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SHORT LENGTH

GROWING NATIVES GARDEN TOUR ON APRIL 1 & 2, 2023

Growing Natives Garden Tour in the Santa Clara Valley and southern San Mateo county will be held on April 1 and 2, 2023 from 10 am to 4 pm each day. Our tour is free as always, but online registration is required to access maps and receive late-breaking information at gngt.org.

Southern area gardens are open on Saturday, April 1. Northern area gardens are open on Sunday, April 2. Masks may be required even outdoors in some gardens. More information and all the links to attend or volunteer are at gngt.org.

MEDIUM LENGTH

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In 2023, Growing Natives Garden Tour will once again offer in-person tours from 10 am to 4 pm on April 1 and 2. Our tour is free as always, but online registration is required to access maps and receive late-breaking information at gngt.org.

On Saturday, April 1 from 10 am to 4 pm, tours of native gardens will be in these locations: Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Gatos, Morgan Hill, San Jose, and Santa Clara. On Sunday, April 2 from 10 am to 4 pm, tours of native gardens will be in these northern chapter locations: Los Altos, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Mateo, and Sunnyvale.

In 2021 we announced our new name, Growing Natives Garden Tour. Our website is still at gngt.org and our goals remain the same: to showcase native gardens, to share native plant gardening knowledge and best practices, and to encourage everyone to grow more native plants for beauty, for habitat, for water conservation, and for the environment. Low maintenance and reduced costs are a bonus. Our vision is for native plant gardens to become ubiquitous and commonplace. We believe that gardening with native plants is for everyone, and we invite you to participate in GNGT in-person on April 1 and 2. If you can't attend in person this April, photos and video tours of GNGT gardens are at gngt.org for online viewing anytime.

LONG LENGTH

21st ANNUAL GROWING NATIVES GARDEN TOUR IN SANTA CLARA VALLEY, SOUTH BAY, AND PENINSULA WILL BE HELD APRIL 1 & 2, 2023

Growing Natives Garden Tour (GNGT) is a free, self-guided tour of gardens located throughout Santa Clara county and part of San Mateo county featuring a large majority of California native plants that are attractive, water-wise, low maintenance, with minimal or no chemical use, and habitat havens for birds, butterflies and pollinators. California's native plant gardens increase wildlife corridors in fragmented habitats, preserve our natural ecosystem, and promote biodiversity in our built environments. Gardens with at least 70% native plants and trees help restore nature, one garden at a time!

During GNGT 2023, dozens of private homes and public gardens landscaped with California native plants will be open to the public for in-person tours on Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2, 2023 from 10 am to 4 pm. On Saturday, tours of native gardens will be in these southern chapter locations: Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Gatos, Morgan Hill, San Jose, and Santa Clara. On Sunday, tours of native gardens are in these northern chapter locations: Los Altos, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Mateo, and Sunnyvale.

Admission to participate in GNGT is free, as always, but registration is required at gngt.org to obtain the tour maps with addresses. Only one person in each group needs to register. For complete and up-to-date information and registration, please visit our website for information about this year's tour and browse around to view GNGT gardens from previous years where each garden has a description, photos, and plant list. Starting in 2020, some GNGT homeowners added video tours. A press release and flyers about the tour, call for gardens, call for volunteers and other information is in the Pressroom section of gngt.org.

Growing Natives Garden Tour is a joint project of the California Native Plant Society - Santa Clara Valley (CNPS-SCV) chapter and the UCCE Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County. We acknowledge our CNPS-SCV chapter and the Growing Natives Garden Tour lies in the homeland of the Muwekma Ohlone, the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, the Tamien Nation, and the Ramaytush Ohlone who still live and thrive in this area today. We hope to learn from them and support their work to restore traditional practices and heal from historical trauma.