



the review

UC DAVIS ARBORETUM AND PUBLIC GARDEN

This landscape, located just west of the parking lot near Mrak Hall, offers a beautiful mix of low-water, easy-care plants that bloom at different times of the year.

Fall PLANT SALES

Arboretum Teaching Nursery
Garrod Drive, UC Davis
arboretum.ucdavis.edu

Saturday, October 1
9 - 11 AM
MEMBERS ONLY

11 AM - 1 PM
PUBLIC SALE

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9 AM - 1 PM
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Saturday, November 5
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LIFE AFTER LAWN

MIX AND MATCH PLANTINGS FOR INTEREST AND EASY CARE

Ellen Zagory, Director of Public Horticulture and Katie Hetrick, Director of Marketing and Communications

You may have noticed new and unique landscapes (like the one seen above) driving around campus or parking your car. They are sprouting up near the Arboretum, but outside its traditional boundaries; these gardens are the culmination of multiple years of working with low-water, easy-care, regionally-appropriate plants that perform well given our soil, climate and water type. Created by GATEways Horticulturist Ryan Deering along with our campus landscape architects, Sustainable Horticulture Learning by Leading students, talented volunteers, and accomplished Grounds and Landscape Services staff, these landscapes demonstrate the craft of designing interesting landscapes from a relatively short list of ornamental plants combined in different ways to create dramatic displays.

Within the Arboretum, the thematic classifications of our gardens and collections limit the variety of what we can plant together; we don't usually have the freedom to demonstrate the particular combinations featured in these new landscapes. For example, we have gardens that are all Arboretum All-Stars, all California natives, all plants native only to Australia and New Zealand ... the list goes on. So think of these new gardens as demonstration areas of sustainable plantings without preset restrictions.

You'll find bunchgrasses, succulents and colorful flowering perennials that you've probably seen elsewhere in the Arboretum, but not necessarily together. These landscapes are another example of how you can create attractive, sustainable alternatives to high-water, low-environmental-value turf. They will not only command year-round interest, these plants are considered "one and done" — a



West of Mrak Hall and the King Law School parking lot lies a mass of yellow Cape balsam which backlights the sculptural octopus agave (front left) against a background of California brittlebush, gaura, deer grass and germander sage. See more of this landscape in the photo above.

term Ryan has coined to mean that they only require once-a-year maintenance.

So, when you are looking for easy inspiration, venture just outside the Arboretum and enjoy these landscapes throughout the year. You will see them pop in early spring when waves of purple penstemon contrast against bright orange poppies, then note the gradual shift to summer-blooming fuchsias, fall-blooming sages, and winter-blooming poker plants. In these landscapes you will find larger masses of fewer plants studded with architectural elements like *Agave* and unexpected focal points of color — plants Ryan calls "exclamation points" of the garden — like coral yucca and globes of allium. (Learn more on page 2.)

12 PLANTS TO MIX AND MATCH

Ryan Deering, GATEways Horticulturist, has come to rely on these plants, which he includes in a wide variety of landscapes throughout campus. Combined with other selections mentioned in the previous article, these provide a great foundation for that Central Valley gardening sweet spot — plants that are low-water, pollinator-friendly, and provide year-round color.

PUTAH CREEK LODGE PARKING LOT

LIFE AFTER LAWN

MIX AND MATCH PLANTINGS FOR INTEREST AND EASY CARE (CON'T)

Surrounding the Putah Creek Lodge parking lot, northeast of our Arboretum Teaching Nursery (see photo above), is a great new planting that not only supports butterflies and native bee species, its grass-filled swales help filter storm water runoff. This large and diverse planting uses the year-round structure of pine muhly to frame the seasonal color of early-, mid- and late-season flowering perennials. Blanket flower (*Gaillardia* hybrids), California poppies (*Eschscholzia californica*), *Salvia clevelandii* and Santa Margarita Foothill Penstemon (*Penstemon heterophyllus* 'Margarita BOP') paint this garden orange and blue in spring. This splash of color is followed by yellow yarrows, (*Achillea* 'Moonshine'), dwarf lavenders and tall, waving, rounded purple flower heads of tall verbena (*Verbena bonariensis*) and elephant garlic (*Allium ampeloprasum* var. *ampeloprasum*). Long-blooming white guara (*Guara lindheimeri*) dangles delicate white-tinged pink flowers to help blend and unite the plantings through to the late season. California fuchsia and the fall bloom of autumn sage (*Salvia x jamensis*) will finish off the show when they draw the iridescent flashes of visiting hummingbirds.

South of Mrak Hall, you will find an edge of pine muhly (*Muhlenbergia dubia*), Blue Hill wood sage (*Salvia x sylvestris* 'Blauhügel') and dainty, dancing white gaura (*Guara lindheimeri*) flowers to contrast against its curvy border. What you don't see in the photo below, but what weaves its way through the middle, is a river of cheery yellow and red blanket flowers (*Gaillardia* hybrid). As summer comes, this bed will mimic the warmth of the season as California fuchsia (*Epilobium canum*) emerges with its bright, orange-red blooms.



SANTA MARGARITA FOOTHILL PENSTEMON
Penstemon heterophyllus
'Margarita BOP'



CALIFORNIA POPPY
Eschscholzia californica



CAPE BALSAM
Bulbine frutescens



AUTUMN SAGE
Salvia x jamensis
(many cultivars used)



BLUE HILL WOOD SAGE
Salvia x sylvestris
'Blauhügel'



DESERT MARIGOLD
Baileya multiradiata



PINE MUHLY
Muhlenbergia dubia
(aka Mexican deergrass)



WHITE GAURA
Guara lindheimeri



BLANKET FLOWER
Gaillardia



GERMANDER SAGE
Salvia chamaedryoides



TALL VERBENA
Verbena bonariensis



YARROW
Achillea 'Moonshine'

MRAK HALL CIRCLE



Monica Chan, Aggie

SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE

This team of eight interns, led by students Kathy Guertze and Nguyen Nguyen, gained real-world training as they converted little-used lawns near the library and Everson Hall to sustainable landscapes. They created the designs, presented their plans, renovated the irrigation systems, planted and cared for the plants, and managed local media attention.

ARBORETUM AMBASSADORS

These 11 environmental leadership interns, led by students Sukhi Brar and Lauren Bradt, enlivened the gardens with free, family-friendly museum education programs, a comedy improv workshop, a brand new Arboretum Photo Scavenger Hunt, and more! (Find their photo and learn more about their recent award from President Obama on page 4.)



HABITAT RESTORATION AND NATURALIZED LANDS MANAGEMENT

This group of students played a key role in a number of landscape conversions and habitat enhancement projects. Led by Katie Pierce and Naftali Moed, they worked to plant over a thousand native trees, shrubs and grasses throughout the west side of campus and the Arboretum. (Photo: Here this team learns about pollinator-friendly plants from Horticulturist Ellen Zagory.)

EDIBLE LANDSCAPING

Nine interns, led by students Carli Hambley and Natalie Dean, developed and maintained three edible gardens and a greenhouse growing location on campus. They also raised funds to support their program by selling student-grown edible seedlings and participated in multiple outreach events where they promoted sustainable edible gardening.

LEARNING BY LEADING PROGRAM UPDATE

We believe that students learn best by leading. As a member, your support of our organization this year helped us provide internships to over 80 students who participated in our Learning by Leading Program. Here is a recap of how these students added richness to our landscapes, improved our outreach efforts, and leveraged staff resources.



NURSERY MANAGEMENT AND PLANT PROPAGATION

Students in the Arboretum Teaching Nursery were once again instrumental to the success of this year's plant sales. Dozens of interns and three student employees, together with our community volunteers, grew over 6,000 low-water plants for the sales, and helped to keep operations running smoothly for our many volunteer teams and campus planting projects.



SEE (STEWARD, ENGAGE, EXPLORE) PUTAH CREEK

A new addition to the Learning by Leading Program, the goal of this internship is to elevate the presence of our Putah Creek Riparian Reserve. Throughout spring quarter 10 students, led by co-coordinators Mayra Pelagio and Naftali Moed, worked in teams to restore trails, plant native sedges, document natural history observations, map invasive plants using GIS, and keep the Reserve clean during the spring high-use season.



NATIVE PLANT GARDENING

These 5 students, mentored by GATEways Horticulturist Stacey Parker, learned a variety of horticultural skills specific to growing and caring for California native plants and, in doing so, helped rejuvenate our Mary Wattis Brown Garden of California Native Plants — one of the Arboretum's most important and visible demonstration gardens.



GATEWAYS OUTREACH

Led by student co-coordinators Anna Barberio, Paige Kelty, and Vivian Le, these 11 students became stewards for the Arboretum, led community engagement projects at local elementary schools, and created fun, educational programs for the public including Relaxation Day and Bugtopia.

SPRING: GATEWAYS EVENTS AND MORE

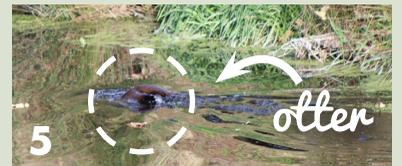


1. At our annual spring event for high-level members and donors, attendees learned more about our Learning by Leading Program and its interns. Ernie Lewis, Friends Board Vice President and GATEways Planning Council member, enjoys the opportunity to handle the tools our students use to restore riparian landscapes along Putah Creek.
2. Participants at annual Bugtopia event learn how to collect insects from student entomologists in the Arboretum's Ruth Risdon Storer Garden—a garden featuring flowering perennials and small shrubs especially suited to our Central Valley climate.
3. GATEways Outreach Program interns lead an interactive watershed demonstration for students participating in the Montgomery Elementary School Science Expo.
4. Arboretum and Public Garden staff, together with volunteers from across our programs, came together as part of an effort to replenish and restore grasses in our California Native Plant Meadow demonstration garden. This landscape will collect excess rain water from the surrounding parking lot while creating wildlife habitat for local species.
5. Learning by Leading Program intern Allyson Ayalon teaches a local Girl Scout troop about flowers and basic flower anatomy. After participating in Allyson's class, the girls were eligible to receive their botany badges.
6. Did you know that proceeds from our plant sales help fund Arboretum gardens and collections as well as our programs? Over 100 students and community members volunteer to make these fundraising events a success. Here a student and community volunteer work together to process a customer purchase.
7. Congratulations to our Arboretum Ambassadors who won a gold level Community Service Award from the UC Davis Community Service Resource Center and a gold level President's Volunteer Service Award from President Barack Obama. (Pictured left to right: Evan Steel, Darcy Bostic, Sukhi Brar, Lauren Bradt, Katilin McGee, Vivian Sieu, Gavin Pauley, Vanessa Martinez, Rosa Song, and Alex Lee. Not pictured: Kaili Brande and Tiffani To.)



ARBORETUM PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT WINNERS

From April 25 through May 9, our Arboretum Ambassadors invited the community to participate in a photo scavenger hunt. Congratulations to our winners! 1. **1st Place:** Picture with the horses/alpacas/llamas on Garrod Drive by Julia Ave. 2. **2nd Place:** Native American Contemplative Garden by Anna Otto. 3. **3rd Place:** Selfie with a group of friends in front of Lake Spafford by Sarah Wang. 4. **4th Place:** Photo from a specified angle in the Desert Collection by Grant Halstrom. 5. **Bonus:** Picture of river otters in Putah Creek by Sarah Wang. 6. **Honorable Mention:** Picture of Hyaloclastite or Pillow Lava at the Geology GATEway Garden by Julia Ave. 7. **Honorable Mention:** Eric E. Conn Acacia Grove by Sebastian Ave (age 5).



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SUMMER 2016 GATEWAYS EVENTS

garden advice

ASK A MASTER GARDENER

Sundays, September 11 & 18

10 am - Noon

Arboretum GATEway Garden

Sunday, September 25, 10 am - Noon
Arboretum Gazebo and Storer Garden

New! UC Master Gardeners will be on hand in popular areas of the Arboretum to answer your questions, share plant information and high-light sustainable gardening practices. This is an informal drop-in program, not a guided tour. Please stop by to ask and explore with knowledgeable Master Gardeners.



guided tours

SUCCULENT SURPRISES

Saturday, September 3, 10 am
Storer Garden

Looking for striking low-water plants for your garden? Try succulents! They're easy care and come in all shapes and sizes. See examples in our Ruth Risdon Storer Garden and learn how to grow them.



WALK WITH WARREN

Wednesday, September 14, 12 pm
Arboretum Gazebo

Join Warren Roberts, the Superintendent Emeritus of the Arboretum, famous storyteller and punster, for an always engaging noontime exploration of spring in the UC Davis Arboretum's gardens and collections.



all-ages programs

BUTTERFLIES, MOTHS AND MORE: TALK & TOUR

Sunday, September 18, 10 am
Wyatt Deck

Join entomologist Joel Hernandez to explore the amazing diversity of butterflies and moths both near and far. All ages are welcome.

music & wellness

FOLK MUSIC JAM SESSIONS

Fridays, July 1, 15 & 29; August 12 & 26;

Sept. 9 & 23, Noon - 1 pm

Wyatt Deck

Folk musicians bring their acoustic instruments and play together informally over the lunch hour. All skill levels are welcome and listeners are invited.

camp shakespeare sign ups

Summer of Heroes Ages 8-12

Session 1: July 11 - July 22, 9 am - 3 pm

Session 2: July 25 - August 5, 9 am - 3 pm

Shields Oak Grove

Campers will take on some of the greatest heroes in Shakespeare & beyond. Through theater games and acting workshops campers will explore classic characters on heroic journeys!

Teen Camp Ages 13-18

July 25 - August 5, 9 am - 3 pm

Shields Oak Grove (July 25 - 29)

Location TBA (August 1 - 5)

This camp is designed for teenagers wanting to sharpen their acting skills. Campers will also explore heroism. Camp content will include stage combat, acting workshops, movement techniques, improvisation training, and more.

More Information

Options for early drop-off and late pick-up (campers ages 8-12 only). For more details and online enrollment, visit www.shakespeareatucdavis.com.

PINKERTON PRIZE AWARDED

We are delighted to honor Anna Barberio, a remarkable student leader, with this year's Pinkerton Prize for Outstanding Student Contributions. This award, created by Deborah Pinkerton, a former environmental education employee with the Arboretum, and husband Bret Hewitt, honors exceptional students. Anna Barberio, just completing her 3rd year at UC Davis, is currently the co-coordinator of the GATEways Outreach Program. She has worked diligently with her peers to create events that are both engaging and inclusive to all generations. Her enthusiasm and dedication to the program have truly helped her develop into a great leader. Congratulations Anna!



Deborah Pinkerton and Bret Hewitt (back row), along with their daughter Clare (front left), and Outreach Coordinator Melissa Cruz (front right), present Anna Barberio (center) with her award.



Ellen Zagory receives her award from Kristin Yanker-Hansen, past president of the California Horticultural Society.

ZAGORY RECEIVES HORTICULTURE AWARD

Each year the California Horticultural Society awards someone who has made a significant contribution to horticulture in California. This year, the honor went to our own Ellen Zagory, Director of Public Horticulture, for her work on developing and promoting Arboretum All-Stars. At the annual ceremony, Ellen spoke to the group's members about her passion for creating gardens that support ecosystems and how individuals can collectively create a network of native wildlife corridors with large-scale environmental impact.

Congratulations Ellen! We are proud of your work and your innate ability to excite others about how they can positively impact the natural world around them.

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We strive to acknowledge your gifts accurately. Please notify us of any corrections.

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This day was historic for the entire Sacramento region as well, despite the technical glitches—over 570 participating non-profit organizations raised over 7 million dollars in two days!

Thank you again to the generous donors and to all of our loyal supporters who give in whichever way they can—with their time, creativity, words of encouragement, or donations.

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Dear Friends,

At the Arboretum and Public Garden, we continue to expand sustainable and drought-tolerant gardens outside the traditional boundaries of the Arboretum (see pages 1-2). These plantings are not only beautifying the campus, they are further demonstrating how choosing regionally-appropriate plants can help save water while providing habitat for our native pollinators. Get inspiration for your own drought-tolerant garden from these new campus landscapes.

We are also excited about a brand new Hummingbird GATEways Garden that we are going to be able to build, in partnership with the School of Veterinary Medicine, thanks to all our Big Day of Giving donors (see page 7). With additional help from three families contributing generous matching gifts, we were able to raise \$43,000 towards this exciting garden project. Along with these donors, we thank all our members and supporters who have joined, renewed or donated during this time. We deeply appreciate your on-going support.

We are also proud to share more about our fabulous Learning by Leading students who have just wrapped up their year with us. See page 3 to learn about the over 80 students who have learned leadership skills while addressing issues such as habitat loss, drought, food security and environmental literacy. We are very proud of how the Learning by Leading Program has grown this year and how much these students have accomplished. We also want to recognize GATEways Outreach co-coordinator Anna Barberio who was awarded the Pinkerton Prize for Outstanding Student Contributions this year (see page 5). See some of the wonderful programs she and other Learning by Leading students offered this spring (page 4). A special thank you is in order for all of you who have supported this program with personal, foundation, and corporate gifts.

The accolades don't stop there. Our own Director of Public Horticulture Ellen Zagory was recognized by the California Horticultural Society for her stellar contributions in developing and promoting the Arboretum All-Stars (see page 5). As you know, Ellen continues to educate and delight everyone with her wealth of knowledge and passion about All-Stars, California natives and pollinator-supporting plants.

We hope you'll be able to come out this summer and learn more about our wonderful plants, enjoy the gardens or participate in a GATEways program (see page 5).

Best wishes,

Kathleen