

# SAN LUIS OBISPO BOTANICAL GARDEN

CELEBRATING NATURE

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## SAVE THE DATE! Fall Plant Sale

October 28, 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*

### TAKE A BIRDWALK

*WITH THE MORRO COAST AUDUBON SOCIETY*

### MAKE SUCCULENT PUMPKINS

*WITH ARTIST, JAYNE DEVENCENZI*

### JOIN OUR DOCENT TRAINING

*SHARE NATURE WITH OTHERS*

### DISCOVER FAVORITE FRUITS

*WITH THE CA. RARE FRUIT GROWERS*

### BECOME A CITIZEN SCIENTIST


*WITH SCIENCE EDUCATOR, DAMON TIGHE*

### TASTE THE CHUMASH KITCHEN

*WITH VIOLET CAVANAUGH & JEANETTE ACOSTA*



## Special Fall Programs!



**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
share nature with others!

### Become a Garden Docent!

Every year we welcome hundreds of students and visitors to tour and learn in the Garden, *and we need your help*. Share your interest in the outdoors with others and learn how to lead tours at the Garden!

Join our Children's Docent Training Program, four Wednesday mornings, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, and 10/18 2017, from 9:30am to 11:30am to learn how to open minds to natural wonders!

Materials fee \$20. Registration required.  
For more information visit [slobg.org/docent](http://slobg.org/docent).

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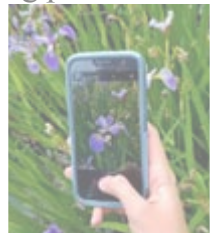
### Be a Citizen Scientist with iNaturalist

**Collect scientific data while enjoying your outdoor excursions!**

Learn how to contribute valuable scientific data while taking pictures and having fun! Join science educator, Damon Tighe, on **Sunday, October 22 from 2pm to 4pm** to learn and practice collecting and sharing data (nature photos).

Suggested donation \$5 Garden members / \$10 public.

For more information visit [slobg.org/inaturalist](http://slobg.org/inaturalist).



September 9 at 9AM



## SPRING BIRD WALK with Eric Wier & Jessica Griffiths

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, and Western Bluebird. We'll meet near the Garden entrance. If you have binoculars please bring them; if not, loaners will be available.

Walk is \$5 for Garden members / \$10 public.

No preregistration required.

For more information visit [slobg.org/bird](http://slobg.org/bird).

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

*JESSICA has been working as a field biologist with a focus on birds for over 15 years. She received her Masters at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. She currently works as a biologist for Althouse & Meade, Inc. She is also actively involved with Morro Coast Audubon Society.*



September 26, 10 AM - 12:30 PM

## SUCCULENT PUMPKIN WORKSHOP with artist, Jayne Devencenzi

Create your own unique, natural holiday decor at this hands-on workshop.

All materials are provided for this hands-on class where you will learn how to make your own succulent pumpkin. If you grow succulents and are able to bring cuttings to share, that would be great! (Please cut at least 2-3 days before the class to allow the cut to “harden or scab”).

**The class is limited to 12 participants, so sign up early.**

Workshop is \$50 Garden members / \$60 public.

Preregistry required.

For information and registration visit [slobg.org/pumpkin](http://slobg.org/pumpkin).

**Jayne Devencenzi**, jewelry designer and retired school counselor, first began gardening with her father 60+ years ago. She couldn't wait to have her own piece land so she could begin growing her own vegetables and flowers. When she and her husband moved to SLO over 40 years ago, they bought bare land just outside the city limits. They soon realized they had quite the growing challenge fending off deer, birds, bunnies and gophers! Decades later, they continue to learn how to grow plants in their drought tolerant, succulent filled landscape.



October 8, 1PM

## FAVORITE RARE FRUITS FOR SLO COUNTY with California Rare Fruit Growers

The Central Coast of California is known for its mellow climate and robust agriculture, but what are some unique and delicious fruits that are right for your home garden? Join us at the Garden to hear from members of the California Rare Fruit Growers (CRFG) as they share their favorite fruits and how to grow them on the central coast without a greenhouse! Enjoy refreshments and mingling with CRFG members with the presentation starting at 1:30, followed by a free docent-led tour of the garden at 2:30 PM.

Presentation is \$5 for Garden members / \$10 public / FREE for CRFG members.

No preregistration required.

For more information visit [slobg.org/fruit](http://slobg.org/fruit).



*Founded in 1968, the **California Rare Fruit Growers** (CRFG) is the largest amateur fruit-growing organization in the world. Its membership includes nationally recognized botanical gardens and noted international horticultural researchers, as well as hobbyists, commercial growers and representatives from institutions of higher learning.*



October 28 at 10 AM

**FALL PLANT SALE  
FUNDRAISER**

**MEMBERS ONLY** – Friday, October 27, 10AM-1PM  
and Saturday, October 28, 9AM-10AM

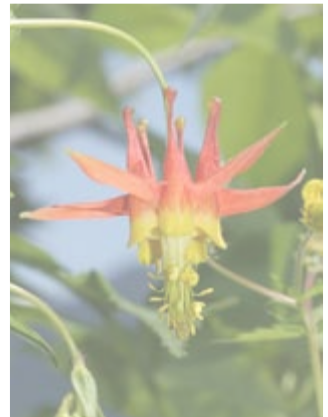
**Open to the Public** – Saturday, October 28, 10AM-1PM

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.

**All plants will be TAX-FREE and many of our  
gift shop items will be on sale.  
Garden Members also save an  
additional 10% off all purchases!**

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

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"!



October 29, 8:30 - 1 PM



## THE CHUMASH KITCHEN - ACORNS with Violet Cavanaugh and Jeanette Acosta

Fall is a time to harvest, store, and prepare for the coming winter. Join us this fall as we reconnect with the local environment, the season, and your health during the fall Chumash Kitchen offering with Chumash chefs and herbalists, Violet Cavanaugh and Jeanette Acosta. This offering will leave you nourished, connected, and grateful for the gifts of nature.

This program offers a sliding scale of \$88-\$120 per participant.

Pre-registry is **REQUIRED** for this intimate offering.

For more information visit [slobg.org/Chumash-kitchen](http://slobg.org/Chumash-kitchen).

**Jeanette Acosta** learned herbology and ethnobotany from her indigenous family. She learned about plants that grow locally, and which ones are relevant to traditional and everyday way of life as well as ethical wildcrafting. Jeanette is a certified teacher/teacher trainer and designer of permaculture principles, and specializes in maritime culture, herbalism, ethnobotany, and biodynamic principles.



**Violet Cavanaugh** is an indigenous Californian, a Chumash descendant and community leader, born and living in Avila Beach, CA. She started Native Herbs and Honey co. in 2008 and Native Café in 2014. Violet is the Vice Chairwoman of the Northern Chumash Tribe.

# CONSIDER A LEGACY WITH THE GARDEN ~BENEFICIARY GIFTS~



*“We are creating a living legacy for generations to come. Trees planted today will tower over our grandchildren.”*

- Gaby Levine, October 1997

You can sow seeds to secure the Garden’s future by designating the Garden as a beneficiary in your life insurance plan, retirement plan, brokerage accounts or any other plan with a beneficiary designation. Your gift will allow the Garden to grow and flourish as a community treasure that provides year-round blooms, education, relaxation, and recreation.

If you wish to designate the Garden as a beneficiary, please name the Friends of San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, 3450 Dairy Creek Road, San Luis Obispo, CA. Federal Tax Identification Number: 77-024682. Consult with your plan provider for a change of beneficiary form. Once you’ve completed the form, please send a copy to Debbie Hoover, Friends of San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, 3450 Dairy Creek Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405.

## Let Us Know

If you’ve already included a gift to the Friends of San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden in your will or trust or designated the Garden as a beneficiary, please notify us by calling Debbie Hoover at 805.541.1400 x300.

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