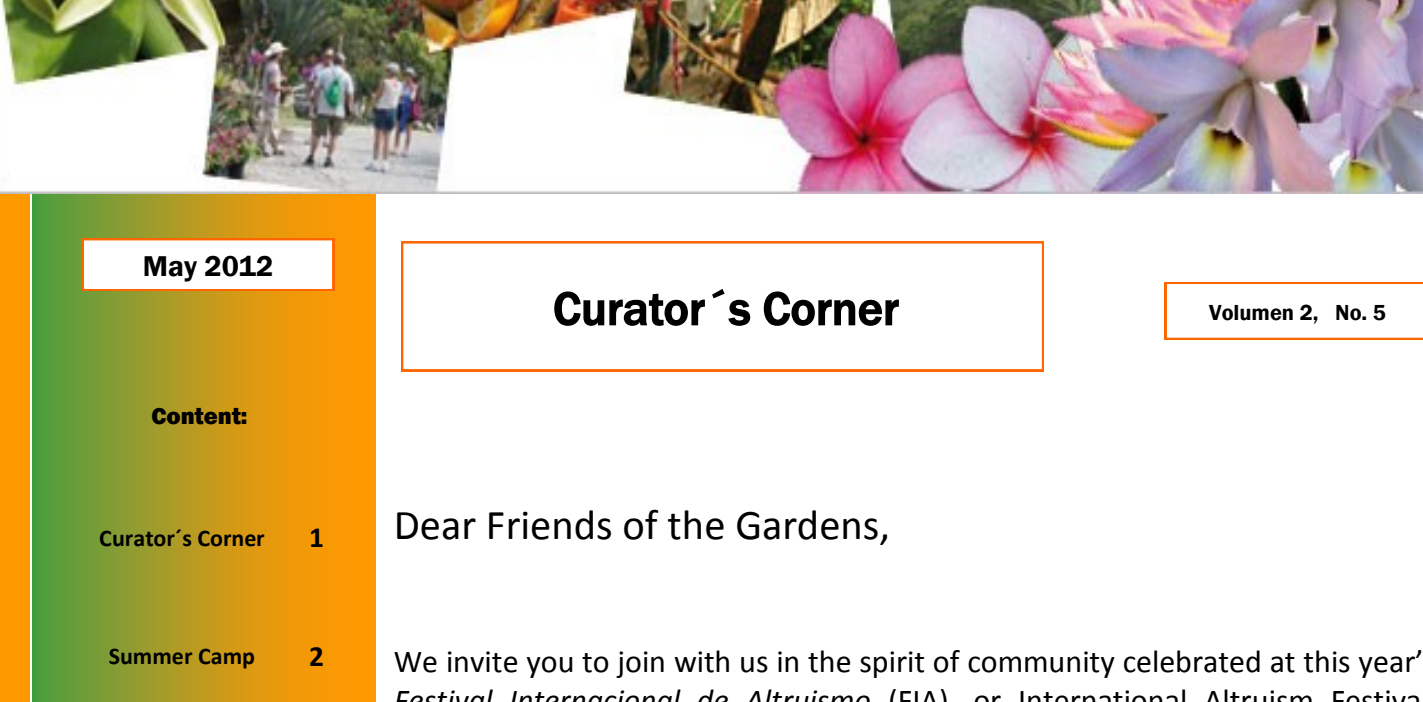


# The Leaflet

## Vallarta Botanical Gardens AC



May 2012

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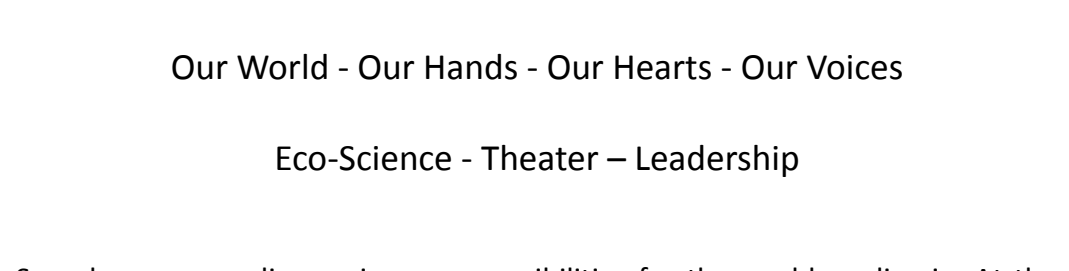
## Curator's Corner

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### Dear Friends of the Gardens,

We invite you to join with us in the spirit of community celebrated at this year's *Festival Internacional de Altruismo* (FIA), or International Altruism Festival, hosted by the Puerto Vallarta Marriott on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. For anyone still on the fence about going to this important local event, rest assured that the food alone will make it worth your while. More than 30 of Vallarta's most celebrated restaurants will sponsor and showcase their finest cuisine. Your entry ticket allows you to visit (and even revisit) as many of these as you would like!

Of course the real reason to go is to learn about the ways in which the Vallarta Botanical Gardens and 23 other selected nonprofits are improving our community. Each charity will host a booth with volunteers and staff to talk with you about their noble causes and answer your questions. We will also share ways in which you can get involved in volunteer work on local projects.



Despite sensationalist media reports to the contrary, Mexico remains a safe and beautiful country to visit. To those of you in Puerto Vallarta, please come up and visit us soon; to those of you in other places, keep Mexico in your hearts. Puerto Vallarta was just named by 2012 Trip Advisor's as Mexico's favorite vacation destination.

Remember tourism is the lifeblood of Vallarta! Vallarta Botanical Gardens is a powerful "Tourism Generator" attracting tourism for the benefit of the entire region.

### Bob Price Curator & Founder

## Summer Camp

### Terra Firma Summer Camp at The Vallarta Botanical Gardens

July 16th - August 10th 2012  
Ages 13 - 17

Are you ready to change the world?

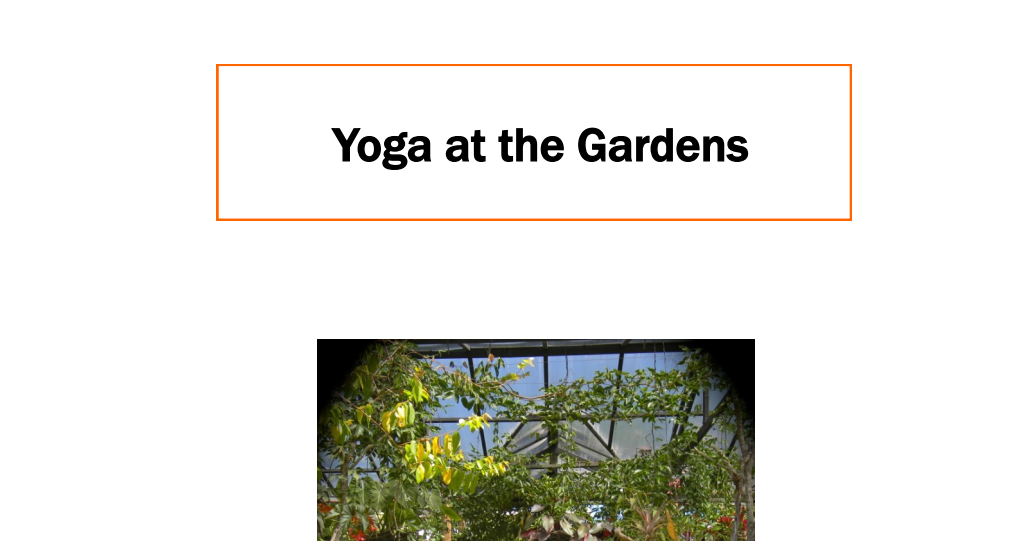
Our World - Our Hands - Our Hearts - Our Voices

Eco-Science - Theater - Leadership

Spend a summer discovering new possibilities for the world we live in. At the Vallarta Botanical Gardens camper's will explore our environment (including plants, insects, animals and rivers), share stories, create new ones, learn about the challenges of our future and how we can shape it, all while building friendships that will last a lifetime.

As part of our interactive learning experience we will provide a theater performance based on our discoveries. (Venue and date of performance to be announced during camp.)

Summer camp tuition is only \$3,300 pesos per camper for 4 weeks of fun and learning. A limited number of scholarships are also available (please contact the camp director about scholarship opportunities). Applications are due no later than Friday, June 1st at 5:00 pm.

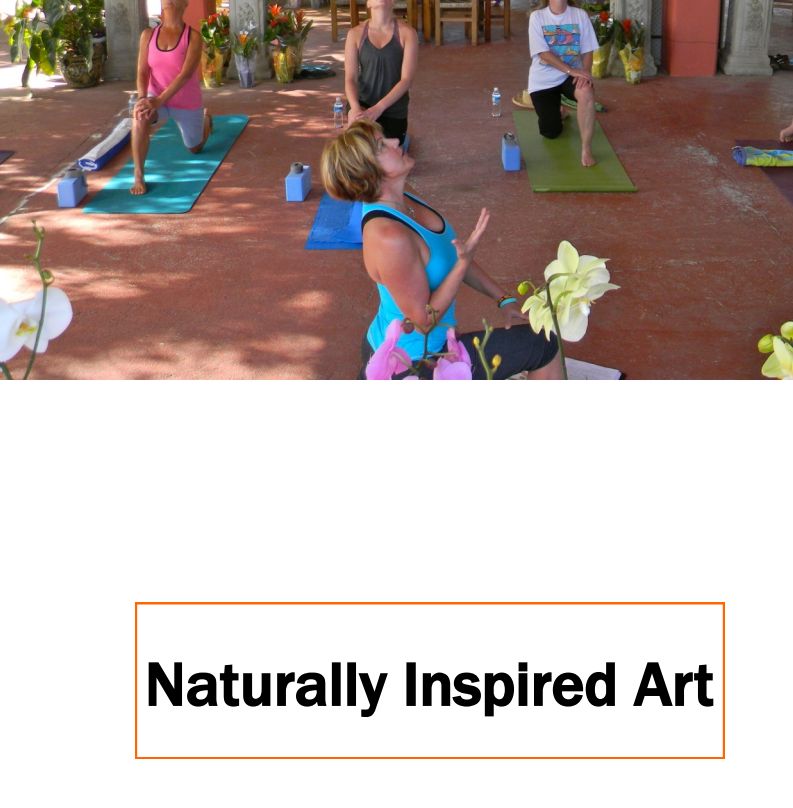
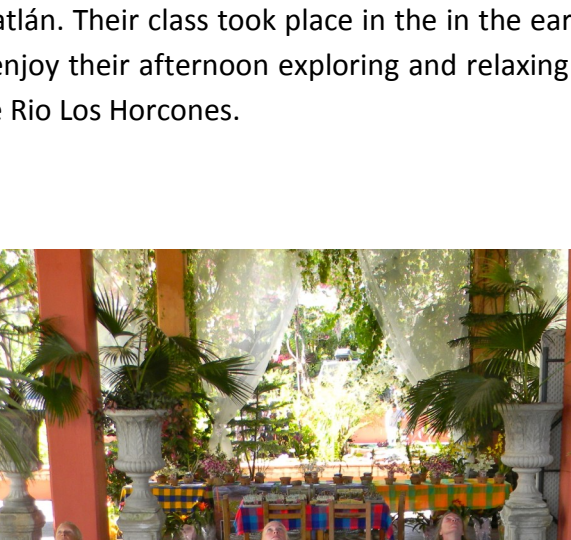


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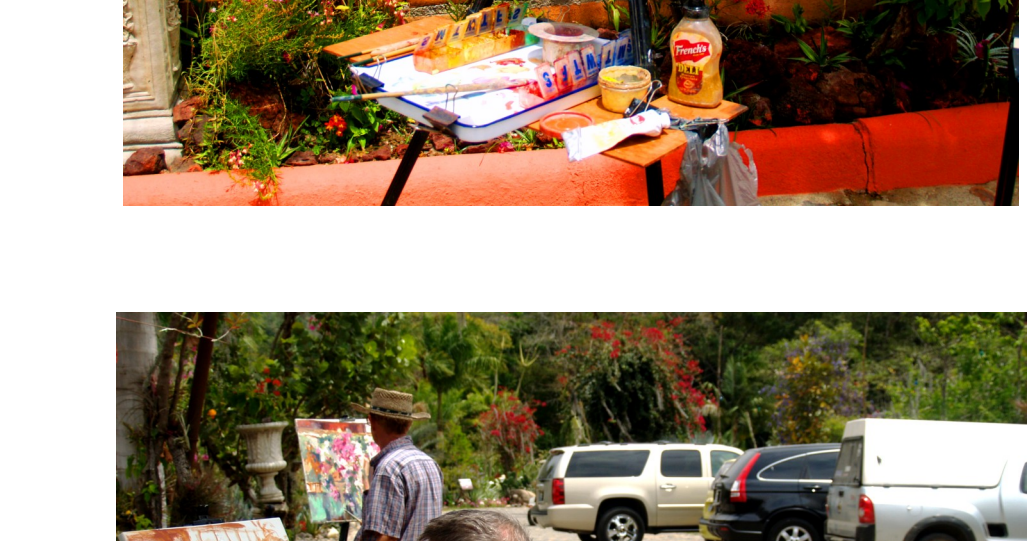
1. Apply online: [www.vbgardens.org/summercamp](http://www.vbgardens.org/summercamp)
2. Apply at the Gardens in person or by phone: (322) 223 6182

To donate to the Camp Fund or sponsor an individual camper please click [here](http://here).

Please forward any questions to our Summer Camp Director, Stephanie Bratnick: [youthprograms@vbgardens.org](mailto:youthprograms@vbgardens.org)

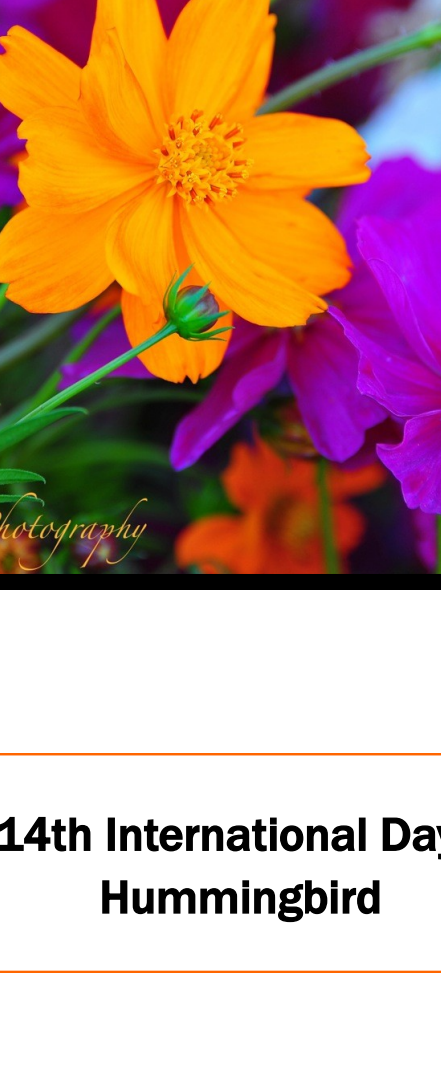


## Mariachi Nuevo Imperial and Tuito Dancers

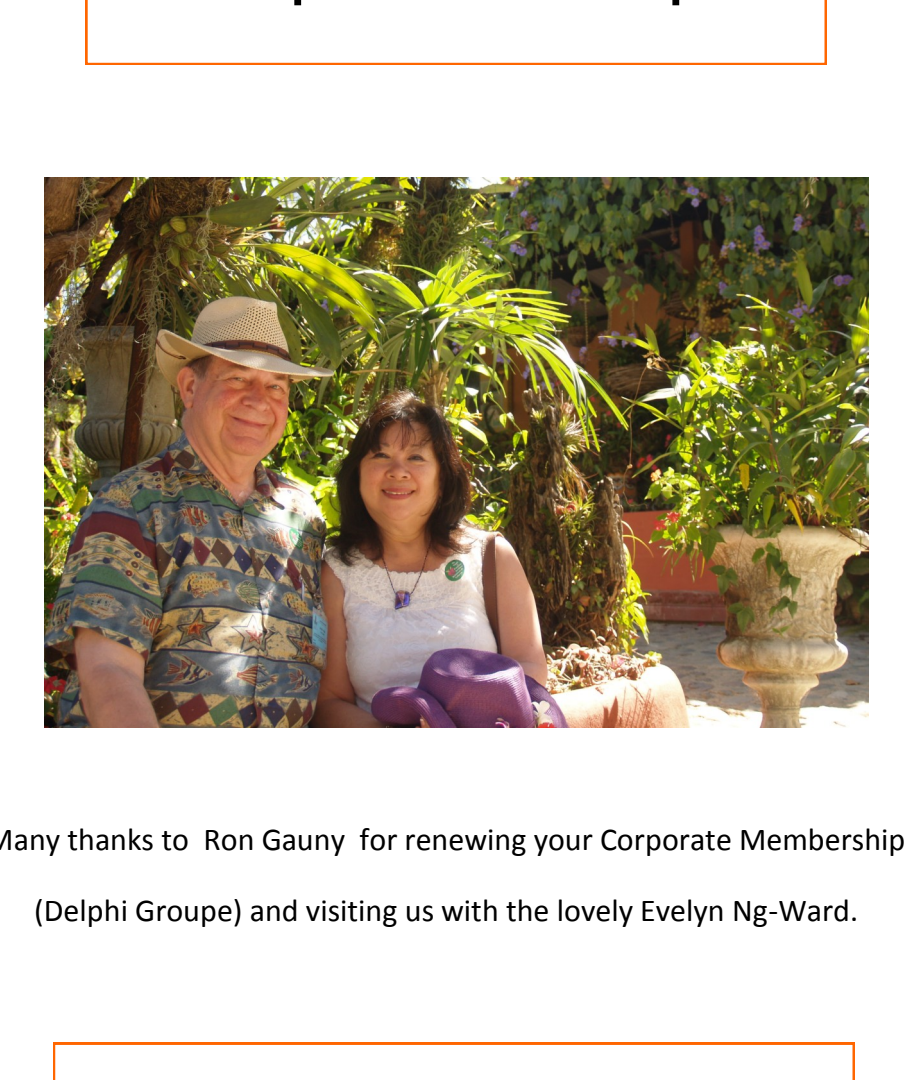


For the grand finale of the Flower and Garden Festival 2012, The Mariachi Nuevo Imperial delighted our visitors with their fantastic Mexican music. But that was not the only show the Gardens had, also we were visited by the group of talented children from El Tuito those who danced traditional Mexican music dressed up with regional customs. The whole Hacienda was filled of joy! It was a great party where people could get a little bit closer to the Mexican culture. Part of the Gardens' mission is promoting Mexican heritage.

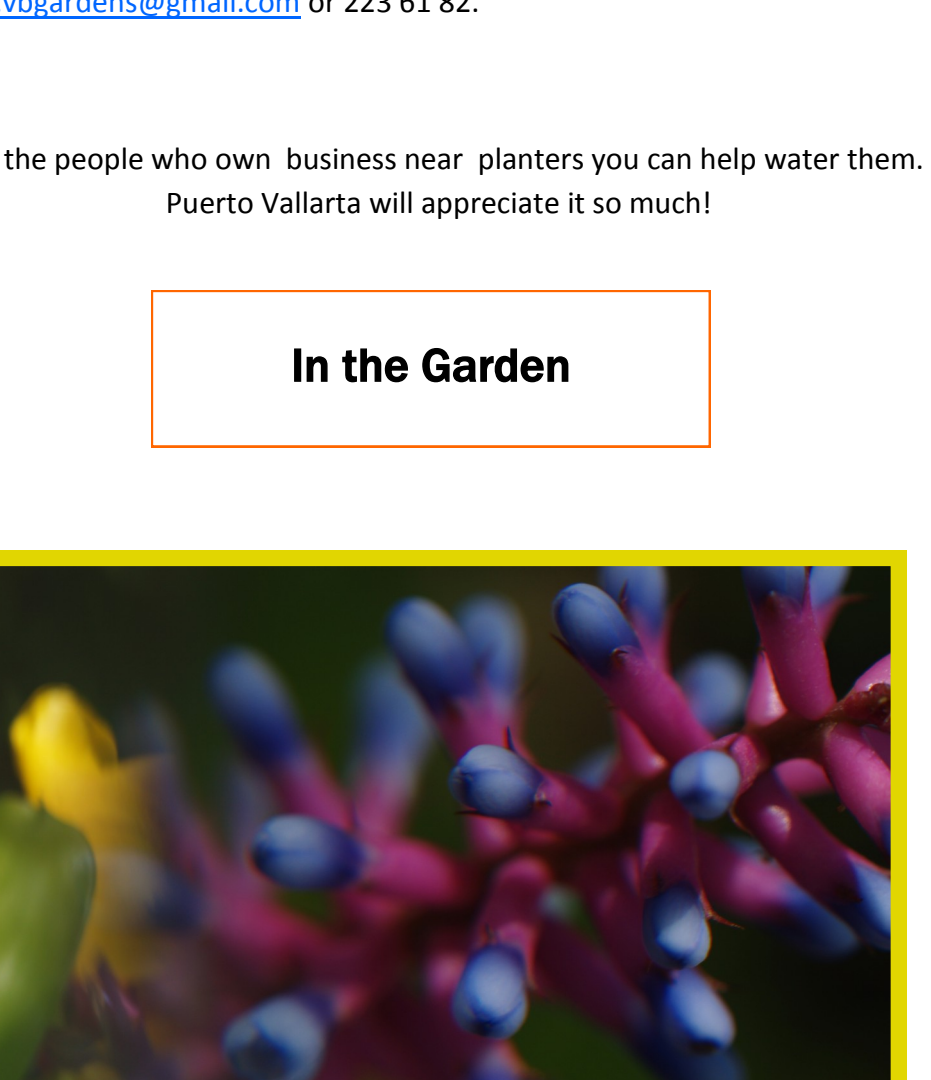
## Yoga at the Gardens



This month the Gardens were blessed by the healing power of yoga thanks to the "Meditation and Motion" team from the boutique hotel "[Casa La Ventana](http://Casa La Ventana)" in Boca de Tomatlán. Their class took place in the in the early morning allowing participants to enjoy their afternoon exploring and relaxing in the Gardens and swimming in the Rio Los Horcones.



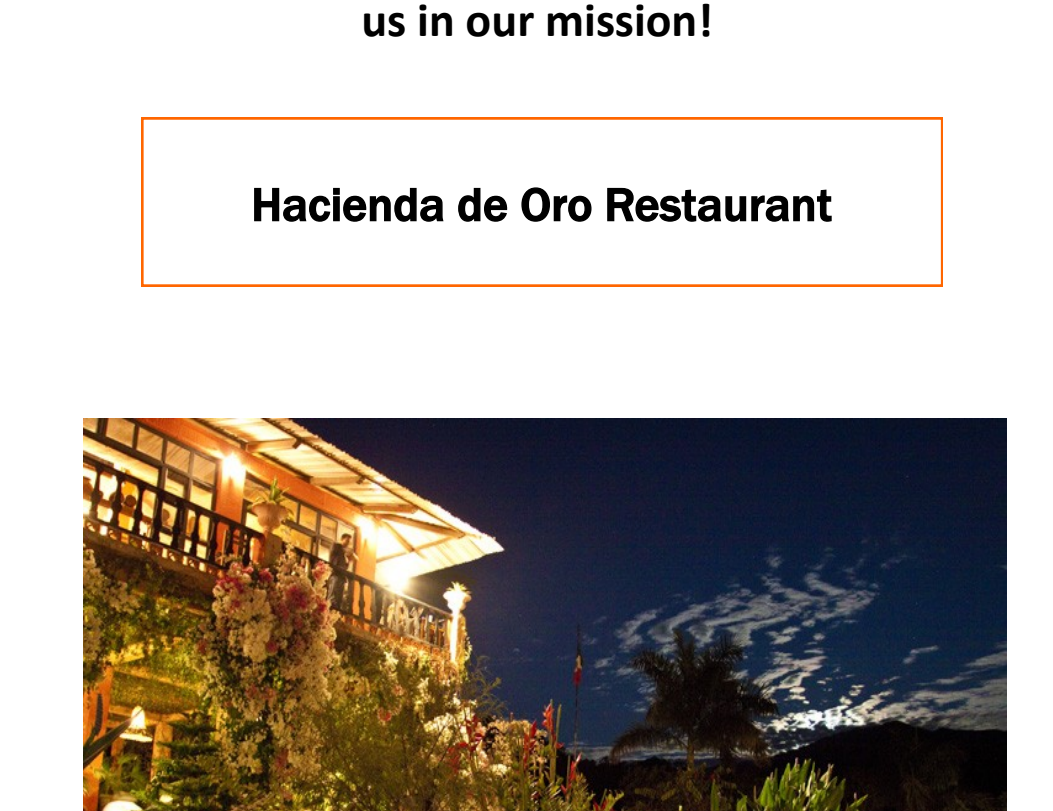
## Naturally Inspired Art



Nature has been the prime inspiration for artists since ancient times. The Gardens celebrates this relation through hosting local and visiting artists whenever possible. Many thanks to all of our artist friends who graced us with their skills this month!

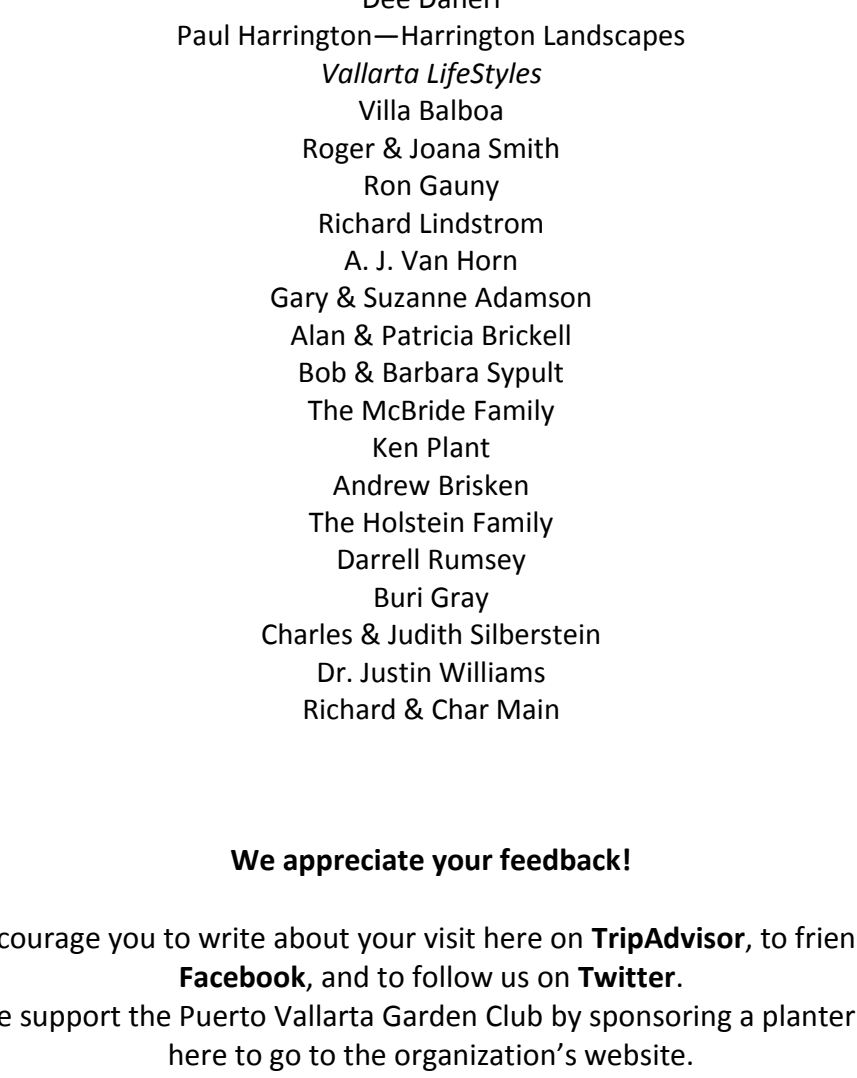
## Photography Contest

We thank all of the generous contributors to this year's Annual Photography Contest for their quality submissions and enthusiasm. We congratulate Ric Chamblee for providing this year's winner, "Cosmos."

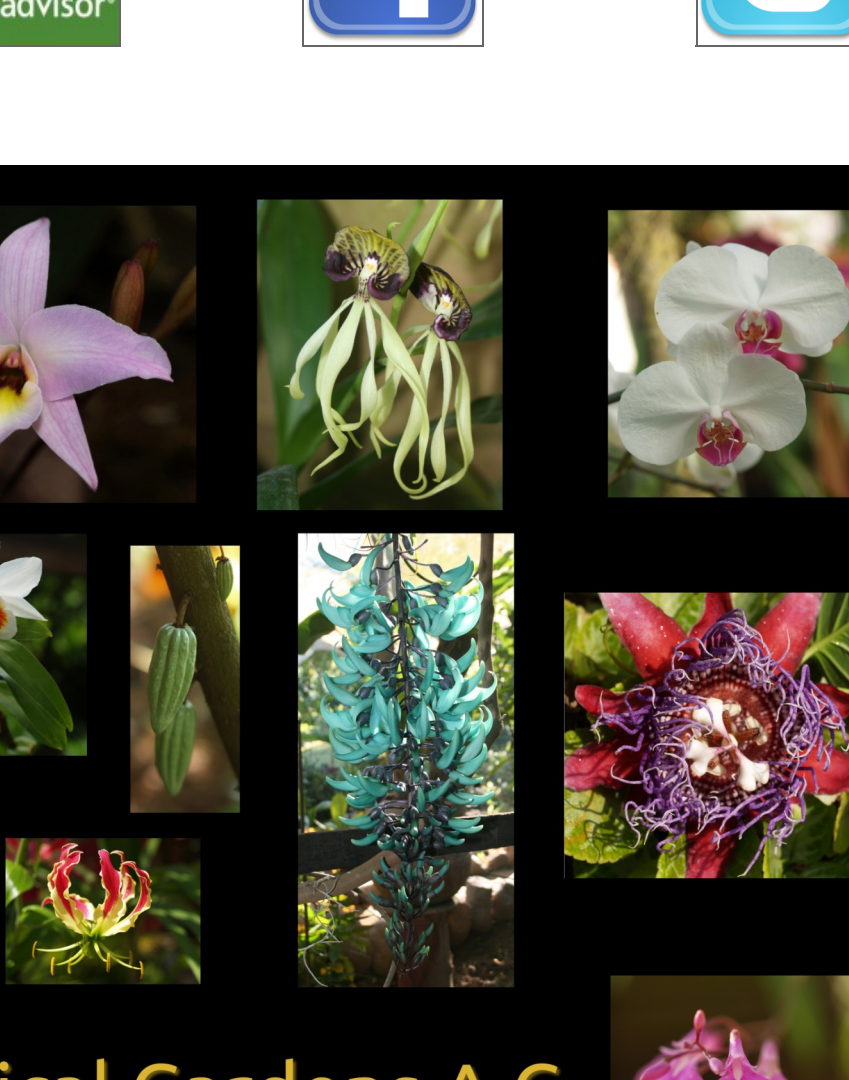


## May 14th International Day of the Hummingbird

The Gardens have declared May 14th the International Day of the Hummingbird! We are celebrating this "living jewel" by hosting hummingbird walks from May 14th to the 18th at 10:00 am each morning. This is the annual period of the greatest abundance in hummingbirds in our area and we have counted seven different species so far at our feeders.

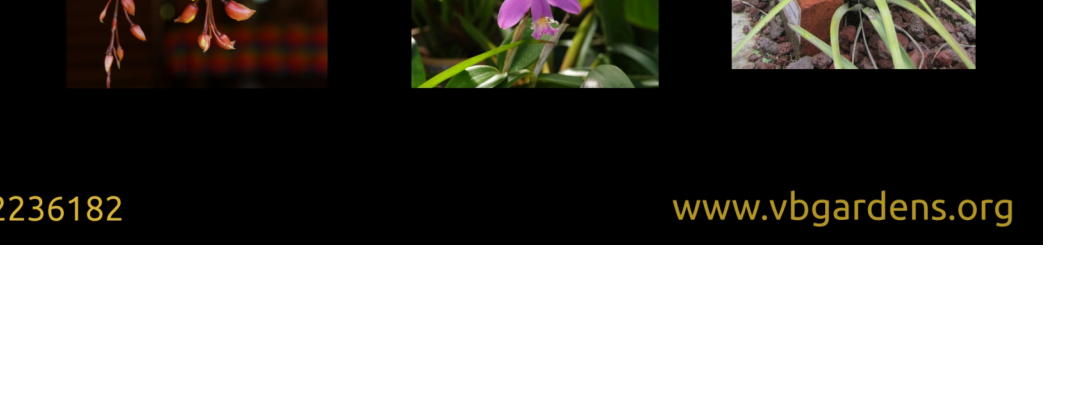


## Corporate Membership



Many thanks to Ron Gauny for renewing your Corporate Membership (Delphi Groupe) and visiting us with the lovely Evelyn Ng-Ward.

## Puerto Vallarta Garden Club



The Puerto Vallarta Garden Club is proud to announce the planting of 45 Primavera trees, 45 Amapa trees and 148 Bougainvilleas on Insurgentes, Avenida México and Olas Altas this week. This augments the dozens of planters already adorned with trees and Bougainvilleas on Basilio Badillo, Encino and Agustín Rodríguez.

The club has raised the money for these plantings through annual membership dues and sales of planter sponsorships. Sponsors can choose the wording on a tile affixed to a planter-box. Many residents and visitors have chosen to memorialize a loved one or to dedicate a planter to their personal love of Puerto Vallarta.

The Puerto Vallarta Garden Club will host the first annual Puerto Vallarta Bougainvillea Festival in 2013. Floral festivals are well known tourist magnets. Washington D.C.'s Cherry Blossom Festival is the single biggest draw for tourism in the U.S. capital. Tourism is Puerto Vallarta's biggest industry and this festival can draw many more visitors to our part of Mexico; enhancing local businesses and its residents' livelihoods. Next year will begin the Bougainvillea Festival 2013, it will be hosted on the same time as the Vallarta Lifestyles Restaurant week.

If you are interested in making Puerto Vallarta more beautiful, tourist friendly and increasingly prosperous through planter sponsorship, membership, or volunteerism, please contact Carlos Mendoza for more information: [carlos.vbgardens@gmail.com](mailto:carlos.vbgardens@gmail.com) or 223 61 82.

For the people who own business near planters you can help water them. Puerto Vallarta will appreciate it so much!

## In the Garden



Close-up of a Bromeliad in bloom in the Holstein Orchid Conservatory

## Announcements

The Vallarta Botanical Gardens' summer schedule is:

Tuesday to Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm.

The Vallarta Botanical Gardens are participating in the Festival Internacional del Altruismo (FIA)- International Altruism Festival- next Sunday May 6th at the Puerto Vallarta Marriott Hotel.

- May 14 through 18 Hummingbird Walks, 10am
- May 10, Día de las Madres (Mother's Day)

## Mission Statement

"To create Mexico's foremost botanical garden for the propagation, study, discovery, conservation and display of Mexican native and exotic plants for enjoyment by Puerto Vallarta's residents and its visitors."

Please Forward this newsletter to a friend and help us in our mission!

## Hacienda de Oro Restaurant



Visit the Gardens' Hacienda de Oro Restaurant for authentic Mexican food and brick-oven pizza. We will soon introduce our summer menu with delicious dishes including fish and shrimps tacos. Hike the Gardens' nature trails and bask in tropical mountain scenery. Experience the Orchid Conservatory, Gift Shop, Plant Nursery, Tequila tasting and more. The very best of Vallarta!

Become part of the family that preserves this important sanctuary forever!

Become a member today! Click [here](http://here) for more information

[www.vbgardens.org](http://www.vbgardens.org)

We would like to thank our **Copa de Oro Sponsors** for their ongoing support of the Vallarta Botanical Gardens:

- The McCall Family—Villa Los Arcos
- Michael Ricks—Windermer Real Estate
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- Carl Timothy Real Estate Group
- Marcelo Mico Pilates
- The Galeana Family
- Ralph Osborne
- No Way Jose! Restaurant-Bar
- Archie's Wok Restaurant-Bar
- Ron Morgan Real Estate
- Adelaide Blomfield
- Pam Grissom
- Dee Daneri
- Paul Harrington—Harrington Landscapes
- Vallarta LifeStyles
- Villa Balboa
- Roger & Joana Smith
- Ron Gauny
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- The Holstein Family
- Darrell Rumsey
- Buri Gray
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- Dr. Justin Williams
- Richard & Char Main

We appreciate your feedback!

We encourage you to write about your visit here on [TripAdvisor](http://TripAdvisor), to friend us on [Facebook](http://Facebook), and to follow us on [Twitter](http://Twitter). Please support the Puerto Vallarta Garden Club by sponsoring a planter! Click here to go to the organization's website.

**Vallarta Botanical Gardens**  
**Your Best Vacation Value!**  
**Spend the day in the Gardens for only \$60 pesos.**  
**The VBG are located 30 minutes south of Old Town, Puerto Vallarta, on Carretera a Barra Navidad at km 24, just past Las Jungas y Los Veranos.**  
**Telephone (322)223-6182**  
**Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

