

Garden Talks on Sunday, May 1

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Richmond

- #3 1:00 "Native American uses of California native plants" by Dave Drummond

Berkeley

- #5 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*
- #6 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.
- #7 11:00 and 2:00 "How to create a wildlife habitat garden using local native plants" by Glen Schneider

Piedmont

- #8 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
- #9 11:00 and 2:00 "Interested in integrating native plants into your garden, but aren't sure how to get started? This is the talk for you!" by Jude Hawley



Oakland

- #10 1:00 "Taking it slowly; the procrastinator's guide to garden transformation" by Lorraine Mann
- #11 Guided tours of the garden will be offered throughout the day. • Bring a picnic and blanket and settle down for the lunchtime talk "Gardening and birds" at 12:00 by Patricia Bacchetti. • Guided tours of the recently daylighted creek in Dimond Park will be offered at 12:30 and 3:00 p.m. • 1:00 "How to design a local native plant garden" by Michael Thilgen
- #12 11:00 and 2:00 "Sheet mulching—free and easy; how to do a low-cost conversion from grass and weeds to natives and edibles" by Joan Lohman
- #13 & 14 1:00 and 2:00 "How to transform your garden from ivy and juniper to native plants" by Sue Duckles

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Oakland, cont.

- #15 11:00 and 2:00 “Sculpture in nature: forming metal to create functional art, such as chairs, trellises, gates, and fences, that work with the environment and your garden” by Jamie Vaida, of Vaida Metals Sculpting • 12:00, 1:00, 4:00 “How to restore an oak-bay understory” (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 Alan Harper (meet next to the garage)

Alameda

- #17 11:00 and 2:00 “Choosing and caring for the right manzanitas, California lilacs, and sages for your garden” by Pete Veilleux

San Lorenzo

- #18 11:00, 1:00, and 3:00 “Gardening for birds” • 12:00 and 4:00 “Ten native plants needed to create a Native American school garden and curriculum—includes handouts!” by Steve Wiley

Pleasanton

- #21 Alrie Middlebrook will be available all 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!

Moraga

- #23 11:00 “How to select and plant California natives” by Al Kyte • 1:30 and 2:00 “Gardening for native bees” by Elsa Zisook • 3:00 “How to create a ‘natural-looking’ landscape to make natives look better” by Al Kyte

Walnut Creek

- #24 11:00 and 2:00 “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 • 12:00 “Save money, save time, and save water: How to lose your lawn, get a garden, and get paid for it, too!” by Bob Eagle, from the Contra Costa Water District

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Lafayette

- #27 11:00 "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

Martínez

- #28 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
- #30 10:00 and 12:00 "How to remove your lawn, design a low-cost, low-maintenance, water-conserving garden, install it yourself, and get paid for it, too!" by Chris Dundon

