

Garden Talks

Richmond

- Garden #2 12:00 and 3:00 “How to lose your lawn and replace it with a native meadow” by Peter Rohan. 1:00 and 4:00 “Greywater 101” by Park Guthrie from Wildcat Farmers
- Garden #4 11:00 and 2:00 “How to select native plants for your garden” by Rick Alatorre. 12:00 and 3:00 “How to plan and install a sub-surface irrigation system” by Kim Titus from The Urban Farmer
- Garden #5 12:00 “How to build a native garden by trial and error, or, Learning about life and death in the garden” by Kate Sibley

El Cerrito

- Garden #6 12:00 “How to design a simple, low-maintenance native plant garden” by Lyn Talkovsky
- Garden #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.

Kensington

- Garden #9 12:00 and 3:00 “How to attract bees to your garden” by David Matthews

Berkeley

- Garden #11 12:00 and 3:00 “Gardening among redwoods” by Timothea Campbell
- Garden #13 Dr. Frankie will be available to answer questions. Throughout the day he, and his students and assistants will lead “How to Garden for Native Bees” tours.
- Garden #16 12:00 and 3:00 “Tired of exotics? Interested in learning to love natives? How to create a low maintenance, beautiful native plant garden” by Jamie Day
- Garden #18 11:00 and 2:00 “How to create a wildlife habitat garden using local native plants” by Glen Schneider

Oakland

- Garden #20 1:00 – 5:00 Pete Veilleux, who designed and installed this garden, will be available to answer questions.
- Garden #21 12:00 and 3:00 “What to plant where: an intuitive and informed approach to plant selection” by Liz Simpson
- Garden #22 12:00 and 3:00 “Native gardening in Oakland” by Steve Asztalos

Hayward

- Garden #23 11:00 “The challenges of creating a hillside garden” by Brenda Senturia
- Garden #24 10:00 – 12:00 Pete Veilleux, who designed and installed this garden, will be available to answer questions.

Fremont

- Garden #25 11:00 and 3:00 “How to convert a garden—piece by piece—into a native plant garden; pitfalls, how to remove the lawn, where to get plants, and what I’ve learned” by Kathleen McCabe-Martin
- Garden #26 11:00 and 1:00 “How to improve your garden’s soil so as to create a vibrant, healthy garden” by Lorraine Edel

Livermore

- Garden #27 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
- Garden #29 11:00 and 2:00 “How to raise chickens in the city (hint: it’s easy!)” by Drew Andersen. 12:00 and 3:00 “How to remove a lawn and install a native plant garden—yourself!” by Drew Andersen

Pleasanton

- Garden #31 11:00 and 2:00 "Choosing appropriate natives for your garden: which ones will work in your landscape?" by Theresa Halula of Four Dimensions Landscape Company. Theresa will be at the garden all day to answer native plant questions.
- Garden #32 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
- Garden #33 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

- Garden #34 11:00 and 2:00 "How to design and install your own native plant garden; you can do it!" by Don and Kathy Brancheau

Alamo

- Garden #35 11:00 and 3:00 "How to select native plants for your home garden" by Brendan Leathem

Moraga

- Garden #36 12:00 and 3:00 "Concepts that guided my landscaping" by Al Kyte

Orinda

- Garden #37 12:00 and 3:00 "Planning for seasonal transition" by Alma Raymond
- Garden #38 11:00 and 2:00 "How to create a local native plant garden: planning, obtaining plant materials, design advice and resources" by Barbara Leitner

Lafayette

- Garden #40 11:00 and 3:00 "How to maintain a native plant garden (hint: it's easy!)" by Betty Nelson. Meet the designer, Michael Thilgen of Four Dimensions Landscape, from 3:00-5:00. Talk at 3:30 "Designing the native garden to attract wildlife" by Michael Thilgen

Walnut Creek

- Garden #41 11:00 and 2:00 "Gardening with natives on a steep slope" by Rich McDrew
- Garden #43 Meet the designer, Michael Thilgen of Four Dimensions Landscape, from 12:30 - 2:30. Talk at 1:00 "Easy natives for the hillside garden" by Michael Thilgen and BJ Ledgerwood
- Garden #44 Meet the designer, Michael Thilgen of Four Dimensions Landscape, from 10:00 - 12:00. Talk at 11:00 "Choosing natives for water conservation" by Michael Thilgen

Clayton

- Garden #45 12:00 "A designer's guide to selecting native plants for extreme heat, snow, and everything in-between" by Kelly Marshall. 4:00 "How to transform your front garden into a place that is beautiful, water-conserving, and acceptable to the neighbors" by Kelly Marshall

Martinez

- Garden #46 12:00 and 3:00 "How to remove your lawn, design a low-cost, low-maintenance, water-conserving garden, and install it yourself" by Chris Dundon

Pittsburg

- Garden #48 11:00 and 4:00 "You can turn your own garden into a paradise for wildlife!" by Frances Dahlquist