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Fullerton Arboretum “Potting Shed” to Host California Native and Fall Plant Sale October 11 & 12, 2008

(Fullerton, CA) The Fullerton Arboretum’s Potting Shed will be hosting a huge California Native and Fall plant sale over the weekend of October 11 & 12, 2007. “Fall is the best time to plant natives and other related plants”, according to Evie Tyra, Nursery Manager. “We have numerous indigenous varieties that will be offered for sale, and they have been carefully propagated and grown in our state-of-the-art Fullerton Arboretum nursery by volunteers and staff. Many uncommon and hard-to-find plants will be for sale and several can be found growing on the Fullerton Arboretum grounds.”

One of the featured plants at this sale is *Calliandra californica*, or Baja Fairy Duster. Baja Fairy Dusters are almost constantly in bloom, and are continually visited by hummingbirds, bees, butterflies and other birds. They grow to 3 feet tall and spread to 5 feet wide. Another variety to look for at this event is the *Trichostema lanatum* or Woolly Blue Curls. Woolly Blue Curls is a three to four foot evergreen shrub with fuzzy violet flower

spikes spring through summer and narrow aromatic leaves. Woolly Blue Curly is native to dry slopes and South Coast Ranges of California.

Also featured will be the *Dendromecon harfordii*, or Island Bush Poppy. This is an evergreen shrub that grows to 8 ft tall. Cheery yellow flowers cover the plant almost year round. This species that is found on Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, and Santa Catalina Islands off the coast of southern California. This special sale will also include and large selection of Mediterranean plants, Australians, and low water plants.

The sales hours both days for this event are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and admission is free. The Fullerton Arboretum is located adjacent to the CSUF campus one block west of the 57 freeway at Yorba Linda Blvd. and Associated Road; parking is free. For further information, contact the Fullerton Arboretum at (714) 278-3407 or visit website at www.fullertonarboretum.org.

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