

## Water Conservation Garden

### Spring 2008 Calendar of Events

Pre-registration is required for all classes. To enroll call 619-660-0614 or visit our website at [www.thegarden.org](http://www.thegarden.org). Payment received before date of class guarantees your reservation. Minimum 10 students to hold class—please register early. Refunds cannot be made within three days of the event unless we can fill your space or the Garden cancels the event. Thank you!

#### **Saving Water and Money for Your Homeowner Association - Together We Succeed!**

Friday, May 9, 1-3pm; Rancho Bernardo Library  
17110 Bernardo Center Drive, San Diego, CA 92128

Homeowner associations and landscapers can be powerful allies in conserving water in the landscape. HOA property managers, board members, and landscape professionals are invited to attend this class together to learn to lower water use at their sites. The class covers establishing water budgets, tracking a site's water use, cost-effective irrigation repair, and calculating your return on investment when replacing plants. Photos and real-world examples will help to illustrate the concepts. *This free class is of interest to HOA Managers, Board Members and associated Landscape Professionals. Please pre-register by calling 619-660-0614, x 10.*

#### **Bye Bye Grass! Part 1, Wednesday, May 14, 6-8pm**

Tired of being a slave to your water-thirsty lawn? Join Nan Sterman, gardening expert and host of the PBS show *A Growing Passion* to learn how to exterminate your lawn for good! Nan will discuss extermination options, the pros and cons of chemical and non-chemical methods, and ways to physically remove grass. Learn how to prepare the soil for a new garden, along with lots of creative ideas on what to replace it with in Bye Bye Grass! Part 2 on Saturday, May 17. *Part 1 only: \$20 Members, \$30 Non-Members; Part 2 Special—FREE, see below.*

#### **Bye Bye Grass! Part 2, Saturday, May 17, 12:30-2:30pm**

Your lawn is gone! What do you do next? Find out with Nan Sterman, gardening expert and author of *California Gardener's Guide, Volume 2*. Nan will discuss evaluating your irrigation system, deciding on the kinds of spaces you need in your garden, and preparing the soil. She will also offer creative ideas for beautiful, low-water plantings. Using the Water Conservation Garden as an outdoor classroom, Nan will guide you through living examples of water-wise landscapes, show you interesting drought-tolerant ground covers, and introduce you to the variety of hardscape options. *Part 2 only: FREE in celebration of San Diego County's California-Friendly Landscape Contest Awards and new Garden Exhibits, see below, 30 student maximum.*

#### **Ribbons Around the Garden - A "Moving" Celebration of Landscape Contest Award Winners, Conservation Champions, and New Exhibits**

Saturday, May 17, 10am-12pm  
Join San Diego Water Agencies, the Water Conservation Garden, and special host Mary James of the San Diego Union Tribune as we honor this year's winners of San Diego County's California-Friendly Landscape Contest and walk the Garden to celebrate the opening of our new exhibits. Meet the winners of the contest and view photos of their winning landscapes to get ideas on how you too can make your yard beautiful and water-wise. The Garden will also honor its Conservation Champion Donors during this event. The celebration will continue with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Garden's new Patio Gardens exhibit, and a groundbreaking ceremony for the upcoming Dorcas Utter Sensory Garden. Refreshments will be served, and you can tour the garden to view our new hardscape and ground cover displays. All this, plus a free class with gardening expert Nan Sterman at 12pm: Bye Bye Grass! Part 2, where you can learn what to do once you remove your water-thirsty lawn (see description above). *Please RSVP for the event and the class by Monday, May 12, 30 student maximum for class.*

## MAY

#### **Xeriscape: Beautiful Landscape on a Low-Water Budget**

Saturday, May 24, 9:30am-12:30pm  
Landscape Designer Jan Tubiolo takes the mystery out of Xeriscape landscaping, and shows you why Xeriscape is not "Zeroscape"! Learn the seven principles of xeriscape, plant selection, and planting techniques. The workshop includes a classroom lecture and an interpretive tour of our own xeriscape garden. *\$20 Members, \$30 Non-Members.*

#### **Secrets of the Garden presents...Topsy Turvy Veggies!**

Parent Participation Program; Friday, May 23, 6-7pm  
It is time to plant the garden! Try out some new-fangled methods for growing veggies at home. Upside-down tomatoes? Potatoes in a garbage bag? Gardening in a tiny patio? Plus, meet a handful of hard-working worms making compost for your veggie project, and enjoy an earthy snack with a squiggly wiggly surprise. *For children ages 4 and up with an adult; older children enthusiastic about this topic are welcome! Members: \$12 per adult/child couple, \$6 per extra adult or child; Non-Members: \$15 per adult/child couple, \$8 per extra adult or child.*

#### **Simply Succulent Wreath Making**

Saturday, May 31, 10am-12:30pm  
Learn to make your own living wreath using succulents! Succulent wreaths are uniquely beautiful and provide many years of enjoyment. They can be hung outdoors to accent a patio or garden, used as a table centerpiece, or decorated and placed on your front door for the holidays. Succulent wreaths are unusual treasures that make easy-to-care-for gifts. Bring a pair of gardening gloves and be ready to get a little dirty. *This class is offered in partnership with Cuyamaca College's Community Learning Program. For information and to register, call 619-660-4350, or visit [www.cuyamaca.edu/preview](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/preview). Cost is \$25 (in advance) plus \$40 materials fee (payable in class).*

#### **Designing Landscapes with Native Plants**

Saturday, June 7, 10am-12pm  
Discover the variety of California native plants with Yvette Andersen of California's Own Native Landscape Design. Learn the proper care and placement of drought-tolerant natives, and get ideas for designing your own home garden from Yvette's stunning slide show of native plant landscapes. Register early, this class fills fast! *Members \$10, Non-Members \$15.*

#### **Secrets of the Garden presents...Design a Dino Habitat!**

Parent Participation Program; Friday, June 13, 6-7pm  
Bring your own 10-12 inch diameter container and we will provide the plants, soil and dinosaurs for your very own dinosaur habit. You'll create an attractive container garden and a dinosaur playscape at the same time. After all the fun, enjoy a yummy dinosaur snack. *For children ages 4 and up with an adult; older children enthusiastic about this topic are welcome! Members: \$12 per adult/child couple, \$6 per extra adult or child; Non-Members: \$15 per adult/child couple, \$8 per extra adult or child.*

## JUNE

### **Sustainable and FireSafe Planting**

Saturday, June 14, 10am-12pm

Join Landscape Architect Marian Marum, ASLA, for a holistic and sustainable approach to landscaping that addresses fire safety, water conservation, and storm water runoff. Learn to protect your home by incorporating fire setback zones within your landscape, and how to group water-wise plants for complimentary aesthetics and growing requirements. Explore the variety of design styles that can be achieved with low water plants--Oriental, Mediterranean, Italian formal, even tropical! Marian will take you through a colorful slideshow full of examples. *Members \$10, Non-Members \$15.*

### **Saturday Afternoon Water-Wise Series (1-4)**

*The following classes can be taken individually or as a pre-paid series of 4 classes. Individual Class: \$15 Members, \$25 Non-Members; Series: \$45 Members, \$75 Non-Members. Please pre-register: 10 student minimum per class.*

#### **1. Designing with California Friendly® Plants**

Saturday, June 7, 1-3pm

Landscape Designer Jan Tubiolo shows you how to create a water-wise garden design from scratch. Topics include site analysis and measurement, plotting your design on paper, environmental factors, and water-efficient plant grouping.

#### **2. Mulch, Compost, Fertilizer!**

Saturday, June 14, 1-3pm

Unsure about how to use mulch in the garden? Not sure when to fertilize or what compost is for? Landscape Designer Jan Tubiolo and Master Composter Elizabeth Ramos will discuss in detail the benefits of these three garden-enhancing essentials.

#### **3. Irrigation Design for Water-Wise Gardens**

Saturday, June 21, 12:30-3:30pm

Garden Horticulture Manager Don Schultz discusses the essential design principles for integrating overhead sprinklers and drip irrigation into your garden. Topics include sprinkler selection and spacing, valve zoning, and water pressure. **Note: This is a 3-hour class.**

#### **4. Managing Your Irrigation Water**

Saturday, June 28, 1-3pm

Garden Horticulture Manager Don Schultz discusses how soil, plant, and water relationships result in better plant health and improved water management. He will cover the different soil types, how to add soil amendments, and how to determine the water content of your soil. Don also covers methods for determining how long to run your sprinklers and how to customize an irrigation schedule for your garden.

### **Saving Water and Money for Your Homeowner Association— Together We Succeed!**

Friday, June 20, 9-11am

Vallecitos Water District, 201 Vallecitos De Oro, San Marcos, CA 92069

See course description for May 9th class. *This free class is of interest to HOA Managers, Board Members and associated Landscape Professionals. Please pre-register by calling 619-660-0614, x 10.*

### **Hillside Gardening**

Saturday, June 28, 10am-12pm

Landscape Designer Connie Beck shows you how to make the most of gardening on a slope! Erosion control, proper plant choices, terracing and retaining walls are some of the topics that will be covered. A colorful slideshow of several San Diego hillside gardens will reveal the creative possibilities that are unique to this style of gardening. *This class is offered in partnership with Cuyamaca College's Community Learning Program. For information and to register, call 619-660-4350, or visit www.cuyamaca.edu/preview. Cost is \$25.*

### **Garden Discovery Day Camp for Kids! (Ages 7-12)**

July 7-11, 8am-12pm

Kids will have a blast learning about garden creatures and creating plant-based crafts in the beautiful setting of the five-acre Water Conservation Garden. All sessions include a snack, materials, instruction, and a daily dip in the wading pools. See [www.thegarden.org](http://www.thegarden.org) for detailed daily activities. *Members: \$100 for all 5 days, or \$25 /session; Non-Members: \$125 for all 5 days or \$30/session.*

# JULY

### **Wet and Wild! Garden Discovery Day Camp for Younger Children (Ages 4-6)**

July 14-18, 9:30-12:00pm; Parent Participation Optional

Explore water in all of its phases in this wet and wild day camp. Paint with ice cubes, create frozen treats, harvest veggies from the Garden and more! Each day of camp includes a garden-themed craft, snack, play time on the Children's Trail, and a dip in the wading pools. See [www.thegarden.org](http://www.thegarden.org) for detailed daily activities. *Members: \$75 for all 5 days, or \$20 /session; Non-Members: \$100 for all 5 days or \$25/session.*

### **Xeriscape: Beautiful Landscape on a Low-Water Budget**

Saturday, July 12, 9:30am-12:30pm

See class description for May 24th class. Taught by Landscape Designer Connie Beck. *This class is offered in partnership with Cuyamaca College's Community Learning Program. For information and to register, call 619-660-4350, or visit [www.cuyamaca.edu/preview](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/preview). Cost is \$30.*

### **Cooking with Native Plants**

Saturday, July 19, 10am-12pm

Cook with a local resource...native plants! Native plant expert Lisa Chaddock shows you where to gather these plants growing wild in San Diego, and how to use them to make tasty dishes at home. Elderberry, fennel, and flat top buckwheat are some of the foods you'll be introduced to. Included in the price of the class is Lisa's cookbook and a locator map for finding native edibles growing in San Diego. *\$12 Members, \$15 Non-Members.*

### **Firescaping With Native Plants**

Saturday, July 27, 10am-12pm

Join us for this important fire-wise gardening seminar with Yvette Anderson of California's Own Native Landscape Design. Yvette will guide you through the essentials of fire-wise landscaping using native plants, including plant identification and selection, proper placement and grouping, and native plant care. *\$10 Members, \$15 Non-Members.*

### **Secrets of the Garden Presents....Flower Power!**

**Parent Participation Program;** Sunday, July 27, 1-2pm

What exactly is a flower and why are flowers so beautiful? Experience the lovely colors, scents, and textures of flowers as you create a piece of artwork to display at home. Story time and a tasty treat round out this class for budding gardeners and their adult chaperones. *For children ages 4 and up with an adult; older children enthusiastic about this topic are welcome. This class is offered in partnership with Cuyamaca College's Community Learning Program. For information and to register, call 619-660-4350, or visit [www.cuyamaca.edu/preview](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/preview). \$15 per adult/child couple, \$8 per extra adult or child, (payable in advance), plus \$5 material fee (payable in class).*

**NEW! You may now register and pay for classes via our website. Visit [www.thegarden.org](http://www.thegarden.org).**