



San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden

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Upcoming Events

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9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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Plant Sale Fundraiser
10 AM - 1 PM

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Wines of the Times: Sustainable Vintners Saturday at the Garden - February 8, 1 PM - 3 PM

The wine county of the Central Coast is world-renown, but what are vintners doing to sustain the community and environment?

Join us at the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden on February 8, from 1 PM – 2 PM to learn how “SIP Certification” moves beyond wines labeled as “green” or “organic” to encompass wines that build community between vineyards, workers and the land. The Sustainability in Practice Certification program, otherwise known as SIP, is a voluntary certification for winegrape growers. This rigorous program not only addresses environmental issues such as water quality, soil conservation and energy efficiency but it also looks at the financial side of farming and how farm workers are treated.

Beth Vukmanic Lopez graduated from Cal Poly with a Bachelors of Science in Agribusiness, Marketing concentration and minor in Music. Beth joined the Vineyard Team in July 2009 and has thoroughly enjoyed overseeing the development and growth of the SIP Certification program.

Presentation is \$5 for members/\$10 non-members. Followed at 2 PM by a free docent-led tour of the Garden. For more information visit www.slobg.org/wine.

Cool Kids in the Garden: Eating Acorns! Kid's Saturday at the Garden - February 1, 1 PM - 3 PM

Birds and squirrels eat acorns, but so do many people from around the world! Acorns are a highly nutritious food source that seems to fall from the sky. Join us and learn what you can do with it. Come to the next Children's Garden event on February 1, from 1-3 PM as we learn all about the wonderful acorn. We'll dissect, plant, prepare, and cook this abundant treat!

Activity is \$5 donation per family. No registration required. For more information visit www.slobg.org/acorn.



Photo by Randi Hausken

Special Botanist Presentation!
Gardening From the Ground Up
Sunday, February 23, 11 AM - 12 PM
Marlene Simon, UC Davis Botanical Conservatory

Photo by Marlene Simon



Join Marlene Simon, staff horticulturalist from the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory at this interactive presentation on all things Mediterranean gardening. Starting with the ever-important soil, touching upon plant hormones and

ending up with an exploration of unique drought tolerant plants for the Mediterranean garden, this talk will help your garden thrive! Be prepared to ask questions and peruse her collection of UCD Conservatory plants available for sale.

Marlene Simon received a degree from UC Davis in Environmental Horticulture. Now as staff horticulturalist at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory, she is living her dream of working with the world's most unique plants. She also shares her love of gardening every other weekend on 'Good Day Sacramento' answering viewer questions as the 'Plant Lady'.

Presentation is \$5 for members/\$10 non-members. For more information visit www.slobg.org/plant-lady.

Special Guest Speaker!
POOP: Everybody Does It
Monday, March 10, 6 PM - 7:30 PM
Alhy Mueller, Earthly Delights Nursery

Photo by Malene Thyssen



Join Alhy Mueller owner of Earthly Delights Nursery in Nipomo, as she presents the not-so-taboo topic of "POOP: The Process of Elimination." Discover the benefits of all

different types of manure for the garden, and its role in the garden's natural ecosystem. This humorous and informative presentation offers interesting trivia and facts about this important and often ignored gardening element. Alhy will also focus on the earthworm and how this unassuming invertebrate processes our trash and turns it into gardening treasure.

Mueller opened Earthly Delights Nursery in Nipomo to offer residents alternatives to run-of-the-mill landscape

fare offered by most retail nurseries. Mueller runs the nursery as a one-woman-show and has created a casual, relaxing environment, complete with resident free-range chickens, nursery cats, repurposed antiques, and yard art that add to the fun, family-oriented atmosphere.

Presentation is \$5 for members/\$10 non-members. For more information visit www.slobg.org/poop.

Special Guest Speaker!
Edible & Medicinal Plants of SLO
Tuesday, March 18, 6 PM - 7:30 PM
Tellur Fenner, Blue Wind Botanical Medicine Clinic

Photo by Tellur Fenner



During this fascinating talk we will explore a number of the more common (and lesser known) native/non-native plants found growing throughout the Central Coast, with a focus on historical as well as modern use. Topics to be covered include: botany/ plant I.D, plant family characteristics, ethical harvesting/processing/preparation methods,

edible/medicinal uses, botanical safety issues, and more! This introductory class will prove insightful and rewarding for anyone interested in knowing more about the unique flora of the region.

Tellur Fenner is a clinical herbalist/educator and has traveled extensively throughout the US while studying, collecting, teaching, and using plant medicines from all the major bioregions. Tellur is the owner/director of the Blue Wind Botanical Medicine Clinic and Education Center located in Oakland, CA.

Presentation is \$5 for members/\$10 non-members. For more information visit www.slobg.org/herbal.

Welcome Aboard!
Jazmyn Strickland – Development Manager



Jazmyn Strickland joined the Garden's staff in January as the part-time development manager. She was raised in Bakersfield and came to the Central Coast as a Cal Poly student where she studied agriculture business with a concentration in marketing. She fell in love with the Central Coast and stayed. She is enthusiastic and passionate about people and the Garden's mission. Jazmyn will lead the Garden's fundraising efforts.

Special Workshop! Pine Needle Basket Weaving Saturday, March 22, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM Elizabeth Bear, *Fabric Artist*

Photo by Elizabeth Bear



*“A basket reflects the person who makes it... There’s no machine that can make a basket”
- Elizabeth Bear.*

Join us at the SLO Botanical Garden as we explore the ancient art of pine needle basket weaving in the Oak Glen Pavilion.

Artist Elizabeth Bear will guide attendees through the process of creating beautiful, fragrant and sustainable pieces of artwork at this intimate workshop.

Just bring sharp scissors, imagination and a bagged lunch, as Ms. Bear provides all materials and her masterful insight. Each participant will make their own basket and start a second basket to work on at home. Workshop also includes a lecture on sustainable harvesting and tree kindness.

Workshop is \$95 for members / \$120 for non-members. Limited class size. For more information visit www.slobg.org/weaving. To register call 541.1400x304.

It’s Time to GROW Spring Fundraising Plant Sale Saturday, March 29, 10 AM - 1 PM

Photo by Eve Vigil



It’s time to get ready for some serious gardening, which means it’s time for our annual **Spring Fundraising Plant Sale** on Saturday, March 29, from 10 AM to 1 PM (Garden members are welcome to join us at 9 AM, a full hour ahead of the general public). All plants will be tax free to the general public and Garden members will receive an additional 15% off!

Join us “behind-the-scenes” at our Greenhouse facilities where an incredible selection of plants grown by our propagation volunteers will be available for purchase. We’ll have volunteers on hand to help you make the best selection for your home garden.

Pick up a free cup of coffee and bake sale treat then stop by the on-site Eve’s Garden Shop to check out the selection. When your cart is full our volunteers will ring up your purchases and take you on a ride back down to the parking lot, a fun ending to a fabulous event!

For more information visit www.slobg.org/sale.

Plant of the Season Resists Fires!

by Ron Kindig, *Volunteer*

Wildfires are a fact of life in California. Throughout history they typically have been started by lightning. Now, more are started by people, either deliberately or through carelessness.

Many of our Garden’s plants have some resistance to wildfires. Some plants re-sprout from what’s left after a fire passes, some slow the fire’s advance or catch flying embers. The African daisy (*Arctotis*) is a good example. It is not too high (about 1 foot), creating a beautiful fire-resistant ground cover. A little summer water improves its resistance.

Arctotis acaulis ‘Magenta’ was chosen for the Garden’s *128 of Our Best 2014*, which includes plant photos, descriptions, and uses of 128 of the Garden’s best plants for the landscape. This book will be available soon in Eve’s Garden Shop. Find out more about our plants at our website at www.slobg.org/what-we-grow.



Arctotis comes in many colorful cultivars. Look for it and many other stunning plants at the Garden’s semi-annual Plant Sale, **Saturday March 29**.



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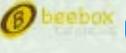
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Edible Landscaping with Master Gardeners Saturday at the Garden - March 8, 1 PM to 3 PM

Many yards are spatially challenged and cannot afford the space for a separate vegetable garden and orchard. Edible landscapes have been used successfully for centuries as a way to take advantage of the beauty of edible plants by incorporating them into more traditional landscapes. Join us at the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden on March 8, from 1 PM – 2 PM as Master Gardeners Ron and Jutta present ways to combine form and function in your yard by using food plants as stunning design features.

Ron Whisenand is an avid gardener who developed his passion for beautiful landscapes as a child from his gardening parents. Ron retired from environmental planning in 2011 and his desire to give back to the local community led him to become a Master Gardener in 2012.

Jutta Thoerner was born in Germany on a 100 Acre Horse and Hay Farm. Jutta has been a Master Gardeners since 2003, and has held many positions including President. Jutta's childhood passion for growing and preserving her own food lead her to operate a 100 acre walnut farm in Paso Robles.

Presentation is \$5 for members/\$10 non-members. Followed at 2 PM by a free docent-led tour of the Garden. For more info visit www.slobg.org/edible.

Cool Kids in the Garden: Garden Party!

Kid's Saturday at the Garden - March 1, 1 PM to 3 PM

Join us for a hands-on learning experience for the whole family. Learn how to plant an ideal family garden! Bring home a plant of your own!

Activity is \$5 donation per family. For more information visit www.slobg.org/party. No registration required.

Other Upcoming Kids' events:

- April 27, Earth Day
- May 3, Garden Fresh Cooking
- June 23-27, Adventure Summer Camp



Photo by Neemi Vembu

Read all about these and more at www.slobg.org/events-classes.