

Garden Talks on May 5

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Alameda

- #16 12:00 “Have you considered incorporating mosaics into your garden? Garden mosaics can be functional (stepping stones, table tops) and also colorful and playful. Join me for a short talk about the basics—tools, materials, and approaches. It’s easy and inexpensive to get started, and so fun to do!” by Robin Heyden
- #17 11:00 “How to make the most of your small garden space” by Natalie
- #18 11:00 “What to do yourself, and what to hire experts for” by Jennifer Hurley and Dan Gaff
 - 1:00 “Yes! You can eliminate oxalis without using Round-up” by Jennifer Hurley and Dan Gaff
 - 2:00 “How to raise butterflies” by Jennifer Hurley
- #19 12:00 “Designing a native garden from a permaculture perspective for function and beauty” by Lois Simonds

El Cerrito

- #8 12:00 and 2:00 “How and why to change a school lawn into a beautiful native plant garden” by Facilities Director Steve Harrington (noon) and Genie Barry at 2:00

Berkeley

- #9 1:00 “How to create a native plant garden that will attract birds, bees, and butterflies” by Sallie Bryan
- #C 1:00 “Garden design primer” by Todd Gilens. Thinking of digging up a lawn, or redesigning your garden with native plants? This short workshop 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 you get your project rolling

Castro Valley

- #22 Alrie Middlebrook will be available all day to discuss how she and her staff worked with Dale 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
- #23 11:00 “Compost tea: the magic potion that both fertilizes soil and prevents disease—how and why to make it” by Eugene Shabelyanau
 - 1:00 “How to make soap with flowers and leaves from your garden” by Eugene Shabelyanau

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Clayton

- #34 12:00 "How to design a native plant garden with curb appeal" by Anna Wendorf
- #35 4:00 "How to transform your front garden into a place that is beautiful, water-conserving, and acceptable to the neighbors" by Kelly Marshall

Concord

- #37 12:00 and 3:00 "How to sheet mulch your lawn away!" by Laura Spain

Danville

- #30 2:00 "Join me for a talk about the basics of making garden mosaic bird baths! I will share with you the source of materials and tools needed to do this easy and fun project" by Maria Sargent

El Sobrante

- #1 10:30 and 2:00 "How to attract birds to your garden"
1:00 "How to attract butterflies to your garden"
4:15 "How to grow organic fruit and flowers for birds, butterflies, and people"
All of these talks are given by Idell Weydemeyer.

Fremont

- #25 12:00 "How to create a garden that feeds birds, insects, and other living creatures" by Kathleen McCabe-Martin

Moraga

- #31 11:00 and 12:00 "Gardening for native bees" by Elsa Zisook
1:00 and 3:00 "Al's best tips from forty-five years of planting and growing California natives: a sit-down discussion" by Al Kyte
- #32 11:00 and 3:00 "Planning and maintaining your backyard fruit tree orchard" by Anne Chambers and Ed McAlpine
11:30 "Choosing successful native plants for various environmental conditions" by Michael Thilgen and Linda Juratovac

Livermore

- #26 2:00 "Landscaping with native plants—how to bring nature back into the city" by Louann Tung
- #27 11:00 "How to create year round color and interest (for people, as well as wildlife—especially birds!) in your garden" by Cindy Angers

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Oakland

- #13 12:00 “How to attract bees, birds, and butterflies to your garden” 3:00 “Creating low- or no-water-consuming gardens” both by Michael Hogan
- #14 1:00 “Choosing successful plants for your California native garden” by Chris Garcia of Four Dimensions Landscape Company
- #15 12:00 and 3:00 “How to sheet mulch your lawn away” by Sandy Jaeger

Richmond

- #2 12:00 “How to sheet mulch a lawn and install a water-conserving garden” by Sharon and Cliff Watts
- #3 12:00 and 3:00 “Come learn how to install a rainwater catchment system that will keep your garden green longer and lower your water bill” by Peter Rohan
- #4 3:00 “Native flowers and foliage for fragrance” by Carol Manahan
- #6 12:00 “Native American uses of California native plants” by Dave Drummond
2:00 “Native bees in your garden” by Rollin Coville, co-author of *California Bees and Blooms*

San Leandro

- #20 12:00 “How to lose your lawn and get a garden that will attract birds, bees, and butterflies” by Stefanie Pruegel

San Lorenzo

- #24 10:30-4:00 Continuous garden tours lead by the Druids, a club where high school students work to plant and maintain native plant gardens
11:00 “How to replace your lawn with natives the cheap and easy way, and get an EBMUD rebate for doing so” by the Druids
12:30 “Attracting birds to your garden with native plants” by Phil and Pat Gordon, Ohlone Audubon Society
2:00 “Climate change and your garden: how you can make seasonal observations about nature’s calendar and have your data used by scientists who are researching climate change” by the Druids and Joia Fishman

Walnut Creek

- #33 1:30 “Choosing successful plants for your California native garden: Learn about beautiful, colorful and dependable selections that please the eye and enhance habitat” by Laurie Nielsen of Four Dimensions Landscape Company