

Garden Talks

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Richmond

- #3 11:00 and 2:00 “How to select native plants for your garden” by Rick Alatorre, and 12:00 and 3:00 “How to plan and install a sub-surface irrigation system” by Kim Titus from The Urban Farmer
- #5 12:00 and 3:00 “How to attract native bees” by Rollin Coville
- #6 Chat with Joan throughout the day about which natives are easy to grow, and which she has found iffy.

El Cerrito

- #8 At 11:00, 1:00 and 3:00 irrigation consultant and educator extraordinaire Lori Palmquist will demonstrate the design and function of this garden’s drip system. Curious about how you can conserve water in your own garden? This is the right place—bring your questions! Lori will be available to answer questions throughout the day.

Berkeley

- #13 12:00 and 3:00 “Creating a sanctuary for urban wildlife: habitat for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds (while welcoming deer, mice, moles, voles, newts, salamanders, and earthworms, to name a few)” by Mardi Mertens • 1:00 “Sudden oak death: What it is, and how to prevent it” by Janice Alexander from the California Oak Mortality Task Force
- #15 Dr. Frankie and his students will be available all day to answer questions. Throughout the day he and his students and assistants will lead “How to garden for native bees” tours.
- #16 11:00 and 2:00 “How to create a wildlife habitat garden using local native plants” by Glen Schneider
- #17 1:00 and 3:00 “Wildlife habitat gardening” by Corinne Louise Greenberg

Oakland

- #19 A representative from the Delta Bluegrass Company, which provided the native sod, will be at the garden from 10:00 – 12:00; a table with handouts will be set up throughout the day. 12:00 and 2:00 “How to transition from a non-native garden to a native plant garden” by Joe Maffei
- #20 12:00 and 3:00 “How to make the transition from a lawn and roses to a native plant garden” by Rita Hurault

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Oakland, continued

- #22 12:00 and 3:00 “How to interpret garden microclimates into a native plant community-inspired design” by Liz Simpson
- #23 10:30 “How to restore native plant ecosystems while protecting your home from fire” by Rolland Mathers from Shelterbelt Builders (meet at the hot tub) • 11:00 “Sudden oak death: What it is, and how to prevent it” by Janice Alexander from the California Oak Mortality Task Force • 12:00, 1:00, 4:00 “Oak-bay understory plants” (meet on the driveway where the path goes up into the woodland) • 2:30 “Restoring a hemlock thicket to a native dry stream bed” by Lyn Talkovsky and Alan Harper (meet next to the garage)

Alameda

- #24 12:00 and 2:00 “How to build, power, and light your own fountain” by Milton Friedman

San Lorenzo

- #26 11:00 to 3:30 “Ongoing workshop—Native plant propagation: propagate plants from seeds, divisions, and cuttings, and take some home!” • 10:30 to 4:30 “Ongoing talk: Native American medicinal and culinary uses of California native plants” and “Native American games and activities for children (and adults!)” Spear-throwing, acorn pounding, walnut dice • 1:00 and 4:00 “Ten native plants needed to create a Native American school garden and curriculum—includes handouts!” by Steve Wiley

Castro Valley

- #28 11:00 and 2:00 “How to make a gravity-fed drip fountain” by Mary Cooper. Pete Veilleux from East Bay Wilds will be at this garden from 2:00 to 5:00 to answer questions and help you select plants.
- #29 Pete Veilleux from East Bay Wilds will be at this garden from 10:00 - 1:00 to answer questions, and help you select plants.
- #30 12:00 “Choosing natives for a sunny garden” and 3:00 “Replacing the lawn with meadows and native plants” by Kirsten Leitner, Four Dimensions Landscape Company

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Livermore

- #31 10:00 and 1:00 “How to remove a lawn, design a native plant garden, and save up to 50% on your water bill!” by Cindy Angers
- #33 11:00 and 12:00 “How to convert your lawn into a native garden” and 2:00 and 3:00 “How to convert your lawn into a native meadow” by Jillian Steinberger. Jillian will be at this garden all day to answer questions.
- #34 11:00 and 2:00 “How to remove a lawn, control weeds, and maintain a native plant garden” by Louann Tung

Pleasanton

- #36 Alrie Middlebrook will be available throughout the day to discuss how she and her staff worked with Ward and Pat to design the garden, review the challenges they encountered, and describe the merits of the plants that were installed. Bring photos of your own garden to obtain design advice and plant recommendations!

San Ramon

- #37 11:00 “How to set up a rain barrel system” by Diane Griffiths and 2:00 “The cost of converting a lawn to a native garden, if you do most of the work yourself” by Diane Griffiths

Moraga

- #38 12:00 and 3:00 “Concepts that guided my landscaping” by Al Kyte

Lafayette

- #40 12:30 “Raising Your Own Chickens—FAQ” by John Kiefer, aka “Papa John” of “CLUCK” (City of Lafayette United Chicken Keepers). Bring your lunch and enjoy the talk! • 3:00 “Sudden oak death: What it is, and how to prevent it” by Janice Alexander from the California Oak Mortality Task Force

Walnut Creek

- #42 11:00 “When the front lawn has got to go: How to get rid of it, and what to do with all that space when it’s gone” by Kelly Marshall

Concord

- #43 11:00 and 2:00 “An amateur’s guide to creating a native garden” by Judith Sherwood
- #44 12:00 and 3:00 “How to sheet-mulch your lawn away!” by Laura Spain