

Art in the Gardens!

Garden Art & Native Plant Extravaganza Fundraiser: Saturday, April 20, 10:00-4:00

Shop for native plants, garden art, nature-themed note cards, garden mosaics and more at this special fundraiser for the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour! Native plants and handcrafted goods will be available for purchase at East Bay Wilds in Oakland, and at the Watershed Nursery in Richmond on Saturday, April 20 from 10:00-4:00.

Oakland – East Bay Wilds is located at 2777 Foothill Blvd., Oakland (note that the entrance is on 28th Ave.): Owner Pete Veilleux grows more than four hundred kinds of natives that are particularly beautiful, reliable, and hard to find. He also carries a wide selection of plants that he has found useful for specific landscape problem areas, such as plants to grow between pavers, or fast ground covers that can outpace weeds. In addition to the plants, browse Pete's extensive, eclectic collection of garden benches, tables, chairs, statues, planters, antiques, and tchotchkes available at great prices. East Bay Wilds is not normally open to the public, so don't miss this opportunity to bring home garden art and native plants that are just right for your garden! Bird vs Bird Designs will also be on hand, selling hand-crafted notecards, coasters, magnets and pins, pouches, wallets, and illustrations for bird watchers and nature lovers.

Point Richmond – The Watershed Nursery, 601 A Canal Blvd. Richmond: The Watershed Nursery is a local business specializing in growing hundreds of species of native Californian plants, and dedicated to improving habitat from your backyard to the Bay. Use the nursery's Plant Finder to match plants to your garden conditions, or ask their expert staff for help with choosing plants to suit your specific goals. In addition, browse through a variety of mosaics hand-made by garden tour host Kathleen McCabe-Martin, and peruse nature-themed note cards and prints created by local, award-winning photographer Alan Krakauer.



This handmade, glazed tile tabletop, with its impressions of six native plants, was created by Carol Manahan, and can be seen in her Richmond garden.
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Art for Sale and Art Activities in the Gardens

#4—Anni Jensen & Carol Manahan’s Richmond garden: Christina Barrett will sell her colorful ceramic garden art “bamboozles.”

#8—Prospect Sierra Elementary School’s El Cerrito garden: Calling the artistically inclined! Draw native birds, bees, butterflies and plants at the Chalk Art event—sketch to live music between 11:00 and 2:00. Student-made ceramic kiln-fired birds and butterflies will also be available for sale.

#9—Sallie Bryan’s Berkeley garden: Whimsical hand-made ceramics, including animals and masks, created by Susie Howell of Garden Faces, will be available for sale.

#13—Nick & Liz Mealy’s Oakland garden: Patricia Osage will sell handmade garden mosaics.

#15—Sandy Jaeger’s Oakland garden: Dianne Lake will sell native plant note cards.

#17—Natalie and Armand’s Alameda garden: Bird vs Bird will sell hand-crafted note cards, coasters, magnets and pins, pouches, wallets, and illustrations for bird watchers and nature lovers.

#18—Jennifer Hurley & Dan Gaff’s Alameda garden: Jennifer Hurley will sell her native-plant inspired tote bags and pouches, handmade in Alameda on vintage sewing machines.

#23—Danny Galindo and Eugene Shabelyanau’s Castro Valley garden: Purchase soap handmade by Eugene from the garden’s flowers and leaves, and loofahs, grown in the garden and filled with handmade soap. Rosa Di Zeo Bazzani will sell local nature photographs and handmade household items.

#25—Kathleen McCabe-Martin’s Fremont garden: Kathleen’s hand-made mosaic stepping stones and other artwork will be available for sale; cash or checks only.

#26—Karen & Ted Crosley’s Livermore garden and #27—Teri Henson’s Livermore garden: Barb Johnson of Chrysalis Pottery will have her richly colored clay sunflowers and other garden art available for purchase. Cash or checks only.

#31—Al & Barbara Kyte’s Moraga garden: Award-winning photographer Alan Krakauer will sell note cards and prints of vibrant natural landscapes, wildlife and plants.