

The Humboldt Botanical Garden celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2017. The botanical garden is a living museum that is built according to an approved master plan. It will always be a work in process with future gardens and garden features. For those who have never visited the garden...consider visiting, you will be surprised and hopefully inspired. There are beautiful formal gardens, panoramic views, hiking trails, benches and tables for picnics. It's a wonderful place for a peaceful stroll, or family outing, or to learn more about plant species and native plants. People of all ages and from all parts of the world come to see the garden. Dogs are welcome, too. The Garden has many activities- The Summer Music series, education programs, The Birds and Bees monthly program, children's programs; garden workshops, holiday events, docent led tours...and...it's easy and a lot of fun to become a volunteer. The Gardens are available for rental, such as weddings, parties and events that can be booked in advance through the office.

Check out our website at hbgf.org...browse through the site and familiarize yourself with the organization. You can contact our office at (707) 442-5139.

Here's what I would like to tell you: Soon, we will have our 8th annual Garden Gala. This Gala celebrates our 25th Anniversary. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 9th from 1- 5pm. This festive event is open to the public. Admission is \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members, children under 6 are admitted free. The admission price includes local beer, wine, food music, kid's activities, artists in the garden and a silent auction in the Greenhouse. Tickets can be purchased on-line, at George Petersen Insurance Agency, the Garden, or at the office. Tickets can be purchased at the gate on the day of the event, with a \$10 admission premium.

As you meander through the gardens and all the activities, take a tour to find 13 local artists- all accomplished plein air artists (masters at outdoor painting) who will be at selected spots throughout the garden. It's amazing to see them paint on location. Their work will be included in the silent auction, and they will also have completed art for sale. The Garden crews have been hard at work and everywhere you look there is nature's delight. Along with the decorative plants and flowers you will find a new feature created just this summer, The Butterfly House- these lovely creatures can be seen floating through the air, in their own habitat, clinging to your bright sweaters.

From the lavender of Sara's Garden to the tall sunflowers, to the earth sculpture 'All Happy Now', from the gleaming garden art sculptures, to the fantastic display of roses, to the butterflies in flight, the Humboldt Botanical Garden is in brilliant color and we invite you to come see!