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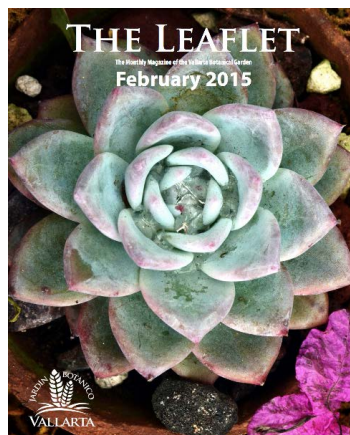
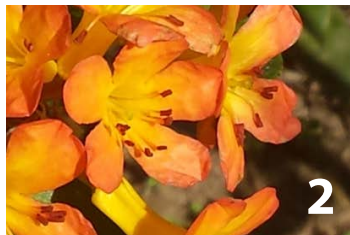
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## Curator's Corner

### *Dear Friends of the Garden,*

While my son Bob normally writes the Curator's Corner of The Leaflet, I've asked him for the opportunity to address you in this month's edition. About twelve years ago, Bob first took me on a trip into the mountains of Cabo Corrientes just south of Puerto Vallarta and we both marveled at the incredibly diverse vegetation and overall natural beauty of this truly unique region.

When Bob asked me to help support his vision of building a botanical garden here as a gift to Mexico, I was happy to contribute to his dream and trusted in his work ethic and business savvy to produce what he intended, but remained reserved about the ability of such a project to sustain itself for the long-term. Nearly ten years after the doors of the Vallarta Botanical Garden first opened to the public in November of 2005, this project continues to thrive thanks to the work of the Garden's staff and volunteers, the crowds of visitors, and the financial support of generous patrons. As a mother, I am proud of my son, as a donor, I am impressed and happy with my gift.

I will be visiting our beloved Puerto Vallarta for the first time in two years from February 12th through the 26th. To those of you in Puerto Vallarta, please come up to the mountains and visit us soon; to those of you in other places, keep Mexico in your hearts!

*Yours in friendship,*

**Betty Price, Co-Founder, Vallarta Botanical Garden**







Photo: Petr Myska

## The Dick and Dee Daneri Vireya Rhododendron House

While the dust has barely settled from the construction of the new Vallarta Conservatory of Orchids and Native Plants, another construction is already in the works and due to open to the public by June or earlier. This new project, The Dick and Dee Daneri Vireya Rhododendron House, will serve the primary purpose of showcasing the Peter Gray Vireya Rhododendron Collection. These lovely tropical Asian rhododendrons are native to forests with similar climatic conditions as what is found in the Puerto Vallarta region.

The Dick and Dee Daneri Vireya Rhododendron House will be adorned with cantera columns and an elegant roof that also serves to control the soil humidity to provide optimal conditions for an exquisite collection of beautiful plants. Vireyas come in a range of stunning colors from pinks and orange to purple and vary widely in form and size to provide a range of delight to floral enthusiasts.

The Vallarta Botanical Garden is full of wonderful collections and botanic treasures from throughout Mexico and the tropics of the world. Considered, "One of the TOP 10 North American Gardens Worth Travelling For" (Canadian Garden Tourism Council), visitors are amazed by the delights of this hidden jewel and natural paradise where "plants meet the imagination."



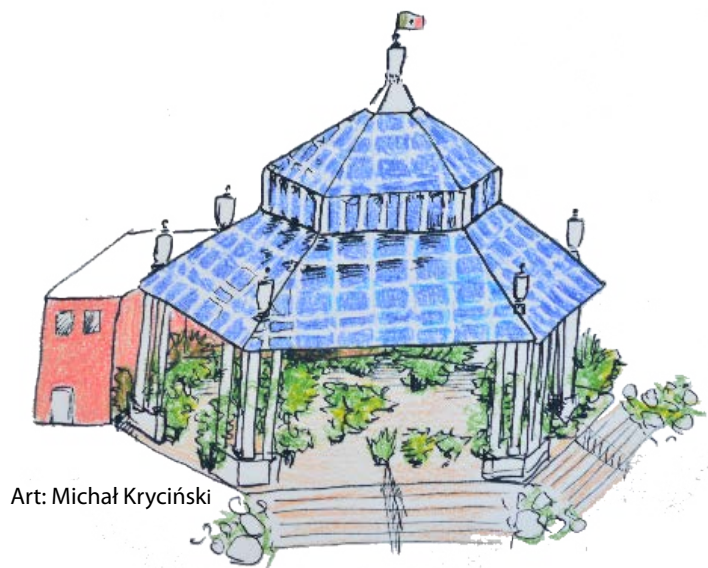
"Vireya Rhododendrons"  
Photo: Neil Gerlowski



## Mexican Orchid of the Month

*Notylia barkeri*

This charming twig epiphyte can be commonly found all around the Vallarta Botanical Garden and the surrounding low-land tropical dry forest. It can also be found in bloom now in the Vallarta Conservatory of Orchids and Native Plants.



*Vallarta Conservatory of Orchids and Native Plants*

## Mexican Bird of the Month

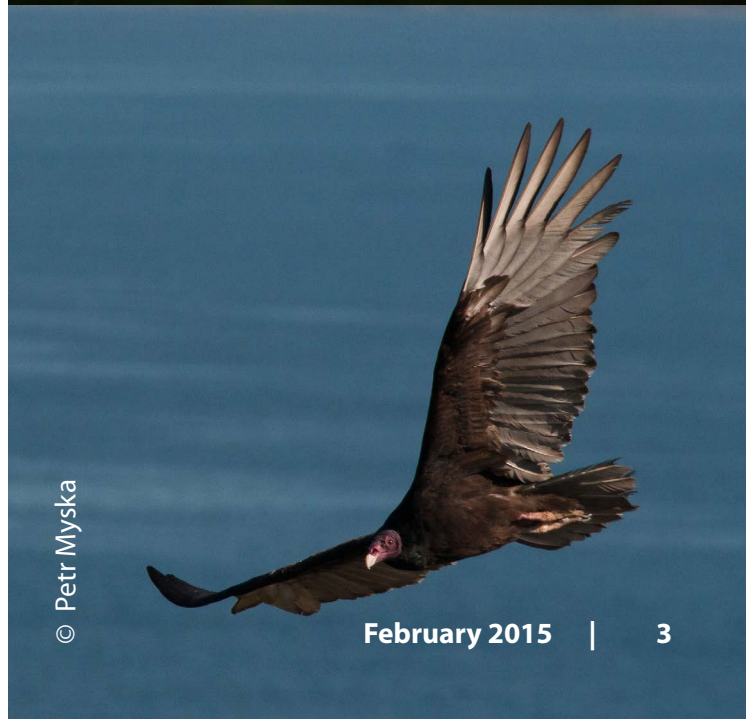
*Cathartes aura*

While most folks would not consider vultures the most charming creature to frequent the friendly skies, they perform an essential environmental service as part of nature's sanitation team. Not only do they dispose of carrion, their supercharged digestive systems are capable of completely destroying a host of deadly bacteria. So the next time you see one give a nod to the vulture as an important part of our complex and wonderful world.

Of the two species of vultures that can be observed flying over the Garden, the turkey vulture (*Cathartes aura*) is considerably larger with a wingspan of 160 – 183 cm and has a distinctive red head usually completely devoid of feathers.



*Notylia barkeri*  
Photo: Jesús Reyes



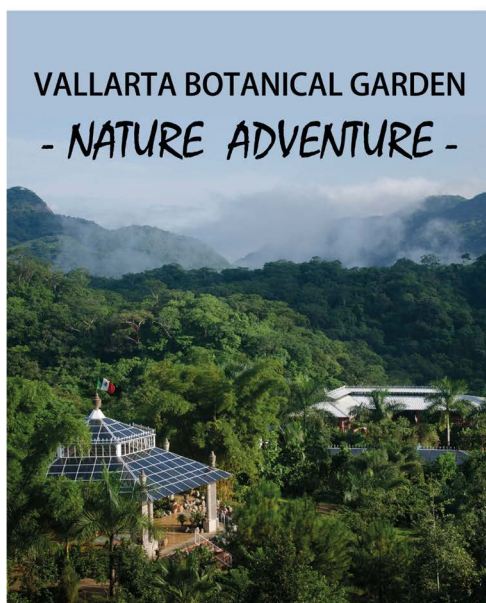
© Petr Myska

## New Tour to the Garden

There are a number of ways to experience the Vallarta Botanical Garden from the do-it-yourself visit by driving here on your own or taking a taxi or public bus, to guided experiences with pre-arranged direct transportation. Of the locally-offered guided trips, the majority of these have a very limited scheduled visit to the Garden with other stops including visiting nearby town centers, tequila distilleries, and shops.

A new deluxe guided tour to the VBG makes the Garden the focus of the day with an average of over four hours of time here. Not only does this tour provide a fully guided experience and a leisurely enjoyed authentic Mexican lunch but will allow plenty of time for participants to enjoy the Garden by themselves whether that be to take photos of their favorite flowers, hike a few of our trails, go bird watching, or take a swim in the Horcones River. These kinds of options don't exist in the majority of local tour offerings, and to us represent some of the best parts of a visit here.

Most importantly, we find that majority of our visitors can appreciate the Garden best when there is no rush and they can explore at their leisure. We are pleased that not only is the Vallarta Botanical Garden included on the list of the "Top 10 North American Gardens Worth Travelling For," we can now welcome a tour that makes this destination their primary focus.



### VALLARTA BOTANICAL GARDEN - NATURE ADVENTURE -

#### CELEBRATE NATURE !

Discover some of Mexico's most fantastic native plants from those that delight your taste buds like chocolate and vanilla to the exquisite blooming wonders of tropical orchids.

Attractions include the Hacienda de Oro Visitor Center, Holstein Tropical Plant House, Vallarta Conservatory of Orchids and Native Plants, a selection of jungle trails, some of Mexico's best bird watching, swimming in the Horcones River and much more...

Our tour includes an authentic Mexican lunch & a beverage in the Garden's restaurant, tropical fruit tasting, a welcome flower for the ladies, & individual attention of guides passionate about the unique delights of their native land.

Your adventure starts with a scenic drive along Banderas Bay's south coast, a photo opportunity stop at the Los Arcos Marine Sanctuary, and a vista-filled journey along the Palms to Pines Scenic Highway through the Horcones River Canyon.

We can handle any group size from 4 to 100.  
Couples or individuals can join any pre-existing grouping.

#### **Pick-up locations/times:**

Nuevo Vallarta (near Primera Plus Bus Station)	<b>8:30 am</b>
Starbucks Nima Bay (by the Marina)	<b>9:00 am</b>
Starbucks Peninsula	<b>9:15 am</b>
Seahorse Statue on the Malecón	<b>9:40 am</b>
Coffee Cup in Olas Altas	<b>9:50 am</b>

Special pick-ups at private homes/villas available upon request. Drivers are instructed to wait for guests no more than 5 minutes past the scheduled times before departure.

**- Tours return to Puerto Vallarta at about 4 pm -**



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## Shade-Grown Coffee

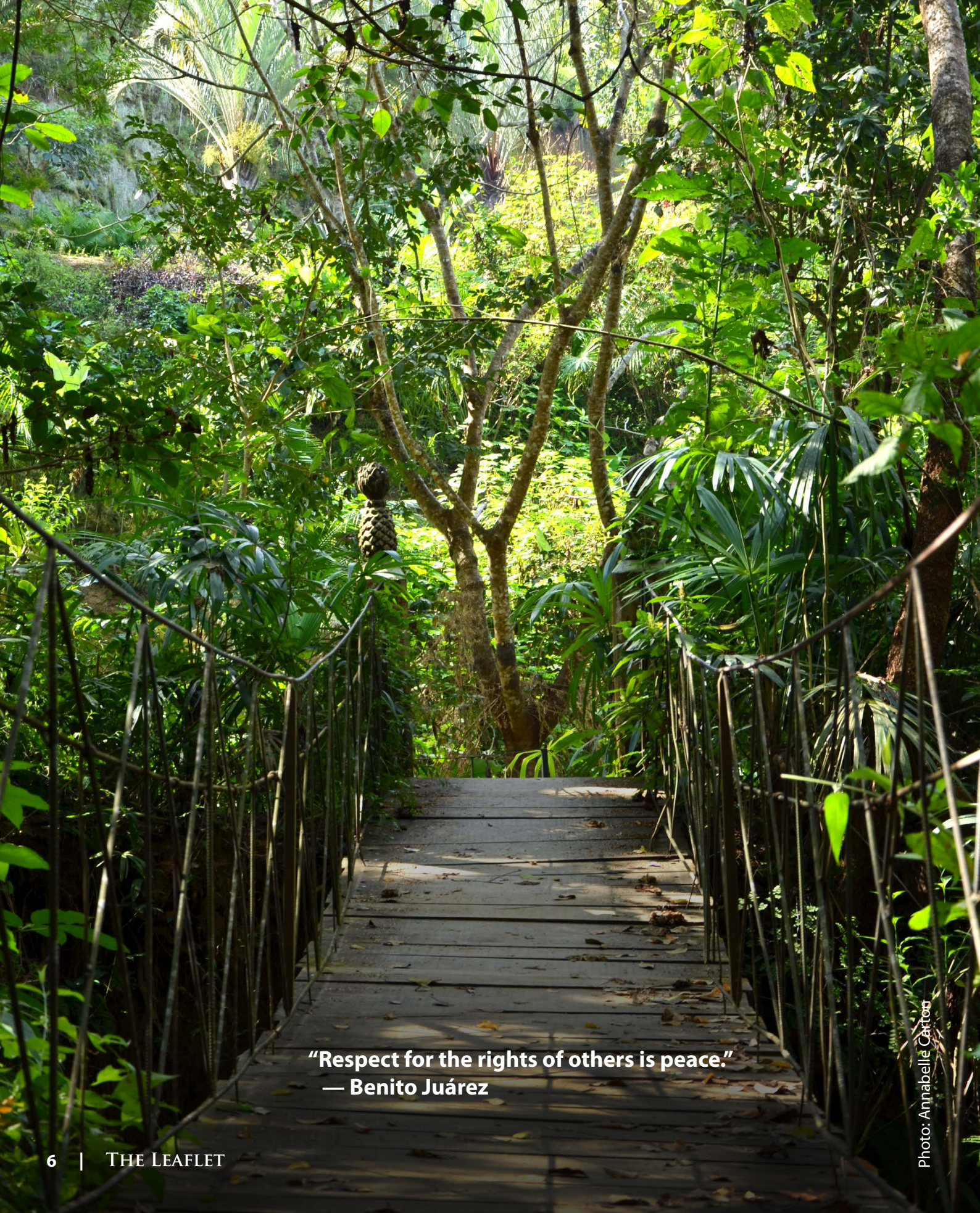
By Alan Heinze, VBG Research Coordinator

### What's so special about growing coffee under the shade of trees?

You've probably heard about shade-grown coffee or even seen a shade-grown certification seal on the coffee you buy. This means that the coffee you're about to enjoy comes from fields where coffee plants are intercropped with a number of other plants, mainly trees. Interestingly, shade is just one out of dozens of benefits that trees provide for coffee plants and coffee growers; for example, fruit trees provide healthy food for farmers and even an alternative cash-crop that can provide vital income between coffee harvests, timber trees can also be used for local building or even sold (think of a longer term investment or a sort of emergency fund), and one of the most commonly found coffee shade trees in Latin America, the guabas (*Inga spp.*), can in some cases supply most if not all the fuelwood for the household. Trees also enhance nutrient cycling in the coffee fields, their long roots extracting nutrients found deep in the soil and their leaves creating a nutrient-rich mulch layer over the surface that helps build the soil and even protect it from erosion. Trees not only lessen extreme temperatures in the coffee fields that can stress the coffee plants, they also regulate production so that yields don't fluctuate so markedly between years. Last but not least, shaded coffee fields exhibit a rich biodiversity and provide habitat for many animals: this is why coffee growing is usually promoted as a sustainable land use around natural protected areas, or to 'connect' natural reserves, and probably why birders prefer shade-grown (bird-friendly) coffee to start out their early birding day!

These and many other benefits are collectively known as 'ecosystem services', a concept that has been a subject of much research by scientists and of growing attention by the coffee industry and consumers. We invite you to learn more about shade-grown coffee. A good way is by exploring the information provided on the package of the coffee you buy. How about visiting coffee growing regions in Mexico that are sure to marvel you with their coffee culture? You could start by visiting us and admiring some of the coffee plants found in our gardens, and also tasting our coffee from Ixtlahuahuey, a town only a couple hours' drive from the Garden!





**"Respect for the rights of others is peace."  
— Benito Juárez**



## Exploratory Magnolia Survey

February 5 & 6

Alan Heinze, the Garden's Research Coordinator, is leading an exploratory survey of potential *Magnolia vallartensis* habitat in the Sierra de Vallejo of southern Nayarit as the last of a series of expeditions sponsored by the Magnolia Society International and Arboretum Wespelaar as a collaborative project with the support of the Vallarta Botanical Garden and the CUCBA campus of the University of Guadalajara. He welcomes local and visiting biology students to accompany him on this trip. Those interested may contact Alan at: [conservacion@vbgardens.org](mailto:conservacion@vbgardens.org)

The first scientific description of this beautiful and aromatic tree was just a few years ago and its range has yet to be well defined. At this point it is only known to occur in limited pockets of cloud forest along the mountains of Vallarta's south coast. Such limited distribution would clearly highlight concerns for its conservation while a larger range may provide a greater harbor for genetic diversity. Either way, we at the Vallarta Botanical Garden are happy to be part of this process of discovery and learning about the wonders of our natural world.



*Magnolia vallartensis*  
Photo: Alan Heinze



# ***A Salute to Vallarta!***

## **MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DAY AT THE VALLARTA BOTANICAL GARDEN**

***Join us as a member or renew your membership at the party!***

### **February 7**



Photo: Jesús Reyes

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| <b>10:00 am – 2:30 pm</b> | <b>Event welcome with a complimentary margarita or hibiscus iced-tea</b>                                     |
| <b>1:00 pm – 2:30 pm</b>  | <b>Authentic Mexican Lunch Buffet in the Hacienda de Oro</b>   |
| <b>1:00 pm – 2:30 pm</b>  | <b>Guided tours of the Garden offered every half hour until 2:30 pm<br/>(meet at the aquatic plant pond)</b> |
| <b>2:45 pm</b>            | <b>Garden Members &amp; Friends Group Photo (meet at the Conservatory)</b>                                   |
| <b>3:00 pm – 5:00 pm</b>  | <b>Live Entertainment</b>  |
| <b>6:00 pm</b>            | <b>Farewells and Garden Closure</b>  |

#### **Note:**

- Parking is limited so please carpool, take public transportation, or contact our recommended transportation provider [pvsbotanical@gmail.com](mailto:pvsbotanical@gmail.com) to arrange for discounted group pick-up.
- Please make sure to bring your membership card with you . . . or renew or upgrade your membership during our event! Cash, credit card, and US or Mexican checks will be accepted during the day of the event, but advanced membership purchase is appreciated, especially if a tax-deduction receipt is requested.
- For more information, please contact Michaela Flores at: [memberships@vbgardens.org](mailto:memberships@vbgardens.org)



## **Valentine's Day**

### **February 14th**

Romance is often best enjoyed in nature and a setting teeming with color and flowers. This makes the Vallarta Botanical Garden one of the region's top picks for places to bring your Valentine.



# ***Vallarta Flower & Garden Show***

**February 20 - 28**

Each February and March some of the most popular flowers in the Garden's prized collections can be found in their full bloom and glory. This year we have an exciting line-up of entertainment, workshops, and presentations for all to enjoy. Unless otherwise noted, events during this week are included with regular Garden admission of \$80 MXN.

**Feb. 20 (12:00 - 1:00 pm)**

### **Mexican Gardens Beyond Vallarta**

The Vallarta Botanical Garden is proud to be included on a list of the "TOP 10 Gardens in North America Worth Travelling For" (Canadian Garden Tourism Council), but especially flattered because our country is home to dozens of amazing gardens that merit making your personal "must see" lists. Neil Gerlowski, the VBG's Executive Director, will share photos and stories of some of his top picks among Mexican gardens along with travel tips and info on nearby points of interest for you to plan your own visits to these botanically-blessed destinations.



**Feb. 21 (10:00am - 1:00 pm)**

**Garden Photography Workshop**

Expert photographers may look like they simply point and shoot to create incredible images, but an experienced eye takes a host of considerations into mind when “composing” images. Improve your photography skills under the instruction and coaching of our volunteers and guest photographers. Your images may be donated for consideration of inclusion in our garden’s monthly magazine.



Photo: Iván Jiménez

**Feb. 21 (2:00 - 4:00 pm)**

**Book Signing with Sandra Cesca**

Local ex-pat author Sandra Cesca’s “Tropical Plants and Walks of Puerto Vallarta” continues to fly off the shelves from the Garden’s gift store and other locations throughout Vallarta. Come meet the author, get your book signed, and talk plants and gardens with one of Vallarta’s botanically-minded citizens.

**Feb. 22 (2:00 - 3:30 pm)**

**Bob Bruneau & Joan Houston**

Song and piano performances of show tunes and jazz by two of our favorite Vallarta ex-pat musicians, Bob Bruneau and Joan Houston.



Photo: Neil Gerlowski



**Feb. 23 (12:00 - 1:00 pm)**

**Gardening with Native Plants**

The lovely climate of Vallarta is suited to growing incredible tropical plants from throughout the world, but planting native species can also help your backyard garden become an oasis to our region's fauna. Many native plants are ornamental treasures for you to cherish along with your favorite birds and butterflies. Alejandra Flores of the nursery "Plantas Regionales Puerto Vallarta" will talk about selecting, planting, and caring for several of our region's excellent native plants.



Photo: Iván Jiménez

**Feb. 24 (10:00 am – 6:00 pm)**

**Watercolor in the Garden**

Join Robert Masla of the Casa de los Artistas and famous watercolor artist Sterling Edwards in a day-long workshop of watercolor painting from absolute beginners to advanced. Workshop fee of \$130 USD includes entry to the Garden, lunch, and personalized instruction. Please book your attendance or send inquiries to: [bob@MaslaFineArt.com](mailto:bob@MaslaFineArt.com). To see Robert Masla's work please visit: [www.artworkshopvacations.com](http://www.artworkshopvacations.com).



**Feb. 25 (12:00 - 1:00 pm)**

**Gardening for Beauty**

The Puerto Vallarta Garden Club is working to take natural beauty out to the streets and transform our beloved city into destination as well known for its stunning horticulture as it is for its friendly residents and lovely beaches. Bob Price, founder of both the PV Garden Club and the Vallarta Botanical Garden, will talk about how you too can garden for beauty.



Photo: Iván Jiménez

**Feb. 25 (2:00 - 4:00 pm)**

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**Feb. 26 (2:00 - 4:00 pm)**

**Flower Arrangement Workshop**

Create a stunning centerpiece featuring dinner-friendly flowers under the expert instruction and coaching of Jane Peabody. Jane has a lifetime of experience in flower selection and display including 27 years of arranging flowers for Filoli Gardens of Woodside, California. Cost: workshop fee of \$400 MXN includes Garden admission, instruction, and materials. Participants will be treated to song and guitar courtesy of Pico Pardo during the workshop. Please pre-register by sending an email to: [info@vbgardens.org](mailto:info@vbgardens.org).



**Feb. 27 (2:00 -3:00 pm)**

**The Wonderful World of Orchids**

Garden board member and Puerto Vallarta Orchid Society President, T.J. Hartung will introduce us to some of the more interesting orchids in the world sharing curious facts and interesting anecdotes.

**Feb. 28 (12:00 - 12:30 pm)**

**Pumping Organic Power into your Garden by Composting**

Join as Peace Corp volunteer Linda Asencio presents how you can fuel up your soil the old fashion way while recycling household organic waste.

**Feb. 28 (2:00 - 3:00 pm)**

**Orchid Propagation Demonstration**

Have you noticed that the Vallarta Conservatory of Orchids and Native Plants has windows into the Orchid Laboratory? Jesús Reyes, the Garden's Operations Director, will demonstrate propagation techniques and explain the conservation goals behind the work that we do in our laboratory. He will also share with you recommendations for orchids to grow in your home garden or tabletop.

Photo: Neil Gerlowski





# VBG Education & Volunteer Program Report

By Linda Asencio, Biologist and Environmental Educator

Peace Corps Volunteer at the Vallarta Botanical Garden through a collaboration with Mexico's Park Service (CONANP)

As this year begins, we are happy to announce great progress on the curatorial process at the Garden. Last November, two experts from the University of California, Davis Arboretum came to coach us in this work to improve our record-keeping for the plants in the VBG's collections. The UC Davis Arboretum's Director of Horticulture, Ellen Zagory (who also serves as our Garden's volunteer treasurer) and their Curator, Mia Ingolia, interviewed our Curator, Robert Price, about our collections and then created a custom-suited Excel spreadsheet to guide our continued work. Together we also began a new tagging system for our plants with accession numbers to match to our records. These little aluminum tags may not look like much, but allow us to pull up information including the plant's common and scientific names, when it came into the Garden, and where it was introduced from. Beyond botanic trivia, this connects our living collections to wild populations enabling meaningful research and conservation work.



The Vallarta Botanical Garden continues its collaborative environmental education program with the Mexican federal government's Comisión Nacional de Áreas Naturales Protegidas (CONANP) and Peace Corps Mexico. This takes the work of the Garden and CONANP into classrooms throughout the communities of Cabo Corrientes, Puerto Vallarta, and Bahía de Banderas. This year we will be expanding our program to include the general public. For more information on our monthly community events scheduled for this year, please email me at [linda@vbgardens.org](mailto:linda@vbgardens.org).

*"Investigating adaptations of tropical plants at the Vallarta Botanical Garden"*  
School visit by the American School of Puerto Vallarta on Jan. 20, 2015.

## **Monthly tally of visits, program participation, and volunteer service:**

<b>Dec. 2014</b>	Total member visits to the VBG:	356
	Total non-member visits to the VBG:	3,659
	Complimentary entries for organized school groups*:	278
	Total participation in daily 1 pm tours:	175
	Total participation in special events, classes, or workshops:	596
	Total volunteer service hours:	244
<b>Jan. 2015</b>	Total member visits to the VBG:	448
	Total non-member visits to the VBG:	4,079
	Complimentary entries for organized school groups*:	30
	Total participation in daily 1 pm tours:	227
	Total participation in special events, classes, or workshops:	30
	Total volunteer service hours:	205

\*The VBG is happy to provide complimentary entries, guided tours, and educational programming for organized school groups with advanced reservations as one of our services to the Bahía de Banderas, Puerto Vallarta, and Cabo Corrientes communities. Reservation requests should be sent to [educadorambiental@vbgardens.org](mailto:educadorambiental@vbgardens.org) at least 5 days before the requested date of your visit. Requests are granted first come, first served and are scheduled around other events and programs already on our calendar.



## Vallarta Botanical Garden's Calender

DATE		EVENT	COST
7	FEB	<b>"Salute to Vallarta!" Member Appreciation Day</b> — 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Complementary for Members. Memberships may be purchased/renewed this day.	See note
11	FEB	<b>VBG Board Meeting</b> — 3:00 pm (contact: <a href="mailto:info@vbgardens.org">info@vbgardens.org</a> )	See note
14	FEB	<b>Romance in the Garden</b> — Celebrate Valentine's Day in Nature	Included with entry
19	FEB	<b>Curator's Candlelight Dinner</b> (Copa de Oro Members and above) — 6:00 - 8:30 pm	See note
20-28	FEB	<b>Vallarta Flower &amp; Garden Show</b> — 9 days of entertainment, workshops & activities	Variable
20	FEB	<b>Mexican Gardens Beyond Vallarta</b> — Presentation — 12:00 - 1:00 pm	Included with entry
21	FEB	<b>Garden Photography Workshop</b> — 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Included with entry
22	FEB	<b>Bob Bruneau &amp; Joan Houston</b> — Show tunes & Jazz — 2:00 - 3:30 pm	Included with entry
23	FEB	<b>Gardening with Native Plants</b> — Presentation — 12:00 - 1:00 pm	Included with entry
24	FEB	<b>Watercolor in the Garden</b> — 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Includes Garden entry, lunch, and personalized instruction. Please pre-register by emailing: <a href="mailto:bob@MaslaFineArt.com">bob@MaslaFineArt.com</a>	\$130 USD
25	FEB	<b>Gardening for Beauty</b> — Presentation — 12:00 - 1:00 pm	Included with entry
26	FEB	<b>Flower Arrangement Workshop</b> — 2:00 - 4:00 pm Includes Garden admission, instruction, and materials. Please pre-register by sending an email to: <a href="mailto:info@vbgardens.org">info@vbgardens.org</a>	\$400 MXN
26	FEB	<b>Sierra Madre Excursion &amp; Lunch</b> (Trustee Level Members & above) — meet at VBG 10:00 am	See note
27	FEB	<b>The Wonderful World of Orchids</b> — Presentation — 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Included with entry
28	FEB	<b>Pumping Organic Power into your Garden by Composting</b> — 12:00 - 12:30 pm	Included with entry
5-8	MAR	<b>Vallarta Bird Festival</b> — More info at: <a href="http://www.vallartabirdconservancy.org">www.vallartabirdconservancy.org</a>	See note
14	MAR	<b>Dedication of the Dick and Dee Daneri Vireya Rhododendron House</b> — 12:00 - 12:30 pm	Included with entry
19	MAR	<b>Curator's Sunset Cocktail Social</b> (Copa de Oro Members and above) — 6:00 – 8:30 pm	See note
21	MAR	<b>Capomo Harvest Festival</b> — Celebrate a delicious nutritious crop of our native forest	TBA
29	MAR	<b>Palm Sunday Palm Walk</b> — A walking tour to learn about the Garden's palm collection	TBA

\* Some activities subject to change. The most current calendar, often with links to further event information can be viewed at [www.vbgardens.org/calendar](http://www.vbgardens.org/calendar).

### Garden Hours

Open 7 days/wk

Open 6 days/wk

Early "Bird" Opening

Daily Guided Tour

Additional tours

### 10 am – 6 pm

for the months of Dec., Jan., Feb., & March (except Christmas & New Year's Day)

(Closed Mondays) April, May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., & Nov

8 am every Thursday

1 pm (Offered for the months of Dec., Jan., Feb., & March)

can be reserved in advance [www.vbgardens.org/tours](http://www.vbgardens.org/tours)





Photo: Iván Jiménez



## From the Membership Desk

The Garden's Annual Member Appreciation, "A Salute to Vallarta!" is February 7th (see details on page 8). Please come out to the Garden to celebrate this fun-filled day with us. If you're not yet a member, this is of course an extra reason to join us. We will be welcoming many new members on February 7th and appreciate those who can purchase memberships or renew online [www.vbgardens.org/mem](http://www.vbgardens.org/mem) prior to the event. Your membership not only provides great benefits including unlimited entry and discounts, but provides the means by which we create positive change for the Vallarta Region!

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.

**Michaela Flores, Membership Coordinator, VBG, [memberships@vbgardens.org](mailto:memberships@vbgardens.org)**

## 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:  
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