

Garden & Nursery Talks on Sunday, May 3, 2015

Talks are organized by city and listed by garden number or nursery letter.

El Cerrito

- #2 At 11:00 and 2:00 irrigation consultant and educator extraordinaire Lori Palmquist will demonstrate the design and function of this garden's drip system



Kensington

- #4 3:00 "Our favorite natives for sun and shade: How to select reliable natives for different conditions" by the Four Dimensions design team

Berkeley Gardens

- #5 1:00 "The real California cuisine; how to design a wild food garden with native plants" Judith Lerner Lowry, from Lerner Seeds • 12:00 and 2:00 "Rainwater and greywater: use it to create wetlands and bogs in your garden, or to wash clothes or flush your toilet—come find out how!" by Brent Bucknum from Hyphae Design Lab
- #6 11:00 "Top ten plants for gardening for butterflies" by Mardi Mertens • 12:00 "Top ten plants for gardening for bees" by Mardi Mertens • 1:00 "Top ten plants for gardening for birds" by Mardi Mertens | *Plants featured in these talks will be available for sale*
- #7 Dr. Frankie and his students will be available all day to answer questions. Throughout the day Dr. Frankie and his students will lead "How to garden for native bees" tours.

- #8 11:00 and 2:00 "How to create a wildlife habitat garden using local native plants" by Glen Schneider
- #9 12:00 "How to design a native plant garden yourself" by Joel Ginsberg

Berkeley Nurseries

- #C 1:00 "How to select native plants for your garden" at Native Here Nursery
- #D 1:00-2:30 "Medicine Making Mini-Workshop" by Western Clinical Herbalist Blythe Adams. Many of us know that gum plant, California poppy and elderberry are medicinal, but how do we make them into medicine? Join Blythe to learn some of the basics. Blythe is committed to teaching the community how to take care of ourselves using herbal medicine and nourishment. For information on classes or consultations in Oakland, Blythe can be reached at Blythe@CommunityHerbalist.com. At Oaktown Native Plant Nursery

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Oakland

- #10 12:00 "How to attract and identify beneficial insects" and 3:00 "How to select native plants by plant community" both by Frannie Lewis
- #11 11:00 and 1:00 "Replace your traditional lawn with a low-water use, sustainable, low-to-no-mow native sod. Come and hear about three kinds of turf replacement—bentgrass, Delta grassland, or 'Native Mow-Free'"—by staff from the Delta Bluegrass Company • 12:00 and 2:00 "How to transition from a non-native garden to a native plant garden" by Joe Maffei
- #12 11:00 "Got a tough spot? Hillside lot? Baking sun? Shady or wet areas? Natives to the rescue! Solving difficult garden design issues with native plants" by Liz Simpson • 12:00 "The beginner's approach to deer, drought, finding a designer, maintenance, innocence, and learning to identify weeds " by Susan Weber
- #13 12:00 and 3:00 "How to sheet mulch your lawn away" by Sandy Jaeger

San Lorenzo

- #17 11:00 and 3:00 " How to replace your lawn with natives the cheap and easy way—includes handouts" by Sandra Nevala-Lee of Green Thumb Works and Steve Wiley • 1:00 "Ten native plants needed to create a Native American school garden and curriculum—includes handouts" by Steve Wiley

Hayward

- #18 10:30 "How to grow Pacific madrones" • 11:30 "Choosing and caring for the right California lilac for your garden" • 12:30 "Choosing and caring for the right manzanitas for your garden" • 1:30 "Choosing and caring for the right sages for your garden" • All talks will be given by Pete Veilleux

Union City

- #19 11:00 "How to garden in heavy clay soil" by Olivia Kusar

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Livermore

- #20 11:00 and 1:00 “Native plant garden designs to fit every budget” by Cindy Angers • 3:00 “Oops, I trimmed that poor plant too much” (and other maintenance tips)” by Cindy Angers

Pleasanton

- #21 Alrie Middlebrook will be available from 10:00-1:00 to discuss how she and her staff worked with Janis and Chris to design the garden, review the challenges they encountered, and describe the merits of the plants that were installed
- #23 11:00 and 2:00 “How to design and install a native plant garden: with research and patience, you can do it too!” by Colleen Clark
- #24 Alrie Middlebrook will be available from 2:00-5:00 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



Moraga

- #26 11:00 “How to select and plant California natives” by Al Kyte • 2:00 and 2:30 “Gardening for native bees” by Elsa Zisook • 3:00 “How to create a ‘natural-looking’ landscape to make natives look better” by Al Kyte

Orinda

- #27 11:00 and 2:00 “How to obtain local native plants for your garden” by Barbara Leitner
- #28 1:00 “How to introduce native plants into your garden in stages” by Alex Ashton • 2:00-4:00 “How to keep honeybees” Q and A with Mike Vigo, of the Bee Ranchers
- #29 Birder extraordinaire Michael Strom will lead bird walks at 10:00 and 2:00 • 12:00 “Weeding the weeds or gardening the wild landscape: Gardening with local native plants” by David Bigham

Lafayette

- #30 11:00 and 2:00 “Practical tips for installing drip irrigation in native plant gardens: Curious about how you can conserve water in your own garden? This is the right place—bring your questions!” by Roxy Wolosenko

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Pleasant Hill

- #31 11:00 'How to lose your lawn, get a garden, and be paid for it, too! The CCWD's Lawn-to-Garden rebate program explained" by Bob Eagle from the Contra Costa Water District • 1:00 "Framing your ecosystems: How to integrate native plants into the built environment" by Jonathan Espalin

Walnut Creek

- #32 11:00 "Water-conserving techniques for the home garden: water harvesting and storage, distribution and appropriate irrigation methods, retention of water in soils, and utilization with proper plant choices and sensible horticultural methods" by the Four Dimensions design team



Additional Nursery Talks on Saturday, May 2, 2015

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Richmond

- #B 1:30-2:30 "Gardening with Native Plants: Habitat, Water and Soil" at the Watershed Nursery

Berkeley

- #C 11:00 and 3:00 "How to select native plants for your garden" at Native Here Nursery
- #D 11:00 "Native Garden Design Primer: Thinking of removing your grass or redoing your garden with native plants? This talk will cover basic considerations for all gardens, including ways to apply and adjust these considerations to your own situation, and to work with measurements and drawings to help you figure out what you need" by Todd Gilens at Oaktown Native Plant Nursery