



Conservation Garden Park at Jordan Valley

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Education Center

Design of our LEED certified education center began in 2009 and is nearly complete. We anticipate that construction will begin in March. The building will be an important addition to the Garden, as it will allow for expanded educational opportunities, and serve as a resource center for community groups and Garden enthusiasts. Construction is expected to be complete by the summer of 2011.



Garden visitation has increased dramatically this year. We estimate 22,000 visitors in 2009, compared to 16,000 in 2008.

Phase 1 Expansion

The Phase 1 Garden Expansion dedication took place on May 9, 2009. Almost 100 well-wishers joined us in helping to open this significant 2.5 acre Garden expansion. Thirteen of the first 24 educational exhibits have been underwritten by generous sponsors, as listed inside.

Mother's Day Fair

On Mother's Day weekend, we hosted our first Mother's Day Garden Fair. Over 3,500 visitors came to the Garden to learn about waterwise plants, participate in educational workshops, and correspond with 32 vendors participating in the event.

Educational Classes

Throughout the summer, the Garden hosted 21 educational classes conducted by various landscaping experts. Over 500 people participated, well above the number in previous years. These classes will continue in future years.

Exhibit Sponsors

Generous sponsors have made the Phase 1 Garden Expansion possible, and we'd like to acknowledge some of those sponsors here. The following individuals or groups have sponsored the exhibit noted:

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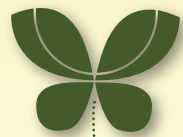
EDUCATION CENTER CONTRIBUTORS

- George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation
- Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
- Rocky Mountain Power Blue Sky Rewards Program
- Rocky Mountain Power Foundation
- Utah State Division of Water Quality

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Sunrise Breakfast

On September 1, we hosted the third annual Sunrise Breakfast in the new Garden Plaza. Over 200 friends, some longstanding and some new, participated in the breakfast. Ted Wilson and his wife, Holly Mullen, co-chaired the event. Over \$17,000 was raised as a result of the breakfast.

Utah Green Festival

Our second annual Utah Green Festival was held September 12, 2009, and attracted 2,300 visitors. Those attending had the opportunity to visit 62 vendor booths displaying a wide range of sustainable and energy-saving products. Multiple workshops were offered to attendees throughout the day.

Advisory Council

The Foundation continues to have an involved, committed and active Advisory Council who helps to support Garden fundraising efforts, provide leadership and guidance on its educational programs, and support special events and activities in the Garden.

Web Site

The Conservation Garden Park website (www.ConservationGardenPark.org) continues to be updated with information on activities and events happening at the Garden. Visit our plant database for plants by name, size, color, and bloom season for gardeners and landscapers to use in preparing for their waterwise planting design.

On that note, our garden blog continues to delight and educate garden enthusiasts from all over. Gardening tips and tricks from our staff experts, plant picks, sample landscape designs, and more are all covered. Discover what's blooming in the Garden and what you can do right now to nurture your own landscape. It's all online at <http://conservationgardenpark.blogspot.com>.

Looking Ahead

In the coming year, we hope to develop an expanded volunteer program for the Garden, continue to offer and expand our educational workshops, expand the development of partnerships with community agencies and organizations, examine the feasibility of extending the Garden access via the Jordan River Parkway (and other local trails) and provide regular Garden updates to our community and friends.

Your support is essential to the ongoing success of the Garden. We hope you will continue to be involved either through volunteering, serving on committees that support the Garden activities or through a direct donation to the Garden. We appreciate your interest and support and look forward to seeing you often next year in the Conservation Garden Park.

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Thank you to our supporters

Our success would not have been possible without the generous support of so many. A heartfelt and sincere thank you to sponsors of our building and exhibits (see list on page 1) and all other contributors who have helped with various elements of the Garden. We appreciate your dedication to our cause and look forward to working with all of you in the future!

