



San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden

Our Mission is to honor and preserve our connection with nature

Upcoming Events

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1 PM to 3 PM

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ANCIENT TREES: The Bristlecone Pines with Garden educator, Ron Kindig

Saturday at the Garden - December 13, 1 PM to 3 PM

**Is it possible to fall in love with a tree?
Just stand next to a 4,000 year old living monument!**

Join us at the SLO Botanical Garden for a stunning visual presentation about the ancient and unusual Bristlecone pines. These little trees are found in only a few places on earth, and some were growing when the Great Pyramid of Egypt was being built!

Ron will share where Bristlecone Pines can be found, how to get there, and where to stay. We'll also find out how the remote and hostile environments where Bristlecone pine live contribute to their longevity. In addition, the presentation will include other colorful sites you can see nearby and a short professional video.

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/tree

Ron was a teacher, media specialist, and curriculum writer in Los Angeles City Schools for 37 years. He is one of the Garden's Docents, and he uses his photography to produce most of the Garden's educational signs. He is also the editor of the Garden's publication, "128 of Our Best."

Gingerbread House Workshop

December 6, 11 AM to 3 PM

Celebrate the Season with family bonding and gingerbread fun with our hands-on workshop. From frosted candy roofs to pretzel picket fences, creative chefs will love the endless decorating options.

Take a break from shopping and get messy in our kitchen. Each child/guardian pair will work together to design and decorate their own gingerbread house. Spread the holiday spirit by bringing home a gingerbread creation! **2-4 people can work on a gingerbread house.**

The cost is \$40 for members/per house, and \$50 for non-members/ per house. Limited class size.

Pre-register early. For more info visit www.slobg.org/gingerbread or contact education@slobg.org or 805.541.1400x304.



Photo by Muriel Frey

Water Catchment

Saturday, January 10, 1 PM - 3 PM

with Master Gardener, Tami Reece

Photo courtesy of powerhousegrowers



**Don't let the drought get you down!
Learn how you can save more water.**

Discover ways you can catch and save water for your home garden. This course will cover the collection and storage of harvested water for a residential garden. A rainwater harvesting system can collect over half-gallon of water per square foot of roof area, per inch of rainfall. Start Saving!

Tami Reece has been a UCCE Master Gardener of San Luis Obispo County for 3 years. She is also a UCCE Master food Preserver with San Luis Obispo County. Tami and her husband have 2 1/2 acres with a 400 square foot vegetable garden. They have become very interested in rain catchment systems, especially because of the drought.

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/water

Chumash Island Ecology

Saturday, January 17, 1 PM - 3 PM

with Anthropologist, Mike Glassow

Take a journey through time to the Channel Islands. What was life like for the Chumash people living there? How did they impact the local ecology of these remote islands? Discover the importance of plants and animals to the Channel Island Chumash's survival and society. Archeologist, Mike Glassow will paint a picture from prehistory based on his years of research on the Channel Islands.

Michael Glassow is an archaeologist interested in the prehistory of California, having obtained a PhD degree from UCLA. The bulk of his research has been in the Santa Barbara Channel region, studying the prehistory of the Chumash people. Beginning about 20 years ago

he has been undertaking projects on Santa Cruz Island in an effort to understand the ecological adaptations of the ancestral Island Chumash between 7,000 and 5,000 years ago.

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/chumash



Photo provided by Mike Glassow

Family Compost Day

Saturday, January 24, 1 PM - 3 PM

with Golf Course Superintendent, Josh Heptig

Did you know that Americans throw away almost half of the food they buy every year!

Learn how you can help reduce food from going to our landfills. Josh Heptig will meet us at the Dairy Creek Golf Course to teach us how composting works, how it reduces waste, and how we can easily start composting at home. Once you've composted your food, you can use that new soil to grow healthier food and flowers in your garden. PLUS! Meet worms up-close!

Donations appreciated. For more info visit slobg.org/kids.

Thank You Souza Construction Fire Safe Garden Path Work is Done!

Souza Construction Inc. has generously supported the Garden by grading the path through the Fire Safe Garden! The beautiful winding trail will connect to the Discovery Trail where you can use the human sundial, then continue over the hill to find great views of the area. Look for new plantings coming this winter and spring.



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