By Brad Monroe, Program Coordinator

It seems like just a short time ago that I arrived at Cuyamaca College in the summer of 1979 to interview for a teaching position. I had been an instructor at Southwestern College in their Ornamental Horticulture program since 1975 and had no intention of leaving. I just wanted to see what Cuyamaca had planned for their program. I was so impressed that when I was offered the position, I didn’t hesitate. I began working at Cuyamaca College in January of 1980, and here I am, thirty years later. Needless to say, I have never regretted that decision.

Our program has grown from four classes in that first semester to more than twenty before the budget cutbacks this year. In the beginning, I was the only instructor, with Dee Maranhao, our only technician. Thirty years later, our faculty consists of Don Schultz, who is an additional full-time instructor, and a world-class team of almost twenty adjunct faculty members who rotate their specialty classes. We also have two technicians, John Thomas and Rosalee Clanton. Collectively, our staff members contribute a wealth of experience and lots of enthusiasm and hard work to make the program what it is today.

Over the years, we have been extremely fortunate to recruit exceptional students who have become devoted alumni, partner with an industry that supplies expert instructors, guidance, donations and financial resources, and work together with a college administration and staff that have always been tremendously supportive of our efforts. Community and industry generosity has helped to make substantial contributions to the program. For the past fifteen years, the Rice Family Foundation has provided considerable financial assistance, funding our newsletter and internships, which allow several students each year to gain useful, applicable experience. George and Pat Anderson donated a significant amount of land; and the Mission Hills...
Branching Out with a Rice Family Foundation Internship

By Vivian Charvat

I began my Ornamental Horticulture education at Cuyamaca College in the fall of 2004 after researching new career options online. At middle-age I found myself a displaced homemaker living in South Carolina, with an empty nest and permanent tendonitis injury to both arms from a short but intense career in wedding and art cake decorating. I needed a new livelihood and after examining my talents and interests, explored my options.

I longed to return to my hometown of San Diego and relocated across the country to enroll in this tiny community college.

Have you seen that enormous ficus tree and big old house in Spring Valley on the Kenwood Drive exit off Hwy 94E? Well, I grew up in that house; more accurately, I grew up in that tree. It was there that I discovered my love of all things horticultural. As I was playing with my dog one day, she started digging, uncovering several bricks 3 to 4 inches under the soil, side by side. I investigated this curiosity and with great excitement, excavated a buried walkway from years gone by. The aroma and tilth of the rich, sandy loam was intoxicating to me, and I was filled with a wild desire to participate in the verdant. Ma had some potatoes which had sprouted, was going to throw them out, and said they would grow if planted. Grow! Well, the tiny potato crop, impatiently dug up early, produced a beautiful side dish for my Barbies. My passion for plants was born.

I am extremely satisfied with my choice to become a Landscape Designer. The Cuyamaca College OH Department instructors and program more than adequately prepared me for a new career. Yet, I was not confident to start taking clients until I became a Nursery Associate. The opportunity to interact with customers, sharing my growing knowledge as I assisted them in their plant selection and solving landscape issues, proved to be the catalyst I needed to step out and begin taking clients to start my own business. I never imagined I would eventually become Nursery Manager. My confidence, knowledge and opportunities continue to grow daily, along with the plants I love to care for.

I believe that, without the Rice Family Foundation’s generous donation for the Internship Program, which provides income for nursery managers, the fulfillment of my dreams would not have been possible. Not only do I love what I do, but I also get to drive past that old ficus tree every time I come to campus for class or work! Thank you, Rice Family Foundation!

Vivian Charvat, Morgan Rice Intern, funded by the Rice Family Foundation, is the OH Nursery Manager. She is a Landscape Designer, currently working toward an Associates degree with certificates in Arboriculture, Irrigation Technology, Landscape Design, Landscape Technology, Nursery Technology and Sustainable Urban Landscape.

Alumni Quote

“With the knowledge I have gained as a graduate student of the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture program, I am currently operating my own landscaping company. I attribute the success of my company over the last 10 years as a result of the hands-on learning that I experienced through the program. I found the instructors to be outstanding members within the field of horticulture. As the field of horticulture is continuously evolving, I have appreciated the benefit of being able to call upon instructors and staff within the program to advise me of the latest techniques allowing my business to remain on the cutting edge.”

~ Jennifer Roberts - Owner, Extraordinary Landscape
2nd Annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference Coming March 11 & 12

By Don Schultz, Full-Time Faculty Member

The Ornamental Horticulture Department at Cuyamaca College will host the second annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference on the Cuyamaca campus March 11 and 12, 2010. The conference will feature seminars by landscape professionals and bus tours of local sustainable landscape sites. Topics include:

- Sustainable landscapes in San Diego now and in the near future
- Green roofs
- New innovations in pesticides
- Gray water panel discussion
- Water conservation model ordinance
- Arboretum All-Stars: new plants for California landscapes
- Sustainable tree selection and maintenance practices
- Tours of at least two sustainable landscapes

Last year’s inaugural conference was a big success and most attendees were happy they came. We are very excited about the speaker and tour line-up for the 2010 conference and everyone can expect an even better show. With water shortages and other environmental issues continuing to shape the future of San Diego landscapes, we are proud to be sponsoring a conference with such pertinence to the future of the landscape profession.

For conference registration information and details, please visit the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Department’s web site at www.cuyamaca.edu/ohweb, or call Don Schultz at 619.660.4023.
By Carol Fuller

The Cuyamaca College Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CSAC ASLA) has been very busy in its second year. We now have 23 members and look forward to adding a few more next semester.

Two design competitions were arranged for members of the Society this year. One was for the Mt. Helix Park Foundation. The entrance to the park was to be redesigned with some very strict parameters. In particular, there was no irrigation and it had to deter after hours entrance to the park. There were four participants; David Clarke, Sylke Clark, Ellen Landfear and Carol Fuller. Ellen Landfear was our winner with a beautifully rendered design. Hopefully it will be installed this spring.

The second design competition was for the San Diego Fireman’s Relief Association which includes a statue dedicated to the Firefighter’s of San Diego County and a piece of 9/11 steel. This design is still undergoing consideration but we hope to have an announcement soon.

San Diego’s Habitat for Humanity are re-designing the entrance to their corporate facility and are hoping we can help. This is still in the design stage but it is another opportunity for CSAC ASLA to become an active part of our community. We have been working with Habitat for Humanity, the Jimmie Johnson Foundation, to try to locate homes near the college that we can help design and install new landscaping. Habitat was very happy to be con-

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Pursuing a Dream with a Mission Hills Garden Club Internship

By Debi Jarvis

As a Mission Hills intern, I maintain a floral field of product used in our floral classes, and also design floral pieces for using in school activities.

I hope to achieve a Certificate in Floral Design and eventually pursue a degree in Ornamental Horticulture.

As a fifth generation gardener, I always had the desire to design floral arrangements. When the company where I worked for 15 years was downsizing, I decided it was the perfect opportunity to focus on my dream career as a Floral Designer.

I have since completed the Floral Design classes at Cuyamaca College required for the certificate, and am in the process of taking the remaining classes needed to achieve my educational goals. Once completed, I hope to start my own business as a Floral Designer and Event Planner. Being a Mission Hills intern has given me the opportunity to gain valuable experience so that I may someday reach that goal.

Debi Jarvis, Mission Hills Garden Intern, is a Floral Design student interested in pursuing a degree in Ornamental Horticulture.

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Garden Club, San Diego Golf Course Superintendents Association and California Landscape Contractors Association have all provided invaluable assistance throughout the years.

Our students’ remarkable cooperation, support and dedication has made our program a model of achievement. Not only are they committed to horticulture and learning, but they are also devoted to spending time outside of their busy schedules to run our two very important organizations. The Cuyamaca College Botanical Society (CCBS) was formed in 1980, our first year in the program; and the Cuyamaca College Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CSAC ASLA) made history in 2008, becoming the first ASLA student chapter in the nation to be established at a Community College. Both student-run organizations have been responsible for performing important community volunteer work and for organizing events, raising and providing more than $340,000 in scholarships to our Ornamental Horticulture students over the years.

Thanks again to everyone for contributing to the success of our program for the past thirty years. We look forward to being a part of the continuing progress and achievements for the next thirty!
The first time I ever stepped foot on a golf course was as a volunteer for the 2006 Aggie Open. I have been back to Bonita Golf Club for the Aggie Open Golf Tournament every year since then and each time have felt welcomed.

Bonita Golf Club Superintendent Brendon Reaksecker and his staff were more than accommodating, providing everything we needed during this beautiful Friday tournament. With their help, CCBS officers and volunteers from the OH department kept the tournament running smoothly all day! A great deal of work was required both in preparation for the day and during the event. And it all paid off. This year, 128 players participated in the tournament and we raised nearly $13,000 to support the CCBS and its scholarship program!

The generosity and number of participating sponsors this year was incredible. Horizon provided tremendous support as our corporate sponsor, and an impressive list of companies and individual sponsors made the fundraiser more successful than we ever could have expected.

I would like to thank all of the players, sponsors, CCBS members, faculty and volunteers for their tireless efforts to make this event such an overwhelming success. This tournament is our biggest event of the school year, and funds raised go directly toward scholarships for our Ornamental Horticulture students.

We welcome you to volunteer and participate in next year’s Aggie Open, which is already scheduled for Friday, October 22nd, 2010.

Amy Huie, President of the CCBS, is pursuing a degree in Nursery Technology.
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CCBS is turning 30! The Cuyamaca College Botanical Society (CCBS) was formed in 1980 when the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture (OH) program began. Students in the program suggested forming a club with the goal of raising scholarship money and beautifying the campus. What a productive 30 years it has been!

In the last 30 years, CCBS has awarded over $350,000 in scholarships to OH students in the program. Did you know that students in the OH department are automatically members of CCBS? And there are no dues! Membership does have its privileges and members of CCBS who have completed three units of OH classes and will continue on in the program are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Our scholarship banquet will be held on May 13th, 2010. Last year, an overwhelming $33,800 in scholarships was awarded to 39 students.

If you aren’t yet a student but are thinking about joining us here in the OH department, CCBS will be hosting an orientation on January 20, 2010 from 6 to 8pm. There you will receive information about the program, as well as an opportunity to speak with CCBS members, OH faculty and staff.

We are helping with volunteer recruitment for the Spring Garden Festival, which takes place on April 24, 2010, and will also be working at the Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference to make sure everything runs smoothly. This is our second annual conference, and will be held March 11th and 12th, 2010. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer with any of our events.

As members of CCBS, you are always welcome to attend our monthly meetings. We will determine the spring semester meeting dates early in January and announce our schedule as soon as it comes out. If you are thinking about running for office at the end of the spring semester, this is the perfect opportunity to get a closer look at how the club makes it all happen. So come join us!

CCBS officers and board members are extremely dedicated, and this year is no exception. I feel very fortunate and look forward to working with such an outstanding group of hardworking OH students as we move into a spring semester packed full of fun activities.

Amy Huie is the 33rd President of the CCBS
In Memory of Jim Lovewell

By Suzi Agosta

Walking through the door on the first day of my very first Ornamental Horticulture class, I was a bit nervous, not knowing what to expect. All of those jitters went away the moment I glanced to the front of the classroom and saw Jim Lovewell. He had that huge smile on his face that we all came to know and love. Jim taught Fundamentals of Ornamental Horticulture, Trees & Shrubs, and Cooperative Work Experience classes at Cuyamaca College.

The further along into the semester we all got, the more we began to see how much Jim loved nature, animals and all of God’s creatures. He told stories about his family and previous jobs, and life experiences with such enthusiasm. He was really good about somehow working them into whatever he happened to be teaching us at the moment. In every single class, every single week, the love he had for his family shined through.

As part of our Fundamentals final, Jim brought out the largest brown onion anybody in the class had ever seen. He, of course proceeded to tell us about stopping by his daughter Tamara’s house to pick it up right before class. He was so excited she lived right near the campus and was so thrilled she and her husband were expecting their first child soon. That was Jim! Always speaking of his family and how lucky he was and how wonderful they all were.

I remember Jim visiting the nursery with his daughter, Tamara, and granddaughter, Audrey Rose. He claimed he was just shopping for a few plants, but we all suspected he was showing off his newest grandchild! Tamara and I were laughing at how Audrey would probably know all of the plants’ names by her fourth birthday.

The day our OH Department learned of Jim’s bike accident and the cause, it was a harsh blow to us all. It was such a shock, as Jim was so fit and healthy and led such a positive life. I know I can speak for all of those who knew him, we were absolutely devastated to hear of his passing away on Friday, August 28, 2009.

Attending Jim’s memorial service showed us just how many lives he touched and how special he was to each and every person who knew him. He is dearly missed. I believe we are all better off having known him.

Jim’s motto lived up to his last name, "Life is short, always love well!"

Suzi Agosta, current Head Grower for the OH Department at Cuyamaca College is pursuing Associates Degrees in Nursery Technology and Landscape Technology. She is also an Assistant to the Board for CCBS.
Schedule of Events

- Wednesday, January 20, 2010
  OH Department Orientation - 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Room M-111

- Wednesday, March 3, 2010
  31st Annual Arbor Day Celebration - 2:30 pm, Cuyamaca College Nursery

- Thursday, March 11 & Friday, March 12, 2010
  2nd Annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference - Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Theater

- Saturday, April 24, 2010
  17th Annual Spring Garden Festival - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Cuyamaca College

- Thursday, May 13, 2010
  29th Annual Scholarship & Awards Banquet - 6:00 pm, Crowne Plaza, Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108

It's all about growing...
Come learn about growing with us!

Ornamental Horticulture Department Orientation
Landscape Design ~ Nursery Technology ~ Floral Design ~ Golf & Sports Turf Management
Arboriculture ~ Irrigation Technology ~ Landscape Technology

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 ~ 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Refreshments Served ~ Cuyamaca College ~ Room M-111
900 Rancho San Diego Parkway ~ El Cajon, CA 92019
This free presentation is open to the public, as well as new and continuing students. Meet the professors, find out about classes, careers, job opportunities and the Ornamental Horticulture Program at Cuyamaca College.

For more information, please call John Thomas at 619-660-4262 or visit us online at www.cuyamaca.edu/ohweb.

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### Classes begin January 25, 2010.

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Cuyamaca College Botanical Society

29th Annual
SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS BANQUET

Thursday, May 13, 2010
Reception begins at 6 pm
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San Diego, CA 92108

Student scholarship application deadline is Thursday, March 25, 2010 by 5 pm.
Sponsors and applicants, please call 619-660-4262 or visit our website at www.cuyamaca.edu/ohweb for details.