

SAN LUIS OBISPO BOTANICAL GARDEN

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SAVE THE DATE! Spring Plant Sale

March 18, 10AM - 1PM

**The sale you've been
waiting for is right
around the corner!**

Beautiful, drought
tolerant volunteer-grown
plants are ready
to find a new home
with you! All plants
are TAX-FREE



FARMING FOR A FUTURE

WITH ANDREA CHAVEZ

HUMMINGBIRD HEALTH

WITH DR. LISA TELL

USEFUL PLANTS OF SLO WORKSHOPS

WITH TELLUR FENNER

ALL ABOUT MIGRATIONS

WITH JESSICA GRIFFITHS



EVENTS January 21 at 1 PM

FARMING FOR A FUTURE with Anrea Chavez

Back in 1948 Oliver Talley began growing vegetables in Arroyo Grande. We invite you to learn about the nearly 70 years of growth and innovation Talley Family farms and winery has undergone on the central coast. Get a rundown on Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), the Fresh Harvest program and the benefits it provides to our area. Followed at 2PM by a docent-led tour of the garden.

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/talley

ANDREA CHAVEZ is a Cal Poly graduate, earning a degree in Economics in 1980. She has spent the last 30 years working at various levels in the produce business, from working for Dole, to shipping produce all over the world, to owning her own business for 13 years delivering fresh produce and gourmet food to homes and offices in Southern California. In February of 2012, Talley Farms hired her to create a new, local, consumer program for them called Talley Farms Fresh Harvest. As a mother, wife, and cook who loves fruits and vegetables, her passion in life is to "GET PEOPLE TO EAT MORE PRODUCE!"



Photos provided by Andrea Chavez

February 11 at 1 PM

HUMMINGBIRD HEALTH & TRACKING with Dr. Lisa Tell, U.C. Davis

How is research conducted on creatures that fly 25 MPH and weigh less than a nickel? Dr. Lisa Tell will present information about the Hummingbird Health and Conservation Program at UC Davis. This program is focused on establishing normal health parameters, identifying disease risks and helping to maintain healthy hummingbird populations. Dr. Tell will discuss the logistics of a hummingbird banding program and briefly cover research findings and plans for future research. Followed at 2PM by a docent-led tour of the garden.

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

No preregistration required.

For more information visit slobg.org/hummingbirds



LISA TELL, DVM has been a full-time faculty member with the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine since 1997, and is currently a Professor of Veterinary Medicine with the Medicine and Epidemiology Department. During Dr. Tell's academic career her research has focused on diagnosing and treating infectious avian diseases. She is currently the director of the UC Davis Hummingbird Health and Conservation Program.

Photos provided by UC Davis and Ron Kindig

February 17-19



**USEFUL PLANTS, MUSHROOMS &... OF SLO:
ETHNOBOTANY with Tellur Fenner**

The Garden is excited to welcome back herbalist, Tellur Fenner of the Blue Wind School of Botanical Studies for an in-depth look at the Edible and Medicinal Plant, Mushrooms and Seaweeds 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 about the weekend's events &
register at: slobg.org/useful-plants**

Friday February 17, 6 PM-7:30 PM

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

Saturday February 18, 10 AM-4 PM

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

Sunday February 19, 10 AM-4 PM

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



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

Photos by Marlin Harms and Tellur Fenner

March 11 at 1 PM



**ALL ABOUT BIRD MIGRATION
with Jessica Griffiths**

When spring is in full swing, birds are on the wing! Every year, millions of birds migrate incredible distances. How and why do they do it? Join Jessica Griffiths for a fascinating look at the phenomenon of bird migration. Learn all about the remarkable adaptations birds have for long-distance travel as we answer such questions as: How do birds know where to go? How do their bodies change to prepare for the journey? This presentation will touch on bird physiology and behavior, and will highlight the latest scientific research on migration. Followed at 2 PM by a free docent-led tour of the garden.

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/migration



JESSICA GRIFFITHS has been working as a biologist for over 10 years. She grew up in Chicago, got her undergraduate degree at Wellesley College. She worked as a Wildlife Biologist for Ventana Wildlife Society, overseeing all of their songbird research projects and running the Big Sur Ornithology Lab for several years. She is actively involved with Morro Coast Audubon, and leads year-round bird walks for birders of all ages.

Photos provided by Morro Coast Audubon Society

March 18 at 10 AM

**SPRING PLANT SALE
FUNDRAISER**

MEMBERS ONLY – Friday, March 17, 10 AM-1 PM
and Saturday, March 18, 9 AM-10 AM

Open to the Public – Saturday, March 18, 10 AM-1 PM

From drought, to shade, to sun, we have loads of 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.



Photos by Walter Siegmund and Ron Kindig

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

January 3, 2017 - 11 AM

February 7, 2017 - 11 AM

March 7, 2017 - 11 AM

April 4, 2017 - 11 AM

May 2, 2017 - 11 AM

Photos by Ron Kindig



WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR GARDEN GIFTS

by Lindsey Collinsworth, Education Director

A generous outpouring of support was an inspiring way to close 2016. The Garden celebrated its most successful plant sale in fall, 2016! Hundreds of people bought beautiful drought-tolerant plants by the wheelbarrow full. We hope you save the date for the spring plant sale taking place March 18, 2017.



The Garden has been so lucky to receive several amazing donations to our ever-growing Fire Safe Demonstration Landscape. A unique and beautiful sculpture by artist Ron Roundy was donated and installed on the hillside near the new Dragon Trees.



A stunning (and heavy) stone bench was also generously donated to the Garden, and is now nestled under a sycamore tree along the walkway by the Fire Safe Garden. Thank you Garden Temple and Greener

Environments for your donation and help installing this beautiful bench.

Stones were donated by CalPortland to complete the walkway parallel to Dairy Creek Road, and two new benches were donated to the Garden and are located along the Fire Safe walkway.

To top it all off, the Garden received a generous grant from Phillips 66 for the continued growth and maintenance of the Fire Safe Garden. This area will be a beautiful inspiration for drought-tolerant and fire safe landscaping for generations.

Photos by Eve Vigil

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