



## Winning California Gardens: APLD International Design Awards

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## SILVER AWARDS

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### **29th Street Garden**

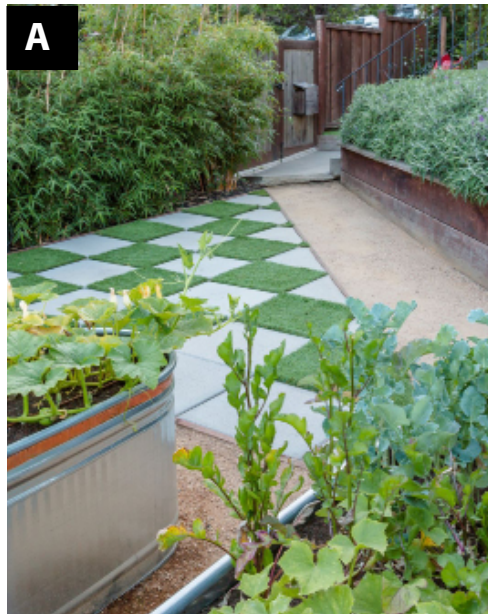
*Residential Design (under \$25,000)*

Patricia St. John, APLD

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(cover garden)



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### **Walking Meditation Garden**

*Specialty Projects*

John Beaudry

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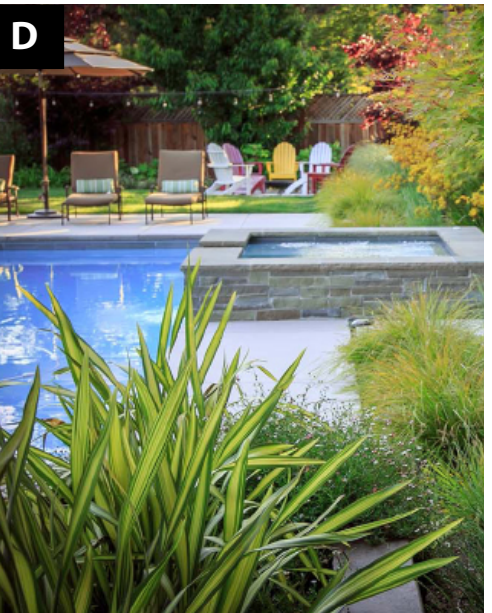
### **Connor Residence**

*Residential (over \$100,000)*

Colin Miller

Envision Landscape Studio

Walnut Creek, CA



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### **Peirano Residence**

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### **St. Helena Residence**

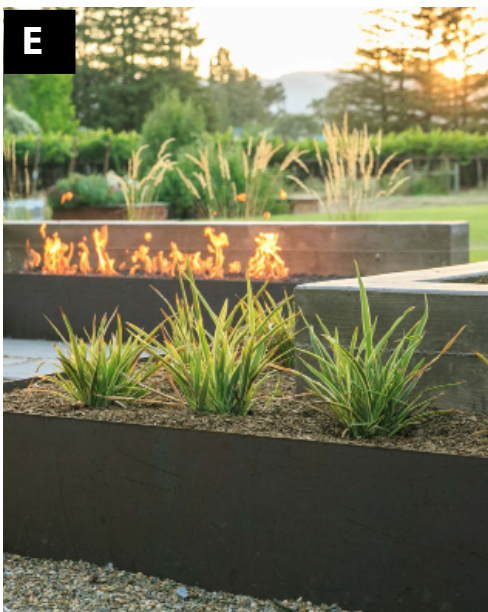
*Residential Design*

*(between \$25,000–\$100,000)*

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### **Smith: The Restoration of an Historical Gem**

*Specialty Projects*

Margie Grace

Grace Design Associates

Santa Barbara, CA



The APLD International Landscape Design Awards Program honors excellence in landscape design. Projects in eight different categories are judged on the basis of difficulty, craftsmanship, attention to detail, and execution.

These California designs incorporated sustainability with aesthetics, imagination, and practicality to gain awards in the Silver and Bronze categories.

For more on these winning California landscapes, visit the awards page at [APLD.ORG](https://www.apld.org).

## BRONZE AWARDS

### G

#### **Tarzana Hilltop**

*Residential (over \$100,000)*

Deborah Gliksman

Urban Oasis Landscape Design

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### H

#### **California Native Garden**

*Planting*

Deborah Gliksman

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#### **Lee**

*Residential*

*(\$25,000—\$100,000)*

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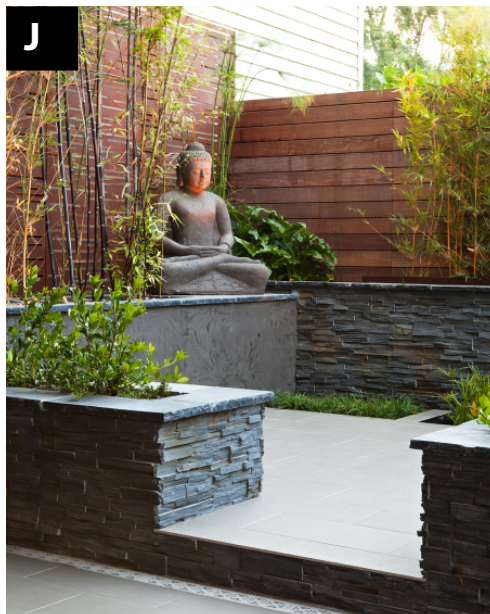
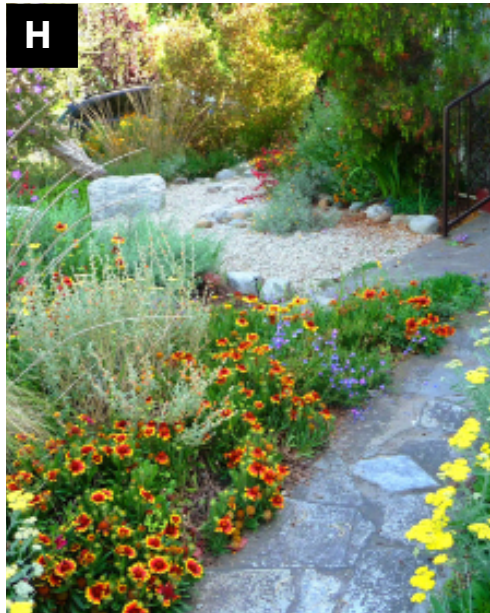
#### **San Francisco**

*Small Gardens*

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**Congratulations to all winners!**



## **“Lawn—Long Ago,” APLD’s Display Garden at the 2016 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show**

The APLD “Ask a Designer” display garden and advice booth marked its third year at the 2016 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show with “Lawn—Long Ago,” a demonstration of the many options residential homeowners can use to re-imagine their gardens and move beyond a thirsty, conventional “cool season lawn”. Enter the warm-season, low water lawn, along with many other plants that require less water, but offer freshness, fun, and function. To learn more about the garden and APLD’s “Ask a Designer” booth, visit our blog at [APLDCA.ORG](http://APLDCA.ORG).



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(Above left) A crew from Michael Tebb Design work on constructing walls and planters for the APLD Display Garden.



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(Bottom left) The “Ask a Designer” booth was a popular spot with homeowners interested in getting professional landscape advice from APLD designers. Thirty-minute sessions focused on making their landscapes more water efficient and beautiful, from the inside out.



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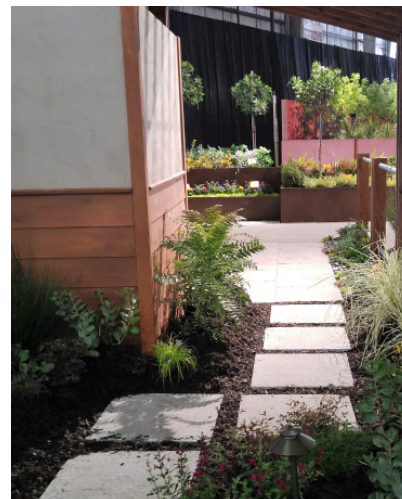


APLD designer Anna Wendorf created a garden vignette featuring the front of a home with low-water plantings, permeable paving (bottom right), and warm-season, low-water grasses (bottom left).

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### Lawn—Long Ago

A New Approach to the California Garden  
Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD) with Michael Telts Design

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.



Scenario Area, vnc Front yard in Richmond



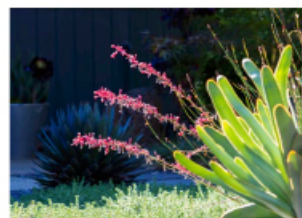
Patricia St. John, vnc, St. John Landscapes, Front yard in Oakland

Many thanks also to all the APLD designers who helped to make this show a success:

Anna Wendorf  
Lawn—Long Ago Garden Designer  
Michael Telts Design

Diane Golden/TV Square Moon  
Garden Succulent Sculpture  
with photos by Lucy Rock  
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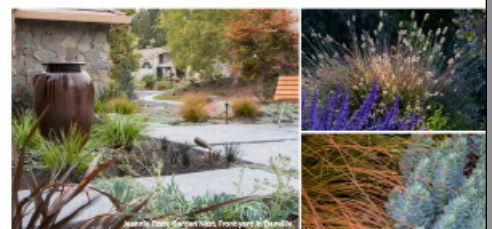


Mina Mullen, Mullen Designs, Courtyard in Oakland



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Special thanks to these members of APLD Bay Area:  
Linda Middleton, Mary Fisher, Diane Golden/TV, Laura Henry,  
Patricia St. John, Michel Commanday, Dina Blackwell, Lori Palmquist

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of the informational flyer  
that was developed for the  
San Francisco Flower and  
Garden Show.



## Backyard Bohemian Takes the APLD Award at the 2016 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show



Photo © 2016 Leslie McKenna

Every year at the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show, the APLD award is given to the display garden that best demonstrates plant knowledge, design skill, creativity, sustainability, and suitability for the hypothetical owner. This practical requirement distinguishes the APLD award, and is reflective of our members' focus on shaping gardens and landscapes that demonstrate a thoughtful and holistic approach to outdoor living and design.

Winning designer Leslie McKenna—of **McKenna Landscape**, a design/build firm based in Los Gatos—included beautifully balanced and layered plantings surrounding serene, intimate patios.

"Of all of the awards, we were pleased to earn those most applicable to what we try to achieve. Even though these are exhibition gardens, we try to incorporate elements that people can apply in their own yards. The APLD and Sunset Western Garden Living awards validate that approach," said Leslie McKenna.

The garden demonstrated the importance of structural color, bold fabrics, and use of permeable paving materials. A clever, niched screening wall separated two romantic seating areas. A sumptuously colorful settee invited napping. A second area incorporated a small fountain, dramatic pendant lighting, and a portable industrial "coffee table" on wheels. A patterned brick "carpet", laid in gravel, completed each of these engaging, achievable small garden rooms.

This family collaboration resulted in a playful yet tranquil space for an active family. Eric McKenna, Leslie's father, founded the company in 1980. Nancy McKenna, Leslie's mother, soon joined as the Office Manager, and Leslie now represents a second generation of design. APLD celebrates the McKenna family achievement, and their garden, which offered respite and inspiration to many.

For more photos of the garden, visit the **SFFGS Facebook Page**.





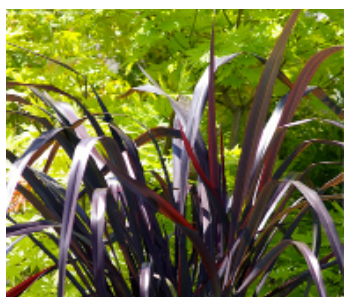
## APLD Display Garden Plant Combinations by Lawn—Long Ago Designer, Anna Wendorf

### ***Yucca*, *Myrsine africana*, *Heuchera* 'Peach Flambe', *Heuchera* 'Miracle'**

When Billy Goodnick—a blogger about gardens and plants—led a tour through our garden, this plant combination was the first he pointed out. A variegated *Yucca* called attention to the entrance of our front garden with its bold spiky leaves. It was set against a dark green *Myrsine africana* hedge for contrast in texture and color. *Heuchera* 'Peach Flambe' and *Heuchera* 'Miracle' packed the front of the bed for subtle reds and greens. Billy pointed out how the red of the *Heuchera* 'Peach Flambe' was repeated in the burgundy stems of the *Myrsine* and how the red and green of the *Heuchera* 'Miracle' pulled it all together. When not in a garden show bed, try replacing the *Yucca* with more *Heuchera* compatible plants for similar effect. *Dianella* 'Yellow Stripe' or *Liriope* would give you strappy leaves in part shade.

### ***Ceanothus* 'Skylark' and *Berberis darwinii***

For some reason, *Berberis darwinii* gets little attention when people select shrubs for deer and drought tolerant yards—perhaps because of its prickly personality. But when visitors came through our garden, the golden flowers spilling over the planter drew everyone over to admire them. The soft blue of the *Ceanothus* complimented the yellow in texture and color. These two would be very suitable garden companions.



***Phormium* 'Black Adder'**



***Lomandra* 'Platinum Beauty'**



***Mahonia* 'Soft Caress'**



***Nandina* 'Lemon Lime'**

### ***Phormium* 'Black Adder', *Lomandra* 'Platinum Beauty', *Mahonia* 'Soft Caress' and *Nandina* 'Lemon Lime' make an exciting combination**

Janet Sluis from Sunset Western Garden arranged some of her favorites from the collection in this bed. Green *Mahonia* 'Soft Caress' behind strappy 'Black Adder' *Phormium* with wispy pale 'Platinum Beauty' *Lomandra* and finally the beautiful lime green of 'Lemon Lime' *Nandina* provided lots of contrasting colors and textures, which all work together for an exciting garden bed.

*Thank you to our plant partners, Sunset Western Garden Collection, Delta Bluegrass Company, and Devil Mountain Wholesale Nursery*



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## Welcome New Members

We are happy to welcome these new Professional Members.  
Thank you for joining the APLD California Chapter.



**Phoenix (Sandy Lee) Jungwirth**  
**Professional Member**  
Green Earth Gardeners  
San Francisco, CA

Phoenix is the founding principle landscaper and designer at Green Earth Gardeners—a flourishing full-service landscaping business with a focus on lower maintenance, sustainable, and low-water

garden solutions for San Francisco. Phoenix has been a practicing horticulturalist in San Francisco since 2004. She gained her Certificate in Urban Permaculture in 2009, and received her Associate in Science in Landscape Gardening & Landscape Contracting in 2012. She is a licensed C-27 Landscape Contractor.

[greeneearthgardeners.com](http://greeneearthgardeners.com)

**Jude Hawley**  
**Associate Member**

Wild Sage Gardens  
San Pablo, CA



Jude has worked for more than ten years doing maintenance gardening and garden design in the Bay Area. She has gained experience as an intern with both Friends of the Urban Forest and The San Francisco Botanical Gardens, working in the California Native and Australia gardens. She has also worked in the UK at the John Innes Plant Research Institute as a summer student and at Floranova Plant Breeders. Wild Sage Gardens provides garden design, fine gardening and arborist services. Whether you need a design for your garden or a renovation of an existing space, we can transform your yard into an enticing outdoor room.

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Founded in 2004 with a dedication to responsible and sustainable landscape practices, Shayne Naudi approaches landscape design with an artist's sensibility and scope. She embraces the landscape with her

love of color and form, uniting beauty and function. Working closely with her clients to actualize their vision, Shayne creates an aesthetic architectural and natural environment. Shayne was born in Sydney, Australia to parents who were artists, farmers and avid gardeners. She has a Bachelors and Masters in Fine Art. Her artistic eye is only paralleled by her ability to see the issues at hand. Shayne has the ability to see the larger landscape picture, while still having an acute awareness of the detail. Her ability to help the individual reach his or her vision is uncanny. Shayne has remarkable diagnostic ability, often making her a sorceress in the landscape.

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**Julie Deamer**  
**Associate Member**

Yard Queen  
Los Angeles, CA

Yard Queen is based in Los Angeles, CA. Julie started Yard Queen to help people realize the full potential of their Southern California gardens and, for her, that means designing sustainable gardens using climate-appropriate and California native plants.

A certified Horticulturalist, Julie consults, designs, installs, and maintains gardens throughout the Los Angeles basin and surrounding coastal communities.

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**Springtime!** It's the season of the year to steal moments throughout the day to pause and sip in your surroundings. Rejoice in hearing the melody of a songbird. Watch as

the brilliant green leaves push out from the grapevine and sniff the sweet smell of orange blossoms.

**Showtime!** The 30th year of the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show and APPLD left quite an impression! The display garden, artfully designed and implemented by Anna Wendorf and constructed by Michael Tebb, introduced thousands of visitors to practical and beautiful ways to transition away from conventional front lawns. Even though the advice booth got off to a slow start, the pace picked up over the weekend. Clients exclaimed 'What wonderful ideas!'; 'I never knew that—thank you so much!'; and 'Wow—this is the best place to be at the show.'

**Volunteer time!** Thank you to all the volunteers that made the San Francisco Flower Garden Show a huge success for APPLD. From tucking mulch around containers, to patiently waiting for a consultation to walk in, it couldn't have been done without you! We all owe a special thanks to Anna Wendorf and Diane Goldsmith for their vision, their talent, and their time for making it the best it could possibly be.

**Education time!** Many of you attended our April program, 'Learn How to Make a Great Online Impression' on April 5th, and I hope you will also join us to hone your MWELo skill set at the APPLD sponsored 'MWELo is here to Stay' workshop April 16th.

These are ways that APPLD members use their time—educating people, supporting each other, learning more, and taking time to smell the roses along the way.

Cheers!  
Linda Middleton  
*President*  
APPLD Bay Area District

## Upcoming Event

### **MWELo Is Here to Stay** **Learn how to navigate and comply with the new state requirements**

The **Foothill College Horticulture Club**, in partnership with the **APPLD Bay Area District** and **CLCA Bay Area Chapter**, is hosting a full-day seminar on how to navigate and comply with the new Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo).

Presented by experts, this seminar is for landscape professionals, students and homeowners considering an update or new landscape installation. CEUs available

**WHEN: Saturday, April 16, 2016, 9:00 am–3:00 pm**

Lunch will be provided including vegetarian/vegan/gluten free options.

**CHECK-IN:** Starts at 8:45 am

**WHERE:** Foothill College Campus, Room 8338.

Bring \$3 for parking and use lots 1 and 8 for easy access and directional signs. [Click here](#) for a campus map. More detailed parking, direction and transportation information is located [here](#).

#### **WHO:**

- **Peter Estournes**, Expert CWM, CLP, CLIA, co-owner of Gardenworks Inc.
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- **Debby Ruskin**, APPLD, Landscape Designer

#### **COST:**

- Foothill students: \$25
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Pre-registration is required by Friday, April 15.

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- Graduates of the QWEL training program can claim 2 CEUs for attending this event which is the full annual requirement to report. Other CEUs pending.

This talk will be peppered with juicy examples from around the globe of people and landscapes striving to collaborate with the unique potentials and essence of their place and community in a way that lifts the health and potential of all. Though this presentation is more than a celebration. It is also a challenge. Since Bay-Friendly efforts have influenced policy and practices state-wide and beyond, and will continue to do so, we will envision how to further lift the power and potential of what is possible with place-regenerating principles and practices that simultaneously work in nested contexts such as home, neighborhood, watershed, and world.

Cost is \$20 for Bay-Friendly members and \$25 for non-members with early registration that ends on April 15, after that date and at the door it will be \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

**Program:**

1:00 - 1:30 Registration & tabling

1:20 Welcome & Announcements

1:30-3:00 Brad Lancaster Speaks

3:00-4:00 Q&A + Tabling

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Spending even more time with other members of APLD this year than I have in the past, I feel a renewed inspiration to challenge myself as a Landscape Designer, and grow my skill set with each project I take on.

With the advice of designers I spend time with on the board, I am taking on new design challenges that are keeping my work fresh. Spring is the perfect time to learn from others and get excited about new plants and sustainable practices.

We're excited to host what we hope to be the first of many annual events: the **APLD Greater Los Angeles Garden Tour, on April 17th**. We will feature gardens that demonstrate the Watershed Approach to landscape design, so that we can show the public the benefit of hiring a designer to create a beautiful sustainable garden for their home.

Garden tour season is definitely one of the best times of the year, for us designers and plant geeks. As we prepare our clients' gardens for the masses to view and critique, we also gain new ideas from our colleagues. I look forward to getting to know you all better, so please come on this year's tour and introduce yourself.

Jacky Surber  
President  
APLD Greater Los Angeles District

## Recent Events: APLD Greater Los Angeles District

Our most recent event was "Building Your Portfolio." The workshop was very practical and inspired those who attended to photograph their gardens with a new approach. We learned many new skills from both Laura Morton, APLD, and Ross Whitaker, about preparing and photographing our gardens. I was very intrigued to use a tripod and a setting on the camera to take multiple exposures, allowing the images to be mixed in Photoshop more easily. We hope to plan another workshop with him in the future. Many thanks to Laura Morton, APLD, for hosting at the beautiful garden of a Valley Village client.

—Submitted by Katie Cool,  
APLD Greater Los Angeles Communications Chair

## Plant of the Month

*Eriophyllum nevinii* (Catalina Silverlace)

- Sun to part shade
- Attracts pollinators
- OK with coast/salt air
- Native to Catalina Island
- Bright yellow umbel flowers held above foliage
- Pretty silver/green foliage when backlit
- Perfect for night gardens

—Submitted by Jodie Cook,  
Jodie Cook Landscape Design





## Upcoming Event

### Greater Los Angeles APLD Garden Tour Featuring the Watershed Approach to Landscape Design



**Sunday, April 17th**  
**10–4 pm**  
**West Los Angeles**



Landscape Designers are leading the way toward positive environmental change in the most beautiful way. Please join us for a tour of eight innovative gardens, between Brentwood and Culver City, that demonstrate the value of sustainable gardens with great design.

We will begin the tour at a gorgeous landscape in Brentwood, designed by **Joel Lichtenwalter** and **Ryan Gates** of Grow Outdoor Design, featured on [agrowingobsession.com](http://agrowingobsession.com). Light breakfast snacks and coffee will be served.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE](#)

**Bonus garden!** Following the tour, award-winning designer Laura Morton, APLD will host a relaxed gathering with light refreshments, at a beautiful property she designed in West Hollywood from 4:30-6:00pm.

The address for the first morning garden and first afternoon garden will be emailed to you upon registration. Maps will be provided.





A few years ago, when I was asked to join the San Diego District board, I doubted that I had anything of much value to contribute to the organization or knew even less how it would be of benefit to me. I was not prepared for the impact that volunteering made on me. Serving on the board—first as advocacy chair, then as vice-president, and now as president—I am gratified and truly thankful for the opportunity to serve.

APLD has given back to me ten-fold. The communication and connection I have with the landscape design community at large is due to the fact that I volunteer. Those relatively few hours I put into APLD both at the district and chapter levels are enormously rewarding.

With more awareness of the legislative challenges and opportunities for landscape designers, I've been able to participate in efforts to effect changes to our status as small business owners by meeting with the staff of our legislators in Sacramento. I can turn to any of my fellow designers when I am stumped on a design problem since I have established relationships as a direct result of my volunteering. I get energized by working with my fellow board members and it's exciting to see what we have accomplished in our district.

I encourage my fellow members to step up and donate a few hours a month to APLD and serve even as a board member at large. You will be richly rewarded by your service.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Alexander  
*President*  
APLD San Diego District

## Recent Events

### San Diego District Spring Home and Garden Show Entry

Once again the San Diego District hosted the show entry for the Del Mar Spring Home/Garden show. We have been doing this for a few years now. Our district has become known for the 30-minute consultations for \$30 and they are quite popular with the attendees. Some consultation appointments are made on line through Brown Paper ticket sales and some homeowners sign up when they come to the show.

Local residents are encouraged to bring photos and rough drawings of their properties to the consultations to help guide our designers with ideas for their projects. Sometimes, thirty minutes is all a home owner needs to get some good advice. If further help is required, they are directed to our APLDCA website for hiring a professional landscape designer.

These shows are the APLD San Diego District's main fundraisers for the year and it seems every year we get a little better at planning and organizing. Our Gold sponsors Village Nurseries and Mountain States Wholesale Nursery supported us this spring by supplying plants for the show. Additional plants and a creative green wall were thankfully loaned to us by Green Meadow Growers, along with beautiful patio furniture by Skylar's Home and Patio.

## SAVE THE DATE

### APLD San Diego District Board Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 2016  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Del Mar, CA



## Tour of Gardens Designed by Ryan Prange

**April 25, 3-5:30 pm, Encinitas CA**

Ryan Prange, AP LD, will guide us through two of his Encinitas gardens. The Saxten garden was recently featured in Sunset magazine (Oct/2015, pg. 33-34). This garden has unique outdoor rooms with a large entryway, firepit, and cozy porch. It is a beach-themed garden utilizing low water plants and Ryan's classic geometric shapes. The second newly renovated garden is a backyard with a spa and BBQ area. The city required some permanent BMPs for run-off, and Ryan installed a large UC Verde buffalo grass lawn.

[Register Here](#)

## Trees, Scale and Design: Ditching 20th Century Concepts



### SAVE THE DATE

APLD San Diego District  
Meeting & Workshop  
May 23, 2016; 3 pm–6 pm

Robin Rivet, Urban Forester and ISA Certified Arborist will be talking to us about her passion—trees. Robin will address classic landscape design origins, as well as current

ecological vs. aesthetic needs for urban spaces. Discussion includes the reasons why climate change is not being served by old models. Robin will share i-Tree tools and talk about how designers might use them.

*Robin Rivet is an ISA Certified Arborist; independent consulting horticulturist; tree risk assessor, and landscape designer.*

WATCH THE [APLDCA.ORG](http://APLDCA.ORG) Calendar for more details

Questions? Email [Lisa Bellora](#)

## PLANT OF THE MONTH



By Michelle Bernson

*Grevillea thelemanniana*  
'Baby'

Spider Net Grevillea

This is one of my new favorite plants. *Grevillea thelemanniana* 'Baby' is an Australian native that occurs naturally in winter-moist sandy soils but has proven quite adaptable to central San Diego clay soils and gardens. Its leggy, sprawling habit make it perfect on hillsides, where it spills over retaining walls or in pots.

I've seen it get a whole 12" tall while spreading up to 4 ft in width. Small masses of red/orange flowers are held tight, adorning the plant nearly all year in our mild climate. After they display, they disappear almost instantly, once they've fallen into mulch.

I especially like to combine 'Baby' with *Anigozanthus*, *Protea* or *Westringia* to round out its drought tolerant beauty.





## Designer Spotlight / Ryan Prange, APLD

### Falling Waters Landscape Inc. Solana Beach, CA



**Ryan Prange, APLD**, is the founder and main principal of Falling Waters Landscape, a 21-person landscape design and construction firm specializing in residential design/build. Ryan believes that harmony between architecture and landscape can be achieved no matter what the style may be. Not only can it be achieved, it is integral to the health and beauty of our environment. Simple materials and uncluttered plant palettes are at the foreground of Ryan's designs. He believes in quality workmanship, attention to detail and making people and plants happy. Ryan embraces the watershed approach to landscaping. Check out the "kill your lawn" tab on his webpage. [www.fallingwaterslandscape.com](http://www.fallingwaterslandscape.com)

#### Fun facts about Ryan Prange

When he's not designing fabulous landscapes, Ryan loves to spend time with his family and travel. He thinks the Moorish gardens of Spain and North Africa are the closest thing to Paradise. He loves to cook and is obsessed with Indian food and culture. Ryan says, "I would probably be a wine-maker or food and travel writer if I wasn't a landscape designer." Perhaps we will be seeing more Moorish influence and edible gardens in Ryan's future work. - Lisa Bellora, Past President, APLD San Diego District



Simple materials and a cohesive plant palette make Ryan's designs appealing to a modernist aesthetic.

—Maureen Decombe

*I did then what I knew how to do.*

*Now that I know better, I do better.*

—Maya Angelou

It is a rare garden designer, contractor, or maintenance person who has never specified, planted, or contended in some way with confusion or concern over horticultural invasives like *Nassella tenuissima* (Mexican Feather Grass), *Pennisetum setaceum* (Green Fountain Grass), or just a little bit of *Vinca major* (Periwinkle).

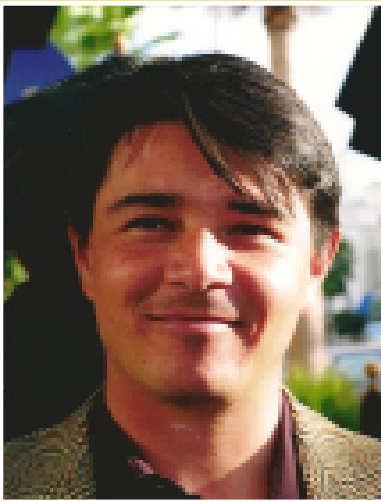
Few of us can dispute the beauty and even the seeming utility of these plants, which were introduced, spread, and displayed by us. But now we know better, and we know what to do. It's never too late to say "no" to Mexican Feather Grass, "G'bye" to Green Fountain Grass, and "I'll pass" on the Periwinkle. With these alternatives, you won't even miss these plants, which at first seemed stable, but turned out to have "issues".

Welcome to the new list, offering 34 reliable alternatives to the usual suspects, all of whom need to go into retirement. PlantRight reports that the impressive list of plants no longer found in nursery surveys has grown to an impressive 15 species like Capeweed, Scotch Broom, Russian Olive, and so many more. (See the Retirement List [here](#).) These plants are still invasive, but thanks to voluntary industry efforts, they are falling away from the marketplace. [more](#)

In-between issues of the newsletter, visit the **APLD CA Blog** to get the latest on the activities of our sponsors, non-profit partners, and members. Contribute to the blog by submitting your article to **[blog@apldca.org](mailto:blog@apldca.org)**.

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The present drought California is experiencing has made the public understand the need for a new California landscape—one that is more appropriate to the conditions in California. This change is here to stay, and as designers we have the opportunity and responsibility to be a direct part of that change. We do that by educating our clients and creating designs that use plants correctly, promote efficient irrigation systems, and improve the soil and its biology.

When we design and develop landscapes that are environmentally sound—and at the same time provide outdoor living opportunities to our clients—we drive the design aesthetic for this new California landscape. Good designers unify all of those natural and human elements to create a garden that is harmonious to the eye, the senses and beyond—blending art with science—a task that is not easy to achieve, and one which requires a substantial amount of time, knowledge and intuition.

This year, the APLD Sacramento District Board is very enthusiastic and has come up with educational as well as networking and business opportunities to help designers work on specific aspects of this change, as well as the further development of the practice of landscape design. We look forward to seeing you at the events throughout the year, and to working with you as we actively collaborate to respond to the need for a new California garden.

Sincerely,  
Martin G. Carrion van Rijn

### Upcoming Events

#### **Elk Grove Greener Gardens Expo Tour**

*Saturday, April 23, 10 am–3 pm*

Green Acres Nursery & Supply

9220 E Stockton Blvd, Elk Grove, CA

*Organized by Elk Grove Greener Gardens Project*

Spend a day on the town visiting eco-friendly gardens in Elk Grove. Visit BlueBarrel's table at check-in to learn how rain barrels contribute to greener gardens, in more ways than one!

Register at [www.ElkGroveGreenerGardens.org](http://www.ElkGroveGreenerGardens.org).

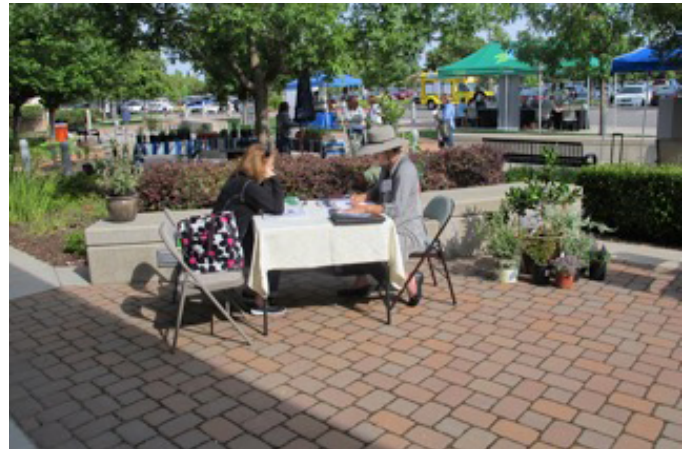


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#### **Roseville Greener Gardens Expo**

*Saturday, May 14, from 9 am–3 pm*

Roseville Utility Exploration Center in Mahany Park,  
1501 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville, CA

*Sponsored by APLD Sacramento District*

*Organized by City of Roseville*

Integrating water conservation into your home does not have to impact style, beauty, comfort or lifestyle! Visit up to ten water-wise Roseville gardens, selected for their efficient use of water, and participation in Roseville's Cash for Grass and Irrigation Efficiency Rebate Programs.

The free Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Expo has exhibitors with Eco-friendly products, plants, demonstrations, and hands-on activities that teach how to reduce landscape water use, and features APLD Member 30-Minute Design Consultations, EcoLandscapers, Green Gardener professionals, and educators.

APLD designers are invited to sign up in advance to conduct 30-minute design consultations. Designers, contact Marti Meyer at [martimeyer81@gmail.com](mailto:martimeyer81@gmail.com)

**Save the date!**

## **APLD Sacramento Board Meeting**

*Monday, July 18, 5:00 pm*

Silverado Design Center, 5250 South Watt Ave., #200, Sacramento, CA 95826



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APLD Sacramento members spreading the word about greener gardens at last year's Roseville Greener Gardens Expo

## **PLANTS ON TRIAL at UC Davis an invitation to participate**

### **Landscape Plant Irrigation Trials Open House Rating Days** are here again at UC Davis.

Join landscape and nursery professionals, academics, and avid gardeners as they evaluate prospective plants for low-water landscapes in the ground. A second event is scheduled for early fall to re-evaluate the plants after receiving one of three levels of ET0-based irrigation.



Photo © 2016 Karrie Reid

You are invited into the trials field where new grower/breeder cultivars are evaluated—as are current nursery offerings—on three levels of reduced irrigation. To make it easier for participants, this year there will be two consecutive days to choose from:

Spring Dates: Tuesday, April 26 or Wednesday, April 27

Fall Dates: Tuesday, October 4 or Wednesday, October 5

### **All events will run from 8:00 am to Noon.**

(Note: Event may be rescheduled in the event of rain!)

To register, please send an email to: Jared Sisneroz, [jasisneroz@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jasisneroz@ucdavis.edu), with a copy to Karrie Reid, [skreid@ucanr.edu](mailto:skreid@ucanr.edu). You will be sent directions and other information.

### **RESOURCES**

*Click on the links below for more info*

**UC Landscape Plants Irrigation Trials on Facebook**

**California Center for Urban Horticulture**



# BOOK REVIEW



## Planting in a Post-Wild World: Designing Plant Communities for Resilient Landscapes

By Thomas Rainer and Claudia West

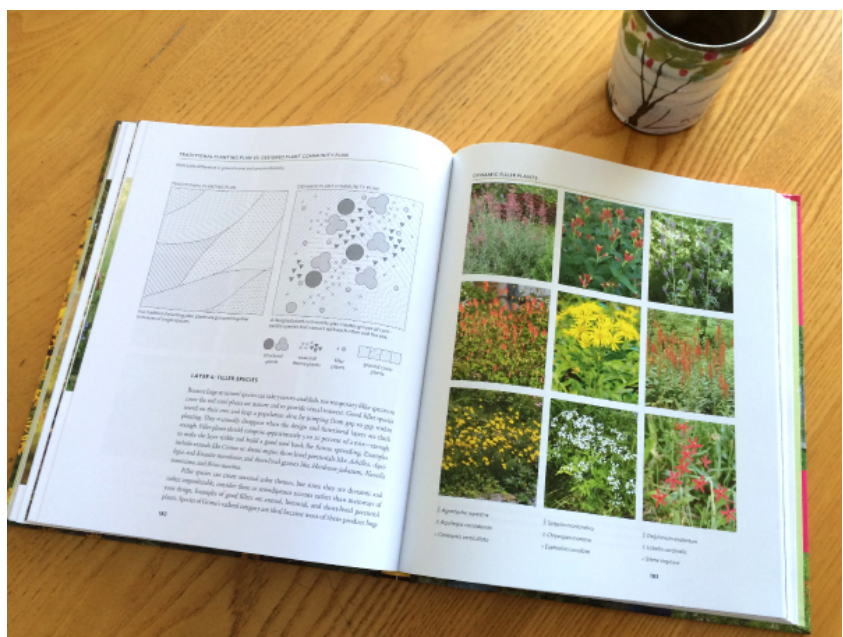
*"As practical as it is poetic . . . an optimistic call to action."*  
—The Chicago Tribune

*"A real-world guide for creating beautiful, ecologically connected landscapes. There is not a designer or property owner who would not benefit from this approach."*  
—Larry Weaner, APLD  
founder of New Directions in the American Landscape

This powerful guide presents a powerful alternative to traditional horticulture—designed plantings that function like naturally occurring plant communities. Thomas Rainer and Claudia West, two leading voices in ecological landscape design, reveal how plants fit together in nature and how to use this knowledge to create landscapes that are resilient, beautiful, and diverse. As practical as it is inspiring, *Planting in a Post-Wild World* is an optimistic manifesto pointing the way to the future of planting design.

**\$26.71 Hardcover** Amazon Books

An excellent resource for designers, this book has clear and beautiful illustrations that clarify and make useful many theories of naturalistic design that were developed by European landscape professionals and academics. People like Piet Oudolf, Petra Pelz, John Philip Grime, Norbert Kuhn, Heiner Lutz, Richard Hansen and Frederick Stahl have inspired new approaches to contemporary garden design. Beginning with this theoretical framework, the authors provide tools, charts, photographs, and clear descriptions to make the naturalistic design process simple and pleasureable. —DG



# Opportunity Board

## Plant Designer/Horticulturist

Seeking an exceptionally creative and personable individual to join our cohesive team. The two main job responsibilities are:

1. Creating artistic planting plans that are customized to each client and well suited to the project. Candidate must have extensive California plant knowledge and exceptional communication skills because they will be interacting directly with clients.
  2. Designing landscape spruce ups. Some clients only need a portion of their yard fixed up. Candidate needs experience designing creative spaces for people: sitting areas, veggie boxes and pathways.
- For more information on required skills, and resume submission info, [click here](#).

## Full- and Part-time Counter Sales

Village Nurseries is seeking quality people for full-time and part-time work to do counter sales in our Landscape Centers. Applicants must know a wide variety of plant material by Latin name and have either worked at a retail or wholesale nursery or in the landscape field. Locations in Orange, Huntington Beach, Miramar, and Sacramento. Please [click here](#) for more details.



## Full-time Design/Retail Sales Associate

The Urban Farmer Store is a landscape irrigation, outdoor lighting, water feature and rain catchment supply store in Richmond. Annex seeks a F/T design/retail sales associate. Irrigation and landscaping experience helpful but not required, as we will train.

- Spanish speaking skills are a plus.
- Retail Sales/Design Interacting with professionals and homeowners in person, by phone and email.
- Showing, explaining and educating customers about products.
- Order and invoice processing for customers.
- Processing cash, check, credit card and in house charges.
- Preparing simple to complex designs in a timely manner for customers.
- Troubleshooting irrigation, low voltage lighting, water features and drainage issues.
- Available to work Saturday

For more information on key skills and application process, please [click here](#).

## Seeking Landscape Consultant

A realtor is looking for talented designers to consult for clients who want to beautify their homes for resale. The geographic locations are the East Bay communities of LaMorinda, Pleasant Hill, and Walnut Creek. If this opportunity is of interest to you, please contact APLD member Leigh Benner.

[DancingLeaf77@gmail.com](mailto:DancingLeaf77@gmail.com)



# Sponsors Educate

Gold Sponsor **G3, Green Gardens Group** is delivering a series of **California Friendly Landscapes** classes throughout the state, in partnership with **California Water Services** and the **California Department of Water Resources**.

These free classes educate everyone about the value of adopting a watershed approach to build a living soil sponge, evaluate the gardening site, pick the right plants for the right places, use rainwater as a resource, and manage irrigation systems.

This kind of public education program helps grow the demand for professional design services by demonstrating the value of good design, for all of the right reasons.

For more information, [click here](#).

Your Water Saving Sod Company  
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**SOD TOUR EVENT**



*Please RSVP for the date you will attend*  
Tours are hosted from 10am-2pm / Lunch is Provided

**APRIL 13 - Best Management Practices for Your Turf**  
*Guest Speaker: Dr. Jim Baird, Turfgrass Specialist, UC Riverside*

**MAY 18 - Water Conservation & Irrigation Methods**  
*Guest Speaker: Don Franklin, Specification Mgr., Hunter Industries*

**JUNE 15 - Showcasing Kurapia Groundcover Sod**  
*Guest Speaker: Mark Ohde, President, Kurapia Inc.*  
*Please RSVP to KPiazza@deltabluegrass.com*

## Customer Appreciation Day and 40th Anniversary Celebration!

***You're invited ! Please join us!***



**Friday, April 15, 2016 11AM-5PM**  
**Hosted at the Orange Landscape Center**  
**1582 N. Tustin, Orange (714) 998-8751**



**11AM to 5PM 2 Sessions: 11AM -1PM & 3-5PM**

**Learn from our Keynote Speakers - the experts!**

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What comes to mind when you hear very low maintenance, year-round color, disease resistance and low water requirement? FLOWER CARPET ROSES! Learn more about the value of these beauties in our landscapes.

**Nicholas Staddon - The Village Plantsman**

This entertaining 30-year industry veteran will be talking about the many, many common landscape plants all performing very well with less water - **Save Water Stay Green®**



### Experience our 2nd Annual Horticultural Encounter

Venture through vignettes displaying plants best suited for today's landscape design situations

**Dry Lush or Bust!**  
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**Wild Wonders of California**

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**Pollinator Passage**



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**for either session 11-1PM or 3-5PM**



Enjoy great food, fabulous raffle items, oodles of free plants! Visit many more displays, including Kellogg and Tesselaar

# Featured Events

## Have you checked the APLD California Chapter Online Events Calendar?

The next few months are full of opportunities to hone the skills and knowledge needed to transform the way we design, build, and maintain California Landscapes. Below are just a few of the many offerings found at [www.apldca.org](http://www.apldca.org).



ReScape California, also known as the Bay-Friendly Landscaping & Gardening Coalition, is an advocate and expert in the creation of sustainable landscapes for commercial, multi-family, and public spaces as well as single-family residences.

**APRIL 14, 2016**  
6:30pm - 8pm

### **Marketing for Renewable Landscapes with Beatrice Stonebanks**

Preservation Park 1233  
Preservation Park Way - Nile Hall  
Oakland, CA 94612

[Learn More >](#)

**APRIL 26, 2016**  
1:00 - 4:00pm

### **Re-Envisioning Sustainability with Brad Lancaster**

Hall of Flowers 1199 9th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94122

[Learn More >](#)

**APRIL 26, 2016**  
4:00 - 6:00pm

### **Landscape Renovation Sales - ROI Calculations with Aaron Majors**

Napa County Administration  
Building 1195 3rd Street, Napa, 94559

[Learn More >](#)

## SAVE THE DATE

APLD 2016 International Landscape Design Conference

September 15 – 18, 2016  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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