Conservatory of Flowers

TROPICS, TREASURES & TRAINS
3rd Annual Gala
November 18, 2010

featuring the Garden Railway
The Conservatory of Flowers is the oldest existing wood and glass public conservatory in North America. Home to more than 1,750 species of plants representing flora from more than 50 countries around the world, the staff of the Conservatory strive to promote conservation and foster environmental stewardship through its exhibits and programming.

Originally designed at the request of successful businessman James Lick for his personal estate, the Conservatory was unfinished when Lick died in 1876. The building was soon purchased by 27 civic-minded businessmen and offered to the City of San Francisco for Golden Gate Park. Upon its opening to the public in 1879, the Conservatory quickly became the most visited location in the Park.

The mission of the Conservatory of Flowers is to cultivate, conserve, present and interpret a distinctive tropical collection of flowers and plants through an outstanding visitor experience that educates and connects people to plants and their importance to our planet. www.conservatoryofflowers.org/about/mission.
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and
Wendy Holcombe and Ann Little Simon
Honorary Chairs
and
R. Brent Dennis
Conservatory Director

invite you to

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3RD ANNUAL GALA
featuring the
Garden Railway

celebrating the opening of the Garden Railway Exhibit
and
commemorating the 140th Anniversary of Golden Gate Park

Thursday, November 18, 2010
6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Silent Auction
Cash Raffle
Whistle Stops
Cocktail Attire
Valet Parking

www.conservatoryofflowers.org/events/gala2010
All Galleries will be open throughout the Gala
HONORARY CHAIRS
Wendy Holcombe
Ann Little Simon

GALA CHAIRS
Laine Buckingham
Hazel Kawaja

HONORARY COMMITTEE
Davis Dalbok
Jason Dewees
Delia Ehrlich
Sandra Farris
Judy Fayollat
Elizabeth Folger
Anette L. Harris
Saxon Holt

Pearl Kimura in memoriam
Jean Lee
Eva Monroe
Ernest Ng
Bob Otsuka
Catherine Pyke
Bruce Rogers
Pat Hanson Thomson

GALA COMMITTEE
Steven Brown
Andrea Coen
Ann Colvin
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Claudia Smay
Bilques Smith
Nancy Stoltz
Mary-Margaret Ward
PATRONS
RHODIUM SPIKE
Mrs. Doris Fisher

PLATINUM SPIKE
Wendy Holcombe & Carl Kawaja  Ann Little Simon & Tim Simon

GOLD SPIKE
Laine E. Buckingham  Michael & Hazel Kawaja
Donovan K. Ching  T. Peter Thomas & Jacqueline Stewart
Zachary & Patricia Coney  Craig Corbitt & Nancy Stoltz
F. Scott & Terry Gross  Diane B. Wilsey
Anette L. Harris  Simone Haas & Scott Zumsteg

SILVER SPIKE
Jim & Barbara Derich  William E. G. Rothmann
Elizabeth J. Folger & Robert J. Eldred  Jane & Michael Scurich
Sandra Farris  Claudia Smay
Jim & Trish Lassart  Mary Margaret & Lauren S. Ward

BRONZE SPIKE
Elizabeth Birka-White  Elizabeth Meyer
Ann F. Colvin  Ernest Ng
R. Brent Dennis  Colette Weil & James Parrinello
Delia F. Ehrlich  Catherine Pyke
Ann W. Funsten  Pat Hanson Thomson
Marilyn Kinney

Proceeds of the Gala support the Conservatory of Flowers’ youth education programs
MONEY TREE CASH RAFFLE
1st Prize $1,000 - 2nd Prize $750 - 3rd Prize $500
1 Ticket for $3 / 4 Tickets for $10 / 10 Tickets for $20
Raffle Drawing: December 14, 2010
Need not be present to win

SILENT AUCTION
Featuring the First Conservatory of Flowers Designer Wreath Auction with seasonal, lasting wreaths by prominent Bay Area floral designers to grace your home for the holidays and beyond. Bidding begins online and continues at the Gala: www.conservatoryofflowers/events/gala2010/wreathauction.

GARDEN RAILWAY EXHIBIT
The Conservatory of Flowers celebrates the 140th Anniversary of Golden Gate Park with a new garden railway exhibition that brings the city’s famed park to miniature life. Landmarks are crafted from recycled and repurposed materials.

Model trains and trolleys chug through spectacular mini versions of the Park’s specialty gardens with hundreds of Conservatory-grown dwarf plants, sparkling water features of Stow and Spreckels Lakes, and a wee bison paddock. Exhibit open November 19, 2010 - March 13, 2011. Closed on Mondays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day.
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WHOLESALE FLOWER MART
In the decade after the Gold Rush, the people of San Francisco began to wonder about the possibility of a grand public park in their West Coast city. In a matter of six months, engineer William Hammond Hall developed a design for Golden Gate Park. With the crucial help of his assistant, John McLaren, the process of leveling 1,013 acres of wind-swept, ocean-sprayed sand dunes was started.

On April 4, 1870, an act of the state legislature set the park’s boundaries and proclaimed the inception of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, which was the first documented use of the name.

Legendary John Hays McLaren (1846-1943) presided over the park as its superintendent for 53 years. McLaren Lodge, located at Fell and Stanyan Streets, honors his longtime contributions.

In 1995, Golden Gate Park suffered a brutal storm that caused millions of dollars in damage and closed the Conservatory of Flowers. With support of then First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Save America’s Treasures, and the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund, the San Francisco Parks Trust launched the Campaign to Restore the Conservatory of Flowers, raising over $25 million. Completed in 2003, the Conservatory has welcomed more than 1,500,000 visitors and engaged thousands of young minds through its hands-on environmental youth education programs.
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Name(s)

Address

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$ Total Amount

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Your contribution, less $40 per ticket, is tax deductible. Reservations held at door. The Jungle Pass will be mailed to the name and address listed above. The San Francisco Parks Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and is the fiscal sponsor of the Conservatory of Flowers, federal tax ID # 23-2633756. For more information, contact the Conservatory of Flowers at 415.595.6950 or jscurich@sfcof.org.
Rhodium Spike -- $5,000
• Eight tickets to Gala and Patron Party
• One Jungle Pass *

Platinum Spike -- $2,500
• Four tickets to Gala and Patron Party
• One Jungle Pass *

Gold Spike -- $1,000
• Four tickets to Gala and Patron Party
• One Jungle Pass *

Silver Spike -- $500
• Two tickets to Gala and Patron Party
• One Jungle Pass *

Bronze Spike -- $250
• One ticket to Gala and Patron Party

Individual ticket -- $150

Raffle Tickets $______
Purchase additional raffle tickets $______
Unable to attend, but wish to contribute $______

Spike Patron benefits include:
• Invitation to Patron Party November 4 at McLaren Lodge
• Complimentary parking at the Gala
• Patron recognition in the exhibit hall for run of the exhibit - 100,000+ visitors
• Acknowledgement in invitation and program (program print deadline November 10, 2010)
• Recognition on the website (www.conservatoryofflowers.org/events/gala2010) and newsletters, The Conservatory Chronicles

TOTAL $______

List name(s) as it should appear in program patron listing and on raffle tickets

* Jungle Pass: One year’s unlimited admission for 2 adults and 2 children

Proceeds benefit the Conservatory of Flowers youth environmental education programs. Tickets are available online at http://www.conservatoryofflowers.org/events/gala2010.