David Gardner - bio

Born in the High Desert area of Southern California, Dave Gardner soon discovered the beauty and power of clean natural landscapes. Influenced early on by the emerging environmental movement, Dave learned to enjoy finding objects, and then transforming them into useful and artistic pieces. Today this is known as repurposing, recycling, or just being “Green”). Dave continues to bridge that interface between the unused and the desirable with his artwork. During his early education, Dave studied Photography. It was magical. His photographic career now covers several decades, and his current photographic work focuses on the abstract, taking objects that are traditionally underappreciated and rarely observed. Highlighting their positive aspects from his unique point of view is what you see in his most current Photographic work. In addition to photography, Dave currently works in the artistic mediums of contemporary multimedia painting, abstract textiles, landscape design, custom cabinetry, and Bonsai.

Educated in Horticulture, Landscape Design, Photography, Botany, and Arboriculture, he graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a MS degree in Horticulture. Dave then continued his studies, doing graduate work at Massey University in Palmerston North, New Zealand where he did graduate work in Horticulture, Natural Sciences, and Public Service. Much of his work contains elements, themes and/or is influenced by the outdoor landscape, recycling, or unused objects. Dave has a strong commitment to the environment and is currently a member of the City of West Hollywood’s Environmental Task Force.

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Endangered Planet Gallery exists to raise the awareness of the general public to environmental concerns of the earth and its inhabitants and to promote the preservation of the world’s cultures. These goals are achieved through educational events, web site communications and items involving Endangered Planet concepts. The Endangered Planet Gallery showcases these ideas and artwork in a continually evolving display.

The Endangered Planet Gallery and Foundation is located on the second level at 384 Forest Avenue, Gallery 13, Laguna Beach, CA, 92651. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday and by appointment. For further details or information about membership or volunteer opportunities, please visit www.EndangeredPlanet.org or telephone (949) 497-5690.