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# April 2011

**Grants Focus: Arts & Culture**

**2011 Grants Celebration: June 7, 2011 - 5:30pm**

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## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS ...

Meera Venkatesh  
Joyce Rabens  
Barbara Beck  
Sheri Harris  
Carol Bateman  
Connie Matsui

## SAVE THE DATES

**Getting to Know the SDWF**

**April 27**

**5:30 - 7:30pm**

**The San Diego Women's Foundation  
2508 Historic Decatur Rd., Ste. 200**

New to SDWF or interested in becoming a member?

Join us and learn all about this dynamic group of women who are making a significant impact in San Diego through the power of pooled philanthropy. At this fun, informal gathering, learn more about the opportunities within the organization and experience how our

## COMMUNITY PARTNER INFORMATION

**Home Start, Inc.  
Blue Ribbon Gala**

**April 29**

**6 - 11pm**

**Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa**

Cost: \$175/\$250 VIP

Home Start will celebrate 39 years in the San Diego community with the annual "Blue Ribbon Gala" in April 2011, which is Child Abuse Awareness Month. This is a festive and heartwarming dinner with live music and special presentations which raises critical funds to support the prevention and treatment of child abuse in San Diego.

Contact Nicole Graichen, (619) 692-0727 ext. 113, [ngraichen@home-start.org](mailto:ngraichen@home-start.org).

**Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve  
Second Annual Art in the Pines  
Festival**

**May 15**

**10am - 5pm**

**Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve  
Visitor Center**

The art show and sale benefits Children's Education programs at the Reserve. Free shuttle service will run from both North and South Beach parking lots. For more information see [www.torreypine.org](http://www.torreypine.org) or call (858) 755-2063.

**Camp Stevens  
Weekend Workshop**

**Introduction to Organic Gardening**

investments have been utilized with one of our Community Partners. RSVP via the Pingg invitation or by emailing [tracy@sdfoundation.org](mailto:tracy@sdfoundation.org).

### 2011 Grants Celebration

June 7, 2011

5:30 - 8:00pm

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice

University of San Diego

The planning committee is working hard so stay tuned for more exciting details! Don't delay; mark it in your calendar today as this is our night of all nights!

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## GRANTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

### Implementation Team

April is an exciting month in the SDWF. Our Grants Committee site visit teams have completed their analysis and funding recommendations regarding 20 of the 64 original Arts and Culture grant proposals submitted. On April 12th we heard Site Visit Team reports and voted on which proposals would proceed to the general membership ballot. Now it is your turn. Beginning April 21 through May 4, every SDWF member has the opportunity to vote for proposals which she would like to have funded. Ballots will be emailed directly to you! You can be confident that every grant proposal listed on the membership ballot has been thoroughly reviewed, thoughtfully considered, and deemed to be worthy of funding. Because every member gets to vote on this, the final vote becomes our collective choice as to which organizations become our newest community partners. We have many members who choose to participate in SDWF because they value the power of pooling our resources, our continuing attention to best practices and "cutting-edge philanthropy". We celebrate our community partners and their amazing work at our Grants Celebration Event each year. Check out the Save the Date section for more information on this year's celebration. Mark your calendars and plan to share in this exciting evening!



Questions? Contact AJ Frank, Grants Committee Chair, at [ajfrank@aol.com](mailto:ajfrank@aol.com).

### Discovery Team-Education Focus

Our Education Discovery Team issued its annual survey to the membership in March. Thank you to all who participated! The topic of Education has garnered a great deal of interest this year, especially since it is a timely hot button issue and many of our members are keenly aware of the challenges we face in Education. This year 88 members responded (44%)--our highest participation rate to date.

The survey provides each member an opportunity to express her views and to assist our Discovery Team in its task of selecting a focus for our grants in the coming year. A full report on our post-survey findings will be provided to the membership prior to the release of our Grant Guidelines.

During the course of the survey, 35 people visited the Education Discovery Team web site where links to Education studies, reports, and articles provide information and statistics on diverse subjects such as the Latino Summit, "Walking School Bus", San Diego Report Card for Children, and the interactive San Diego Elementary School Transiency Map. The site is being updated throughout the year, so mark it in your Favorites and check back often for new links to articles about Education:

<http://eddiscovery.blogspot.com>

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## ON AIR WITH OUR PRESIDENT

Cindy Olmstead, President and a Founding Member, recently was interviewed by the San Diego Union Tribune's Community Relations Director, Drew Schlosberg. Topics covered included an update on recent changes to our granting focus areas as well as the recently held Women's Collective Giving Leadership Forum hosted by SDWF.

### May 13 – May 15

This is our weekend crash course in organic gardening. Come learn the basic techniques of a plant positive approach to gardening: Composting, propagation from seed, soil fertility management, planting, irrigation and harvest. This comprehensive weekend begins with supper on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday. Meals, yoga, and dormitory lodging are provided for \$200/person. Register online at [www.campstevens.org](http://www.campstevens.org) or send name, address, email, phone number and \$75 non-refundable deposit to Camp Stevens, P.O. Box 2320, Julian, CA 92036.

### Memorial Day Family Weekend May 28 – 30

Come to Camp Stevens for a wonderful spring weekend in the mountains! Camp Stevens' staff offers a variety of activities for children, adults and families.

Lodge rooms cost \$625 for up to 6 persons, and yurt cabins cost \$765 for up to 8 persons. Shared dormitory accommodation and open-air a-frame cabins cost \$137 for persons over 11, \$110 for children 2-11, under 2 no charge.

### Farm & Garden Tour with Lunch June 4

12 – 3 pm

Cost \$35

Bring the whole family and join us for a delicious lunch prepared from our organic garden ingredients, tour our mini-farm and gardens and hike our 256 acres of meadow and forest. Contact [info@campstevens.org](mailto:info@campstevens.org) or call 760-765-0028.

### Summer Camp Sessions

And offsite wilderness backpacking and rock climbing sessions. Visit their website [www.campstevens.org](http://www.campstevens.org) for more information and registration. All programs are held at Camp Stevens' beautiful Diocesan camp near Julian in the mountains of San Diego.

### Barrio Logan College Institute

June 1, 2011

6:30pm – 9pm

Location: The New Children's Museum Downtown

Celebrating 15 years of success sending kids to college.

For more information, visit [www.blci.org](http://www.blci.org).

Part 1:

<http://filesource.abacast.com/wsradio/communityspotlight/021111/segment1021111.mp3>

Part 2:

<http://filesource.abacast.com/wsradio/communityspotlight/021111/segment2021111.mp3>



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Drew Schlosberg at the San Diego Union Tribune for his support in promoting our great work in the Community.

We will be back on the air in May to announce our new Community Partners in the field of Arts and Culture.

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## WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE GIVING LEADERSHIP FORUM



From March 1 – March 3, 2011, SDWF welcomed 90+ women representing 25 organizations from all over the country to the Women's Collective Giving Leadership Forum! Participants discussed the power of women connecting, the stages of organizational development, sustainability & growth, grantmaking, membership, and the future of

philanthropy and the Collective Giving Network. We are in the process of collecting feedback from participants, but thus far it seems overwhelmingly positive.

For networking, participants were invited to participate in a walking tour of Balboa Park, a welcome reception hosted by Nancy Spector and Marjorie O'Malley, a dinner at the home of Wendy Gillespie, lunch at the San Diego Foundation, and a trip to the San Diego Zoo courtesy of Alice Diamond.

Thank you to the Forum co-chairs, Leigh Hartman and Bink Cook, and thank you to the SDWF Forum presenters, Alicia Foster, Valerie Jacobs, Cindy Olmstead, and Pat Zigarmi. Also, a special thanks to Bethel Nathan for coordinating all the transportation for all our out of town guests!

Everyone is looking forward to the next Forum and eagerly awaiting the announcement of which city will host!

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## SUNDAY WALK IN TORREY PINES

On Sunday, March 13th, as a thank you to the SDWF, the staff of the Torrey Pines Nature Reserve invited members to join them for special guided hikes through the Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve. Most recently, SDWF supported the Torrey Pines Docent Society's "Sustaining Success at Torrey Pines: A Nature Connection for All Age", an educational program for underserved youth and seniors. It was a perfect day for a hike through this spectacular reserve!



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## \$20K (PLUS!) SOIREE



In March, the membership committee honored members who have contributed \$20,000 or more to the SDWF – greatly supporting our endowment & grantmaking and furthering our mission. The honorees who attended the "Champagne & Chocolates" event included: Vicki Baron (who welcomed us into her lovely home), Catherine Blair, Christa Burke, Carol Chang, Alicia Foster, Barbara Groce, Valerie Jacobs, Linda Katz, Cindy

Tracy Johnson welcomed the guests and Jeannette Amen, Pam Hamilton Lester, and Eileen Haag represented the membership committee.

The day was an opportunity to celebrate our community partners who have fed the homeless, assisted refugees, supported homebound seniors, found homes for abandoned babies, encouraged at-risk students, helped low-income workers get higher skilled jobs with higher wages, and educated San Diegans about our environment and the arts.

With so many past presidents in attendance, their leadership was recognized as pivotal in the organization's success to date.

It was an elegant and pride-filled day ... and it will be repeated next year!

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## OTHER PHILANTHROPIC LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

San Diego Grantmakers doesn't want SDWF members to miss out on any upcoming events! Click here to view all that's being offered [www.sdgrantmakers.org](http://www.sdgrantmakers.org).