

# Who are we ?

## The history of the project and of the association

- In 2003, Bernard Le Neindre, the owner of the land, began his first cultures of more than 150 species of bamboo.
- In 2004, he bought an adjacent piece of land and planted an orchard.
- Between 2004 and 2008, he planted ornamental plants and a collection of iris. He set up the infrastructures – fences, irrigation, paths, designed green scenery...
- In 2008, the association was founded by a few people all close to Bernard Le Neindre and passionate about bamboo and botany.
- **Between 2008 and 2010**, the members of the association developed numerous partnerships to finalize the project.
- **In 2010-2011**, facilities for the welcoming of visitors were set up – car parks, dry toilets, paths for visits, signposting – thanks to partnerships with local authorities – the town council and the CG13- and GRTgaz.
- **In 2012**, Official opening of the bamboo garden on Monday Easter April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## The project of the association

*The relationship between man and nature has been greatly damaged with the evolution of our civilization dominated by technical progress, to the point that man does not know how to look at, listen to, or even feel his natural environment anymore.*

This project aims at modifying the link between man and the world of plant life, making him discover the wealth and benefits of nature in his daily life. This garden, a quiet, peaceful and serene place, aims at making us really aware of the bonds that connect us to nature.

The originality of bamboo and the atmosphere that it creates, help us to modify our behaviour and our values. It functions as purveyors between two worlds: the beauty, the awe and the emotions that it provides are perceived by our senses. It is the sentries of plant life and the bonds that connect us to future generations.

If discovering and respecting plant life are the values that prevail in this project, the collective values of sharing, communicating, propagating and experimenting are also important to the volunteers who want to share their passion.

Therefore the garden will be open for visits to the public but mainly to local pupils in order to raise their awareness of nature's beauty. The "Bambous en Provence" association is eager to work with other associations, especially those that want to contribute to the success of its educational project.

## TO CONTACT US

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## OPENING HOURS

### The garden will open Friday March 29th 2013

**Open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday and public holidays** from 2 pm to 7 pm until November 1st (holiday period).

## ENTRANCE FEES

**Adults** : 5€

**Inhabitants of Eyragues and Graveson** : 4€

**Children (under 18) accompanied by their parents** : free

**GRT gaz employees** : free

> Credits cards not accepted

**Educational itinerary** : free for schools (according to availability)

**Theme for 2013** : Analysis and observation of an insect hotel

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