

Southern California Bamboo

The Newsletter of the Southern California Chapter of the American Bamboo Society

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Chapter website: www.ABSSoCal.org

ABSSoCal Activities / Events planned: (Monthly meetings are usually on the third Saturday of month.)

Date:	Time:	Activity / Event:
Sat. Aug. 21, 2004	10:00 am	Bamboo cultivation day at Quail B. Gardens. Get hands-on experience caring for the chapter's reference collection.
Sat. Sep. 11, 2004	9:00 - 10:30 am 10:30 - 11:00 am 11 am - 3 pm 3:00 pm	Annual Fall Bamboo Sale, Quail B. Gardens, and Annual Business Meeting with selection of new Directors and Alternates. NOTE: This date is the SECOND Sat. of September, not the third as is our custom. Look at bamboos (for sale, and in ground in Quail Gardens.) Auction of rare bamboos General Sale Annual Business Meeting
Thurs. - Sat. Oct. 14-16, 2004		ABS 2004 Annual Convention, The Huntington, Pasadena, CA
Sat. Nov. 20, 2004		TBA
Sat. Dec. 18, 2004		TBA
Sat. Jan. 15, 2005		

Unscheduled days of bamboo collection maintenance are often held at Quail Botanical Gardens, Encinitas, CA, on some Saturdays, 10:00 to 3:00. Workers generally meet in front of the Gift Shop and then move to the activity areas. If you meet no one by the Gift Shop, check in reference collection. Contact Adam Derrickson for guidance: 619-200-1444. Bring your own lunch, drinks (non alcoholic, that is!) and have a great "hands-on" time.

Election of Directors, Alternates, and Chapter Representative to ABS national board

Directors for ABS SoCal are elected for staggered 3-year terms, and Alternate Directors for one-year terms. The terms of Directors George Shor and Adam Derrickson will end this year. The terms of Alternate Directors JoAnn Wyman and Patrick Dunphy will also expire. Director nominees are Christian Lydick, Don Binnix, and Mike Mullert. Alternate Director nominees are Adam Derrickson, Christian Lydick, Mike Mullert and Don Binnix. Brief statements so you can know a little about each of these candidates may be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

George Shor's term as ABS SoCal representative to ABS national board ends. Nominees for the three year role are Bob Dimattia and JoAnn Wyman.

Your ballot is attached, to be returned by the start of the Annual Business Meeting, 3 pm, Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, or by mail to arrive by Friday, Sept. 10, 2004.

If you cannot attend, please also complete the proxy form so business can be conducted on your behalf.

Annual Meeting Notice

The Annual Business Meeting of
The Southern California Chapter of the American
Bamboo Society, Inc.
will be held at 3 pm, September 11, 2004
Ecke Building parking lot under the trees
Quail Botanical Gardens,
230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, California
Agenda

1. Reports
 2. Old Business
 3. New Business
 4. Report of Election Committee
 5. Adjourn. The new Directors will then select officers.
- Please send in your ballot and please attend. We'll work to keep the meeting short.

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American Bamboo Society Southern California Chapter Officers:

Director, President, Newsletter Editor	Theo Smith to '06	909-359-1706	trsmith@pe.net
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Director, Chapter rep. to ABS National	George Shor to '04	858-453-0334	gshor@ucsd.edu
Director, Secretary	Adam Derrickson to '04	619-200-1444	exoticbamboo@aol.com
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Alternate Director	Patrick Dunphy to '04	760-727-9272	PatrickDunphy@yahoo.com

Fall Bamboo Sale, Sat. Sep. 11, 2004 at Quail Botanical Gardens

(The material below has appeared in a past newsletters. Only the dates have been changed to protect the innocent.)

9:00 - 10:30 Look at bamboos being set out for sale
10:30 - 11:00 Auction of rare bamboos
11:00 - 3:00 pm. General Sale.
3:00 - ? Board Meeting

Buyer information:

1. Admission to Quail Gardens for the sale is free for members of ABS-SoCal and of QBGF. Others pay the regular admission / parking fee.
2. Plants for sale will be assembled for viewing beginning 9:00 am. Nobody is to try to buy or set aside a desired plant. If you have questions, look for someone with a badge.
3. At 10:30 we will be instructed to leave the area, and the auction of rare bamboos will begin. Each rare plant will be described then offered for bid. This is an exciting time as many new species are first bought at auction here and then propagated by the buyer for sales in later years.
4. At 11:00 am the general sale starts. Select plants you desire - hoping you can find the ones you had your heart set on from the earlier viewing. Take your selected plants to a line at a Cashier's table to pay for them. The Cashier will total the amount of your purchase and keep records so sellers can be appropriately credited for plants sold. No credit cards are accepted. Bring cash or checks made out to ABS-SoCal. Sales tax is included in the marked prices. Do not give your money for plants or Chapter dues to anyone other than a Cashier.

Supplier / vendor information:

Vendor: Our plant sale is a means for "backyard growers" to share their bamboos with others and realize a few dollars in the process. Understandably, "backyard" may mean a few acres as some of us have made a business of growing, buying and selling bamboo plants.

Any chapter member may bring plants for sale providing the plants are free of disease, particularly bamboo mites, and that the plants are well rooted. Don't bring divisions that have been potted less than three months.

Each plant container is to be marked with a Pot Code, a price, and bamboo variety (species) name.

Pot Code: The Pot Code uniquely identifies the seller. Pot Codes are frequently a seller's initials. If you have sold before, use your assigned pot code. If you don't have an assigned Pot Code, contact Theo Smith (951-359-1706, trsmith@pe.net) to get one.

Price: Try to keep prices a little below local normal retail. The marked price will include sales tax. Keep the prices multiples of five (5) to make it easier for Cashiers to add the dollars comprising one sale. Counting by fives is much easier than adding a 4, a 3, a 9, a 6, etc. Some of us are slowing down or never were good with mental arithmetic, so give us a break. Just bump your price up to next whole multiple of five. Yes, that 28 dollar pot will now sell for 30. If someone really wants it, 30 it is. You'll be glad you did.

Delivery: If possible, bring your plants to QBG on Friday, Sep. 10 from about 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. and place them in the parking lot by the Ecke building; place them according to the signs grouping plants by growing habit, species, etc. Plants can also be brought Sat. Sep. 11 from 9:00 to 10:15 am before the auction starts at 10:30. Please park your truck in the "Overflow Parking Lot" west of the Quail bamboo collection soon after unloading.

Sales: All plants are sold through a Chapter cashier, not directly by the person who brought them. This is because selling plants to the public requires a Nursery Stock Permit and a Resale Permit. The Chapter has those documents. We went to this system to encourage amateur growers to participate.

The Cashiers keep a record of sales by Pot Code and price. When the sale is over, the Treasurer (and helpers) reconfigure the sale information to determine for each seller (Pot Code), first the sales tax, then the amounts due Quail Gardens Foundation (10%), the ABS-SoCal Chapter (20%), and the vendor (Pot Code holder: 70%) With this method, a vendor gets just about 65% of the price marked on a pot; because, remember, the sales tax is computed and subtracted first. Darn government!

Unsold plants: Vendors are encouraged to remove any unsold plants at the end of the sale (3:00 pm) or the following morning. Plants not so "returned to owner" on Monday morning will be given to the Quail Gift Shop to be sold by and the sale proceeds for Quail Gardens.

Plans for ABS 2004 Annual Convention Available

Visit our Chapter website: www.abssocal.org, then click on Projects/Events and from that page click on ABS 2004 Annual Convention. You guessed it! What you find is the opportunity to get more information about and to sign up for and seek accommodations for attending the ABS 2004 Annual Convention. This bamboo event is being vigorously planned by Ann Richardson (and her staff at The Huntington), and our ABS SoCal Chapter team of Bob and Vikki Dimattia, Roy Wiersma, JoAnne Wyman, and Ralph Evans.

The event promises to be every bit as magnificent as the plant - bamboo - we celebrate.

Make your reservations
and arrangements to attend.

NOW !! Just do it. You'll be glad you did.

A brief list of some events copied from the website is on page 7 of this newsletter.

The overall conference schedule of events is on page 3, and a registration form on page 4.

Pages 5 and 6 contain a ballot and proxy statement for ABS SoCal members to submit to our September 11 Annual ABS SoCal Business Meeting.

American Bamboo Society 26th Annual Conference Schedule (Subject to Change)

WEDNESDAY, October 13, 2004

-Arrivals at hotel – Registration at hotel all day in lobby
-Early arrivals – on your own for sightseeing
- 9:30.....Board Meeting at hotel
-Dinner on your own

THURSDAY, October 14, 2004 Pre-Tour

- 7:30-8:00..... Board bus at the Westin for Pre-Tour at The Huntington
- 8:30..... Arrival at The Huntington. Pick up passes & register. Coffee and donuts.
- 9:00-11:00..... Scheduled docent general tours of public gardens
- 11:00..... Lunch (café vouchers provided), café opens at 11:00
- 11:00-1:00..... Open Lab—View bamboo anatomy, pests, diseases under microscopes
- 12:30-2:30..... Docent tours of Galleries and Library during public hours (or on your own)
- 2:30-3:30..... 2nd Thursday Garden Talk: Ralph Evans, "Planting Bamboo is Not a Crime! Selecting the Right Bamboo": Open to the public & ABS Pre-Tour
- 3:30..... Huntington monthly Plant Sale (no bamboo) following Garden Talk
- 3:30-4:30 Buses back to Westin Hotel
- 5:00-7:00 Reception at The Pacific Asia Museum

FRIDAY October 15, 2004

- 7:30 -8:00..... Board buses from Westin Hotel, proceed to The Huntington
- 8:30-9:30..... Registration. Coffee & pastries
- 9:00..... View displays (on going):
 - Chinese brush paintings
 - bamboo artifacts
 - bamboo fossil photographs
 - bamboo weapons
 - bamboo floral arrangements
 - bamboo bonsai
 - bamboo arts and crafts
 - bamboo carvings
- 9:30-10:00..... Welcome & Announcements:
 - 1) Jim Folsom, Director of Huntington Botanical Gardens
 - 2) Ian Conner, President ABS
 - 3) Theo Smith, President ABS SoCal
- 10:00-12:00..... Lectures
 - 1) Lynn Clark: Latin American Bamboo
 - 2) Adam Turtle: Bioremediation of Wastewater Using Bamboo Earth Healing with Bamboo- Ecoservices, Bioremediation, and Agroforestry.

- 12:00-1:30..... Lunch (provided), TV video
- 12:00-1:30..... ABS General Meeting (during lunch)

1:30-3:30..... Lectures

- 1) Robert Saporito: Bamboo Differences Between Eastern/Western U.S.
- 2) Gilberto Cortés and Gib Cooper: Bamboo Conservation Action and BOTA (Bamboo of the Americas)
- 3) Darrel Debour: Bamboo Joinery & Construction

1:30-4:30..... Workshops

- 1) Carol Stangler: Bamboo Crafts (demonstration)
- 2) Bob DiMattia and Robert Saporito: Vegetative Propagation of Tropical Bamboo (demonstration)

11:00-5:00..... Sale of bamboo items and plants (open to public)

- 5:00-7:00..... Reception at The Huntington
- 7:00-7:30..... Buses back to hotel

SATURDAY, October 16, 2004

- 7:30-8:00..... Board buses at the Westin Hotel to The Huntington
- 8:30..... Coffee and pastries
- 9:00..... View displays
- 9:00-12:00..... Lectures
 - 1) James Lo: Farming Bamboo Shoots in Southern California
 - 2) Jan Oprins: The Potential and Reality of Tissue Culture
 - 3) Gale Beth Goldberg: Ways to Be With Bamboo-Classic to Contemporary-Inside the Home (interior uses of bamboo)

12:00-1:30..... Lunch (provided)

- 12:00-1:30..... BOTA (Bamboo of the Americas) lunch meeting (open to all)
- 1:30-4:00..... Workshops

- 1) Carol Stangler: Bamboo Crafts (demonstration and slide show)
- 2) James Lo: Cooking Demonstration on Bamboo Shoot Preparation
- 3) Martin Espino: Making Bamboo Musical Instruments & Learning to Play Them (demonstration)

2:30-5:30..... Auctions (live and silent)

4:30..... Silent Auction Announcement

10:00-5:00..... Sale of bamboo items and plants (open to public)

4:00-5:30..... Buses back to hotel

7:00-11:00..... Banquet at The Westin: after-dinner speaker, farewells, dance

SUNDAY, October 17, 2004

10:00-5:00..... Sale of bamboo items and plants (open to public)

- All Day..... Post Tour (See <http://www.abssocal.org> for more information on the Post Tour of Quail Botanical Gardens and Bamboo Headquarters Nursery)



American Bamboo Society Annual Conference

October 15-17, 2004

Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108 www.huntington.org

REGISTRATION FORM

The Conference and Pre-Tour fee includes morning refreshments and lunch (Thurs., Fri., Sat.), Receptions with hors d'oeuvres and beverages (Thurs. & Fri. evening), dinner/entertainment on Saturday evening. Shuttle service provided from Westin Hotel to Huntington daily.

Date & Event

Early Registration

Late Registration

(before September 1, 2004)

OR

(after September 1, 2004)

Date & Event	Early Registration (before September 1, 2004)	Late Registration (after September 1, 2004)
Thursday, October 14 Pre-Tour at the Huntington and Evening Reception/Tour at Pacific Asia Museum	Number of Registrants: _____ _____ X \$ 35.00 = \$ _____ or	Number of Registrants: _____ _____ X \$ 50.00 = \$ _____
Fri., October 15 & Sat., October 16 Conference Registration Fee (includes Saturday Banquet)	_____ X \$ 165.00 = \$ _____ or	_____ X \$ 200.00 = \$ _____
EXTRA Guest(s) at Saturday Banquet	_____ X \$ 50.00 = \$ _____ or	_____ X \$ 50.00 = \$ _____

Total \$ _____ or

Total \$ _____

Sunday, October 17

Post Tour(s): Sunday the ABS will host an independent tour of Quail Botanical Gardens, in Encinitas, and Bamboo Headquarters Nursery, in Vista. The signup for this event will be handled separately (see <http://www.abssocal.org>) and includes admission to Quail Gardens and lunch at Bamboo Headquarters.

Additional Items

Non-members are invited to join the ABS One year membership to ABS

National plus Chapter of choice. Please indicate chapter: _____

(or register online @ www.americanbamboo.org)

_____ X \$ 40.00 = \$ _____

Conference T-Shirt: ___S ___M ___L ___XL @ \$17.00 each

Total T-Shirt \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Chapter Affiliation: _____ Company: _____

Name Tag(s) Name 1: _____ Name 2: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____ Telephone/Cell/FAX: _____

Method of Payment : Make checks payable to **The Huntington**

Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Am. Express only) No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature on Credit Card _____

**Please return registration form with payment to: Cynthia Dickey, Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91109 (phone) 626-405-3514 or 3513**

Hotel Accommodations: The Westin is headquarters hotel in Pasadena, CA.

I plan to stay at The Westin yes _____ no _____ not sure _____

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Brief look at ABS Annual Conference Offerings:

The ABS Annual Conference at The Huntington Botanical Gardens promises a harvest of bamboo topics and offerings that will please the palette of all those who attend. Below is a brief sketch of the presentations for both days. These are subject to change, and as the conference draws closer, the details will be more refined. Please check in again for updated information.

Friday Morning Lectures, October 15:

Friday's program will feature Dr. Lynn Clark, member of the faculty at Iowa State University, www.eeob.iastate.edu/faculty/profiles/Clark/Clark.html, whose specialty is American bamboos. Her morning lecture on Latin American Bamboo will discuss The Diversity and Evolution of *Chusquea* and *Neurolepis* that, together, account for over a third of the known bamboo diversity of the Americas.

The second speaker is Adam Turtle, owner of "Our" Bamboo Nursery and co-director of Earth Advocates Research Farm in Summertown, Tennessee, www.growit.com/bamboo. His presentation on is Earth Healing with Bamboo–Ecoservices, Bioremediation and Agroforestry.

Friday Afternoon Lectures:

Robert Saporito, president of the Florida Caribbean Chapter of ABS, and nurseryman, www.tropicalbamboo.com, will discuss Bamboo Differences–Eastern/Western U.S. Having noted some dramatic differences of the same form of bamboo in different locations, he will compare some species grown in California and Florida.

Bamboo Conservation Action BOTA, will be a joint presentation by Gilberto Cortes and Gib Cooper. Gilberto is Project Director for Bamboo of the Americas (BOTA) in Mexico, www.bambooofttheamericas.org, and professor of botany at Technological Institute in Chetumal. Gib is owner of Tradewinds Nursery in Oregon, www.bamboodirect.com, and has traveled many times south of the border.

Friday Afternoon Workshops:

Carol Stangler, www.craftandartofbamboo.com, will use specialized tools and techniques to demonstrate From Pole to Art: Making a Bamboo Container. Her book, *The Craft and Art of Bamboo* is quoted by BAMBOO magazine as a book that "should be near the workbench of anyone who is interested in the craft and art of bamboo".

Darrel DeBoer, San Francisco architect specializing in structures made from natural materials, including bamboo www.deboerarchitects.com/bamboostrucures.html, will demonstrate techniques in Bamboo Joinery and Construction.

Bob Dimattia and Robert Saporito will demonstrate Vegetative Propagation of Tropical Bamboos. They will give tips and tricks on propagating as well as soils and fertilizers best suited for tropicals. The two presenters, Bob Dimattia, nursery owner of Pura Vida Tropicals in Vista, CA, and Robert Saporito, nursery owner of Tropical Bamboo, Inc. in Loxahatchee, FL, are well qualified to cover this subject.

Saturday Morning Lectures, October 16:

Saturday morning lectures begin with Dr. James Lo, who operates three restaurants in Southern California, Veggie and Tea House, that specialize in vegetarian oriental cuisine. He will talk about Farming Bamboo Shoots in Southern California.

Jan Oprins, noted nurseryman in Rijkevorsel, Belgium, www.oprins.be, and recognized leader in mass propagation of bamboo tissue culture, used in rehabilitation and reforestation areas. His presentation will be on The Potential and Reality of Tissue Culture in Europe and the U.S.

Gale Beth Goldberg will conclude the morning lectures with the topic, Ways to Be with BAMBOO—from Classic to Contemporary—INSIDE THE HOME. Architect and author of *Bamboo Style*, www.bamboostyle.net, she designs and consults on bamboo constructions. Her presentation will include images on interior use of bamboo.

Saturday Morning Workshops:

Martin Espino, www.martinespino.com, scholar of musical instruments of the ancient Americans. Musician and composer, Martin will provide musical entertainment using bamboo instrument(s) during meals and give a workshop on Making Bamboo Musical Instruments and Learning to Play Them.

Shari DeBoer, artist of watercolor paintings and etchings, www.tail.com/gallery/artworks.jsp.que.artist.eq.624.shtml, will demonstrate how to paint bamboo using the Chinese ancient techniques in a Brush Painting workshop.

Saturday Afternoon Workshops:

Carol Stangler (see Friday Afternoon Workshops) will present a slide show and demonstration of bamboo crafting tools and techniques in From Harvesting to Sushi Trays: The How-To's of Bamboo. Objects to be made will include sushi trays, flower containers and water dippers.

Darrel DeBoer (see Friday afternoon Workshops) will conduct a workshop on Construction of Large Structures.

Dr. James Lo (see Saturday Morning Lectures) will present a food

Information about candidates for Director and Alternate Directors of ABS SoCal:

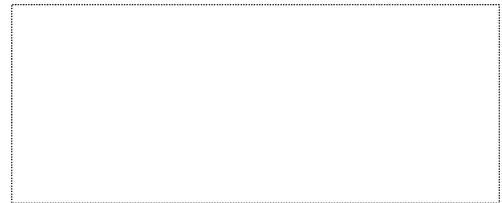
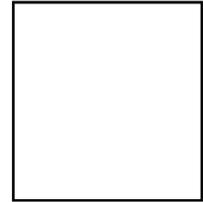
Christian Lydick: I hope to serve as a director for the ABS SoCal board. I searched out my first bamboo plant (*B. tuldooides*) to provide stakes for the trees and vines I was growing when Acacia Tree Farm was new. Predictably, I now grow very few vines. I enjoy helping plants to grow and would like a chance to help our chapter grow. Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Mullert: Ten years ago the Mullert family joined the SoCal Bamboo Association after buying the Tom Taylor home in La Mesa with some 20 varieties of bamboo. First, Tom instructed our son, Mark, then a teenage, how to take care of bamboo. Naturally we enjoyed taking plants to the semi-annual sales. Planting, transplanting, and watering this giant grass has become part of our family folklore. Now it is true no good thing happens by accident because it takes the caring influence of some to promote a good cause. SoCal ABS leaders have asked if I would place my name as a candidate for director. I think it a good idea for a great cause. Vote, count the votes, and I will serve if elected.

Adam Derrickson: Adam has served as an Alternate Director until taking on role of Director and Secretary when Paul Stephanson resigned from that position. Adam has diligently cared for the Chapter reference collection of bamboos and his own personal collection in Oceanside, CA.

Don Binnix: I have been a member of the ABS Southern California Chapter since 1997, I started out with one bamboo, and that lasted about a month. Now I have more than I know what to do with. I have been to many of the ABS events over the years and have seen what works well and what doesn't. I was an alternate board member in the past and still attend as many of the ABS events as I can. I live in Orange County so Quail is 70miles to the south. I actually have a close relationship with some of the folks at The LA Arboretum, which is much closer to me. I have been increasing their number of bamboo species and hopefully they will have an impressive collection of bamboo in the future also. As a board member I would hope to be able to add more events that people would like to attend both in my area and in the San Diego area. One place that I have been that has a lot of bamboo is the San Diego Zoo. That might be an interesting event to add in the future. These are some of things I would like to see if I became a board member.

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**Application for membership in the American Bamboo Society
and The Southern California Chapter of the American Bamboo Society**

Renewal New

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ e-mail: _____

Membership for 2004 is (check one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual: \$40 - ABS and ABS SoCal Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting: \$60 - ABS and ABS SoCal Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime: \$600 - ABS Membership only | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron: \$120 - ABS and ABS SoCal Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime: \$300 - ABS SoCal Chapter only | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15/year for each additional Chapter checked below: |

- Florida Caribbean; Hawaii; Louisiana-Gulf Coast; Mid-States; Northeast; Northern California;
 Oregon Bamboo Assoc.; Pacific Northwest; Southeast; Texas Bamboo Society; Tierra Seca

Make check to ABS-SoCal: Mail to: ABS SoCal Membership, P. O. Box 230181, Encinitas, CA 92023-0181

Check here only if you do NOT want your phone number and e-mail address listed in directories.

Note: One: Newsletter is available in .pdf format at the ABS SoCal website: www.abssocal.org - IN COLOR!

Note: Two: Parking at QBG is "scarce and tight" at best. Therefore, QBG asks that we ABS SoCal members park in the over-flow parking area below the reference collection as often as we can thus providing accommodations for more guests.

Note: Three: QBG desires to keep better records of the hours volunteers "perform garden supporting labor" which we do when we come to work in the reference collection and at select other times. When entering Quail for such efforts, stop at the parking lot kiosk and ask to sign in on the "Volunteer sign-in sheet."