

A photograph of two young girls in a garden. The girl on the left is wearing a dark blue dress and is holding a large, bright yellow flower close to her face. The girl on the right is wearing a floral dress and has white wings on her back. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The background is a lush green garden with trees and bushes.

Descanso Gardens

2017

*Annual Report*

A photograph of autumn foliage, showing yellow and orange leaves on tree branches, likely from a tree in a garden.

# Table of Contents



About Descanso Gardens . . . . .	3
From Our Director . . . . .	4
Descanso Gardens 2017   The numbers . . . . .	5
Horticulture . . . . .	6
<i>Enchanted</i> sponsors . . . . .	7
Education . . . . .	8
Hands-on learning . . . . .	9
Financials . . . . .	10
Supporters . . . . .	11
Board of Trustees & Senior Management Team . . . . .	15

Copyright 2018 Descanso Gardens Guild, Inc.  
Photos by Shannon Dillon © Descanso Gardens, except where noted.

## Our Mission

Descanso Gardens is a unique Southern California landscape distinguished by its specialized botanic collections, historical significance, and rare natural beauty. Our mission is to practice exemplary stewardship of Descanso’s distinctive character and assets; offer people an experience close to nature; and cultivate understanding of the natural world and people’s place in it through inspiration, education and example.



# About Us

## Descanso Gardens & the Descanso Gardens Guild, Inc.

Formed in 1957 by volunteers dedicated to supporting the new, publicly owned Descanso Gardens, the Descanso Gardens Guild, Inc., has over the past 60 years created a consistent record of stewardship, sensitive enhancement of the property, service to the public and institutional growth. In 2017, Descanso Gardens welcomed more than 500,000 visitors to daytime activities, summer evening concerts and the *Enchanted: Forest of Light* experience. Descanso is a member-supported garden: In 2017 more than 17,000 households demonstrated their support of its mission through paid annual membership. Descanso Gardens was reaccredited by the American Alliance of Museums in July 2018.

The Descanso Gardens Guild, Inc., a community-supported nonprofit, operates in a public-private partnership with the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation. The Guild is responsible for the complete management and financial health of the Gardens. The Guild is committed to preserving and enhancing the Gardens' historical assets; to expanding the Gardens' appeal to a broader demographic through integrated education, exhibition and outreach programming; and to securing the Gardens' financial future through a culture of continuous operations improvement and broader, deeper outreach for philanthropic support.

Descanso's programs further its mission by enriching visitor engagement through experiences focused on the natural world, and by stewarding the Gardens so that they can be enjoyed by future generations. Descanso Gardens communicates its mission and programming through its website, [www.descansogardens.org](http://www.descansogardens.org), the public face of the organization; in weekly emails to members; and on a wider scale through social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



# From Our Director

One of Descanso Gardens' biggest challenges in 2017 was a change in leadership. Longtime Executive Director David Brown retired after leading the Gardens for 12 years. David had been my mentor since I joined Descanso in 2008, and he gave me a solid foundation to build upon when I transitioned into the role of executive director on Sept. 1, 2017. I was thrilled – and somewhat humbled – to take the helm of an organization that I am passionate about every day. The good work David had done through the years will cultivate Descanso's success in the future. Our Board of Trustees, led by Chair Amy Lamb, from the get-go has partnered with me to plan the future of Descanso and its ongoing projects.

We immediately dug in! Descanso Gardens is enjoying unprecedented visitation. We quickly realized that we need to determine new strategies to manage this success. This increased popularity – fueled in part by positive social media and our seasonal light show, *Enchanted: Forest of Light* – got us thinking up new ways to maximize the “Descanso experience” for every visitor, from day tripper to students on field trips to our devoted members. We realized that we needed to scale up our amenities and facilities to accommodate our visitors. We wanted to exceed their expectations of not only presenting beautiful gardens, but also a welcoming, modern place to learn, explore and restore.

When you walk through Descanso, you will see the investments we've been able to make because of increased revenue, especially from *Enchanted*. Internally we like to call this the “Enchanted effect.” Rachel Young, director of horticulture and garden operations, explains this phenomenon on page 6.

In 2017, we also switched up how we engage with visitors, including investing in carts stocked with nests and other natural materials that demonstrate how Descanso Gardens is habitat for hundreds of species of animals. Director of Education Emi Yoshimura talks about some of these new programs on page 8.

Through the pages of this Annual Report, you will learn more about our successes (and some shortfalls) in 2017. We have invested creativity, people power and increased funds to improve the Gardens we love.

We know we can do even more, which is why we'll be embarking on a Master Plan in 2018, so we can scale our investment with the growth in the Gardens.

Most importantly, we want to thank you for your support, which in turn cultivates our success.

---

**Juliann Rooke**  
Executive Director



# Descanso Gardens 2017 | The numbers



## People

<b>168,581</b>	Paid visits
<b>244,370</b>	Member visits
<b>128,181</b>	<i>Enchanted</i> ticket sales
<b>17,808</b>	Member households
<b>60</b>	Employees
<b>260</b>	Volunteers
<b>64,431</b>	Facebook followers

## Plants

<b>23,00</b>	Number of tulip bulbs planted
<b>3,041</b>	New plants added (569 accessions)
<b>78</b>	New trees planted
<b>11,484</b>	Total accessioned plants
<b>3,074</b>	Total number of species garden-wide (includes species and cultivars)
<b>70</b>	New species and cultivars added

## Programs

<b>14,733</b>	Summer night attendance
<b>12,866</b>	Cherry Blossom Festival attendance
<b>14,050</b>	School field trip participants
<b>56</b>	Participants in My Masterpieces
<b>70</b>	Community Service Day volunteers
<b>50</b>	Number of new volunteers
<b>15,155</b>	Total volunteer hours

## Supporters

<b>\$123,286</b>	CCA memberships
<b>\$218,500</b>	Grant funding
<b>\$792,592</b>	Total donations

## Financials

<b>\$9,576,371</b>	Revenue & other support
<b>\$9,267,397</b>	Expenses

## The lasting impact of *Enchanted*

When *Enchanted: Forest of Light* wraps up its season in January, the lights may disappear, but its magic lingers in the Gardens. Call it the “Enchanted effect”: In ways large and small, this annual light show makes a lasting impact on the way Descanso’s gardens look. When *Enchanted* made its debut in 2016, it had an immediate impact in 2017, providing funding for a host of garden and maintenance projects. Likewise, the 2017 season of *Enchanted* is making its mark through 2018. In particular, *Enchanted* has made a difference in three areas: planning, planting and paving.

### Planning

Each garden project starts with a plan. As a result of *Enchanted*, Descanso had more funding available to work with outside design firms to create plans for garden redesigns and improvements, including the California Natives Garden and the Center Circle renovations. By creating long-range plans for the renovation and care of our garden spaces and plant collections, we can ensure that the Descanso Gardens you love will thrive for future generations. Having a project plan in hand makes it easier for development staff to seek grant funding for those improvements.

You can see evidence of this type of support in the replanting of the California Natives Garden near El Portal. We designed a replanting plan that honors the heritage of this garden, which was installed in 1959 by Theodore Payne. That plan allowed us to secure generous grant funding from both the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust and the Metropolitan Water District, and in November 2017, horticulture staff installed



more than 1,500 native plants to revive this garden. Revenue from *Enchanted* 2016 also paid for the redesign of the Rose Garden entrance and the Center Circle improvements, which were planned by the design firm Rios Clemente Hale in 2017 and installed in January 2018.

### Planting

Thanks to *Enchanted*, Descanso’s budget for new plants has doubled. That means more tulips in spring, more display plants along the Promenade, more camellias, more natives, and more roses and their companion plants. With 85 cultivated acres to keep blooming, the number of plants needed can really add up. For example, we planted over 1,600 new plants in the 1-acre habitat gardens at the Lakeside Lookout in 2017. That project was made possible thanks to funds from *Enchanted* and a generous donation of supplies and labor from Pacific Outdoor Living.

A good place to see the Enchanted effect on the plant budget is in the Rose Garden. In 2017 and through 2018, we have planted more perennials and annuals, which not only beautify the garden, but help us in our





battle against nutsedge, a persistent and pesky weed. This spring, even before the roses started showing off, the Rose Garden was filled with blooms from these companion plants, including dianthus, snapdragons and pincushion flower.

Looking forward through 2019, expect the Enchanted effect to rejuvenate the Camellia Forest. We are creating a new display garden that tells the story of our historic camellia collection with support from *Enchanted* and funding from the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust.

## Paving

Many feet have trod across Descanso Gardens since Manchester Boddy started his camellia plantation here in the 1940s. Unfortunately, that foot traffic shows in wear on our walkways and footpaths. Revenue from *Enchanted* funded repairs and maintenance of paved surfaces throughout the Gardens, including the Boddy House, parking lot, the Lakeside Lookout and Van de Kamp Hall.

The most obvious change is the new permeable paving in the Center Circle. These pavers create a smoother surface for foot traffic. Rainwater can drain

between the joins, recharging the groundwater and providing water for our deep-rooted trees and shrubs.

Using pavers, rather than concrete or asphalt, is also a more cost-effective and sustainable option. Pavers can last for a century or more, and repairs can easily be done if low spots appear during droughts or after earthquakes. Plus they look incredible with the new display plantings the horticulture department and volunteers planted this winter! Expect to see more paving and path improvements coming, as we work on making the garden as beautiful, sustainable and safe as possible.

Where will the Enchanted effect show up next? Keep your eyes open – it could be anywhere in the Gardens! We are very eager to put this funding to good use and make Descanso Gardens the best it can be.

---

### *Rachel Young*

*Director of Horticulture and Garden Operations*

*Enchanted: Forest of Light returns for a third season from Nov. 18, 2018, to Jan. 6, 2019. Tickets go on sale in fall 2018. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Somer Sherwood-White, (818) 952-4389 or [ssherwood@descansogardens.org](mailto:ssherwood@descansogardens.org).*

## 2017 sponsors of *Enchanted: Forest of Light*

We are grateful to these individuals and organizations who helped ensure the success of *Enchanted: Forest of Light* by providing sponsorship support in 2017:

Anonymous  
Richard and Erin Atwater  
Gordon and Dona Crawford  
John D'Angona  
Georgianna Erskine  
Heather Sturt Haaga and Paul Haaga  
HomeStreet Bank  
Jean and Terry Kay  
Katie King and Torrey Sun  
Wendy Lees and Tom Boyle  
Margaret Leong and Michael Checca  
James Levin and Sarah MacDowall  
Ben and Lucia Logan  
Ted and Betsy Merchant  
Peggy Miller  
Peter and Ann Murphy  
Andy and Juliann Rooke  
Carin and Andrew Salter  
Reid and Joyce Samuelson  
Hope Tschopik Schneider  
Zentmyer Properties



# Education

## Making more meaningful connections with visitors

Think of a memorable experience you've had at Descanso Gardens, another botanical garden, a museum, zoo or aquarium. It could be a memory from childhood or from today. What stands out to you about your memorable moment? Why do you think it is something you remember?

These are some of the prompts and questions our Education Department staff asks prospective Descanso Gardens' volunteers when we start our discussion of how we work with visitors. And what we hear back is that people have a wide variety of experiences that are deeply meaningful to them that happen at places like Descanso. Sometimes they have to do with seeing something amazingly beautiful. Sometimes they have an element of surprise or discovery. Sometimes they are about a shared experience, and sometimes they are about seeing "the real thing."

As an Education Department, our goal is to support and enhance visitors' experiences of discovery and connection, so that this wide variety of memorable moments can happen at Descanso.

In 2017 we added new ways of engaging with visitors to our array of public programs and volunteer roles. All of these provided opportunities for visitors to interact with staff or volunteers in the landscape. All were designed with an eye toward flexibility to respond to visitor interests, questions, and what is in bloom or of particular interest in the Gardens that day.







## Hands-on learning

In 2017, 14,050 people – teachers, students and chaperones – visited Descanso Gardens on school field trips. Inga Grabis, a second grade teacher at Willard Elementary School in the Pasadena Unified School District, has brought her students to Descanso for several years. Here's how those visits benefit her students.

"We go on this field trip because it relates to our ecosystems unit. The Descanso curriculum ties in nicely. We teach our students about how animals and plants sustain each other in ecosystems. This field trip gets students to learn about ecosystems outside and away from a classroom environment. This enriches their learning.

"I like that the students are able to explore and touch and learn. It is great to see those 'a-ha' moments when they connect what we learned in class and what they see out in the real world."

**Welcome volunteers:** We expanded our team of volunteers trained to welcome visitors, offer suggestions of what to see, and answer frequently asked questions ("Where are the restrooms?" "Where is the Rose Garden?" "What's in bloom today?").

**Wildlife carts:** We grew our team of volunteers trained to talk to visitors about habitat and wildlife. In addition to engaging visitors at the Lakeside Lookout where discussions often focus on birds, wildlife volunteers helped us develop an additional interpretive station, a moveable cart, filled with objects related to the many animals that live at Descanso. Visitors learn from docents about how Descanso Gardens, and oak trees in particular, are homes to many animals. Both the Lakeside Lookout and the wildlife carts provide visitors of all ages the opportunity to ask questions, to learn something new, and to discover something about Descanso that might not be revealed without a closer look.

**Spring bloom walks:** In 2017, we worked with our Horticulture team, Visitor Services, and volunteers to

offer a series of garden walks in March that focused on spring flowers. Staff and volunteers were able to provide a guided tour highlighting some of the most beautiful plants for visitors who appreciate more in-depth information.

**Wellness Walks:** In 2017, we started a monthly series of walks, focused on fitness, exploring and discovering hidden aspects of Descanso together. These Wellness Walks, led by longtime Descanso yoga instructor Cam Hall, provided another opportunity to engage with someone with insights into Descanso, while out in the garden.

Response from visitors to all these new ways of engaging with visitors has been very positive. And we hope to continue building on these successes in the future so that all of our visitors can have close-to-nature experiences that are fulfilling, inspiring and memorable.

---

**Emi Yoshimura**  
*Director of Education*



## The 2017 financial picture

Business was blooming in 2017 as Descanso Gardens continued to experience vigorous growth in revenue. The institution reaped the benefits of the first season of *Enchanted: Forest of Light*, a seven-week light show that made its debut in November 2016. Buzz about *Enchanted* and positive overall social media had a ripple effect that increased revenue in other areas. Membership continued to break institution records, and for the first time revenue from membership sales exceeded daytime admissions.

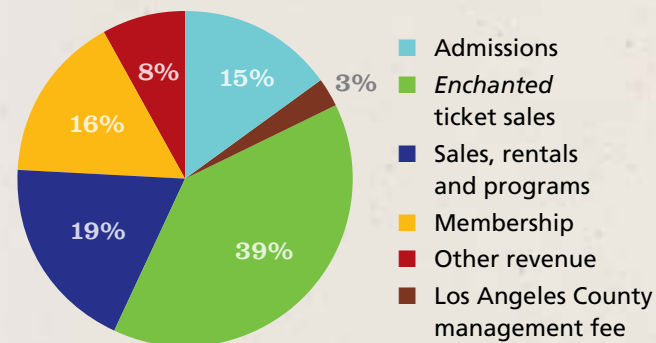
These charts provide a snapshot of the institution's revenue and expenses for both 2017 and 2016. The complete 2017 audit is available to view online at [descansogardens.org/about](http://descansogardens.org/about).



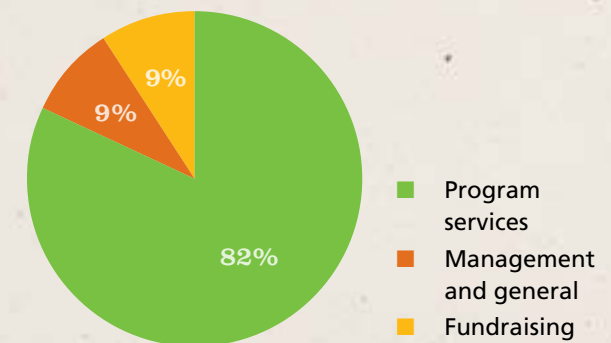
Revenue & other support	2017	2016
Admissions	\$1,405,385	\$1,218,413
<i>Enchanted: Forest of Light</i> ticket sales	\$3,741,884	\$2,396,772
Sales, rentals and programs	\$1,820,256	\$1,712,341
Membership	\$1,489,135	\$1,188,625
Contributions	\$792,592	\$742,469
Los Angeles County management fee	\$270,000	\$270,000
Other revenue	\$12,733	\$13,251
Investment income	\$44,386	\$45,885
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,576,371</b>	<b>\$7,587,756</b>

Expenses	2017	2016
Program services	\$7,587,703	\$6,260,331
Management and general	\$873,733	\$532,590
Fundraising	\$805,961	\$643,180
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,267,397</b>	<b>\$7,436,101</b>

2017 Revenue by Type



2017 Expenses by Type



# Center Circle Associates

Center Circle Associates is Descanso Gardens' highest-level of membership. CCA members provide philanthropic support to Descanso while enjoying exclusive benefits and special access to the Gardens.

## Descanso Circle | \$10,000

Heather Sturt Haaga and Paul Haaga  
Margaret Leong and Michael Checcha  
Buddy and Thuy Moss  
Rick Neumann

## Director's Circle | \$5,000

Kim and Ginger Caldwell  
John D'Angona  
Georgianna Erskine  
Doug and Claudia Forbes  
Gary Hall and Sandy Hall  
Wendy Lees and Tom Boyle  
James Levin and Sarah MacDowall  
David and Kay Linden  
Ben and Lucia Logan  
Greg and Stephanie McLemore  
Peggy Miller  
Peter and Ann Murphy  
William and Noel Wade

## Curator's Circle | \$2,000

Patricia Aho  
Richard and Erin Atwater  
David and Judith Brown  
Therese Carrabine  
Patrick and Kathy Feely  
Stephen and Liz Gleason  
Ruth and Jeremy Jones  
David and Amy Lamb  
Richard and Mary Mader  
Sandra Mays and John Marshall  
Doug and Leah McCrary  
Donna and Randall Melby

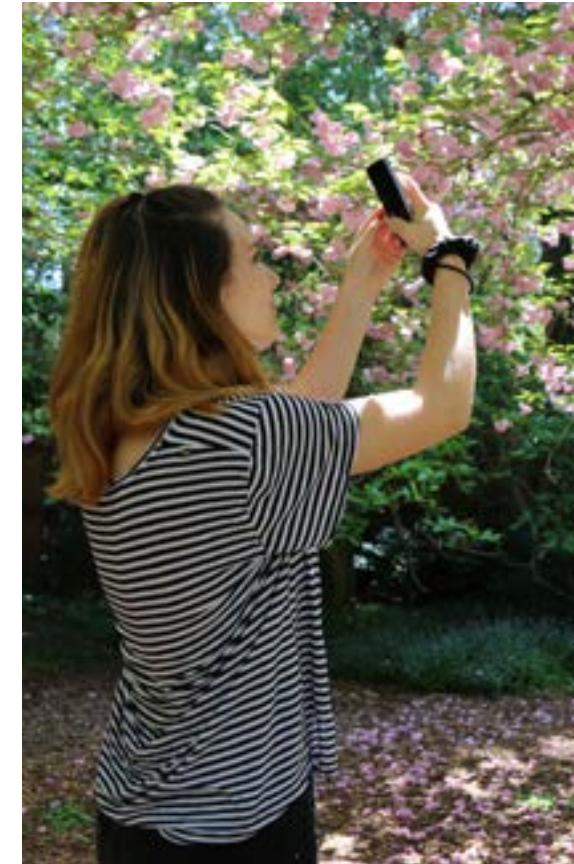
Tim and Kate Morphy  
Susan Redpath  
Andy and Juliann Rooke  
Carin and Andrew Salter  
Jim and Becky Sarni  
Hope Tschopik Schneider  
Eugene and Marilyn Stein  
Timur Tillyaev and Lola Tillyaeva  
Len Torres and Anita Brenner  
Lynn and Donald Voss

## Circle Associates | \$1,000

Anonymous  
Guilford and Gwen Babcock  
James V. Baldrige and Beverly Lazor  
Bill and Susan Baribault  
Dr. Dianne Barrett and Dr. Margaret Elfering  
Olin and Ann Barrett  
Sue Beatty  
Theresa Beland  
Thomas and Marjorie Bickler  
Michael and Tania Cahill  
Eric and Elisa Callow  
Frank and Margaret Campbell  
Richard Carlson and Erin Maclean Culley  
Bill and Raissa Choi  
John Clisham and Lu Kondor  
Richard and Bonnie Cook  
Kirk Dawson  
Edwina and David Dedlow  
Jane and Patrick Delahanty  
Leo and Stephanie Dencik  
Ben and Lady Edwards  
Barbara Eliades  
Grant Frederick and Denise Hagan

Gracella Gibbs and Gene Wilcott  
Stephen and Linda Gill  
Brenda Goldstein  
Craig and Janna Gosselin  
Nel Graham  
Paul Haaga III and Catalina Haaga  
Lawrence Hawley and Barbara Aran  
Richard and Tracy Hirrel  
Adelaide Hixon  
Frank and Barbara Jameson  
Gregory and Jennifer Johnson  
Katie King and Torrey Sun  
Harvey and Ellen Knell  
Lisa Kurstin and Davida Koren  
Carol Liu and Michael Peevey  
Julie and Lance Markowitz  
J. C. and Pamela Massar  
Carolyn Metcalf  
Wendy Munger and Leonard Gumport  
Lila Nastro  
Michael and Sonia Newell  
William and Laura Olhasso  
Gary and Vicki Olson  
John and Rose Orlandini  
Christopher and Virginia Orndorff  
Blythe Haaga Parker and Tyler Parker  
Katie and Chris Poole  
Kimberly Raisani  
Nelson and Sharon Rising  
Daniel and Sarah Rothenberg  
Ned and Shirley Russell  
Somerset Sherwood-White and Jeff White  
Diana Singleton  
Cameron and Doug Spitznagel  
Bill and Carol Stafford  
Alana Steele and Michael Anderson  
Brian and Shari Thomas

Keith and Tracy Tobias  
Jae Townsend and Ryan Jones  
Scott and Mary Tracy  
R. Scott and Lannette Turicchi  
Betsey Tyler  
Woody and Terry Walker  
James and Mitzi Walters  
Eric and Jill Weinlein  
Robert and Karen Wicke  
Phyllis Winnaman  
Mike and Alice Zrodlo



# Supporters

## \$50,000 & higher

---

John D'Angona  
The Ahmanson Foundation  
Margaret Leong and Michael Checca  
The Rose Hills Foundation

## \$25,000 – \$49,999

---

David and Judith Brown  
Capital Group  
Heather Sturt Haaga and Paul Haaga  
Peggy Miller

## \$10,000 – \$24,999

---

City of La Cañada Flintridge  
Georgianna Erskine  
Gregory and Jennifer Johnson  
Rick Neumann  
Andy and Juliann Rooke  
Schneider Foundation  
Hope Tschopik Schneider  
Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust  
Alyce and Warren Williamson

## \$5,000 – \$9,999

---

Richard and Erin Atwater  
Gordon and Dona Crawford  
FormLA Landscaping  
Katie King and Torrey Sun  
Harvey and Ellen Knell  
David and Amy Lamb  
Wendy Lees and Tom Boyle  
David and Kay Linden

Ben and Lucia Logan  
Greg and Stephanie McLemore  
Wendy Munger and Leonard Gumpert  
Ann and Peter Murphy  
Ned and Shirley Russell  
Carin and Andrew Salter  
John Newell Wade Foundation  
Zentmyer Properties

## \$2,500 – \$4,999

---

Arthur Cable Living Trust  
Marie Campbell  
HomeStreet Bank  
Jean and Terry Kay Trust  
La Cañada Kiwanis Foundation  
James Levin and Sarah MacDowall  
Carol Liu and Michael Peevey  
J. C. and Pamela Massar  
Sandra Mays and John Marshall  
Sophie and G. Malcolm McConnell  
Men's Garden Club of Los Angeles  
Ted and Betsy Merchant  
Ramone Munoz and Tom Jacobson  
Lila Nastro  
The Pasadena Garden Club  
Reid and Joyce Samuelson  
Sony Pictures Entertainment, Inc.  
Lynn and Donald Voss

## \$1,000 – \$2,499

---

Olin and Ann Barrett  
Sue Beatty  
Janice and Thomas Brown  
Therese Carrabine

The following donors kept Descanso Gardens green and growing with their non-membership donations of \$25 or more in 2017.

Joe Coriaty  
Frederick and Katia Elsea  
Fred Fisher  
Gary Hall and Sandy Hall  
Anthony and Carey Haynes  
High Temp Metals  
Frank and Barbara Jameson  
Betty Jones  
Doug and Leah McCrary  
Vieve Metcalfe and Jay Holladay  
Metropolitan Water District  
MonteCedro  
Nuccio's Nurseries, Inc.  
Chris and Katie Poole  
Patricia Traviss  
Wilford Woo

## \$500 – \$999

---

Bixby Bridge  
Jeffrey Bruce  
Betty Cole  
Jerome A. and Valerie Diekman  
The Diggers Garden Club Pasadena  
Tammy Dodds  
Allyson and Frederick Gartside  
Beth and Jaime Gertmenian  
Gracella Gibbs and Gene Wilcott  
Don and Scarlett Hibner  
Cal and Jeannette Hollis  
Till and Terry Kiepmann  
David Owen  
Patricia and James Rabe  
Don and Jane Royer  
Elaine Sarkaria  
Jean Vander Horst

Robert and Cecelia Wilhoit

## \$250 – \$499

---

Pat Barr  
Otis and Deborah Booth  
James and Francine Chapman  
Joan Christl  
Kathy and Michael Dooling  
Thomas and Joan Follis  
Stuart and Nora Frolick  
Shirley and Earl Gottschalk  
William and Daryn Horton  
David Kaminow  
Olga Kendall  
Nion and Leslie McEvoy  
Giancarlo Pala and Michelle Lofino  
John Payne  
David Pierce and Jane Campbell  
Rhett and Carlene Rechenmacher  
Richard Schulhof and Sandy Goodenough  
Juliana Selfridge and Frances Vitello  
Somerset Sherwood-White and Jeff White  
Southern California Camellia Council  
Southern California Camellia Society  
Pamela Stumbaugh  
Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.  
David and L. Weeshoff  
Robert and Karen Wicke

## \$100 – \$249

---

Alicia A. Elliott Living Trust  
Edward and Merline Apffel  
Gale Arvanites  
Dane Asmundson and Ardy Washington

Susan and John Axline  
Peter and Molly Bachmann  
Chuck and Carolyn Baker  
Richard and Bonnie Bell  
Kevin and Christine Boyke  
Neal and Molly Brockmeyer  
Jim Brusch  
Arvis and Gabrielle Bruveris  
Craig and Susan Burger  
Margaret Buxkemper  
California Native Plant Society  
Robert and Margaret Campbell  
Ellen Carroll  
Sophia Chang and Judy Perry  
Chevy Chase Estates Garden Club  
Dolly Chu  
Mary Copperud  
Douglas and Lisa Corbett  
Janice Claire Croft  
Laura and Chris Cuevas  
Patricia Dana  
Kathy and Brian Danaher  
David Davis  
Kay Davis  
Sara Davis  
Larry and Linda DeBoer  
DIGGS  
Tom and Patti Dobson  
Dody Dorn and Kevin Hughes  
Margaret Dunn  
Joel Edstrom and Margaret Adams  
Alan and Lindsay Epstein  
Jennifer and Marcus Errico  
Dorothy Ertel  
Byron Foote  
Nel Graham  
Sandra Greenstein  
Eleanor Grossman  
Robert Grossman  
Alma Guzman and Susan Stamberger  
Marshall and Marlene Hall

Steven Hochstadt and Stephen Sass  
Ann and Daniel Hutchison  
Ruth and Jeremy Jones  
Mary Ellen Knowles  
Edward Kormondy  
Stephen Kuntz  
Robert Lindoerfer and Maria Small  
Cheryl Loggins  
Cynthia and Richard Luczynski  
Tom and Roma Mahrer  
Irene Martina  
Jane Mathews and Richard Alvidrez  
Kathy McCauley and Karen Hesse  
Lary and Mary Anne Mielke  
Gail Montury  
Patricia Moultrie  
G. Arnold and Greta Mulder  
Sheila Murphy and Alde Tolentino  
Shirley Myers  
James and Anne Nielsen  
Mariann Nolan  
Alice and C. O'Donnell  
Doris Popoff  
William and Brett Pounders  
Joan Probst and James Ives  
Janice Ramsey and Gary Gero  
Cynthia Reich  
Phyllis Rini  
Lynn Lawson Rossi  
John and Ann Rothschild  
Bonnie Russell  
Irene Alvarez Sakioka and Roy Sakioka  
Randy and Stacy Sartor  
Save Mount Diablo  
Kent and Susan Schmidt  
Selinger Consulting  
Susan Slotnick  
Gretchen Smart  
Robin M. Snyder and Michael McCabe  
Susan Stamberger and Alma Guzman  
Denise Stastny

Bernie and Joy Sullivan  
Bill Swanson  
Kathleen and Toshio Takakuwa  
Eric Timperman  
Wanda L. Tucker  
Valencia Printers  
Maria Valles  
Honorio Vivell  
Rosemary & Dennis Wallace  
Hermann and Louise Wang  
John and Tina Wicker  
Mary and Miles Wollam  
Timathea and Lyle Workman

### \$50 – \$99

---

David and Carole Abernethy  
W. Reid and Katherine Allen  
Gonzalina Artiz  
Audrey Bahr  
Jack Barengoltz  
The Hernan & Orfi Barros Foundation  
Reinhard and Margaret Beer  
Ramiro Belgardt and Elizabeth Haraughty  
Jack and Alexis Bilheimer  
Sylvia Borowska  
Richard and Judy Brickman  
Meghan Bureson  
Susan Cannon  
C. Byron and Patricia Capps  
John and Judy Chalison  
Oni Chibas  
Christopher and Dong Chung  
Francisco Contreras  
Glenda and Sara Crump  
Paul and Roberta Currier  
Julie Clark De Blasio  
Andrew J. Demetriou and Evelyn Quinn  
Lloyd and Doris Dent  
Duane and Patricia Ebbert  
Carolyn and Martin Eberhard

Rosemary and Bernard Ecker  
Olaf and Rose Falkenhagen  
Michelle Ferraro  
Melvin and Jennie Gaines  
Dorothy Harkness  
Donald and Judy Hayes  
Kathy Henkel and Maria Henkel-Smith  
Susan and Phillip Hoge  
Michael H. Horner  
Annie Hsu and David Chen  
Brian and Ann Ikeda  
Prats Jamison  
Jeff and Lisa Jones  
In and Young Kim  
Michael Kirley  
Terry and Roma Kiser  
James and Carolyn Kolokotronis  
Izabela and Elizabeth Krol  
John and Diane Landrum  
Carol Lapinski  
Paulett and Kurt Liewer  
Elinor Livingston  
Mitzie Lulucki  
Magdalene Malone  
Jolene Martinez and Claudia Grandez  
Susan A. Masback and Bill Barbe  
Gary McArdle  
James McKinnell  
Haig Mejloumian  
Harold and Barbara Mills  
David Moffett  
Roger Morrison  
Janice and Timothy Munson  
Laurie Muslow  
Bill and DeDe Nelson  
Richard Neve  
Once Upon a Time Bookstore  
Oneonta Congregational Church  
Doris Patterson  
Robert and Carol Pollock  
Erik Pontoppidan

David and Sharon Poppler  
Jana and Paul Pretzel  
Lucretia Reed  
Katheryn Rice  
Harry and Erika Richter  
Pauline Riley  
David Ringnell  
Sally and Brian Rivera  
Robyn Rothman  
Malcolm and Nancy Royalty  
Vince and Catherine Schaller  
Gregory and Elizabeth Schetina  
Diane Sfetku  
Jan and Peter Shames  
Joy and Wayne Smith  
Patricia Smith  
Darlene Spence  
Rodney and Carol Stanley  
Philae Stierstorfer  
Kenneth Topolsky  
Zelbie and Carole Trogden  
Pamela Vrba  
WM and Doris Webber  
Elizabeth Weigand  
Anne Wettig and Michelle Justice

## \$25 – \$49

---

Carolyn Adams  
Kief Adler and Bobbie Westil  
James and Pat Allen  
Gloria Alvarado  
Edward and Christine Andonian  
Donna Arcaro  
Nick and Lorna Ariondo  
William and Margaret Barbour  
Mary and Carlos Barrena  
Alan Batongbacal and Cecilia Cayton  
John and Mary Bernier  
Andrea and Nick Bernstein  
Norma Boggs

R. Barry and Michelle Bottrell  
Susan Bowe  
N. Talbot Brady and Jacquelyn Wright  
Simone Bretter  
Renate Buerner  
Jan Burden  
Patricia Campagna  
Dennis and Evelyn Carpenter  
Jason Celek and Carla Schamet  
Esa Ceralde  
Mark and Maggie Chambers  
Domino Cheung  
Gloria Cooper  
William and Edith Crandall  
Liselotte and Germaine Cresmer  
Suzanne Crisp  
Bruce and Karen Davis  
Barbara DiGennaro  
Snowdy Dodson  
Cathy Doub  
Edgewood Place Entertainment  
Sean Eng and Kristian Whetstone  
Sharon Estridge and Philip Viener  
Margaret Farrand  
David and Patricia Flores  
Derek Fujimoto  
Larry and Cecelia Furukawa  
Mary and Daryal Gant  
Patrice Gibson  
Bonnie Gill  
David and Jackie Gish  
Louise and Galen Gobon  
Carol Goodman  
Ruth Graser  
Mari Grimaud  
John and Peggy Halcomb  
Yasuko Hara and Fred Fujioka  
Geoffrey and Patricia Hawkins  
Jerry and Pat Hawkins  
Terry and Christopher Hawley  
Marilyn and Tim Heidecker

Scott and Claudia Hein  
Maynard Hine  
Robert and Sallyann Hoherd  
Thomas and Bernice Iwasaki  
Josie Jaramillo  
Chere Johnson  
John Johnston  
Ellen Joseph and Ronald Lewis  
Marvelle and Mark Karahadian  
Harold and Traute Kassarjian  
Aram Kazaryan  
Peggy Kephart  
Elicia and Youngoh Kim  
Ms. Holly Kim  
Patricia Knott  
Henry Kutlu  
Jessica Lamden  
Sam and Mala Langholz  
Darlene A. and Michael Larin  
Andrea LaVela and Edward Dignan  
Eun Sun Lee  
Barbara Leeds  
David Lin  
Kathleen and Stephen Linowski  
Darlene and Estelle Lipinski-Fagan  
Robert Lock  
Doris Lymbertos  
William and Michelle Macris  
Tad and Mikie Maloney  
Dale McCarthy and Gretchen Berg  
Mel McFarland  
Jeff Mellstrom and Cecilia Guiar  
Jere and Mary Mendelsohn  
Kyungwan Min and Jeremy Hong  
Robert and Betsy Mortimer  
Celine Najarian  
Barbara Nelson  
Paul and Sharon Nichols  
Robert Norgauer  
Catherine O'Brien  
Moruko Okita

A. William and Margaret Parrott  
Judy and Tom Passafiume  
Wolfgang and Dominga Prill  
Lilla Reid  
Charlotte Richard and Daniel Zamsky  
Thresa Richardson  
R-A Rohmann  
Louise Rosati and Jackie Ogg  
John and Judy Rothman  
John and Thelma Rotonde  
Jane and Rajiv Sachdeva  
Diane Shamhart  
William Shepherd and Arthur Fisher  
Bernard and Gloria Siegel  
Harriet Singer  
David Smith  
Grant and Elizabeth Smith  
Joel and Nana Smith  
Kelley and JoAnne Smith  
Roobina and Ebram Sookazian  
Gwendolynn and Carlos Sosa  
Milton and Elizabeth Stimson  
Keiko Takaoka  
Judi and Mike Taylor  
Steven and Carol Teutsch  
Gary and Linda Thomas  
Joe and Lynne Thompson  
Jonathan and Johanna Thomsen  
Deborah and Michael Thornhill  
Rowena and Raul Volfango  
James Walters and Philip Jacobs  
Ted and Marianne Walters  
Lois Wecker and Rory Burnett  
Mary Ann Wilder  
Dean and Mary Williams  
Michael and Jean Wright  
Yvonne Yang  
Ziting Zhang

# Board of Trustees & Senior Management Team

## Descanso Gardens 2017 Senior Management Team

**David R. Brown**  
Executive Director  
Retired August 2017

**Juliann Rooke**  
Chief Operating Officer  
Executive Director  
Effective September 2017

**Robin Snyder**  
Chief Financial &  
Administration Officer  
Retired March 2017

**Jenina Garrett**  
Chief Financial Officer  
Effective November 2017

**Cristeen Martinez**  
Director of Membership  
and Guest Experience  
Sturt Haaga Gallery Manager

**Somer Sherwood-White**  
Director of Advancement

**Emi Yoshimura**  
Director of Education

**Rachel Young**  
Director of Horticulture &  
Garden Operations

## Descanso Gardens 2017 Board of Trustees

**Amy Lamb, Chair**

**Leah McCrary, Vice Chair**

**Carin Salter, Treasurer**

**Katie King, Secretary**

**Richard Atwater**

**Margaret Leong Checca**

**John D'Angona**

**Georgianna B. Erskine**

**Elizabeth Harrison Gleason**

**Wendy Lees**

**James Levin**

**Kay Linden**

**Ben Logan**

**Greg McLemore**

**Peggy Miller**

**Tim Morphy**

**Ann Murphy**

**Rick Neumann**

**Ned Russell**

**Donald Voss**

**David R. Brown** (Ex Officio Trustee)  
Executive Director, retired August 2017

**Juliann Rooke** (Ex Officio Trustee)  
Executive Director, effective  
September 2017



# Descanso Gardens

1418 Descanso Drive  
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

(818) 949-4200  
[descansogardens.org](http://descansogardens.org)

