

# SAN LUIS OBISPO BOTANICAL GARDEN

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## **Ancient, Modern, Local, Global.**

*A season of exploring cultural connections with plants*

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# WHAT'S NEW AT THE GARDEN

## INSTALLATION OF THE CHILDREN'S SAGE MEADOW

On December 5, 2015 Sage Ecological Landscapes helped install the new Children's Sage Meadow, next to the existing Children's Garden. This area connects to the new Discovery Hiking Trail and is LOADED with amazing native and non-native plants. Come on out and take a look! Say Hi to Todd and the gang at Sage the next time you visit their nursery.



## CENTRAL COAST FUNDS FOR CHILDREN GRANT

The Central Coast Funds for Children awarded a \$2000 grant to provide scholarships and materials for the Children's Cooking Classes and Summer Camp! Thank you CCFC!

## 128 OF OUR BEST QR CODES IN THE GARDEN

Want to know more about the plants in the garden? Pull out your smart device and click on the QR codes (Quick Response) located in the poppy logo found near our favorite 128 best plants. The QR codes will direct you to our website where you can read all about what makes these plants so amazing.



## CONSTRUCTION COMING SOON

Construction of the Fire Safe Gazebo will begin in early 2016. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in this wonderful new addition to the Garden.



## MONTHLY GARDEN TOURS WITH EVE

Our Garden Founder, Eve Vigil, leads monthly tours through the garden on the first Tuesday of the month (unless otherwise noted on [slobg.org/founder-walk](http://slobg.org/founder-walk)).

## GIFT SHOP GOODIES

We have new t-shirts, aprons, tote bags, jewelry and more in the gift shop. Come on by and buy!



January 9 at IPM

## EVENTS

### MAYA FOREST GARDENS with Anabel Ford PhD

Conventional wisdom accepts that the Maya disappeared because they destroyed their home: the tropical Maya forest. Who then are those people speaking Mayan when you visit Mexico? Why is the forest of Northern Guatemala dominated by useful plants? And why are there farmers in Belize whose home gardens are a bewildering collection of local plants? The answer is the Maya and their forest gardens. In this talk we will learn how these sophisticated farmers provide the clue to the rise of the ancient Maya civilization and can show a path to conserving the Maya forest in the future. Book signing and wine reception follows.

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/Maya](http://slobg.org/Maya)



*DR. ANABEL FORD is director of the MesoAmerican Research Center at the University of California, Santa Barbara and President of the non profit Exploring Solutions Past: The Maya Forest Alliance. She has distinguished herself with research on Maya settlement and ecology, and is recognized for the discovery of the ancient Maya city center of El Pilar, on the border of Belize and Guatemala.*

Photo by Geoff Gallice and Anabel Ford

February 13 at 1PM

**FRENCH AESTHETIC:  
GIVERNY & LYON GARDENS with Ken Levine**

There are gardens, and there are gardens; botanical gardens and display gardens. Which do you prefer? Why make a choice? Let's enjoy them all! Gardens can inspire, educate, relax and transform people. Claude Monet created the beautiful garden at Giverny that became the subject of numerous paintings. The Jardin botanique de Lyon (Botanical Garden of Lyon) was established in the 1800s and houses over 15,000 plants, including camellias that are over 100 years old! Come be inspired at this arm chair tour of two beautiful and influential French gardens. Presentation is followed by a free docent-led tour in the Garden at 2 PM.

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/French](http://slobg.org/French)

*KEN LEVINE is a charter member of the Friends of the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, and a retired veterinarian from Arroyo Grande. Three of his favorite things are plants, travelling and the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden. He enjoys taking pictures and sharing his experiences.*

Photos by Ken Levine



February 26-28

**USEFUL PLANTS OF SLO:  
ETHNOBOTANY with Tellur Fenner**

The Garden is excited to welcome back herbalist, Tellur Fenner of the Blue Wind Botanical Medicine Clinic for an in-depth look at the Edible and Medicinal Plants of the Central Coast. Join Tellur for a class series that explores plant habitats while learning many amazing and useful plants growing in SLO County. This interdisciplinary program will engage students through a combination of classroom lecture, field exploration, and hands-on exercises.

Read all about the weekend's events and register online at: [slobg.org/useful-plants](http://slobg.org/useful-plants)

Friday February 26, 6-7:30pm

Lecture: Edible & Medicinal Plants of SLO County  
No reservations. \$5 Garden members / \$10 public.

Saturday February 27, 10-4pm

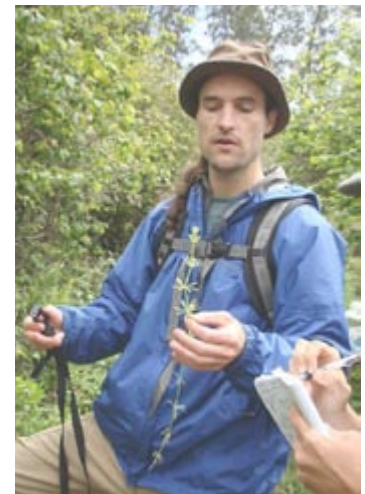
Workshop I: SLO County Bioregional Field  
Exploration & Plant ID  
\$45 Garden members / \$55 public. Limited space.

Sunday February 28, 10-4pm

Workshop II: Wildcrafting & Plant Preparation  
\$45 Garden members / \$55 public. Limited space.

*TELLUR FENNER is an edible/medicinal plant researcher & educator and has spent the past two decades traveling throughout the country while studying, collecting, & using wild plant foods/medicines from all the major U.S. bioregions.*

Photos by Marlin Harms and Tellur Fenner



March 12 at IPM

**STUNNING SUCCULENT GARDENS OF THE CENTRAL COAST** with Nick Wilkinson

Want a low maintenance, water-wise and STUNNING garden? This is the talk for you! Nick Wilkinson, owner of GROW Nursery in Cambria and Left Field in SLO will share his favorite plants to use in a landscape design and feature several stunning central coast gardens. He will also share plants that are great at dealing with freezing temperature and incessant sun, perfect for North County SLO gardens.

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/succulent](http://slobg.org/succulent)



*NICK WILKINSON has been in the succulent trade for over 10 years. He has designed dozens of dynamic water wise gardens from Paso Robles to Los Angeles and sat on the board of the Central Coast Succulent Society for over 6 years. Nick owns GROW, a small retail nursery located in the East village of beautiful Cambria, California. GROW*

*specializes in rare and unusual succulents as well as handmade pottery, Tillandsia's (Airplants) and mineral specimens from around the world.*

Photo by Nick Wilkinson

March 19 at IPM

**SPRING PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER**

**MEMBERS ONLY** – Friday, March 18, 10AM-1PM

and Saturday, March 19, 9AM-10AM

**Open to the Public** – Saturday, March 19, 10AM-1PM

From drought, to shade, to sun, we have loads of the perfect plants to fit your needs! Come check out the wonderful selection and support the Garden at our popular annual fundraiser. We rely on our members and guests to support us and our work in the community.

Learn about different plants that are great for your yard, get expert advice, and find great deals on beautiful plants grown by our amazing volunteers. And don't forget to grab a cup of coffee to sip on while you "talk garden"!

All plants will be TAX-FREE and many of our gift shop items will be on sale.

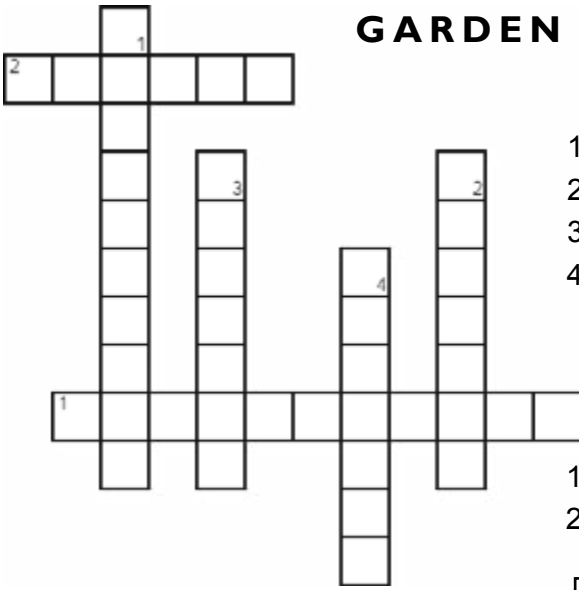
Garden Members also save an additional 15% off all purchases!

To keep up to date with what's for sale, you can visit [slobg.org/sale](http://slobg.org/sale).



Photo by Walter Siegmund and Ron Kindig

# GARDEN CROSSWORD



## REQUEST FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Library Committee would appreciate donations of plant-related books. A current need for the Library shelves are reference books with a focus on plant identification. However, used plant-related books in good condition are always welcome. Donated books that are not needed for the library will still benefit the library by being sold during the annual Garden Plant Sales.

When you bring in any donation, please fill in a donor form, available in the office.

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Answers: Across 1. ethnobotany, 2. laurel  
 Down 1. succulents 2. El Pilar 3. Giverny 4. Paeonia

## DOWN

1. March 12th topic
2. found Mayan city center
3. Claude's inspiration
4. Feb flower genus

## ACROSS

1. study of plant use
2. rest on it or cooking spice

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