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News Release

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New Volunteer Opportunities Being Created Through Fullerton Arboretum's Education Classes

(FULLERTON, CA) Under the direction of Arboretum Education Manager, Ami Becker, educational class offerings have continued to expand and are growing in popularity. With this growth, has come a variety of new opportunities for volunteers interested in supporting our highly regarded education programs. Examples of the areas and duties where volunteers are needed follow:

- **Education Office Assistants** – Wednesday mornings, 8:30 am-11:30 am. Prepare materials for upcoming classes and perform data collection on classes.
- **Class Assistants** – 1 day/mo for 4 hrs, Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons.
- **Education Volunteer Scheduler** – can be done from home, schedule/contact volunteers for upcoming classes.
- **Volunteers at Redesigned Children's Garden**
 - Class Leader – complete 4 hour training, lead 1 to 2 classes per year.
 - **Gardener** – care for garden under direction of Collections Curator (details coming soon).

- **Class Support** – assist with class materials prep and registration 1 day/mo for 4 hrs.

Our expanded Education program consists of 3 growing areas:

1. **Composting classes.** We now offer 5 classes each year which are free to residents of Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton, Irvine, Orange & Santa Ana. Average attendance at these classes is about 70 people. Several Class Assistant volunteers are needed to help with registration and distributing class materials.
2. **New Children's Garden.** Newly redesigned for hands-on learning, this garden will teach children about botany, conservation, plant uses, plant and animal life cycles as well as plant and animal relationships. Volunteers assist with registration, material preparation, or teaching classes, and/or may work in and care for the garden under the direction of the Collections Curator.
3. **Water Conservation & Sustainability classes.** In collaboration with the Yorba Linda Water District and the City of Fullerton, a variety of class offerings will be presented about **water-wise gardening, "Fullerton Friendly" gardening, edible gardening and much more.** Class Assistant volunteers help with registration, distributing class materials and data collection for each class.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting and growing volunteer program specifically designed to support our educational efforts, please contact Ami Becker (abecker@fullerton.edu) for more information covering your area of interest. If you are currently volunteering in a Fullerton Education program, please let Ami know if you wish to continue with the 2009 summer and fall program.

Established in 1979, the Fullerton Arboretum has served the community as a premier resource for ecological, horticultural and historical education. The Fullerton Arboretum is the largest botanical garden in Orange County. Encompassing 26 lush acres, The Fullerton Arboretum has assembled a permanent collection of over 4,000 unique and unusual plant species from around the world. With its ponds, streams and wildlife, the Fullerton Arboretum offers a tranquil retreat from a fast-paced urban life.

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