

Lawn—Long Ago

A New Approach to the California Garden

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The California garden is changing. In a neighborhood not so far away, the revolution has started. Dull, conventional lawns are being transformed into vibrant oases for birds and bees—filled with color, texture, and scent. These gardens have spaces for gathering with meandering paths and edible plants. Low-water plants frame the home and use very little of our most precious resource—water.



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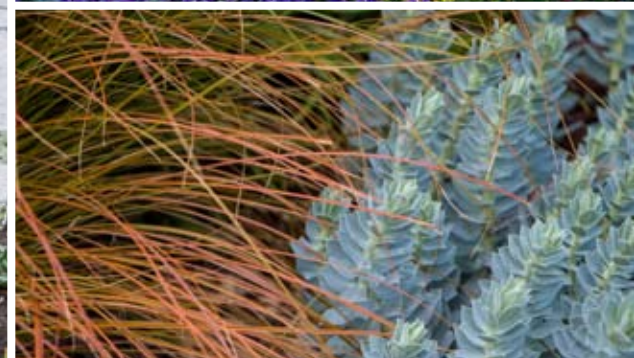
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Jeannie Fitch, Garden Nest, Front yard in Danville



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The APLD display garden demonstrates many options to re-imagine your garden without a lawn: a cozy sitting area, plants to screen out the street and a vertical edible garden, rolling lawn alternatives and vibrant planters filled with low water use plants create an engaging and useful entrance.

Sunset Western Garden Collection: These planters include exceptional plants selected by Sunset Gardens. We showcase dark green *Mahonia* 'Soft Caress,' glowing *Nandina* 'Lemon Lime,' wispy *Lomandra* 'Platinum Beauty,' and compact and richly toned *Loropetalum* 'Purple Pixie.'

'Lawn Alternatives' Collection: Five different California native grasses create a meadow-like appearance—a low-water 'no mow' look. 'Kurapia,' in sod form, is new to the market and can be used as a lawn replacement or as a small green accent.

Natives Collection: The featured plants include two classic California natives. The first group, *Ceanothus*, is versatile with heights ranging from low, spreading groundcovers to tall, dense shrubs. The second group features the Manzanitas. This is a textural feast including the low-growing *Arctostaphylos* 'Emerald Carpet' and the impressive *Arctostaphylos* 'Dr. Hurd' with its sculptural red bark. Toss in some sages and currants and we've set the stage for a bird and bee block party.

APLD Bay Area Tried and True Collection: Admire selections by APLD designers that are valued for their long lasting beauty and success in Bay Area gardens. We feature *Lomandra* 'Breeze,' *Rhaphiolepis umbellata* 'Minor,' *Olea europaea* 'Montra,' *Dymondia margaritae*, *Callistemon* 'Little John,' *Leucadendron* 'Maui Sunset,' *Salvia leucantha* 'Santa Barbara,' *Calylophus* selections, *Euonymus japonicus* 'Microphyllus' and 'Green Spires.'

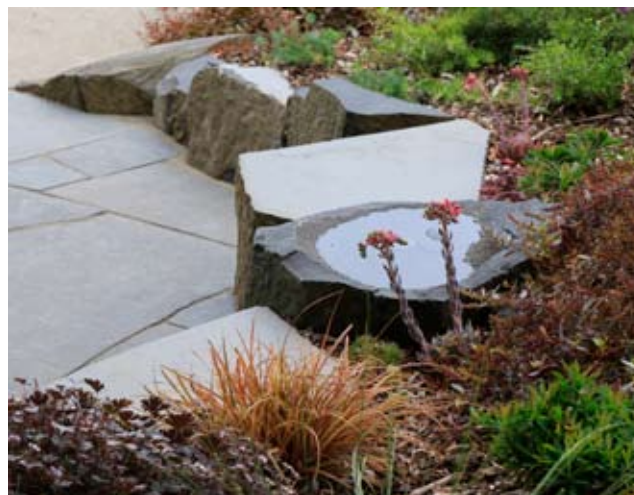


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Top left: Michael Tebb Design, Front yard in Danville; Top right: Jeannie Fitch, Garden Nest, Front yard in Orinda; Right center: Nina Mullen, Mullen Designs, Front yard in Albany; Bottom right: Linda Middleton, APLD, Terralinda Design, Front yard in Walnut Creek.

SELECTED PLANT LIST

Sunset Garden Collection

- Abelia* 'Kaleidoscope'
- Abelia* 'Miss Lemon'
- Carex* Everillo
- Ceanothus* 'Diamond Heights'
- Cistus* 'Little Miss Sunshine'
- Gaillardia* 'Sunset Bolero'
- Lavandula* 'Meerlo'
- Lomandra* 'Platinum Beauty'
- Loropetalum* 'Purple Pixie'
- Mahonia* 'Soft Caress'
- Nandina* 'Lemon Lime'
- Nandina* 'Obsession'
- Phormium* 'Black Adder'
- Salvia* 'Little Kiss'
- Salvia* 'Killer Cranberry'
- Salvia* 'Love and Wishes'
- Tecoma* 'Lydia'

California Natives Collection

- Ceanothus* 'Ray Hartman'
- Ceanothus* 'Skylark'
- Ceanothus* 'Valley Violet'
- Ceanothus* 'Frosty Dawn'
- Ceanothus* 'Yankee Point'
- Arctostaphylos* 'Austin Griffiths'
- Arctostaphylos* 'Louis Edmunds'
- Arctostaphylos* 'Sunset'
- Arctostaphylos* 'Emerald Carpet'
- Arctostaphylos* 'Dr. Hurd'
- Fremontodendron* 'San Gabriel'
- Ribes sanguineum*
- Salvia spathacea*
- Salvia apiana*
- Rhamnus* 'Eve Case'
- Mahonia nervosa*
- Cornus sericea*
- Juncus patens*
- Ribes malvaceum*
- Myrica californica*
- Prunus ilicifolia*
- Trichostema*

APLD Tried and True Collection

- Rhaphiolepis umbellata* 'Minor'
- Olea* 'Lil Ollie'
- Lomandra* 'Breeze'
- Heuchera* (various cultivars)
- Westringia* 'Compacta'
- Grevillea* 'Coastal Gem'
- Achillea* 'Paprika'
- Salvia nemerosa*
- Libertia peregrinans*
- 'Bronze Sword'
- Grevillea* 'Scarlet Sprite'
- Grevillea* 'Red Hooks'
- Callistemon* 'Little John'
- Callistemon* 'Slim Jim'
- Citrus* 'Mandarinquat'
- Forsythia*
- Viburnum* 'Sterile'
- Choisya* 'Sundance'
- Correa* 'Dusky Bells'
- Euryops virgineus*
- Salvia leucantha* 'Santa Barbara'
- Calylophus*
- Euonymus japonicus*
- 'Microphyllus'
- Euonymus japonicus*
- 'Green Spires.'

Design ideas to consider when removing your lawn:

- Create a screen for privacy with shrubs that filters the view from the street or patio.
- Layer shrubs from the street to the home using contrasting colors or textures.
- Keep plantings simple with groups of 3-8 plants in lines or interlocking shapes.
- Look around the neighborhood to see which plants are thriving. Take photos of these plants to a reputable garden center for identification. Don't just purchase plants that look pretty in the pot. Do your research to figure out ultimate height, width, and water requirements.
- Group plants with the same water needs (low, medium, high) on the same irrigation valve for efficient water use.

Ready to join the revolution?

Here are some resources to get you started.

Irrigation supplies and advice:

Hunter Industries: <http://www.hunterindustries.com/>

homeowners

Rainbird Corporation: <http://www.rainbird.com/homeowner/>

The Urban Farmer: <http://www.urbanfarmerstore.com/>

Mulch:

Vision Recycling: <http://www.visionrecycling.com/>

Lyngso Garden Materials: <https://lyngsogarden.com/>

What are you waiting for? Don't get caught in the past!

An APLD designer can help you with ideas and solutions to re-imagine your new California garden.

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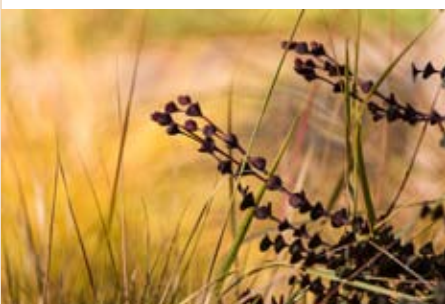
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