



Sherman
LIBRARY & GARDENS

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Sherman Library & Gardens Reveals Grow the Gardens Campaign

Newport Beach's iconic, world class cultural hub is looking to the future, announcing thoughtful improvements to the facilities and increasing educational and artistic programming for all generations

Corona del Mar, CA: The much anticipated Grow the Gardens Campaign has blossomed to life. Focused on creating “a new front door,” Sherman Library & Garden’s renovation plans will allow for increased visibility along Pacific Coast Highway. Further establishing the nonprofit as a key cultural center in the community, it is an exciting opportunity to reconfigure, renovate and reimagine the property. The Grow the Gardens Campaign will invest at least \$13 million dollars into the destination, breathing new life into spaces while respecting the integrity and historic qualities of each structure. To date, over 50% of the total estimated funding has raised been for the Grow the Gardens Campaign which will support improvements designed to create better outcomes for the community including:

- Sherman Library & Gardens’ new education space and programs will enhance the community’s encounter with the botanical and historical wonder of the Pacific Southwest.
- The tropical conservatory and the shade house, both used extensively in the education programs, will be renovated to protect the health of the valuable plant collections such as Orchids.
- These improvements will make Sherman Library & Gardens the most accessible and walkable botanical garden in Southern California, enabling its visitors to see a vast array of global beauty on a calm and relaxing stroll.
- The 3,000 member households and 8,000 individual members of the Sherman Library & Gardens will greatly benefit from the increased accessibility, renovated amenities, and enhanced program offerings improving their overall health and wellbeing.

More than just an outdoor gathering space, the lush gardens provide emotional reprieve for people looking to connect with one another, with nature and with the community. Curated to foster the growing needs of patrons who visit Sherman Library & Gardens, the Grow the Gardens Campaign invites members of the community near and far to leave a lasting legacy by pledging their support. To Grow the Gardens means welcoming more visitors; offering more community services and educational programs; supporting more local artists, authors, and performers and celebrating more seasons of life with the families of Orange County.

“The Samueli Foundation is so happy to see our neighbor, Sherman Library & Gardens, growing and blooming as is modeled by the many beautiful plants the gardens contain. This hidden gem deserves to be discovered and enjoyed by many and this next phase opens the door to that renaissance perfectly. Congratulations to the team!” -Erin Samueli, Board of Directors, Samueli Foundation

“Sherman Library & Gardens is devoted to making the world a better place through education, beauty and the arts. We welcome everyone to participate in this generational opportunity that will benefit this incredible community.” -Gary Pickett, President, Sherman Foundation

“We’re inspired to plant the seeds to grow the garden, and leave a legacy for generations to come.” -Scott LaFleur,
Executive Director, Sherman Library & Gardens

About Sherman Library & Gardens

Sherman Library & Gardens is a non-profit that has been deeply rooted in Orange County, California for over half of a century, serving the community as a sanctuary and education beacon for history and beauty. Founded in 1966 by Arnold Haskell, and named for his friend and mentor, Moses Hazeltine Sherman, this iconic institution serves as a guardian of regional history and artifacts, a living library of plants both native and exotic, and a conservator of artistic works influenced by and produced in the Pacific Southwest. Today, Sherman Library & Gardens is a monument to Haskell’s dream of an educational and cultural center including a premier botanical garden and outstanding research library. Sherman Library & Gardens was recently recognized by the Newport Beach City Council with a proclamation, naming Sherman Library & Gardens as the “Cultural Hub” of Corona del Mar. Sherman Library & Gardens is located at 2647 E. Coast Hwy., Corona del Mar, CA 92625.

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