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First Tuesdays with Eve!



FOUNDER WALK & TALK
with Eve Vigil, Garden Founder

Have you ever wondered how the garden beds were initially prepared, what the irrigation schedule is, or pretty much *anything* about *any* of the plants? Well, come on out and ask Eve at the Founder Walk & Talk with Eve Vigil in the Botanical Garden each month on the first Tuesday from 11 AM to 12 PM.

Subjects may touch on the Garden's history, what's in bloom, the "when & whys" of important maintenance, or whatever interests the group.

Meet new people and learn great tips and tricks for having a stunning water-frugal garden.

This free monthly tour meets at the Garden's purple entrance bridge. No need to RSVP, just show up and enjoy!

For updates on dates and times, visit slobg.org/founder-walk.

2017 Founder Walk and Talk Dates

April 4, 2017 - 11 AM

May 2, 2017 - 11 AM

June 6, 2017 - 11 AM

August 8, 2017 - 11 AM



EVENTS

April 8 at 1 PM

BAY FRIENDLY GARDENING with Linda Shotwell & Nicki Edwards

Planning a beautiful and colorful garden in windy, sandy, and sea sprayed coastal communities on the central coast can be tricky. We have some tips for creating a home garden in harmony with the natural environment that also helps preserve the health of our sensitive estuary! Join us at the SLO Botanical Garden as we collaborate with the Morro Bay National Estuary Program's "State of the Bay" event to learn how you can create a sustainable home garden that helps preserve the beauty of our bay, presented by local Master Gardeners, Linda Shotwell and Nicki Edwards. Presentation is followed by a free docent-led tour of the Garden at 2PM.

Presentation is \$5 for members/\$10 non-members.

Followed at 2 PM by a free docent-led tour of the Garden.

No preregistration required.

For more information visit slobg.org/bay



LINDA SHOTWELL specializes in a broad spectrum of professional landscape services that include local residential and commercial design, site and space planning for large rural properties, construction, maintenance, and more. A career milestone was the design, specifications and field construction administration for a 400-acre watershed restoration.

Photo by Fred Moore and Landsystems and Associates



April 22 at 11 AM

EARTH DAY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Learn how to SLO Down Climate Change at the 25th annual SLO County Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, at El Chorro Regional Park from 11 am to 5 pm. This year the free all-day outdoor Earth Day Fair is expanding to include a Music Festival hosting popular local musicians on three stages in addition to one hundred displays and exhibits. Eco friendly, climate change messages, products, or services of businesses, organizations, schools and college clubs will be highlighted at the Green Car Show, Kid's Zone, Eco Marketplace, Health Center, and Green Building & an Energy Hub, Food & Drink Garden and under the Wine and Beer Tent.

We'll have a herbal plant walk starting around 1PM, meeting at the Garden's festival booth. We hope to see you there!

Earth Day organizers are asking attendees to ride a bike, car pool or take the bus.

Find out more at
earthdayalliance.com



May 13 at 9AM



SPRING BIRD WALK with Eric Wier & Jay Carroll

This bird walk will be approximately one mile long at a slow to moderate pace, depending on where and how often we're seeing birds. The terrain is gentle, over a variety of surfaces. People of any birding skill level are welcome. We'll expect to see dozens of species in a variety of habitats, with likely sightings of: White-tailed Kite, Red-shouldered Hawk, California Quail, Western Scrub-jay, Western Bluebird and possible nesting Black-headed Grosbeaks and orioles. We'll meet near the Garden entrance. If you have binoculars please bring them; if not, loaners will be available.

Walk is \$5 for members/\$10 non-members.

No preregistration required.

For more information visit slobg.org/birding



ERIC has been birding since his teen years, and has enjoyed searching out birds from arctic Alaska to Costa Rica.

JAY'S interest in birds began with shorebird censuses in Elkhorn Slough in the 1970s and later expanded during trips to southeast Alaska, the Galapagos Islands, and Australia. He has lived on the Central Coast for over 35 years.

June 10, 1PM



HOW TO REUSE YOUR WATER with Mladen Bandov

As the rains this year have filled our reservoirs and groundwater basins, we can let out a collective exhale of relief. Reusing water in our landscapes is one small but effective way to plan ahead for the days when we must conserve and want to keep our landscapes healthy. Greywater, recycled water, rainwater harvesting, low impact development, and other tools and techniques can help save water and money over many years. Come learn about the basics of greywater and rainwater harvesting and how to take actions to be ready for whatever the future might bring. Presentation is followed by a free docent-led tour in the Garden at 2PM.

Presentation is donation based.

Suggested \$5 for members/\$10 non-members.

No preregistration required.

For more information
visit slobg.org/greywater.

MLADEN BANDOV is passionate about creating a world of abundance in water resources. He has worked in private, public and academic fields with expertise in designing solutions for wastewater, stormwater and groundwater treatment systems. As a water resources engineer for the County of SLO and instructor at Cal Poly and Cuesta College, Mladen enjoys sharing ideas that make our lives better.



June 16 at 1 PM



KIDS GARDEN COOKING with Wellness Kitchen

The Garden partners with the Wellness Kitchen in a family-style cooking class. This is a great class for children and guardians to discover the joy of cooking fresh-from-the-garden meals, and features seasonal produce. We'll harvest some vegetables from the Children's Harvest Garden, and then whip up a delicious recipe for the family to share. Taste fun and creative recipes prepared by your kids and learn tricks and tips for creating an edible backyard garden.

Class is age appropriate for 6 years old and up.

Class is \$25 per participant.

Space is Limited. Scholarships are available!

For more information visit slobg.org/kids-cooking

Funding for this program is generously provided by Central Coast Funds for Children and Joan Gellert-Sargen.



**Summer Camp is right around
the corner!**

Visit the website slobg.org/camp
for dates, details and registration
information.

CALIFORNIA POPPIES

by Lindsey Collinsworth Morgan, Education Director

One bright spring day in Chumash legend Lizard spoke with Coyote and described the beauty of the California Poppy, stating “When you see it, it is as if the sun itself is on the ground, so beautiful is the flower.” Spanish explorers had many names for California Poppies, including *copa de oro*, “cup of gold” or *la amapola*, “the flame flower.”

From Southern Washington to Baja California, Mexico the California Poppy, (*Eschscholzia californica*) illuminates the landscape and lends to California’s nick-name of “the golden state.” From hillsides to roadsides you’ll see an abundance of the silky golden flowers popping up this spring. These four-petalled flowers spread their seeds by the thousands creating vast fields of flowers that come up annually. Poppies especially thrive in places that have experienced wildfires. Grow your own patch of sunshine, or visit a poppy “hot spot” like Montana de Oro, Carizzo Plains, East Cuesta Ridge, or Bowden Ranch in San Luis Obispo.



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