

Saturday, May 2 - Bayside Gardens

# Talks, Music, and Native Seed & Plant Sales in the Gardens

Also: come inside three fully-electrified homes! (#10, 18, and 41)

## *Alameda*

### # 38 Jenny Michael & Craig Valentine's garden

2:00 "Watch, listen, count: tracking birds in your backyard" by Jenny Michael

## *Berkeley*

### # 14 Sallie Bryan's garden

1:00 "How to create a native plant garden that will attract birds, bees, and butterflies, and other wildlife" by Sallie Bryan

### # 16 Wayne Whitney's garden

11:00 "Designing a California native plant garden – emphasizing the dynamic relationship between textures & colors" by Lois Simonds

3:00 "How to create a sense of place and have color from April through October in your California native plant garden" by Lois Simonds

### # 17 Jennifer & Adam Love's garden

12:30 and 3:00 "From gas to green: home electrification made simple" by Jennifer Love and Dan Johnson

### # 18 Lucinda Daly's garden

All Day - Come on in this fully-electrified home!

10:00-3:00 Visit the Eco Performance Builders table, and ask about heat pumps that can heat or cool your house or heat water. Heat pumps are a clean alternative to fossil fuel systems, and will result in lower carbon emissions.

### # 19 Keith Johnson & Erin Diehm's garden

All Day - An expert will be on hand to answer questions about bird-safe windows.

### # 21 Leslie Buck's garden

12:00 "Inside/out: how to make small garden rooms feel larger" by Leslie Buck

### # 22 Ruth Rogow's garden

#### Music in the Garden

1:00 to 3:00 Music by the "old-time fiddler jam"

## *Castro Valley*

### # 45 Eugene Shabelyanau & Danny Galindo's garden

#### Native seeds for sale

All Day - Purchase untreated, organic, and non-GMO native seeds, lovingly grown in Eugene and Danny's garden and hand-packed by the hosts. The seeds even come with water-resistant labels that double as plant tags! Explore Danny and Eugene's seed collection at

[CaliforniaNativeSeeds.com](http://CaliforniaNativeSeeds.com).

### # 46 Susan & Bill Teefy's garden

**10:00** “The delights of backyard birding: How and why we garden for birds” by Susan Teefy  
Susan became a native plant gardener because she was passionate about birds. Come learn how she and her husband converted their lawn into a beautiful haven for wildlife that has brought seventy-two species of birds into their garden—including spotted towhees, which nested in their garden this year under the manzanitas. Nuthatches, woodpeckers, chickadees, and titmice have also nested in the garden.

**1:00** “Creating biodiversity in the native garden: exploring the design features, plant palettes and maintenance strategies that generate habitat niches and create a flourishing garden ecology” by Chris Garcia, from Four Dimensions Landscape Cooperative.

### *El Cerrito*

#### **# 6 John MacLennan’s garden**

**10:00** “Ten easy-to-grow, beautiful natives for any garden” by Kelly Marshall, owner of Kelly Marshall Garden Design

#### **# 7 Jean Mckenzie’s garden**

**11:00 and 1:30** “Why native plants?” by Margaret Flaherty, long-time volunteer at the Native Here Nursery and the Skyline Gardens Restoration Project

### *El Sobrante*

#### **# 2 Wildcat Canyon Community School**

Bring a lunch to enjoy during these lunchtime talks. There are plenty of picnic tables available.

**11:30** “Start with the space: how site considerations should shape your plant list” by David Weise

**12:00** “Native Plants and Their Uses” by Kathy Crane, owner of Yerba Buena Nursery

### *Emeryville*

#### **# 23 Whitney Grover & Elliott Callahan’s garden**

**12:00** “Gardening for birds” by Whitney Grover

### *Fremont*

#### **# 53 Museum of Local History Native Plant Garden**

**12:00** “Maintaining a native plant garden with 100% volunteers” by Caroline Harris

Bring a lunch and dine while you listen!

### *Hayward*

#### **# 49 Josh & David’s garden**

**11:00** “How to propagate perennials by divisions” by Josh Rubietta

#### **Native plants for sale**

**All Day** - The [Down by the Bay Native Plant Nursery](#) grows mostly locally-sourced natives of important and beautiful species. You will find their plant list [here](#).

### *Kensington*

#### **# 10 Janet Parks’ garden**

**11:00** “Planning your home electrification process” by Janet Parks

**2:00** “Six tips for gardening with native plants and seven plants that surprise and delight” by Janet Parks

### *Newark*

#### **# 50 Mike Egusa’s garden**

**11:00** “How and why we removed our lawn and created a native plant garden: the inspiration, critical need to create habitat for wildlife and the opportunities we have to do this with our

home gardens, rebates, finding a designer, garden design and installation, and the pleasure of encountering butterflies, birds and neighbors in our front garden” by Mike Egusa

**11:30** Designing your native garden” by Stephanie Brady, owner of Living Garden Design

### *Oakland*

**# 27 Tim Vendlinski’s garden**

**12:00** “Ecological gardening in the city” by Tim Vendlinski

**# 37 Alan Harper & Carol Baird’s garden**

**Refreshments and enjoy your byo lunch near the pool all day**

Kiah Dennerstein will set up a self-service tea station.

Bring a lunch and drink and enjoy it in the pleasant seating area around the pool, with quiet music playing.

**Music in the Garden**

**11:30-3:30** Cassian Rosean, an Oakland-based musician and sound artist, will play violin intermittently. His work is highly improvisational, with classical, jazz, rock, and experimental roots.

**Walks and Talks in the Garden**

**11:00** Guided tour of the frog pond and stream restoration project. *Wear good shoes; it is a long and steep trail*—led by Kiah Dennerstein and Robert Symens-Bucher.

**12:00** “Restoration from a landslide in the East Bay hills” by Alan Harper and Kiah Dennerstein

**1:00** “Restoring native grasslands in a wildfire zone” by Noah Miller

**2:00** “Edible and medicinal native plant walk” by Kiah Dennerstein

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### *Pinole*

**# 1 Kim and Jeff Jerge’s garden**

**11:00 and 2:00** “Gardening for wildlife: how to attract frogs, birds, and butterflies to your garden” by Jeff Jerge

### *Richmond*

**# 4 Anita Pereira’s garden**

**12:00** “How to create a garden for wild critters” by Anita Pereira

### *San Leandro*

**# 39 Nora Trentacoste & Jay Slean’s garden**

**1:00** “Edible California native plants” by Nora Trentacoste

While supplies last native cuttings and seeds, samples of native edibles to taste, and recipes, will be available.

**# 41 Stefanie Pruegel’s garden**

**11:30** “From ecological desert to wildlife habitat: The joys of gardening for birds and other wildlife” by Stefanie Pruegel

**2:30** “What’s unique about planning a native garden?” Find out with landscape designer Lary Huls

**# 42 Katie Steigman & Nick Wright’s garden**

**12:30** "How I removed the lawn, designed, installed my garden, and manage without an irrigation system—you can do it, too!" by Katie Steigman

**# 43 Kathy & Peter Greenstein's garden**

**10:30** "Aesthetic pruning in the garden" by Lara Miranda

**11:00** "A Landscaper's thoughts on defensible space" (hardening your home against wildfire)" by Bill Castellon