

May is Santa Barbara Public Gardens Appreciation Month

GET INSPIRED!

Garden Talks: 10 Free Lectures by some of the City's most notable experts.

Growing Together & Building Community—The Genesis of the Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden

Wed, May 1, 7pm, Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina Street

Presented by the Santa Barbara County Horticultural Society
Landscape Architect Puck Erickson will share the journey and lessons learned when an enthusiastic and somewhat naïve group of volunteers embraced the idea of planning and developing a botanic garden in the Santa Ynez Valley five years ago.

Edible Landscapes

Sat, May 4, 10am-12pm, Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina Street

Presented by the UCCE Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County
Transform your landscaping into one which is sustainable and provides you with fresh, healthy produce, fruit and herbs year round. Master Gardeners Diane Galvan, Laurel Lyle and Karen McConaghy will speak on designing your edible landscape plan, planting, maintaining, harvesting and storing your Edible Landscape.

Santa Barbara's Extraordinary Cultural Landscape: People, Plants, Parks & Gardens

Thur, May 9, 7pm, Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara Public Library

Susan Chamberlin, Virginia Hayes
Learn the story behind Santa Barbara's rich horticultural history. Landscape historian and author Susan Chamberlin will share how cultural context and water, or the lack of it, shaped Santa Barbara's unique landscape over the years. Virginia Hayes, Curator of Ganna Walska Lotusland and author, will talk about influential horticulturists and the plants they introduced to the Santa Barbara area.

Fabulous Herbs for Flavorful Food & Composting Simply Done

Sat, May 11, 10am-12:30pm, Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina Street

Presented by the UCCE Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County

Join Master Gardeners Steven Lewis and Katy Renner for an informative talk on preparing and selecting plants for your herb garden, unusual herbs, and tips for growing, harvesting, cooking and baking with your herbs. Learn simple steps for preparing your compost, how to incorporate compost into your garden bed preparation and some composting tips for culinary herb gardens.

Firescape Garden Tour

Sat, May 11, 1pm, 2411 Stanwood Drive/Route 192, corner of Mission Ridge Road. (Parking is allowed in the grass/dirt lot; do not park at the Fire Station)

Presented by City of Santa Barbara Water Conservation Program and City Fire Department

Join Jennifer Voss of Gardefacts Landscape Design and Care, and award-winning landscape designer Arianna Jansma for a tour of this firewise and water-wise garden. Learn how you can incorporate smart, beautiful firewise landscaping into your garden.

For more information on all activities visit www.sbpublicgardens.org



Growing Roses in Santa Barbara— The Good, Bad & Beautiful!

Tue, May 14, 7pm, Chase Palm Park Center, 236 E. Cabrillo Blvd

Presented by Dan Bifano and the Santa Barbara Rose Society

Everything you want and need to know about growing beautiful roses in Santa Barbara from noted rosarian Dan Bifano. Learn why Santa Barbara is the perfect place to grow roses, what locations are best for growing roses in your garden, proper preparation of a rose garden, organic rose gardening, and design tips such as height and bloom repeat.

How to Save Water and Have an Ocean-Friendly Front Yard

Sat, May 18, 10am-12pm, Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina Street

Presented by City of Santa Barbara Water Conservation Program and Parks & Recreation Department

Professionals will walk you through 3 gardens showcasing different approaches to water wise landscaping which can be incorporated into any front yard. The Water Wise Garden replaces turf with a diverse selection of water wise plants to add dimension and color to a front yard. The Subsurface Irrigation Lawn demonstrates how turf can be more efficiently watered with an irrigation system that delivers water right to the roots, significantly reducing evaporation and runoff. The Ocean-Friendly Garden converted turfgrass to a native rain garden that receives water from a re-directed downspout.

The Trees of Santa Barbara: A Global Collection

Wed, May 22, 7pm, Chase Palm Park Center, 236 E. Cabrillo Blvd, Santa Barbara

Bob Muller, presented by the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

Gain a greater appreciation of the variety, origin, and horticultural aesthetics of the trees of Santa Barbara's urban forest. Noted author and Director of Research at Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Bob Muller, will talk about the trees of Santa Barbara's streets and parks—a legacy from the several plantmen who contributed so much to the horticultural ambience of our community.

Seeing Alice Through a Designer's Eye

Thur, May 23, 7:00pm, Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara Public Library

Grant Castleberg and Billy Goodnick, presented by the City of Santa Barbara Parks & Recreation Department

Become a better garden designer by learning the fundamental visual concepts behind Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden, the jewel in the crown of Santa Barbara's park system. Grant Castleberg, noted Landscape Architect who designed the park in 1976, will be joined by author and Landscape Architect Billy Goodnick for an evening of "Alice." Grant will share some of Alice's history and original design concepts and Billy will take you on a slide tour of Alice's most beautiful planting combinations. Learn the how and why of Alice's magic so you can take these ideas home to your own garden.

Backyard Beekeeping & the Amazing Honeybee

Sat, May 25, 10am-12pm, Louise Lowry Davis Center

Presented by the UCCE Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County

Join avid gardeners and beekeepers Barbara Hughes and Kathy Southard to learn about the history of beekeeping, the life of the honey bee, plants that bees love, and how to get started in beekeeping.

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Santa Barbara Public Gardens Partnership is a county-wide collaboration whose mission is to promote awareness of our unique and inspiring public gardens, celebrate their beauty and benefits, and encourage their year-round enjoyment by visitors and residents of the Santa Barbara community.



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