education Center is just around the corner, and a good time was had by all at our inaugural Garden Gala. We also hosted the first "Blue Festival," and sparked creativity in Garden visitors with our first-ever video competition. The Garden would not be the spectacular destination it is without your continued support.



A Model of Sustainability: The Education Center Nears Completion

The new Education Center will be a working model of energy efficiency and sustainability. Many organizations have come together to build this unique venue. Thanks go to Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, the Bamberger-Allen Health and Education Foundation, Salt Lake County, and many others for having the vision and commitment needed to create this incredible community resource.

If you are interested in becoming part of this exciting project, opportunities still exist to sponsor such gems as the Wasatch Fountain, Penstemon Plaza, Segoe Lily Courtyard and Cliffrose Courtyard. Your business or organization can take part in creating this exciting destination. For more information or to tour the building, please contact Bart Forsyth at 801/565.4300.



Front:

Cindy Kindred
Marty Lamb
Marian Ingham
Cynthia Bee
Jim Schwing
Noreen Foote
JoAnn Seghini
Laurel Dokos
Lyle Summers
Warren Bell

Back:

Joe Donaldson
Eric Klotz
Courtney Brown
Susie Takara
Tammy Miller
Richard Bay
Jackie Maas
Betty Naylor
Ted Wilson
Wanda Bamberger
Bart Forsyth

Standing in front of the Education Center are members of the Advisory Council for the Jordan Valley Conservation Gardens Foundation. This visionary and passionate group has been a major force behind this wonderful new facility at the Conservation Garden Park.

Advisory Council Spotlight - Wanda Bamberger



Wanda and her family enjoy spending time in the Garden

This edition we spotlight Wanda Bamberger, an amazing friend and advocate of the Garden. In her own words:

The Conservation Garden drew me in the first time I toured it; with its grasses towering over my head, and the "elm street" with different examples of waterwise landscaping for each "house." I saw its importance back then, and happily accepted the opportunity to volunteer on the Advisory Council with the Special Events Committee. Over the past five years though, I have brought two children into this world, and as anyone who has children knows, one's perspectives change rapidly with the

introduction of those little crumb crunchers. The air situation of Salt Lake City, and our depletion of water sources hits home harder now. Do I really want to raise my children here? How can I help make our little piece of heaven a better place to live? How do I teach my children to be forward thinkers in order to save, cherish, and improve Mother Earth? One way is with education and appreciation of the Conservation Garden.

The Garden has expanded exponentially since I first began volunteering. It's educational, it's inspirational, and it's a great place to bring your family for a little walk and a picnic- which my family does often! There are so many great causes and wonderful organizations out in our society, and I'm extremely thrilled to be part of this one.

This year marked our first Gala, which was held in the garden. I was not only proud to be part of it, but loved the learning experience of organizing a fund raiser, and absolutely admired the work from fellow volunteers, Garden staff, and our highly accomplished consultants, Cindy Kindred and Laurel Dokos. The Gala showcased our magnificent gardens, and drew the attention from 300 pleased attendees of the Garden. It was unequivocally a HIT! We are all very appreciative of our many donors, and look forward to making next year's Gala even better!

It's been an honor and a great experience to be involved with the Conservation Garden, and we are constantly looking to expand new facets to reach more of our population. When it comes down to it, we each need to do what we can, in whatever way we might be able to, in order to help preserve our earth. This is why I have enjoyed the learning experience of the Conservation Garden Park.

Our Children: Poised to Be Enlightened Environmental Stewards

In 2011, Conservation Garden Park received more than 3000 students from schools across the Valley, and the numbers are growing! Available on our website is a [curriculum](#) of various lessons, appropriate for grades K-12. An accompanying field trip will enhance and complement the lessons for a full learning experience. We encourage teachers throughout Utah to take advantage of this unique and fascinating learning experience.

Additional information is available from Courtney Brown, who can be reached at 801/565.4300.



The Conservation Garden Park is located at 8215 South 1300 West in West Jordan. Winter hours at M-F, 8-5. ConservationGardenPark.org cgpblog.org facebook.com/ConservationGardenPark



"An Enchanted Evening" was had by all at our wonderful Garden Park Gala. More than 300 people enjoyed an evening of fine food, music, and friends, all while participating in a great cause to support the Garden. Our thanks to each of you!

Prior to dinner, 300 guests enjoyed a progressive appetizer stroll through the Garden while tasting delicious foods from several continents. A fabulous farm-to-table dinner, the sounds of the Joe Muscolino Band, and speaker/author Jamie Workman rounded out the beautiful summer evening. Thanks to all of our sponsors who made our Gala a successful event!

