



# the review

UC DAVIS ARBORETUM AND PUBLIC GARDEN

Nursery and Propagation student intern propagates *Salvia microphylla* 'San Carlos Festival', San Carlos Festival sage. (Learn more on page 2.)

## Fall PLANT SALES

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## ON CAMPUS AND AT HOME WEATHERING THE DROUGHT

### OVER THE PAST YEAR THE UC DAVIS ARBORETUM AND PUBLIC GARDEN HAS MANAGED TO CUT BACK LANDSCAPE WATER USE ACROSS CAMPUS BY OVER 30% FROM 2013

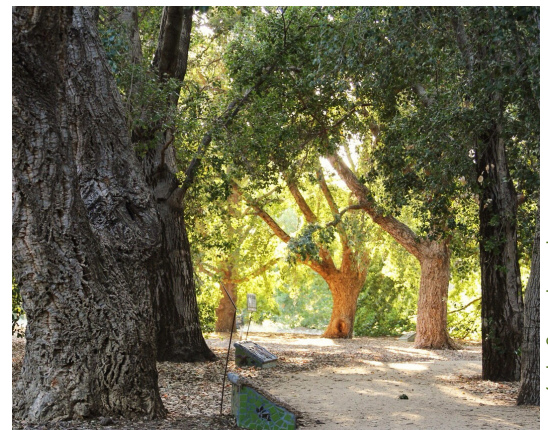
—that is already well above Governor Brown's recent 25% water reduction mandate. We are proud of this accomplishment, but we are not planning to stop there. We will continue to seek reductions throughout campus and the Arboretum. In this feature we will give you an insider's look at how we've managed this decrease to date, changes you'll notice in the near future, and how we are planning for a low-water future which will hopefully give you ideas for how you can do the same.

### TARGETED TREE CARE

The benefits of trees are many: they help prevent carbon from being released into the atmosphere, they provide shade, fight erosion, and so much more, but when we reduce water to our lawns that can mean we inadvertently stress the trees living there too.

To help alleviate this pressure and maintain tree health we have installed over two hundred slow-release watering bags on young trees throughout campus. Each one of these bags is filled manually from our campus water truck about once a week with approximately 10-15 gallons of water which then seeps slowly from small holes in the bottom of the bag into the surrounding soil. This action not only targets young tree roots, it also reduces water run-off and evaporation. Each one of these bags saves about 1000 gallons of water a year per tree.

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The best way to irrigate trees during a drought is to apply water less frequently, but more deeply. We keep our world-famous oak collection (seen above) healthy by providing the root zone with a slow, steady soak about twice a month. This method allows the water to penetrate the soil deeply—there it does not evaporate as quickly and remains available to the roots for longer.



Groundskeeper Willie Hernandez fills a slow-release watering bag called a "SaplingSoaker" from a campus water truck. These bags provide our smaller campus trees with targeted protection from the drought while helping prevent run-off and water loss due to evaporation.

## LEARNING BY LEADING

At the center of the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden's internship program is the fundamental premise that students learn best by leading. Here is a recap of how our 2014-15 "Learning by Leading" program added richness to our landscapes, improved our outreach efforts, and leveraged staff resources.



### SUSTAINABLE GARDENING STUDENTS

A team of six Sustainable Gardening Interns were critical to establishing our newest gardens at the Arboretum's West End Initiative Zone. Mentored by GATEways Horticulturist Ryan Deering, the students gained real-world training as California's historic drought places additional pressures on our landscapes. Working as a team to plant natives and Arboretum All-Stars, install and monitor irrigation, and design pollinator habitats, these students developed invaluable skills in water conservation and environmental design.



### NURSERY AND PROPAGATION STUDENTS

Students in the Arboretum Teaching Nursery were instrumental to this year's record-breaking plant sales. Nursery Manager, Taylor Lewis, mentored 13 interns and three student employees. Together, they grew over 6,000 low-water use plants for the sales, and helped to keep operations running smoothly for our many volunteer teams, planting projects, and plant sale preparations.

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## WEATHERING THE DROUGHT

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For mature trees, like in our oak grove (see photo top right on page 1), we apply water less frequently, but more deeply. During dry months, arborists recommend watering to a depth of three feet.

To assist in this effort, the California Center for Urban Horticulture at UC Davis has developed instructions for how to purchase, assemble and deploy a unique watering device called the tree ring irrigation contraction (TRIC). For more information on gathering the materials necessary to create this device and the process for assembling it, visit <http://bit.ly/tric-your-tree>.

### IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS

While most of our main campus landscape irrigation is part of a high-efficiency computerized system, there are still some areas, mostly in the central part of the Arboretum, that require hand watering during the day with hoses and/or spray irrigation. Not only is this method labor intensive—it requires staff who can start, stop, and move it—it's also inefficient because it often results in overspray and wet guests!

We do have plans to install new irrigation systems in these areas as funding becomes available, however, since installing systems from scratch is very expensive, it will need to be phased in over many years. In the meantime, the university is investing in more efficient, but temporary irrigation systems. These temporary systems will be set up this summer and allow for automated, more precise nighttime watering. As permanent systems are funded and installed, the temporary systems will be removed.

### LAWNS

Thanks to the high-efficiency, computerized system that controls watering on most of campus, we can easily target turf for irrigation reductions. Some lawns will even be allowed to go dormant through the summer. However, lawns with high-event use uses like the Quad and fields used for athletics or student recreation will continue to be maintained.

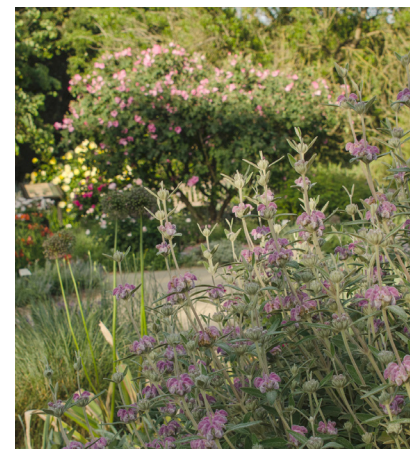
We have also identified lawns for full-scale landscape conversions. Look for this change on the median near the Mondavi Center for Performing Arts. While the trees in the lawn will be maintained, the turf will be replaced with Arboretum All-Stars, California natives, and other regionally-appropriate plants.

### REGIONALLY-APPROPRIATE PLANTS

When given the option, planting in fall is always our first choice; temperatures are dropping, but the soil is still warm. Those are ideal conditions for root development, plus, with any luck from Mother Nature, seasonal rains should be right around the corner. Plan your new drought-tolerant garden over the summer and visit our plant sales in the fall for a great selection of regionally-appropriate, low-water plants such as Arboretum All-Stars and California natives.



Look for signs like these throughout campus to identify areas that we targeted for a range of lawn conversions.



You will see low-water, regionally-appropriate plants like Arboretum All-Stars and California natives used throughout the Arboretum and on campus. Our Ruth Risdon Storer Garden (shown above) is a great demonstration garden to seek inspiration!

## STAFF LEADERS AWARDED

Two staff leaders from the Arboretum and Public Garden were honored for their outstanding achievement in furthering equal opportunity and diversity objectives within the UC Davis community. The Soaring to New Heights Awards celebrate leaders whose work epitomizes the UC Davis Principles of Community.



Cary Avery, Associate Director for our Grounds and Landscape Services division, received a Disability Awareness Award for his efforts to accommodate employees with injuries or disabilities. After working with Cary on multiple occasions, Fredna Karnegas, manager from UC Davis Disability Management Services, nominated him for his willingness to make adjustments on behalf of his employees so they could remain in jobs they enjoy. Cary has been a UC Davis employee for almost 30 years and is widely recognized on campus as an exceptional supervisor and mentor.

Elaine Fingerett, Academic Coordinator, received an Individual Award for creating an inclusive, welcoming campus environment through the UC Davis GATEways Initiative's free public programs. These programs draw thousands of non-traditional learners to campus where they can engage with the rich academic resources of UC Davis while celebrating the nature and culture of Arboretum collections and learning landscapes.

## PINKERTON PRIZE AWARDED

We are delighted to honor Alex Stubblefield and Kiely Doherty, two remarkable student leaders, with this year's Pinkerton Prize Endowment for Outstanding Student Contributions. This award, created by Deborah Pinkerton, a former environmental education employee with the Arboretum, and husband Bret Hewitt, honors our exceptional students. Both Alex and Kiely have led their teams in creating a wide array of fantastic public education programs. Alex was the first student coordinator of our new GATEways Outreach Program, in which she led a team of students and volunteers in creating Nature Discovery Drop-In Days, a new program filled with eco-friendly activities for visitors to the Arboretum GATEway Garden. Kiely, a leader in the Arboretum Ambassador environmental leadership program, inspired great enthusiasm, cooperation, and innovation among her team as they developed a broad array of public programs. Congratulations Alex and Kiely!



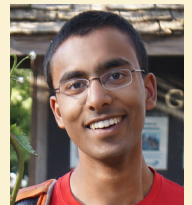
Deborah Pinkerton and Bret Hewitt (back row), along with their daughter Clare (front right), present Alex Stubblefield (front left) and Kiely Doherty their awards.

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### ARBORETUM GATEWAYS OUTREACH TEAM

Student coordinator, Alex Stubblefield (center) helped to launch a brand new education team this year—the Arboretum GATEways Outreach Program. Focused on sharing the riches of the new Arboretum GATEway Garden, UC Davis student interns, along with high school students and community volunteers, designed weekend “Nature Discovery Drop-In Days” to help engage public audiences in sustainability principles.



### GATEWAYS HORTICULTURE STUDENT STAFF

Fueled by their high degree of initiative, advanced skill sets, and leadership abilities, GATEways Horticulture student employees were crucial to the maintenance and development of our demonstration gardens throughout the Arboretum and Public Garden.

Mentored by GATEways Horticulturist Stacey Parker, Carli Hambley (left), designed and managed two community-based garden sites on campus, and spear-headed a larger team to create a pilot food recovery program from campus fields for donation to local food banks.



### ARBORETUM AMBASSADORS

This year the Arboretum Ambassadors, our 12 environmental leadership interns mentored by Academic Coordinator Elaine Fingerett, enlivened the gardens with free, family-friendly museum programs, yoga classes and musical performances. They won the UC Davis Community Service Gold Award, a President's Service Award for 1,800 hours of service, and best department float in our campus's annual Picnic Day parade.



## SNAPSHOTS: SPRING EVENTS

*Your membership in and gifts to the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden help fund these GATEways events as well as other educational and outreach programs for our community. Thank you!*

1. We held a community festival to officially dedicate our newest garden, the Arboretum GATEway Garden. At the event, attendees could tour the new landscape, participate in a variety of activities, and join in our dedication ceremony. Here volunteer Jean Telford helps welcome guests to the event.
2. Members of our Warren G. Roberts Legacy Society were honored, along with other longtime supporters of the Arboretum, at a lunch sponsored by Whole Foods Market Davis in the lovely Arboretum Terrace Garden and Lois Crowe Patio.
3. Wild Family Day, an event organized by student group Wild Campus and co-sponsored by the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden, drew hundreds of people interested in learning more about our local flora and fauna. Here a UC Davis student introduces Wild Family guests to a corn snake.
4. Dozens of students, volunteers, and staff arrived to help plant and mulch a new landscape near our Teaching Nursery. Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Dave Lawlor thanks everyone for their dedication to creating such a welcoming, beautiful, and educational campus environment.
5. "Stargazing in the White Flower Garden," an event sponsored by our Arboretum Ambassadors in partnership with the UC Davis Astronomy Club, drew a large crowd of attendees interested in magnificent views of Jupiter, Saturn, as well as a variety of stars.
6. This year Bugtopia 4.0 drew an all-ages crowd from 5 to 70 years old. Here a mother and her daughter learn how to capture and identify insects found in the Ruth Risdon Storer Garden.
7. "Yoga in the Arboretum" provides a great resource for students needing a break from their studies as well as community members that enjoy outdoor recreation. Here instructor Loshan Ostrava demonstrates a pose for her class which took place on the lawn near Putah Creek Lodge.
8. "Storytime Through the Seasons: Under the Tuscan Sun," is an all-ages event featuring the nature and culture of the Mediterranean. This year the program included young dancers in traditional costume from the Greek Church of the Annunciation in Sacramento.
9. This year's spring plant sales to support the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden broke sales and attendance records. Here a student volunteer helps a customer with his large purchase of attractive, low-water plants.
10. Our volunteers keep our gardens, collections, nursery, administrative office and more in tip-top shape. Each year we honor them at a Volunteer Appreciation Party; this year it was held at Putah Creek Lodge.

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## SUMMER 2015 GATEWAYS EVENTS

### guided tours

#### NATIVE PLANTS: HOME LANDSCAPE CHAMPIONS

Saturday, July 11, 10 am  
Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center

Are you transforming your garden to be water-thrifty? Native plants are a winning choice for beautiful low-water additions to your landscape. See examples of native plants and hear tips on when and how to plant them during this walking tour of the Mary Wattis Brown Garden.



#### SUCCULENT SURPRISES

Saturday, August 15, 10 am  
Storer Garden

Is your garden sizzling? Succulents can take the heat, even in mid-summer! See examples of succulents of all sizes in the Ruth Risdon Storer Garden and learn how to grow them in your home garden.



### all-ages programs

#### BUTTERFLIES UP CLOSE: TALK & TOUR

Sunday, September 27, 10 am  
Wyatt Deck

Join naturalist Steve Daubert in the Arboretum to explore the ecology and evolution of butterflies. Get a closer look at how the Arboretum functions as a butterfly preserve. All ages are welcome.



### music & wellness

#### FOLK MUSIC JAM SESSIONS

Fridays, July 17 & 31; August 14 & 28; Sept. 11 & 25, Noon-1 pm  
Wyatt Deck

Folk musicians bring their acoustic instruments—fiddles, guitars, banjos, mandolins, squeeze boxes, you name it—and play together informally over the lunch hour. All skill levels are welcome and listeners are invited.



### camp shakespeare sign ups

Session 1 (Ages 8-12), July 6-17  
Session 2 (Ages 8-12), July 20-31

Sign up today for the best summer camp in Davis! Join the Davis Shakespeare Ensemble for exciting theater games, acting workshops, and a special camp production. This summer campers will play pirates, clowns, and long-lost twins in one of Shakespeare's best comedies: Twelfth Night.



Camps run Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm with options for early drop-off and late pick-up. For more details and online enrollment, visit [www.shakespearedavis.com](http://www.shakespearedavis.com).

### MEMBER SURVEY:

## WHAT DO YOU THINK? WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

#### THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO RESPONDED TO OUR FRIENDS

**MEMBER SURVEY!** Your willingness to share your thoughts will help us update our Friends membership program to make it even better. We loved hearing what you value about being a member and what benefits are most useful to you.

Our member survey was distributed via email in June. If filling it out is still on the "to do" list, it's not too late! Please send us your ideas – it only takes a few minutes. If you can't find the original email survey invitation please send us a note at [arboretum@ucdavis.edu](mailto:arboretum@ucdavis.edu) and we'll send you a fresh link to the survey.

Watch for news about updates to the membership program this fall, to be announced on our website and through communications directly to members. Thank you!



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The gifts will support our GATEways public education programs, including our Valley-wise gardening outreach, and help grow our “Learning by Leading” initiative which enables undergraduate students to develop educational programs for underserved children and families.

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Dear Friends,

As the drought continues, we have been working diligently to decrease landscape water use on campus and are proud of the results we've achieved so far (see page 1). Learn the ways we are reducing irrigation while saving our important tree canopy and maintaining beautiful, drought-tolerant landscapes. We hope you'll be inspired to continue making water-saving changes at home and visit our plant sales this fall for our wide selection of plants that look great with less water. Purchases at our plant sales support the Friends and all our sustainable gardening programs.

Our members, volunteers and donors continue to provide the backbone of our organization with their support. We were pleased to have the opportunity to thank our Warren G. Roberts Arboretum Legacy Society members, new dedication donors and Sequoia Circle-level members at the Terrace Garden and Lois Crowe Patio and honor our stellar volunteers with a delicious ice cream social this spring (see page 4). And a huge thank you goes out to all who supported us during the "Big Day of Giving" (see page 7).

We are always looking for ways to improve our membership program. I hope all of you will participate in the member survey from the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden (see page 5). With your feedback, our membership program will keep improving.

As school ends, we like to recap the amazing work of our Learning by Leading students (see page 2). These student leaders make amazing contributions through landscape and nursery projects and environmental programming. We were thrilled to honor two of these exceptional students with the Pinkerton Prize for Outstanding Student Contributions (see page 3). Not only have our students excelled this year, we have two staff members who were recognized by campus for their achievement in the area of diversity and inclusion (also on page 3). You all make us proud!

We hope you have a wonderful summer. Please enjoy the gardens and join us for more GATEways Programs (see page 5).

Best wishes,

*Kathleen*