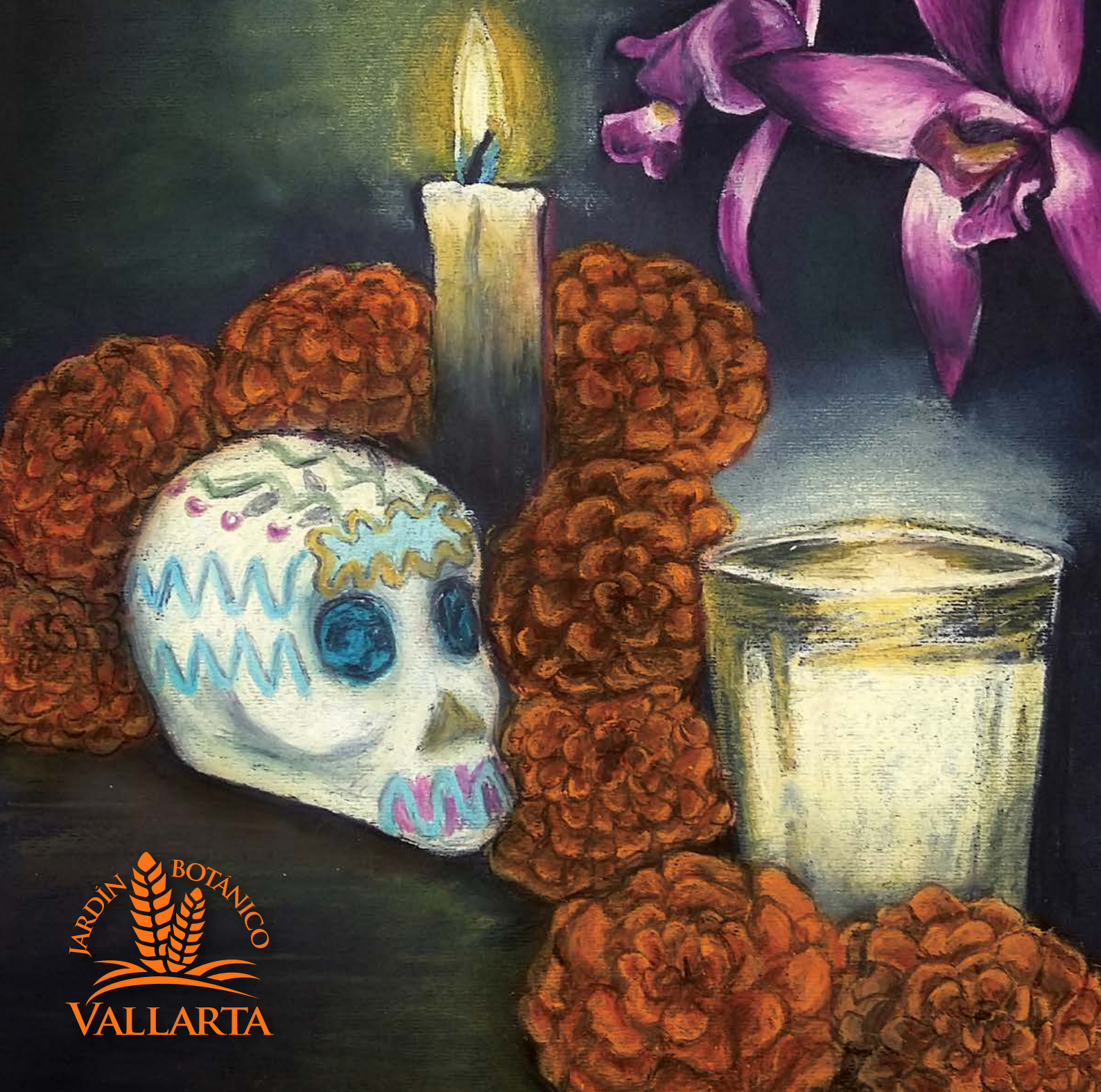


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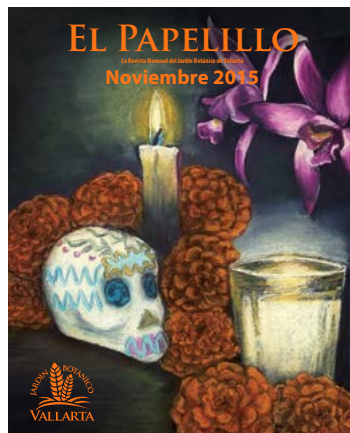
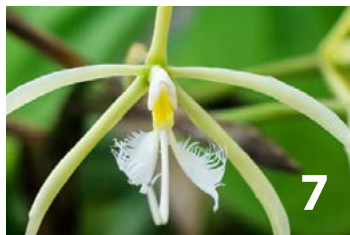
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Curator's Corner

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**

Do you enjoy receiving The Leaflet??

Please tell us what you like reading!

Post your thoughts:

<https://es-es.facebook.com/vbgardensac>

Hurricane "Patricia"
Friday 23 at 00:26 hours

10th
ANNIVERSARY
— ❁❁❁❁ —
VALLARTA
BOTANICAL
GARDEN



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.

For more information:
www.vbgardens.org
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**Event
Tickets:**

PN Events

November 14

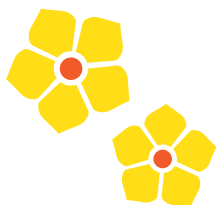


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November 15



<https://goo.gl/9m1Njy>



Exciting environmental
education activities



Stimulating **lectures**
by dynamic guest speakers



Live music by
captivating entertainers

Crowning Canopy Sponsor

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Strengthening Trunk Sponsors



Golden Bough Sponsors



Reaching Roots Sponsors



Early Morning Activities & Tours

09:00 – 11:00

Both the 14th and 15th

Birdwatching from the Visitor Center balcony	09:00 - 10:00	Cynthia Martínez Hernández
Birding and Epiphyte discovery along the River Walk & Jaguar Trails	10:00 - 11:00	Rafael Guzmán, David Jimenez Ramos, Christian René Sánchez Martínez
Chocolate, Vanilla, Coffee and more – growing cash crops in native forests as profitable conservation	10:00 - 11:00	Tom Burris & Yolanda Madera
The Vallarta Botanical Garden's Magnolia Collection	10:00 - 11:00	Cynthia Martínez Hernández

Open House Experience

11:00 – 13:30

Both the 14th and 15th

Open House Feature:

Andrew Bryan Briskin Aquatic Plants Pond

Hosts:

Isabel Cárdenas of the Estero El Salado

Open House Feature:

Daneri Vireya Rhododendron House

Hosts:

Dee Daneri
Marita Rathnow
Sandra Cesca

Open House Feature:

Holstein Tropical Plant House

Hosts:

Mary Ellen Holstein
Joaquin Aja
Dennis Owen

Open House Feature:

Galeana Family Cactus and Arid Plants Garden

Hosts:

Dra. Hilda Julieta Arreola Nava
Magdalena Hernández Martínez
Ana Ezcurra
Ing. Emiliano Sánchez Martínez,

Open House Feature:

Tillandsia House

Hosts:

Carla Piringier

Open House Feature:

Vallarta Conservatory of Orchids & Native Plants

Hosts:

T.J. Hartung
Erika Pagaza

Open House Feature:

Nuestra Señora del Jardín (Chapel)

Hosts:

Michael Schultz & Ruben Cota

Kids Educational Program:

Ms. Smarty-Plants &
Srta. Flor Sabelotodo

Educators:

Pam Meisner
Flor de Líz Castro Palafox

Special Exhibit:

The Miracle of Corn

Hosts:

Dr. Rafael Guzmán, Olivia Barker &
Cynthia Martínez Hernández

Special Exhibit:

The Importance of Bees and Other Pollinators

Hosts:

Dave Hutchinson
Talit María José León Mantecón

Special Exhibit:

Wildlife Photography & Art

Hosts:

Petr Myska
Madelaine Myska
Antonio Velázquez

Special Exhibit:

Garden Photography

Special Exhibit:

Garden Tourism

Hosts:

Michel Gauthier &
Ing. Carlos Murillo

Special Exhibit:

Developing Garden
Programs & Projects

Special Exhibit:

Garden Sponsorship/Membership
Opportunities

Special Exhibit:

Mexican Medicinal Plants

Hosts:

Dr. Leslie Korn
Francisco Alejandro Briseño Quintanares

Special Exhibit:

Weaving with native plants

Hosts:

Angel Mariscal Flores, María Anita Trinidad
de los Santos & Don Pascal

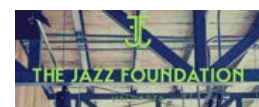
Booth:

Punta de Mita Foundation

Hosts:

Ana Lilia Medina Varas
Anabel Mora Núñez

Booths:



Note to hosts of the Open House Experience: please arrive at 10 am to check in with event organizers and set up your areas. ¡Gracias!

Opening Entertainment 13:30– 14:30

11:30 - 13:30	<p>Selections by: Soliste del Mar</p> <p>Donating time & talent... Gracias!</p>	SAT NOV 14
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11:30 - 13:30	<p>Selections by: Sarah en la Luna</p> <p>Donating time & talent... Gracias!</p>	SUN NOV 15
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Talks In the Vallarta Conservatory of Orchids and Native Plants 13:30– 14:30

NOV 14	<p>Botanical Gardens of Mexico: Past Perspectives and Outlook for the Future <i>Emiliano Sánchez Martínez</i> Executive Director, Jardín Regional de Cadereyta & President, Asociación Mexicana de Jardines Botánicos (Presentation in Spanish with limited English translation)</p>	NOV 15	<p>Social Acupuncture for Biological Conservation <i>M.Sc. Erika Pagaza-Calderón</i> Scientific Director, Jardín Botánico Culiacán (Presentation in Spanish with English translation)</p>
13:30 - 13:50		13:30 - 14:00	
13:50 - 14:10	<p>The Spell of the Sensuous: The Intimate Relationship Between Plants & People <i>Chris Woods</i> Founding Director, Chanticleer Garden (Presentation in English with limited Spanish translation)</p>	14:00 - 14:15	<p>A Garden for Vallarta: From Inspiration to Pursuit of Excellence <i>Bob Price</i>, Founder and Curator, Vallarta Botanical Garden (Presentation in Spanish with limited English translation)</p>
14:10 - 14:30	<p>Mexican Gardens as Destinations for National Tourists <i>Cristina Faesler</i>, Director, Jardín Borda, Cuernavaca, Morelos <i>Mathew Holmes</i>, Director, Las Pozas, Xilitla, SLP (Presentation in Spanish with limited English translation)</p>	14:15 - 14:30	<p>The Imperatives of 21st Century Gardens for our Planet and its Citizens <i>Neil Gerlowski</i>, Executive Director, Vallarta Botanical Garden (Presentation in Spanish with limited English translation)</p>

Feature Entertainment

NOV 14 14:30 - 16:30	Chris Kenny	 	Sponsored by:  www.PVSeaDive.com
	Son Cuatro		Sponsored by:  <small>VILLA LOS ARCOS PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, MEXICO</small>

NOV 15 14:30 - 15:30	Bob Bruneau & Joan Houston Show tunes and Jazz		Donating time & talent... ¡Gracias!
	 Gypsy Jazz	Sponsored by: 	
	 	Donating time & talent... ¡Gracias!	



Thanksgiving at the Garden!

Thursday, November 26

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

Painting: The First Thanksgiving at Plymouth
by Jennie Augusta Brownscombe (1850-1936)

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.



Epidendrum ciliare, Photo: Gerardo Luna

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.



Ringed Kingfisher, Photo: Petr Myska

순천시 한국

Vallarta Botanical Garden Invited to Present in Korea

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” <i>As declared by the Canadian Garden Tourism Council (Listed in alphabetical order)</i>	
Butchart Gardens	Canada
Chanticleer	USA
Denver Botanical Gardens	USA
Desert Botanical Garden	USA
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden	USA
Huntington Botanical Gardens	USA
Jardín Botánico Culiacán	Mexico
Jardín Botánico de Vallarta (Vallarta Botanical Garden)	Mexico
Longwood Gardens	USA
Montreal Botanical Garden	Canada



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 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!



Ursulaea macvaughii, Photo: Petr Myska

Vallarta Botanical Garden's Calendar

DATE		EVENT	COST
		GARDENS ARE CLOSED ON MONDAYS FROM APRIL UNTIL DECEMBER	
14 -15	NOV	VBG's 10th Anniversary Celebration — 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).	Included with entry
26	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 8).	Restaurant Special: \$299 MXN per person
5	DEC	Volunteer Training — Join the team! Pre-registration required. Send an email of your interest to eventos@vbgardens.org by Dec. 3.	Free w/ prior registration
12	DEC	Tropical Bird ID Crash Course — 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."	Included with entry
15	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 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 eventos@vbgardens.org .	Included with entry
25	DEC	Christmas — Garden closed, Merry Christmas!	—
1	JAN	New Year's Day — Garden closed, Happy New Year!	—
2	JAN	Volunteer Training — Join the team! Pre-registration required. Send an email of your interest to eventos@vbgardens.org by Dec. 31.	Free w/ prior registration
6	FEB	Membership Appreciation Day — Thanking those who keep the Garden flourishing.	Free for members
18	FEB	Cutator's Candlelight Dinner — Copa de Oro Level Members & Above	Select members

* 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

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

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



Migratory Bird Day
Photo: Leo Campos



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

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

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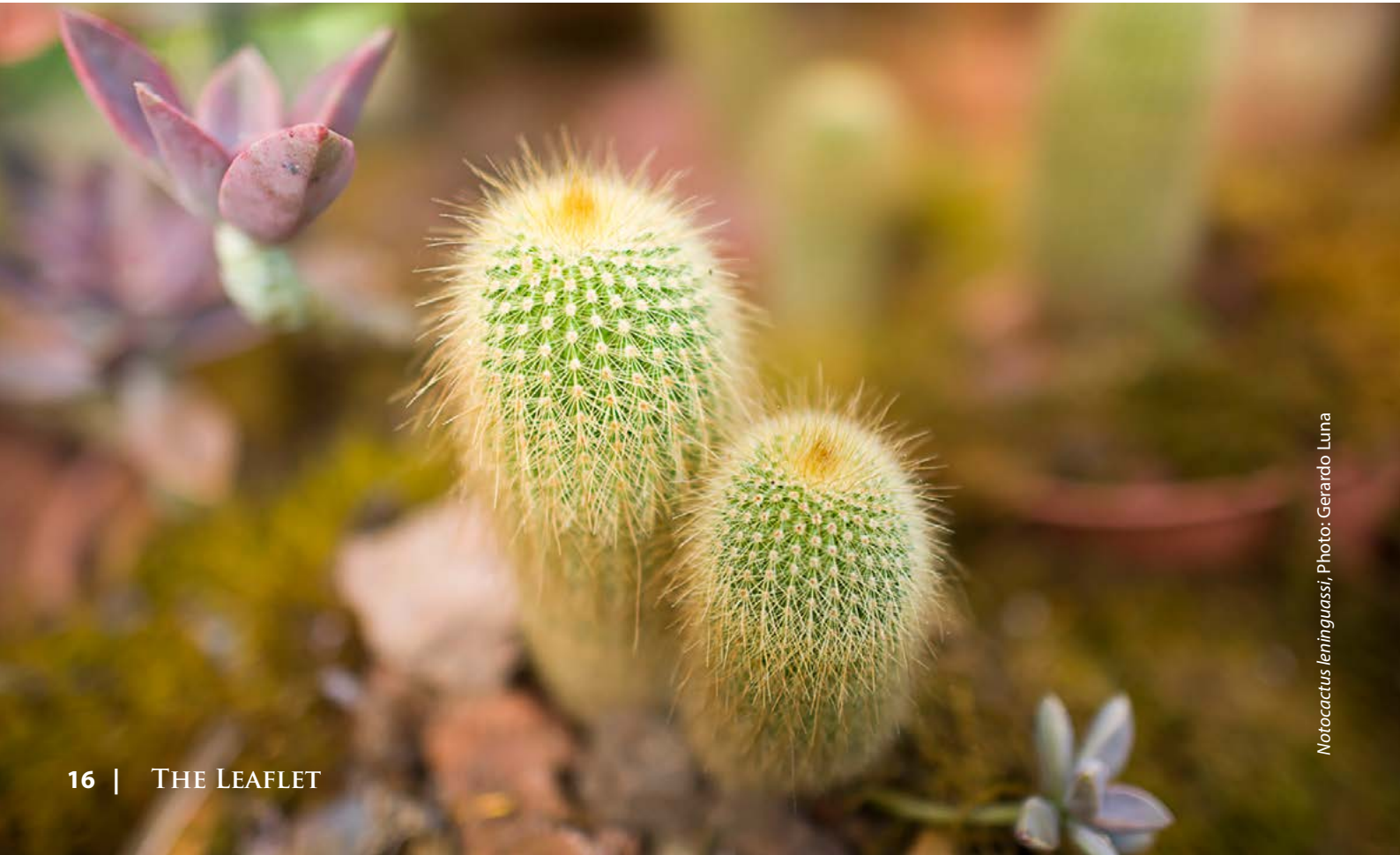
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International Migratory Bird Day. Photo: Leo Campos

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