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Curator’s Corner

Dear Friends of the Garden,

This October ended with a story of tragedy narrowly averted for our beloved city of Puerto Vallarta. We watched in intent captivation of reports that predicted a hurricane of record-breaking and ever-increasing proportion barreling directly towards our seaside community. Businesses shut down and energy was refocused on rapid preparations to weather the storm. In other cases, people headed away from the coastline for shelter.

Then, miraculously, the storm’s trajectory veered far from its predicted course with a landfall well south of us. The Sierra Madres shielded the Banderas Bay from the full brunt of the storm and in Puerto Vallarta the effects were on par with any average summertime thunderstorm.

Communities to our south were hit hard and the Garden and other community leaders spearheaded an initiative to deliver emergency supplies to those in need. Donations for this relief effort are still being accepted: https://www.gofundme.com/Patriciahelp.

For us in Puerto Vallarta, Hurricane Patricia was a powerful reminder of the fragility of our manmade infrastructure and our vulnerability. It also gave us great cause for thanksgiving, celebration of our good fortune, renewed dedication to share our bountiful blessings with others, and respect for our natural world that we depend on each and every moment.

In friendship,
Bob Price, Founder and Curator, VBG

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Please tell us what you like reading!
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Celebrate with us!

Saturday & Sunday
Nov. 14th & 15th, 2015
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

400 guests maximum per day
Please purchase your tickets now.

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# The Vallarta Botanical Garden’s 10th Anniversary Celebration

**November 14 & 15**

## Early Morning Activities & Tours

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<td>10:00 - 11:00</td>
<td>Birthing and Epiphyte discovery along the River Walk &amp; Jaguar Trails</td>
<td>Rafael Guzmán, David Jimenez Ramos, Christian René Sánchez Martínez</td>
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<td>10:00 - 11:00</td>
<td>Chocolate, Vanilla, Coffee and more – growing cash crops in native forests as profitable conservation</td>
<td>Tom Burris &amp; Yolanda Madera</td>
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<td>10:00 - 11:00</td>
<td>The Vallarta Botanical Garden’s Magnolia Collection</td>
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## Open House Experience

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### Open House Feature:

- **Aquatic Plants Pond**
  - **Hosts:** Isabel Cárdenas of the Estero El Salado

- **Vireya Rhododendron House**
  - **Hosts:** Dee Daneri, Marita Rathnow, Sandra Cesca

- **Holstein Tropical Plant House**
  - **Hosts:** Mary Ellen Holstein, Joaquín Aja, Dennis Owen

- **Galeana Family Cactus and Arid Plants Garden**
  - **Hosts:** Dra. Hilda Julieta Arreola Nava, Magdalena Hernández Martínez, Ana Ezcurra, Ing. Emiliano Sánchez Martínez

- **Tillandsia House**
  - **Hosts:** Carla Piringer

- **Vallarta Conservatory of Orchids & Native Plants**
  - **Hosts:** T.J. Hartung, Erika Pagaza

- **Nuestra Señora del Jardín (Chapel)**
  - **Hosts:** Michael Schultz & Ruben Cota

### Special Exhibit:

#### The Importance of Bees and Other Pollinators
- **Hosts:** Dave Hutchinson, Talit María León Mantecón

#### Wildlife Photography & Art
- **Hosts:** Petr Myska, Madelaine Myska, Antonio Velázquez

#### Garden Photography
- **Hosts:** Petr Myska, Madelaine Myska, Antonio Velázquez

#### Garden Tourism
- **Hosts:** Michel Gauthier & Ing. Carlos Murillo

#### Developing Garden Programs & Projects
- **Hosts:** Michel Gauthier & Ing. Carlos Murillo

#### Garden Sponsorship/Membership Opportunities
- **Hosts:** Michel Gauthier & Ing. Carlos Murillo

#### Mexican Medicinal Plants
- **Hosts:** Dr. Leslie Korn, Francisco Alejandro Briseño Quintanares

#### Weaving with native plants
- **Hosts:** Angel Mariscal Flores, María Anita Trinidad de los Santos & Don Pascal

### Kids Educational Program:

- **Ms. Smarty-Plants & Sra. Flor Sabelotodo**
  - **Educators:** Pam Meisner, Flor de Liz Castro Palafox

### Special Exhibit:

- **The Miracle of Corn**
  - **Hosts:** Dr. Rafael Guzmán, Olivia Barker & Cynthia Martínez Hernández

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**Booths:**

- **Punta de Mita Foundation**
  - **Hosts:** Ana Lilia Medina Varas, Anabel Mora Núñez
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<td><strong>Botanical Gardens of Mexico: Past Perspectives and Outlook for the Future</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Mexican Gardens as Destinations for National Tourists</strong></td>
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Celebrate an American tradition in a tropical paradise. A special Thanksgiving Dinner is served from 11 am until 6 pm. Reservations are recommended but not required. Info at www.vbgardens.org or call + 52 322 223 6182.

**Restaurant Special**

**Drink**  
Cocktail, wine, soft drink or Jamaica

**First Course**  
Puréed sweet potato soup  
or seasonal garden salad

**Second Course**  
Stuffed roasted turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, ginger glazed carrots and green bean casserole

**Dessert**  
Choice of traditional desserts and coffee

**$299 MXN per person**  
Second helpings — included!  
Gratuity is not included.  
Garden entry not included:  
$100 pesos teens/adults  
$50 pesos children  
Free entry for members
Mexican Orchid Of the Month
*Epidendrum ciliare L.*

*By Lizbeth Hernández Hernández, Biologist & Co-author of “Las orquídeas del occidente de México, Volumen 1”*

*Epidendrum ciliare* is a species of Jalisco’s most abundant orchid genus. Its common name, “crow’s foot,” refers to the overlapping bracts and the pendulous arrangement of its floral parts.

It is distributed in the states of Campeche, Chihuahua, Chiapas, Colima, Durango, Estado de Mexico, Guerrero, Jalisco, Michoacán, Nayarit, Oaxaca, Sinaloa, Tabasco and Veracruz.

Its common form of growth is as a lithophyte or epiphyte in ravines within pine-oak forest and semi-deciduous tropical forests from 310 to 1750 meters. It is still an abundantly dispersed plant throughout its range and forms dense clusters sometimes occupying considerable extents on large rocks. Look for its lovely flowers from April to July either while hiking our local forests or while visiting the Vallarta Botanical Garden.

Mexican Bird Of the Month

*Ringed Kingfisher (Megaceryle torquata)*

The ringed kingfisher is a spectacular bird that ranges from southern Texas all the way to Tierra del Fuego in South America. Lucky visitors to the Garden have observed them along the Los Horcones River at the border of the Garden’s property. The early morning is the most likely time to encounter this feathered beauty and find it hunting from perches in the dense woods.
Through our professional contacts with the International Garden Tourism Network, VBG founder and curator Bob Price was the invited guest of the City of Suncheon, Korea to present about garden tourism and floral festivals during the World Tulip Summit and International Garden Tourism Conference. Bob joined representatives from 12 different countries to speak about the growing market of garden tourism and how communities are recharging their economies through floral festivals. Bob is very grateful to his hosts to include the VBG in this opportunity and for generously providing the funds for his travel and accommodation.

Bob takes great pride in serving as an ambassador for tourism in Mexico and sharing with others his love for the incredible flora of this megadiverse country.
In Good Company: Desert Botanical Garden

By Neil Gerlowski, Executive Director of the VBG

We at the Vallarta Botanical Garden are celebrating our inclusion in the 2015 list of the “TOP 10 North American Gardens Worth Travelling For,” in part, by a series of articles highlighting the prestigious gardens sharing this list with us. The Desert Botanical Garden (DBG) played a very important role in my career trajectory starting back in 2002 when I moved to Arizona from New Hampshire and applied for a job as a Park Ranger with the City of Phoenix. I knew I had much to learn about the Sonoran Desert to pass an oral board exam and the DBG seemed an obvious choice for a starting point in preparation. The plants of this garden immediately captured my fascination and my work that followed as a Park Ranger (yes, I got the job) gave me opportunities to conserve their wild and varied habitats.

The DBG not only does an excellent job displaying the plants of the Sonoran Desert, but those of deserts the world over. Mexican plants are especially prominently featured and include dozens of species of cactus and agaves that are rarely found outside of their country.

### 2015 List of the, “TOP 10 North American Gardens Worth Travelling For”
As declared by the Canadian Garden Tourism Council
(Listed in alphabetical order)

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of origin. An especially exciting feature of this garden is a trail dedicated to the ingenious indigenous uses of plants native to Arizona’s deserts for food, medicine, fibers, and housing. Walking along the DBG’s “Plants & People Trail” is a like a trip through time and through the unique and different habitats encountered through this diverse and beautiful state.

An important parallel between the DBG and VBG is that both organizations have a very mixed audience of Latino and North American visitors and commit to a communication platform in both Spanish and English. From interpretive signage to websites and magazines, these organizations go the extra distance to make sure that their messages of plant conservation reach the full extent of their visitors.

*As declared at the North American Garden Tourism Conference in Toronto, Canada March, 2015.

Photos on these pages provided courtesy of Desert Botanical Garden.
The Incredible Conservation Potential of the VBG

By Tim Thibault, Curator of Woody Plants, The Huntington Botanical Garden

Mexican flower,
Blooms from middle to both ends,
Botanist wonders.

Like a haiku, a brief article in The Leaflet about the Vallarta Botanical Garden’s conservation potential forces me to say much with few words.

The haiku that started the article comes from a long-distance experience with the recent flowering of *Ursulaea macvaughii*. I later learned that a second plant started to bloom, enabling flowers to be artificially pollinated to produce seed. As Vallarta is listed as one of only six public gardens in the world to hold this species, this in itself is a huge boon for conservation of the species. Quite remarkably, this flower was observed to begin flowering in the middle of the inflorescence. With each fascinating description, I had additional questions. In order to conserve a species, we need to understand its biology. Careful observations over extended periods of time are essential to gathering this information and are usually more easily accomplished in a cultivated setting like the VBG than in the wild.

The other experience I want to mention is with *Dioon tomasellii*, which is grown by the VBG and only eight other botanical gardens. My bet is that Vallarta is the only one that has it both in the cultivated part of the garden and in a natural preserve. There is no argument that preservation of species in the wild, *in-situ* conservation, is the ultimate goal. Vallarta serves that mission, yet also lets us understand how the plant acts both in the wild and in cultivation. Very few facilities in the world provide such an opportunity—and no others do so with the stunning flora of Jalisco.

I’d love to share more with fellow admirers of the VBG about the conservation potential for this great organization and will return to celebrate its 10th anniversary this November 14th and 15th. If you’re able to attend, please find me in the crowd. Talking about the VBG makes for great conversation!
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<td><strong>VBG’s 10th Anniversary Celebration</strong> — A full weekend of events including guided hikes, open house experiences, captivating talks by dynamic guest speakers, live music, and more (see pages 2-7).</td>
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<td><strong>Tropical Bird ID Crash Course</strong> — Need to study up for the big count on Dec. 15th? Join us for some early morning birding (8 am to 11 am) followed by a presentation by expert birders on how to maximize your efforts during “count week.”</td>
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<td><strong>Christmas Bird Count (CBC)</strong> — The VBG is a regional leader in the world’s longest running and most significant citizen science project. Public CBC participation in the Garden is welcome on the 15th from 8 am to 6 pm. A special overnight option at an extra cost is also available from the preceding evening to the following morning. For more info, please write to <a href="mailto:eventos@vbgardens.org">eventos@vbgardens.org</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>Membership Appreciation Day</strong> — Thanking those who keep the Garden flourishing.</td>
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<td><strong>Cutator’s Candlelight Dinner</strong> — Copa de Oro Level Members &amp; Above</td>
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*Some activities subject to change. The most current calendar, often with links to further event information, can be viewed at www.vbgardens.org/calendar.*

**Garden Hours**  
Open 7 days/wk for the months of Dec., Jan., Feb., & March (except Christmas & New Year’s Day)  
Open 6 days/wk (Closed Mondays) April, May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., & Nov.  
Early “Bird” Opening 8 am every Thursday  
Daily Guided Tour 1 pm (Offered for the months of Dec., Jan., Feb., & March)
From the Membership Desk

This November 14th and 15th, the Garden will celebrate its 10th anniversary. It’s like a big birthday for our organization and we hope you can join us for this special time. Each morning starting at 9 am we’ll begin educational activities for the whole family. Later, from 2:30 pm until the Garden closes at 6 pm, it’s party time with live music for all to enjoy.

Members: please always wear your membership card when visiting the Garden. This helps our staff and volunteers recognize you as members and offer discounts on your Garden purchases.

Can you find your name on our Wall of Benefactors?

If you’re not yet “on the wall” we invite you to join the family that preserves the Garden forever!

Becoming a member is easy & provides great benefits: www.vbgardens.org/memberships

A high resolution image of this photograph is available at www.vbgardens.org/benefactors
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