

Sunday, May 3 - Inland Gardens

Talks, Music, Free Seeds, Birdwatching, and Mugwort Soap Sale in the Gardens

Clayton

68 Kelly Marshall & Mike Weidner

11:00 "Ten easy-to-grow, beautiful natives for any garden" by Kelly Marshall, owner of Kelly Marshall Garden Design

All Day - Visit the Contra Costa Water District's table, chat with their friendly staff member, and find out how you can receive a rebate of up to \$2,000 to remove and replace your lawn with a water-wise garden! Information will be available on the District's Lawn to Garden Rebate Program, and also how you can get a free landscape garden design—if you include 70% or more natives in your new plan you can have your own garden on the Tour!

Concord

55 Gehringer Demonstration Garden

All Day - Master Gardeners will be on hand to offer you free seeds, and take you on a tour of the garden and to answer questions about your own native plant garden: ask them!

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Lafayette

57 Glenn Phillips & David Nish

All Day - Check out the Bird-Safe Window displays!

Livermore

71 Roger & Amy Aines

11:00 "Water features for Livermore gardens" by Roger Aines

72 Jen Hurley & Dan Gaff

11:00 "Ten things we wish we'd known about native plant gardening before beginning" by Rose Hurley and Dan Gaff

Orinda

58 Bob & Stephanie Sorenson

12:00 Bring a lunch, take a seat, and enjoy this special opportunity to hear Andrew Doran, Director of Collections at the U.C. Botanical Gardens, tell a little about the U.C. Botanical Garden, and introduce the speaker, Katherine Greenberg, who will give the talk "Growing California Native Plants in Your Garden", which is based on her acclaimed book, "Growing California Native Plants".

Come Bird with Us! (and find out what birds you can attract to your own garden when you plant with California natives)

10:00-3:00 Local bird experts Michael Strom and Karen Sorenson will be doing a 6-hour bird count on the day of the Tour! They will have a spotting scope set up and be available to answer your bird questions all day. Join them, look through to scope, and find out which birds you can attract to your own garden when you include California native plants in your garden.

Music in the Garden

10:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00 Talented musician Kacey Sorenson will play guitar/keyboard and sing; take a seat and enjoy listening to music in this lovely setting.

All Day - Check out the Botanical Garden's table, which will be staffed throughout the day by Garden Board members.

59 Jim and Laurie Ulrick

11:00 "Long-term evolution and maintenance of a mixed native, habitat, edible and aesthetic garden" by Jim Ulrick

All Day - Nature Prints of Local Wildlife for Sale as a Fundraiser for the Tour! Jim is offering beautiful prints of local wildlife and nature scenes printed up to 16 by 24 inches on archival paper with light-fast ink for sale; one half of the proceeds will be donated to the Tour. Cash is preferred, but you can also pay with your credit card here, or Venmo @BringingBacktheNatives (the last four digits of the associated phone number are 7048). While at the garden, be sure to get a receipt and leave your contact information. Photos will be either printed on demand or mailed. Ask about this at the garden! Orders can be placed at any time, including before or after the tour.

60 Pat & John Pomidor

12:00 "Our journey to a fire-wise landscape and a hardened home" by Pat Pomidor

Walnut Creek

61 Jennifer Russell

2:00 "Gardening with natives throughout the year" by Susan Agnew

Check out the chart with monthly tasks for the native plant garden, handouts, books on natives you are welcome to browse, and the picture board of the plants that bloom monthly in Jennifer's garden.

62 Nancy Wenninger

11:00 "Gardening for birds" by Nancy Wenninger

65 Trina & Jeff Horner

11:00 "How to create a sense of place and have color from April through October in your California native plant garden" by Lois Simonds

3:00 "Texture interplay throughout the year" by Lois Simonds

66 Sugarloaf Native Plant Garden

12:00 "Mugwort and the Bay: Herbal traditions in native gardens"

1:00 "Hardy native plants for inland gardens"

All Day - Mugwort soap will be available for sale: proceeds will benefit the Tour. Venmo and credit cards payments will be accepted.