Kid’s Floral Wagon Parade

Saturday, May 9  8:30-10 am: Be a part of history! Children, families and groups are welcome to join the History Center in our Bum the Dog Floral Wagon for the Kid’s Floral Wagon Parade. Help put the finishing touches to our wagon then don some doggie ears, and march alongside the wagon in a parade from Spanish Village to the Plaza de Panama in the Garden Party of the Century Celebration!

Each individual or group will receive a commemorative “Participation Ribbon” and FREE San Diego County Fair tickets! Adult assistance and collaboration in the decoration of the wagon is welcome.

Family Days at the History Center

Tuesday, July 28, 11 am: Celebrate the release of Dr. Seuss’ newest book What Pet Should I Get?, with family activities from 11am - 2pm.

History for Half Pints

First Friday of every month at 10am. Appropriate for ages 3-6.

RSVP required: rsvp@sandiegohistory.org

Friday, May 1: May Day, May Poles & Fairies.
Friday, June 5: Farm to Fair!

Find Bum

Visit the San Diego History Center in Balboa Park and find Bum in one of our galleries to win a prize!

With the help of an adult, cut along the dotted line to make your own Bum’s Book Nook bookmark!
To sign up for your FREE Kids Club membership, go to: sandiegohistory.org/kids

You’ll get an exclusive Bum the Dog Kids Club dog tag, $1 off admission to the History Center, 15% off Bum the Dog books and plush toys in our store, and invitations to special Kids Club programs and events throughout the year.

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Bum’s Springtime Adventures

Do you know the story of San Diego’s Balboa Park?

Two people, Kate Sessions and Ephraim Morse, worked together to build Balboa Park and make sure it was in good condition for us to enjoy today. Bum the Dog traveled from San Francisco to San Diego, just like Kate Sessions. In fact, Bum used to go to her garden shop in downtown San Diego and smell all the wonderful flowers she grew there. While you are visiting Balboa Park, find Zoro Gardens and play this garden game!

Zoro Garden from A to Z

Use your senses to explore the following items.

Once you’ve done, bring this sheet back to the History Center to receive a special sticker!

Begin by finding the mural painted on the small shed on the east side of the garden.

A. Art. This painting is a kind of art that decorates the garden. Name two things you see in it.

B. Butterfly. How many do you count in this picture?

C. Caterpillar. Are there any with stripes? If so, point them out. What color are the stripes?

D. Dirt that the plants grown in. What does the dirt feel like? Is it soft, cold, wet or dry?

E. Eucalyptus tree. There is a very tall one growing on the top of the hill. Close by is some bark. Do you like what it smells like?

F. Ferns. They are the very large leaved plants growing beside the building. Stand beside one. Who is taller, you or the fern?

G. Green, the color of many things in the garden. Can you find something that is green?

H. Hill. Find a path or stairs that helps you get to the top of it.

I. I see lots of boys and girls today. Make a new friend. Ask them what their name is.

J. Japan, the country where the purple flowered tree comes from. It is a cherry tree. Do you like cherries?

K. K is one of the letters in the name of the plant that the monarch butterflies eat. The plant is called Milkweed.

L. Leaf. Find one on the ground. What color is it? Is it the same color on both sides? If not, what other color is it?

M. Monarch butterfly. How many of them do you spot in the painting?

N. Nectar, the food that butterflies get from flowers. Stick out your tongue & pretend to drink like butterflies do.

O. Orange, the color of the monarch butterfly. What other colors are found on its wings?

P. Palm tree. Find one along the building, put your arms around it. Can you reach all the way around it?

Q. Quiet. The Zoro Garden is a quiet place. Close your eyes for a minute and listen to the quiet.

R. Roots. Roots are like feet for trees. Can you find the large roots of the fig trees growing on the hill?

S. Stone. Stone is what the walls in the garden are made of. Feel the wall. How do the stones feel? Cold/Hot, Wet/Dry, Smooth/Rough?

T. Tree trunk. Did you sit in the chair made out of a tree trunk?

U. Ums are the large pots with plants in them. Count how many urns you see.

V. Vines. You will find them growing along the stone walls. What color flower is growing on the vine?

W. Water. Birds as well as plants like to drink water. Find the birdbath.

Find two sticks in the garden and cross them over each other on the ground. Can you make them look like the letter X?

Y. You. Wrap your arms around yourself and give a big hug! Thanks for visiting the garden today.

Z. Zoro Garden, the name of this special place in Balboa Park!