



*Fleming garden in late summer.  
Photo: Luke Hass*

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# Growing Natives:

## Inspiring & Enduring Gardens

A two-day symposium on  
native plant gardening & design

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

**GROWING NATIVES: INSPIRING & ENDURING GARDENS.** A two-day symposium focusing on designing, installing, and maintaining native plant gardens of lasting value. *Saturday, September 17, 2011:* talks by leading practitioners **Carol Bornstein, Michael Craib, David Fross, Luke Hass,** and **Deva Luna,** and books for sale at Lafayette Community Center, 500 St Mary's Road, Lafayette. *Sunday, September 18, 2011:* workshops by **Jocelyn Cohen, Stephen Edwards, Katherine Greenberg, Don Mahoney,** and **Pete Veilleux,** guided tour and plant sales at Regional Parks Botanic Garden, Wildcat Canyon Road, Berkeley; Sunday guided tour and plant sales at Native Here Nursery, 101 Golf Course Road, Berkeley. Sponsors: California Native Plant Society, Friends of Regional Parks Botanic Garden, and *Pacific Horticulture.* Members/subscribers of sponsoring organizations receive a discount on registration fees. Space limited; early registration recommended. Support provided by: EBMUD, Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency, Contra Costa Clean Water Program, Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour. For more information and to register, visit <http://gns.cnps-scv.org>. *Earlybird registration deadline extended to August 15, 2011.*

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A two-day symposium titled "**Growing Natives: Inspiring & Enduring Gardens**" is being offered on Saturday & Sunday, September 17 & 18, 2011 in Lafayette and Berkeley. Designing, installing, and maintaining native plant gardens of lasting value is the theme of this symposium aimed at professionals, home gardeners, and native plant enthusiasts.

The Saturday program at the **Lafayette Community Center**, 500 St Mary's Road, Lafayette includes presentations on **garden design** by author Carol Bornstein, formerly of Santa Barbara Botanic Garden; **site preparation** by landscape professional Deva Luna; **sourcing native plants** by Michael Craib of Suncrest Nurseries; **case study of a 40-year-old native plant garden** by landscape professional Luke Hass; **maintenance tips** by nurseryman and author David Fross; and a **panel discussion and Q&A.** The Saturday program includes a continental breakfast and lunch. A selection of books will be available for purchase.

The Sunday program at the **Regional Parks Botanic Garden**, Wildcat Canyon Road, Berkeley offers five concurrent workshops over two time slots: **container gardening** by Pete Veilleux, **wildlife gardening** by Don Mahoney, **plants for dry shade** by Katherine Greenberg, **rockeries in native plant gardens** by Stephen Edwards, and **aesthetic pruning** by Jocelyn Cohen. Participants are invited to bring a picnic lunch, and stay for afternoon plant sales and docented tours at two locations: **Regional Parks Botanic Garden** as well as **Native Here Nursery**, 101 Golf Course Road, Berkeley.

The symposium is sponsored by **California Native Plant Society** ([cnps.org](http://cnps.org)), **Friends of Regional Parks Botanic Garden** ([nativeplants.org](http://nativeplants.org)), and **Pacific Horticulture** ([pacifichorticulture.org](http://pacifichorticulture.org)). Members and subscribers of the sponsoring organizations receive a discount on registration fees. Support is provided by EBMUD, Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency, Contra Costa Clean Water Program, and Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour. Space is limited and early registration is recommended. For more information and to register, visit <http://gns.cnps-scv.org>. *Earlybird registration deadline extended to August 15, 2011.*