

# *Native Plant Extravaganza & Talks in the Nurseries!*

## *Saturday, May 5 & Sunday, May 6, 2018*

Once again, as part of the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, a number of native plant nurseries will be open on either or both Saturday, May 5, and Sunday, May 6, 2018 from 10:00–5:00. Native plants and seeds will also be sold at a number of Tour gardens on Sunday, May 6. Take advantage of this opportunity to shop for unique or hard-to-find native plants that are not normally available in most nurseries. Knowledgeable staff will be on hand to help shoppers select the right plants for their gardens.

This year, a number of talks will be offered at the nurseries on the weekend of the Tour. Details on the talks can be found at [www.BringingBackTheNatives.net](http://www.BringingBackTheNatives.net) and below.

### *Nurseries open for business and/or hosting talks on Saturday, May 5*



**Alameda: Ploughshares Nursery, 2701 Main Street, Alameda**

Nursery Talk at 12:00 “Choosing natives that benefit pollinators: which plants best serve our native bees, hummingbirds and butterflies” by Ploughshares Nursery Manager Jeff Bridge



**Berkeley: Oaktown Native Plant Nursery, 702 Channing Way, Berkeley**

Nursery Talk at 10:00 “Native garden design primer” by Todd Gilens | Thinking of digging up your lawn, or redoing your garden with native plants? This talk will cover basic considerations for all gardens, how to apply and adjust these factors to your own situation, and ways of working with measurements and drawings to help figure out what you need

Nursery Talk at 2:00 “Learning to Recognize Beneficial Insects in the Garden” by Constance Taylor | Discover the fascinating world of beneficial insects! Find out why these little critters are worth a second look, discover tips and techniques to find these garden dwellers, and use a magiscope, hand lens and clip-on phone lens to observe the invertebrate world!

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### **Concord: Markham Nature Park and Arboretum, 1202 La Vista Ave., Concord**

11:00 “Native plants as problem solvers” by Patrice Hanlon and Arti Kirch | Patrice and Arti will present native plants that can thrive even amidst some of the most common landscaping problems, such as clay soils, lack of water, foot traffic, and more. You will also learn how Native Californians used the plants for practical, therapeutic and healing purposes. Patrice Hanlon is an East Bay Times garden columnist, horticultural therapist, and garden designer. Arti Kirch is Markham board member emerita, and a Mt. Diablo and East Bay Regional Parks docent.



**Half Moon Bay: Yerba Buena Nursery** has moved! The nursery is now located at 12511 San Mateo Rd. (Hwy. 92) at Pastorino Farms, in Half Moon Bay.



### **Oakland: East Bay Wilds, 2777 Foothill Blvd., Oakland (the entrance is on 28th Ave.)**

Nursery Talk at 2:00 “The fab four: manzanitas, California lilac, sages and buckwheats” by Pete Veilleux, owner of East Bay Wilds.



**Richmond: Annie’s Annuals and Perennials, 740 Market Ave. Richmond, (510) 215-3301**



**Richmond: The Watershed Nursery, 601 A Canal Blvd. Richmond, (510) 234-2222**



### **San Leandro: Green Thumb Works, 16276 E. 14th Street, San Leandro, CA 94578**

Nursery Talk at 1:00 “California Native Groundcovers for Lawn Conversions” by Sandra Nevala-Lee Join Sandra, owner of Green Thumb Works, for an informative talk about selecting California native plants and native cultivars that can replace your lawn, are low growing, and fill in fast!

## *Nurseries open for business and/or hosting talks on Sunday, May 6*



**Alameda: East Bay Wilds** will sell native plants at Natalie and Armand's garden (#21) in Alameda, and Pete Veilleux will give two talks: 1:00 "How to select plants for small gardens" • 2:00 "Great manzanitas, California lilacs, and buckwheats for your garden"



**Alameda: Ploughshares Nursery, 2701 Main Street, Alameda**

Nursery Talk at 12:00 "Choosing natives that benefit pollinators: which plants best serve our native bees, hummingbirds and butterflies" by Ploughshares Nursery Manager Jeff Bridge



**Berkeley: Larner Seeds** will sell seeds and native plants at the Lipson's garden in Berkeley (#6); also at this garden, Judith Larner Lowry will give a talk, "The Wild Food Garden," at 11:30 and 2:00.



**Berkeley: : Oaktown Native Plant Nursery, 702 Channing Way, Berkeley**

**Oaktown** will be open for business on May 6, and will also sell native plants at the Mertens' garden (#7) in Berkeley.



**Concord: Markham Nature Park and Arboretum, 1202 La Vista Ave., Concord**



**Hayward: East Bay Wilds** will sell native plants at Natalie Forrest's garden (#23) in Hayward.



**Lafayette: Wild Jules Crafted Seed Balls** will sell wildflower and grass seeds at the Lee's garden (#33) in Lafayette.



**Livermore: Core Conservation Growers** will sell native plants at the Day's garden (#26) in Livermore.

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**Orinda:** **Lost Valley Native Plant Nursery** will sell native plants at the O'Shea/Howard garden (#31) in Orinda.



**Richmond:** **Annie's Annuals and Perennials**, 740 Market Ave. Richmond, (510) 215-3301



**Richmond:** **The Watershed Nursery**, 601 A Canal Blvd. Richmond, (510) 234-2222

Nursery Talk at 11:00 "Choosing the best California native plants for attracting butterflies and other pollinators to your garden" by Laura Hanson, co-owner of The Watershed Nursery | Samples of these plants will be shown; information on the greater ecology of plants and their pollinators will also be provided.



**San Lorenzo:** **San Lorenzo High School** (Garden #22) will sell native plants and Mexican food from 11-3.

Nursery Talks: 11:00 - 4:00 (running continuously) "How to replace your lawn with natives the cheap and easy way, and get paid for it, too!—includes handouts" by San Lorenzo High students, Steve Wiley, and a representative from EBMUD • 12:00 "How to attract bees and butterflies to your garden with native plants" by Sharon Horgan • 1:00 "Ten native plants needed to create a Native American school garden and curriculum—includes handouts" by Steve Wiley

