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# Growing Natives:

## Celebrating California's Beauty in Dry Times



California poppy and lilac verbena in a Campbell garden (Photo: Arvind Kumar)

-----CALENDAR LISTING:-----

**GROWING NATIVES: CELEBRATING CALIFORNIA'S BEAUTY IN DRY TIMES.** A two-day symposium on creating beautiful, water-wise gardens with California native plants. Talks/workshops by leading practitioners such as **Glenn Keator, Carol Bornstein, Phil Van Soelen, Roger Raiche, David Amme, Mike Evans, and Stephen Edwards.** Guided tours of exquisite public and private native gardens. Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Lafayette Community Center, 500 St Mary's Road, Lafayette. Sunday, March 29, 2009, at Regional Parks Botanic Garden, Wildcat Canyon Road, Berkeley. Sunday afternoon: garden visits to the **Fleming garden** in Berkeley and the **Greenberg garden** in Lafayette. Sponsored by Friends of Regional Parks Botanic Garden, California Native Plant Society, and *Pacific Horticulture*. Registration opens January 1, 2009. Members/subscribers of sponsoring organizations receive a discount on registration fees. Space limited; early registration recommended. Visit [www.nativeplants.org](http://www.nativeplants.org) or call Margot Sheffner 510-849-1627.

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A two-day symposium titled "**Growing Natives: Celebrating California's Beauty in Dry Times**" is being offered on Saturday & Sunday, March 28 & 29, 2009 in Lafayette and Berkeley. Creating beautiful water-wise gardens with California native plants is the theme of this special program aimed at professionals, home gardeners, and native plant enthusiasts.

The Saturday program at the Lafayette Community Center includes presentations on California native plants (by botanist and author **Glenn Keator**), garden design (by author **Carol Bornstein** of Santa Barbara Botanic Garden), the structure of the garden (by **Phil Van Soelen** of Cal Flora Nursery), herbaceous perennials and bulbs (by plantsman **Roger Raiche**), creating a native meadow (by **David Amme**), and connecting with the garden (by **Mike Evans** of Tree of Life Nursery). The Saturday program includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and wine reception. A selection of books will be available for purchase.

The Sunday program at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Berkeley begins with an inspiring talk by Director **Steve Edwards**, followed by a choice of guided garden walks and workshops on plants for dry gardens, aesthetic pruning, principles of irrigation, and gardening practices. After lunch in the garden, the program continues at **Native Here Nursery** with a presentation by **Charli Danielsen** and an opportunity to purchase plants. The day concludes with a visit to two spectacular private native gardens: the **Fleming garden** in Berkeley and the **Greenberg garden** in Lafayette.

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