



San Diego Floral Association

Gardens, Floral Design, Community since 1907

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Centennial Events 2015



Festival of Trees - December 5-6, 2014

We lead off Balboa Park's Centennial Celebration with our beautiful December Nights "Festival of Trees" titled "**The Panama Canal Opens – San Diego Welcomes the World!**" Join us as we kick off the Garden Party for the Century. Keeping with our tradition, fresh Noble Fir trees will each be decorated by local clubs and schools. Gingerbread cookies and exotic Protea flowers will be sold for holiday giving. A festive event for all ages. Open and free to the public.

Botanical Building Tours - Throughout 2015

Step back in time and experience one of the most interesting places in Balboa Park: the historic Botanical Building. During this year-long centennial celebration, 45-minute docent-led tours showcase the origins, design and horticulture of Balboa Park's 1915 lath house. Learn the fascinating story of English immigrant and world renowned begonia expert, Alfred D. Robinson—the man behind the building.

Flower Show - May 8-10, 2015

This major accredited flower show, titled "Our Park – Our Treasure," will showcase the best floral designers in our city. Over this weekend in May, the San Diego Floral Association and its partners will stage a major flower show in the spirit of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition including Floral Design, Horticulture, and Special Exhibits. Throughout the Flower Show, a backdrop of beautiful historic Balboa Park landscape photographs will be displayed.

Historic Garden Tour - April 11, 2015

There is nothing more beautiful than walking through a garden. As part of our educational program, the San Diego Floral Association and the San Diego Horticulture Society will jointly present the annual Historic Garden Tour as part of the Centennial celebration. This self-guided tour features beautiful gardens in lovely historical neighborhoods surrounding Balboa Park. **This is a ticketed event.**

Lecture Forum: The Panama-California Exposition and Cultural Landscape - October 3, 2015

This one-day event is a marvelous way to learn about cultural landscapes and the landscape history of Balboa Park, also how the 1915 Exposition influenced regional identity, design and planting. Featured during this seminar will be keynote speakers, authors/book signings, historical photos and a panel discussion featuring outstanding landscape/horticulturists in our country. **This is a ticketed event.**

Kate Sessions Birthday Celebration - November 7, 2015

Get up and dance! Come celebrate the 158th birthday of the "Mother of Balboa Park" Kate Sessions. Kate Sessions is recognized as one of the most influential figures in Southern California landscape history. Join us in this gala celebration. Share birthday cake, song, and prizes. Fun for all ages. Open and free to the public.

Festival of Trees - December 4-5, 2015

We close the Balboa Park Centennial Celebration with the return of our December Nights "Festival of Trees" titled "**Holiday Trees of 1915 and Beyond.**" Our beautiful trees will be draped in historic decorations and other surprises. Our delicious gingerbread cookies and Protea will be available once again for holiday giving. A delightful event for all ages. Open and free to the public.