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Curator's Corner

Dear Friends of the Garden,

Marigolds, or *cempasúchiles* as they are known in Spanish from the Aztec *cempazúchitl*, are part of a cosmopolitan genus, *Tagetes*, with distribution including North and South America as well as parts of Asia. In Mexico, they have an ancient history of use in medicine and culture, perhaps most notably as decorations of memorial altars for departed loved ones since pre-Columbian times. Impressive displays of these flowers, especially *Tagetes erecta*, native to the central highlands of Mexico, adorn cemeteries throughout the country in the season leading up to *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) celebrated on November 2nd. Pay no attention to those who call this an "African Marigold" as it is definitely a Mexican plant. The same is true for the so called "French Marigold," *Tagetes patula*.


In the state of Puebla, the leading producer of these flowers, vast swaths of the countryside gleam in brilliant marigold orange in the weeks leading up to these celebrations with the enormous snowcapped peaks of active volcanoes often towering up above. In our region along the west coast of Mexico we have the smaller and simpler flowers of *Tagetes hartwegii* occurring as a native seasonal wildflower. While they don't create the dramatically bold displays that can be seen in the countryside of Puebla, they are a welcome splash of color most noticeable to the casual observer along rural roadsides such as the scenic Palms to Pines Highway from Puerto Vallarta to El Tuito.

If you'd like to try applying Marigolds for their culinary or medicinal uses, we recommend that you grow them on your own by seed rather than purchasing them from large commercial growers who often use harsh pesticides. Not only can these pesticides be toxic to humans, some have been associated with the phenomenon of colony collapse disorder which is diminishing bee populations throughout the world and is especially pronounced in North America. And Marigolds are considered one of the easiest plants to grow! So by growing your own Marigolds you can not only supplement your diet and medicine cabinet but also help decrease the demand for dangerous chemicals. However you choose to enjoy marigolds, now is the best season to do so!

Warmest regards from the Garden,
Bob Price, Founder and Curator, VBG



Tagetes erecta and *Tagetes patula*, gouache on vellum, in: Gottorfer Codex



*La vie est hérissée de ces épines,
et je n'y sais d'autre remède que de cultiver son jardin.*

**Life is bristling with thorns,
and I know no other remedy than to cultivate one's garden.
– Voltaire**

Photo: Neil Gerlowski

The Garden's chapel may be rented for weddings, vow-renewals, celebrations of life and other events. Please write to hillary@vbgardens.org for more info.

Please support the founding of the **International Peace Garden** At the Vallarta Botanical Garden



The Vallarta Botanical Garden is already known as a place of calm, solace, and healing of body, mind and soul. Now its leaders have laid plans to set aside a special sanctum within the garden's grounds to provide a secluded setting for undisturbed contemplation, meditation or prayer – a place in which the seeds for international peace can be sown and cultivated – an International Peace Garden.

Like never before, the future of our world and its inhabitants depend on people coming together to work out peaceful solutions for our collective challenges. We can all play a part in this and shape the world we live in. One way towards accomplishing this is to set aside places dedicated for such actions. Outdoor spaces filled

with natural beauty are especially appropriate as these landscapes restore the soul and create the perfect settings for purposeful reflection towards positive change.

The Vallarta Botanical Garden's new International Peace Garden will adorn the slope that rises toward the entrance to the recently completed multi-faith chapel, *Nuestra Señora del Jardín* (Our Lady of the Garden). It will feature plants of the Mediterranean and the Holy Land along with Mexican wildflowers. The intention is to use plants to acknowledge the geographical region that gave birth to several of the leading world religions and to grow these together in harmony with each other and with Mexico's lovely native species as well.

A combination of shade and sun will make the International Peace Garden an inviting usable space throughout the year for activities from educational programming and family enjoyment to quiet meditation. Access ramps are included for persons with disabilities and tiered benches may allow the space to later be used as theater seating for open-air concerts and performances. It will be a welcoming place for people of all backgrounds to come together in harmony with nature and focus on our collective power to make this world a better place.

The International Peace Garden Foundation, in participation with the mayors of Puerto Vallarta and Cabo Corrientes, just announced the designation of this project as Mexico's official International Peace Garden and a ceremony is scheduled to bestow this special status on February 16, 2017. While this designation is certain to bring great notoriety to the Garden and the Puerto Vallarta region as a welcoming destination dedicated to international peace and friendship, it brings no direct funding. The Garden has extended the date of its original fundraising goal for this project to December 1st, 2016. We will build and landscape as much of the project as we can with funds available for the project by that date to prepare for the dedication ceremony on February 16, 2017. We will continue fundraising towards the overall project goal especially during the "A Gift of Peace" benefit event scheduled for January 16th, at Casa Karma Boutique Resort.



Draft rendering of the International Peace Garden
Rendering: Cesar Amezcua

Yes, I'd like to help support the Vallarta Botanical Garden build our new International Peace Garden!

☐ Enclosed is my **tax-deductible** gift.

or

☐ I made my gift by credit card payment on the Garden's website www.vbgardens.org.

or

I pledge to send my **tax-deductible** gift prior to the close of fundraising for this project
(December 1, 2016) in the amount of:

☐ \$ 1,000 MXN

☐ \$ 2,500 MXN

☐ \$ 5,000 MXN

☐ \$ 10,000 MXN

☐ \$ 50,000 MXN

☐ \$ 100,000 MXN

☐ Other _____

☐ \$ 2,000,000 MXN

Full underwriting of the project and initiation of an endowment for its legacy.

The gift of full underwriting of the International Peace Garden is eligible for recognition with a permanent named dedication plaque in the International Peace Garden and special recognition in the garden's official dedication ceremony on February 16, 2017 (2 - 4 pm).

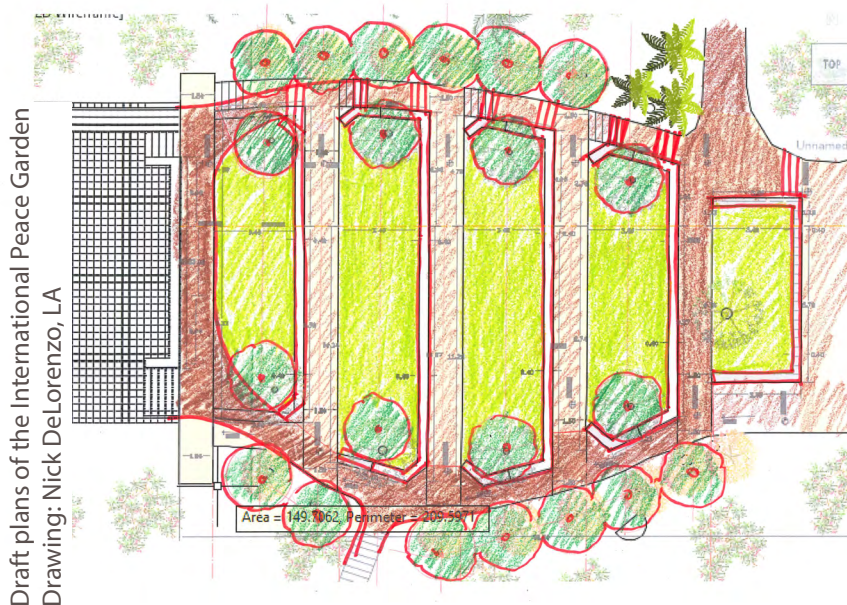
Please see back page of *The Leaflet* for tax-deductible giving options or write to info@vbgardens.org with any questions.

Give Every Month – Become a Garden “GEM”

Dividing your contributions to the Vallarta Botanical Garden into monthly payments can help you better budget your annual giving and allows us a dependable monthly income to carry the Garden through the slower times of the year. A new Give Every Month “GEM” page is now up on the Garden's website www.vbgardens.org for you to begin this kind of contribution today.

Commemorative Cantera Benches

Would you like to honor or memorialize someone with a permanent cantera bench at the Vallarta Botanical Garden? Benches are finished with beautiful hand-painted ceramic tiles. We can help you create a custom design with text and images of your choice. Prices are at \$7,000 USD for a *Banca Real* (Regal Bench) and \$5,000 USD for a *Banca Distintiva* (Distinctive Bench). Dividing this up into payments over the course of three years is a commitment of only \$194 or \$139 USD per month. These gifts qualify for tax deductible contributions in Mexico, the US, and Canada. Interested? Great! Please visit our website or call 322 223 6182 and ask to speak to the Garden's Executive Director, Neil Gerlowski or Membership Coordinator, Michaela Flores.



Your Legacy Lives on at the VBG

Including the Vallarta Botanical Garden in your wills, trusts, and estate planning is an investment in the long-term viability of this important natural sanctuary for Puerto Vallarta and the exquisite flora of Mexico and world tropics. A member of the Garden's Legacy Committee would be happy to talk to you about the best options for optimizing your philanthropic potential and further blessing a community. Please write to info@vbgardens.org.

Exciting Upcoming Events:



Night of Latin Stars
'House Hunters International' Charity Event 2016
Casa Karma • November 21, 2016 • 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.



A Gift of Peace

Benefit Event

Save the Date January 16, 2017 Hosted by Casa Karma Boutique Resort

Proceeds to be applied to Mexico's
International Peace Garden at the Vallarta Botanical Garden



Orchid of the Month

Myrmecophila galeottiana (A.Rich.) Rolfe

By Alejandra Flores Argüelles

The name of the genus *Myrmecophila* comes from the greek words meaning “ant lover.” These insects are normally found living in the plant’s pseudobulbs providing nutrients and protection while the plant provides them with a home.

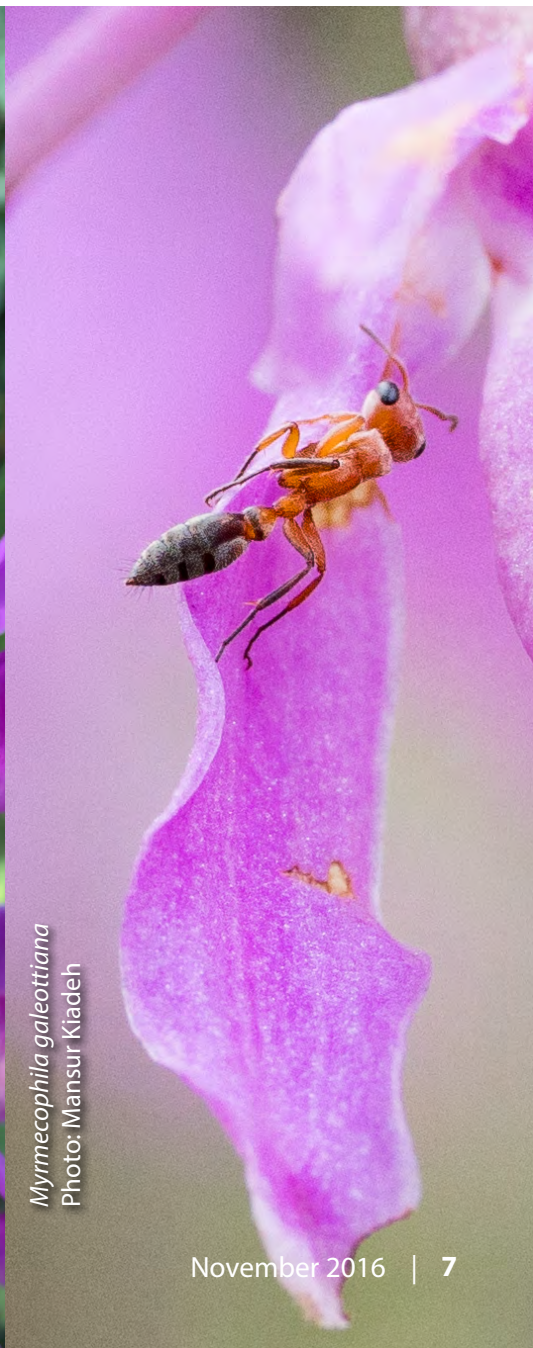
Myrmecophila galeottiana is endemic to Mexico and is found along the west coast from Jalisco to Guerrero and inland to Morelos where it inhabits the canopy of tropical deciduous and sub-deciduous forests. Its pseudobulbs

grow up to 30 cm long with two to four thick fleshy leaves. The erect inflorescences can measure up to 2 meters in length with numerous flowers ranging in hues from pink to purple and even magenta. Flowering is from August until December.

This orchid has great ornamental potential, not only for its flowers, but the entirety of the plant. The Vallarta Botanical Garden has an extensive collection of this species currently flowering at this time, so plan your visit to see them soon.



Myrmecophila galeottiana
Photo: Neil Gerlowski



Myrmecophila galeottiana
Photo: Mansur Kiadeh

Mexican Bird of the Month

Cardellina pusilla - Wilson's Warbler

By Greg R. Homel www.birdinginpuertovallarta.com/birdingadventures@mac.com

Some people are bothered by the presence of pesky mosquitoes and buzzing flies around them. The same people usually don't like the smell of insect repellent either, so, naturally, they don't use it. Then they complain. I know. I used to be one of them... but I don't look at it that way, anymore!

Don't get me wrong. It's not that I actually enjoy my skin being pierced by tiny, winged, hypodermic needles, but the fact remains: Every time I smell *that* smell, I'm having

a good time, usually in nature, and often while watching beautifully-plumaged birds, like the Wilson's Warbler. If they're around (mosquitoes, that is), some of my favorite, most colorful birds will often be close by, too. One day *that connection* dawned on me... and I haven't been the same since!

Of all the migratory birds I've encountered in my life, perhaps none so epitomizes this connection as the colorful and endearing Wilson's Warbler, which is named for



Scottish-born poet and Ornithologist, Alexander Wilson, now known as “The Father of American Ornithology.”

Like the insects they feed on, these tiny, feathered powerhouses can be found seasonally, from the Arctic to the tropics and from sea level to near tree line, continent-wide. They are common in the Vallarta region from October-April, alongside our so-called human *snow-birds*, and, not coincidentally, a few mosquitoes.

Around this time of the year, autumn’s chilly grip turns leaves golden in much of northern North America, slowing or stopping the metabolisms of flies, mosquitoes and other biting insects, much to the delight of “repellent-phobes” like I used to be. Like the falling leaves, lower temperatures drive many insectivorous birds south—particularly warblers, vireos, and flycatchers, etc.—to the sunny tropics, including Vallarta, where consistently warm temperatures support a commensurate abundance of insect life, providing a steady supply of rich, protein-packed meals—in the form of flies and mosquitoes—to maintain these birds’ fiery metabolisms. Wilson’s Warblers, warm weather, mosquitos and good times go together, I’m now convinced!

In my birding travels, I can remember swatting my share of mosquitoes while watching Wilson’s Warblers in a wide range of habitats and elevational ranges, alongside some very cool wildlife. For example, in mid-July north of the Arctic Circle near Nome, Alaska, with Grizzlies and Musk Oxen in my view; within the Darien Gap of Panama, as a baby Harpy Eagle chirped for its mother to return with a Three-toed Sloth in her talons; on the volcanic slopes of the high Andes of Colombia, while listening to the haunting admonitions of Chestnut-crowned Antpittas and watching for condors; and during spring in the Sonoran Desert with Cactus Wrens chortling as a Coyote ran past.

Wilson’s warblers are like feathered emissaries from the far reaches of the continent. They are *literal* snowbirds who follow warm weather, with its commensurate blooms of mosquitoes and other *Dipterids* during their migratory year. So if I have to be bitten by a mosquito or two to enjoy the sight of one, I really don’t mind, and now I simply think of insect repellent as “*birding cologne!*”

Cardellina pusilla

Photo: Greg R. Homel



Would you like to make birding history in Puerto Vallarta and the Banderas Bay?

The Vallarta Botanical Garden is just one of dozens of amazing local birding hotspots within the count circle of the annual Puerto Vallarta / Bahía de Banderas Christmas Bird Count (CBC). This project, organized by the Audubon Society, is the longest running and most important citizen science project in the world. **Now is not too early to schedule your participation for the 2016 Christmas Bird Count scheduled for December 17th.** Just beforehand, on December 10th, the VBG will hold their Crash Course on Birding in Tropical Western Mexico for participants to prepare for their adventures in scouting and observations the following week.

Over 200 species have been counted within the Puerto Vallarta CBC in past events, but over 100 additional species are documented to occur at this time within our region. That means participants are so far only documenting about two-thirds of the avian diversity that abounds during the day of the count. Additional prepared participants and a better coordination of efforts could result in placing Puerto Vallarta as a top contender for the number one CBC circle in North America. These efforts will not only boost the ecotourism appeal of Puerto Vallarta, but also serve to better document and protect our rich natural biodiversity. **Interested? Please write to birdingadventures@mac.com or educadorambiental@vbgardens.org for more information.**

VBG Contributes to the Preservation of Mexico's Botanical Genetic Heritage

By Kathryn Parker, Peace Corps Mexico Volunteer

The Vallarta Botanical Garden recently contributed to an ongoing nation-wide collaborative effort with CONAFOR (*Comisión Nacional Forestal*), Peace Corps, and others, to preserve the genetic heritage of Mexico's forest species. This National Collection of Forest Genetic Resources is located at the state-of-the-art genetics facility, CNRG (Centro Nacional de Recursos Genéticos), just outside of Guadalajara, which is run by INIFAP (Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Forestales, Agrícolas y Pecuarias).

Conservation of forest genetic material, or germplasm, is important to assure the continued existence and availability of these resources for current and future generations. At the CNRG facilities, germplasm (genetic material) is stored under controlled conditions as seeds, or as plant tissue stored cryogenically (cooling at very low temperatures) or under minimal growth conditions.

Many plant species are under threat from habitat destruction, climate change, invasive pests and pathogens, and competition from invasive plants. Tree species are a particular focus in the National Collection because trees anchor entire ecosystems, providing food and shelter, regulating water flow and preventing soil erosion. The National Collection serves as an important bank of germplasm, to be drawn upon in the future, for conservation, reforestation, and research efforts.

In late September, VBG Curator and Founder, Robert Price, and VBG staff worked alongside CONAFOR and Peace Corps representatives to begin collection and preservation of some of the rare and endangered species currently existing at the VBG. Of particular importance were the collection of three species of *Magnolia* (*vallartensis*, *pacifica*, and *pugana*), two species of *Bursera* (*copallifera*, *simaruba*) and *Quercus magnolifolia*.

These genetic preservation efforts are also in alignment with the 2002 Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (enacted by the UN Convention on Biological Diversity) and the 2006 North American Botanic Garden strategy for Plant Conservation, of which the VBG is a participating institution.

The current number of plant accessions in the National Collection is over 800. The project goal is to obtain 3,000 accessions by the end of 2018. With the recent contributions from VBG, the project is well on its way to reaching this important goal.



From left to right:
Peace Corps Volunteer Kathryn Parker,
VBG intern Cynthia Martínez Hernández,
and CONAFOR biologist Jesús Cortés Aguilar
during recent collection activities at the VBG.

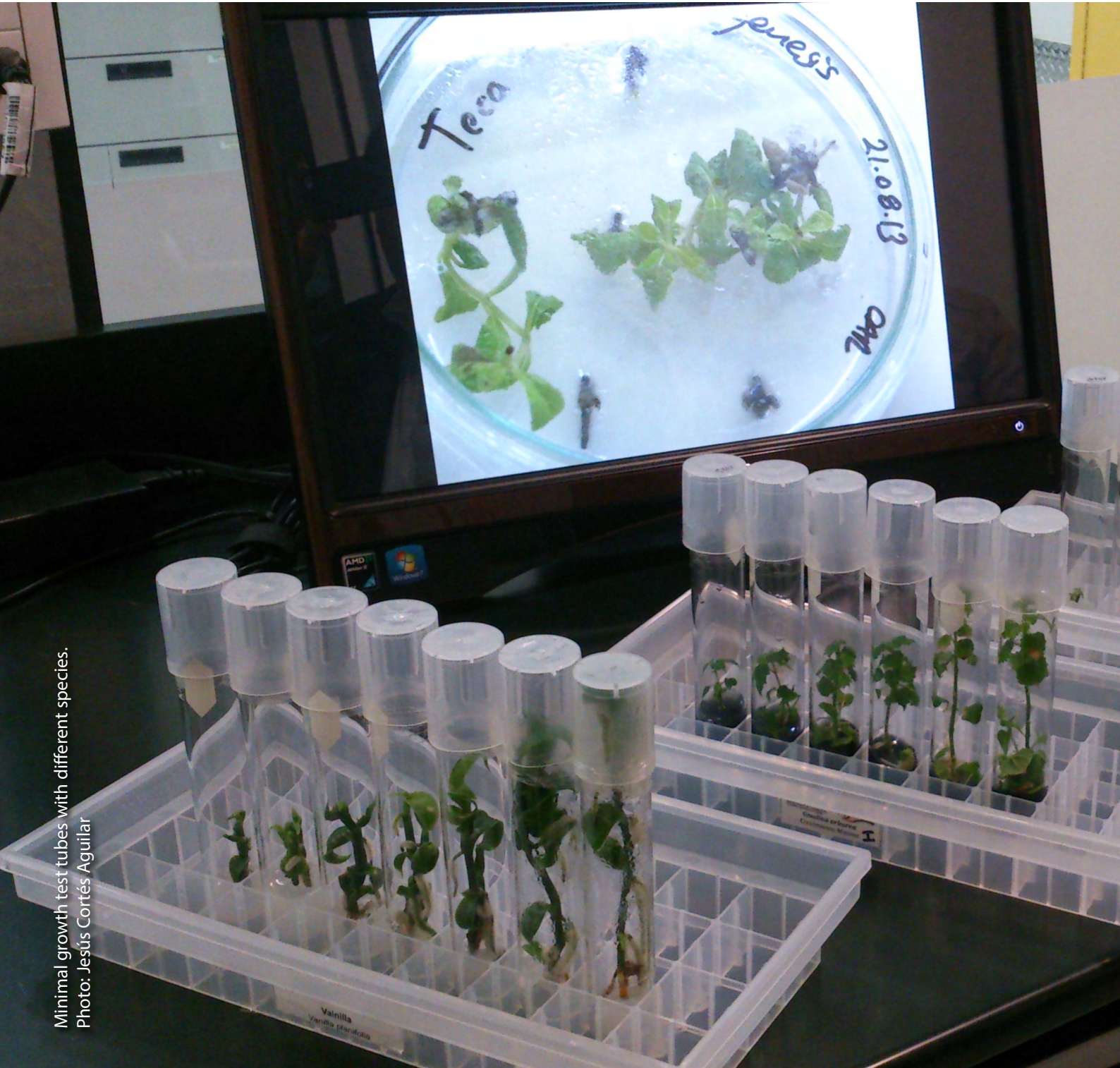


Meristem encapsulation in
microplate liquid nitrogen.
Photo: Jesús Cortés Aguilar



Orchid seed germination in biofactory.
Photo: Jesús Cortés Aguilar

Minimal growth test tubes with different species.
Photo: Jesús Cortés Aguilar



Garden Entry Fee Increase

Starting December 1st, 2016, the new entry fee for the Garden is \$150 MXN per person. Children ages four and under are still admitted free of charge when accompanied by a parent and/or legal guardian. We remain one of the best vacation values in the entire Puerto Vallarta region and one of the most popular—currently ranked as the #3 “Things to Do in Puerto Vallarta”!

Plants and Tortillas Worth Travelling For

By: Greg Nace, Member, VBG Legacy Committee

Facing my impending retirement as President of the Pittsburgh Botanical Garden, VBG Executive Director Neil Gerlowski kindly offered me a volunteer placement at his Garden to help stave off any possibility of boredom. Amongst my many welcome surprises have been culinary experiences rivaling the fantastic botanical diversity of the region. During my time at the Garden, many a visitor has shared that rave reviews they've heard of the Garden's Hacienda de Oro Restaurant was a top reason for planning their visit. The mountain setting overlooking a beautiful river valley helps, but the real reason for the reputation has to do with the authentic *Jalisciense* cuisine and how it's prepared. The Garden makes an orchestrated effort to serve fresh and locally grown fare. One of the things which helps distinguish their food is the traditionally made tortillas.

The chefs of the Garden's Hacienda de Oro Restaurant make tortillas the old-fashioned way. It starts with one of the employees, Jesús Reyes, growing indigenous yellow maize that has been passed down for generations. It is grown organically in El Tuito without the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides or genetic modification. Harvested in late October, the ears are brought to the Garden where the kernels are separated from the cob or "shelled" by hand, dried in the sun for three days and then mashed into corn meal. Just before serving, this meal is mixed with lime and water, fashioned into small tennis ball sized clumps, pressed into shape and placed onto a pre-heated grill. The result is impressive. These authentic tortillas are the habitual food of the pueblos, simple, nutritious and with an amazing taste.

One visiting scientist who stayed at the Garden said he never ate corn products in the USA due to an allergic reaction it gave him. He was surprised and delighted to find that he could eat the Garden's tortillas with no adverse reaction to the corn. When you visit the Garden, be sure to try their traditional maize tortillas with your meal. You'll find it's among dozens of details that make any visit to the VBG a truly magical experience.

By the way, between the food, plants, and people of the Garden, I've fallen in love with the place and agreed to long-term remote service on the VBG's Legacy Committee and am planning a return visit sometime next year. So I hope to meet many more of the special people who form the Garden's amazing family.



Volunteer Greg Nace &
VBG Gift Store Clerk Luis Aguilar shelling corn.
Photo: Leonel Méndez



La tierra es de quien la trabaja.

**The land belongs to those
who work it.
— Emiliano Zapata**

Vallarta Botanical Garden Photography Workshop

Sat., Dec. 17, 2016, 10 am - 3 pm

• Fundamentals of Exposure • Depth of Field • Closeup Photography



Instructor: Mansur Kiadeh <www.mansurimageworks.com>
Cost: Included with Garden entry (\$150 pesos)
RSVP: photos@vbgardens.org

Itinerant Art Exhibition — Birds and Their Habitats

Our feathered friends capture the imagination like few other animals on the planet. As beautiful as they are to see silhouetted against the sky, they're even more fascinating to understand in the context of their natural environment where their services to our forests in pollination and seed dispersal are essential to maintaining a healthy balance of plant diversity.

Seeing these birds through the eyes of artists can help us appreciate them even more. Their forms, textures, colors, and habits can be frozen in film and canvas to allow for the kind of focus not possible in fleeting glimpses as they flutter through branches and bushes in the wild woods.

The exhibition, Birds and Their Habitats, celebrated its first two installations with enthusiastic public visitation at the Peter Gray Art Museum of the University of Guadalajara's local "CUC" campus and afterwards at the Galerías Vallarta shopping mall across from the city's cruise ship terminal. The next installation is scheduled at the Vallarta Botanical Garden with an inaugural ceremony on November 27th at 1:30 pm.

Itinerant Art Exhibition — Birds and Their Habitats				
Host	Opening		Closing	
Peter Gray Art Museum / UDG CUC	22 SEP	- 6:00 pm	8 OCT	- 6:00 pm
Galerías Vallarta	14 OCT	- 7:00 pm	20 NOV	- 5:00 pm
Vallarta Botanical Garden	27 NOV	- 1:30 pm	30 DEC	- 3:00 pm



Calocitta colliei
Photo: Nancy Holland



Come celebrate a Thanksgiving Feast in the Country at Vallarta Botanical Garden!

Thursday, November 24th 2016

A Traditional Thanksgiving Feast will be served from 11 am until 6 pm. Reservations are recommended but not required. Info at www.vbgardens.org or call +52 (322) 223 6182.

Thanksgiving Restaurant Special at the Garden

First Course

**Puréed sweet potato soup
or Seasonal Garden Salad
Hot rolls and butter**

The Feast

**Stuffed roasted turkey with homemade gravy, mashed potatoes,
stuffing, ginger glazed carrots, stewed fresh cranberries, and green bean casserole.**

Dessert

**Choice of pumpkin pie or pecan pie with vanilla ice cream
Coffee (Café de olla)**

Beverages. Choose from:

1 Cocktail, 1 glass of wine, 1 soft drink, or 1 agua fresca

\$499 MXN per person (approx. \$25 USD)

Gratuity is not included. Garden entry is free for members.

Garden entry of \$100 MXN per person applies to non-members.

Corkage fee of \$350 MXN per bottle for those who bring their own wine.

Vallarta Botanical Garden's Calendar

DATE		EVENT	COST
		GARDENS ARE CLOSED ON MONDAYS FROM APRIL UNTIL DECEMBER	
24	Nov	Thanksgiving (US) – 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. — See page 15 for more details.	\$499 MXN + Garden entry
27	Nov	Opening of the Art Exhibit, “Birds and Their Habitats” in the Vallarta Botanical Garden – See page 14 for more details.	Included with entry
3	Dec	Volunteer Training — Join the team! Pre-registration required. Send an email of your interest to eventos@vbgardens.org by Dec. 1.	Free w/ prior registration
10	Dec	Tropical Bird ID Crash Course — Need to study up for the big count on Dec. 17th? 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.”	Included with entry
17	Dec	Christmas Bird Count (CBC) — 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 17th from 8 am to 6 pm. Special overnight options (extra cost) are also available. For more info, please write to educadorambiental@vbgardens.org .	Included with entry
17	Dec	Photography Workshop — Come learn about topics including fundamentals of exposure, depth of field, and closeup photography with instructor Mansur Kiadeh. 10 am to 3 pm. RSVP: photos@vbgardens.org .	Included with entry

* Some activities subject to change. The most current calendar, often with links to further event information, can be viewed at www.vbgardens.org/calendar.



Tillandsia duratii
Photo: Mansur Kiadeh

Garden Hours

Open 7 days/wk

Open 6 days/wk

Early “Bird” Opening

Daily Guided Tour

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

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

Tillandsia duratii
Photo: Mansur Kiadeh



Michaela Flores,
Membership Coordinator, VBG
memberships@vbgardens.org

From the Membership Desk

It's great to be back in Puerto Vallarta! I've just returned from some recent travels and am so happy to return to the Garden and my friends from throughout Puerto Vallarta and Banderas Bay. Many of you are also returning so please stop by my desk to say hi, share travel stories, and (if the shoe fits) renew your membership, upgrade it, or join us for the first time!

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

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

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