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# Oak Park Conservatory



Henrietta Yardley, Oak Park  
Conservatory Manager  
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## Visit the Conservatory Open Holidays, too!

The Oak Park Conservatory is open to the public Monday from 2-4pm and Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm. Guided tours of the Conservatory for groups of 10 or more can be set up by calling 386-4700, Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. Please give a 3-week notice for guided tours. Saturday and Sunday tours, 12-3pm, are available by appointment ONLY.

## Plant Interpreters

Plant interpreters are available at the Conservatory on Saturday from 10am-4pm, and Sunday 12-4pm, September through May.

## Plant Clinic

Residents can call in with their gardening, plant identification or diagnostic questions Monday, 2-4pm. A potting service is also offered at this time. Please phone first, 386-4700, and bring your own containers. Donations for this service accepted and appreciated.

## Conservatory Floral Shows

Every month, come experience a new breathtaking floral display at the Conservatory - an exhilarating respite from the everyday world!

Shows planned include:

- October: Leonotis
- November: Chrysanthemums
- December: Poinsettia and Paperwhite Narcissus

## Rental Opportunities

The Oak Park Conservatory Center is a well-lit, centrally-located community room, with adjoining grand corridor that is ideal for small weddings, parties, meetings and family celebrations. The Center has a full-sized kitchen and seating for 60 that can be expanded through the grand corridor for larger groups. An added bonus of a Conservatory rental is the accessibility of the tropical, floral and seasonal displays that make the Oak Park Conservatory Center a unique and refreshing venue. Please call 725-2450 for details.



## Welcome Henrietta Yardley, the new manager of the Oak Park Conservatory!

The Park District of Oak Park recently announced the hiring of Henrietta Yardley as the new Oak Park Conservatory Manager. Henrietta has been with the Park District for 12 years as Head Grower at the Conservatory. She brings an exceptional amount of experience, knowledge and dedication to horticulture and the Conservatory facility in her new role. The Park District is thrilled Henrietta accepted the position - the next time you visit the Conservatory, be sure to say hello to Henrietta!

## Special Events

### **FREE Admission** Plant Exchange Saturday, September 13 - FREE

This annual FREE event allows residents to swap garden perennials with each other through the Conservatory, and also gives participants the opportunity to get some unique plants from the Conservatory in exchange for houseplants! For more information, call 386-4700.

#### Garden Perennials: Drop off 10am-Noon, Swap 12:30-2pm

Bring to the rear of the Conservatory off the alley. Plants should be individually wrapped or in a pot and labeled by the type and color, if possible.

#### House Plants: Exchange from 12:30-2pm

Bring your own flats, potted plants or potted cuttings of houseplants to exchange for exotic plants propagated at the Conservatory!

### **FREE Admission** Winter Holiday Craft Faire & Open House

#### Sunday, December 7 from Noon-4pm

Seasonal floral displays, Santa Claus, and an expanded craft faire at the Oak Park Conservatory. Forced Paper White Narcissus and door swags will be on sale.

## FOPCON Benefit Set for Sa, Sep 27 from 3-7pm

The Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory (FOPCON) and the Marion Street Cheese Market will host a wine, beer, cheese and pasta event on Saturday, Sep 27 from 3-7pm. The event, held at the Marion Street Cheese Market (101 N. Marion Street) will benefit FOPCON, whose mission is to support the Oak Park Conservatory while offering fun and educational programming for the community. Visit [www.fopcon.org](http://www.fopcon.org) for more details.

## Conservatory Gardener Volunteers

Come in from the cold and work in the Oak Park Conservatory Center, Monday - Friday, from either 9am-Noon or 1-4pm. Interested gardeners will learn many skills and grow a wide range of plants. Enjoy our tropical paradise during the long, cold winter months! For more information, contact Mark Omi at (708) 725-2452

## Docent/Visitor Services Volunteers

Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory is looking for volunteers to serve as docents and visitor service representatives during the week and on weekends. Volunteers interact with the public during events and non-events at the Oak Park Conservatory. Learn to interpret the unique habitats of the Desert, Tropical and Fern Rooms and share in the joy of helping children discover the wonders of nature.

## Volunteer Refresher Workshop

On Saturday, September 27, 2008, FOPCON will conduct a free workshop for new and current volunteers from 9am to 1pm. Become a docent/visitor services volunteer for children and adult visitors. Plant enthusiasts are encouraged. We welcome retired educators, gardeners and anyone who would like to learn about plants. It's a great opportunity for master gardeners! To register for the training, contact Tina Gulley-Augustus, volunteer coordinator, at (708) 725-2460.

**For Friends of the Oak Park  
Conservatory (FOPCON) call  
Jacquelyn Paine at 725-2460.**