



Volunteers and staff help create and maintain diverse plantings throughout the Arboretum and Public Garden that support our native bee pollinators.

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Spring PLANT SALES

9 AM - 1 PM
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Garrod Drive, UC Davis
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Saturday, April 7
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BEYOND THE HONEY BEE TAKING CARE OF OUR NATIVE BEES' NEEDS

Rachel Davis, GATEways Horticulturist and Ellen Zagory, Director of Public Horticulture

Honey bees get all the attention! They are what come to mind when we think of bees; they live in hives, they make honey, and lately they have suffered from disturbingly high rates of colony collapse. However, did you know that honey bees are not native to California or even this continent? Honey bees were brought to North America from Europe hence their expanded common name, European honey bee.

We love the popular honey bee, but did you also know that there are over 1,600 different native California bee species? Even though none of them make honey or live in hives like their famous European counterparts, they are critical to the future of our environmental health and play important roles in the pollination of our food and the reproduction of plants in our California's natural areas.

While there are many important pollinators in the world, our focus this spring is on supporting the dynamic roles that native bees play in this habitat we call home. Native bees' needs differ greatly from those of honey bees, so if you enjoy practicing "habitat horticulture" by creating gardens that help sustain creatures around you, here are three things that you can do to provide for a variety of native bee species at home.

IMPROVE YOUR PLANT DIVERSITY

The incredible diversity of California's 1,600 species of native bees means we need a diversity of plants to feed them; certain types of bees are

drawn to certain types of plants. Thoughtful plant choices can produce a sequence of bloom from winter through fall – feeding bees in all seasons. The Urban California Native Bee Survey demonstrated that "... with the right bee plants, one small urban garden can attract forty to fifty species of native bees." Check out the plant choices on the next page and learn which types of native bees they attract. For even more information, go to our website and download our "10 Bees and 10 Plants They Love" brochure.

PREPARE MULCH-FREE ZONES

Seventy percent of California's native female bees nest in the ground. So, even though mulching is a gardener's go-to solution for



ground-nesting bee

Kolby Kadley Garvey

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TAKING CARE OF OUR NATIVE BEES' NEEDS

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preventing weed seed germination, preserving soil moisture and providing aesthetic appeal, it also eliminates native bee nesting habitat. Instead of mulching everywhere, allow some areas in your landscape to remain mulch-free so native female bees can find a place to create a nest stocked with nectar and pollen for her brood. If you have one, south-facing slopes are great areas to invite them to cohabitate.

PROVIDE WOOD CAVITIES

The other 30% of California native bee species nest in wood cavities. To create homes for them, consider adding sculptural pieces of chemical-free wood to your garden or installing a bee condo! One of our volunteers, Tom Tucker, who is frequently seen at our plant sales, builds bee condos that appeal to a wide variety of these types of native bees. Not only can these condos welcome other species of bees into your landscape, they may serve as an attractive alternative to bees who might otherwise burrow into the wood of your home!

Even though we may consider our urban and suburban gardens as different from areas designated to conserve habitat, the choices we make as gardeners affect the health of our environment. Simple daily choices can make us part of the solution to providing for the unique needs of California's native bees. Please visit our gardens for inspiration, and check out an amazing palette of pollinator-friendly plants perfect for our region at our upcoming spring plant sales.



Kathy Keadley Garvey



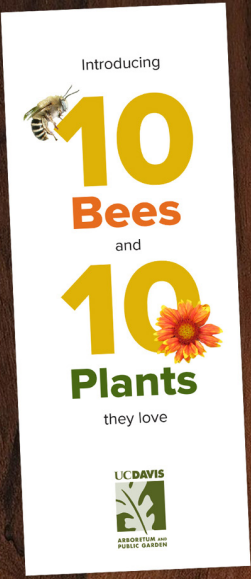
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is native to the foothills of California's valley floor. It blooms in spring with magenta-pink, pea-shaped flowers that are popular with a variety of native bees. If you see curious scoops on the edges of its leaves, you are doing a good job encouraging diversity in your pollinator garden because that means native leafcutter bees (*Megachile* spp.) live close by. Leafcutters nest in wood and use redbud leaves to create walls between their eggs.



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is an excellent source of pollen for early spring bees like the yellow-faced bumble bee (*Bombus vosnesenskii*). This hard-working, more common species of native bee moves slowly among the flowers and is easy to identify from its bright yellow facial hair. Female bumble bees' hind legs widen to form baskets that they fill with bright-colored, moistened pollen pellets.



Introducing
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 Bees
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10 BEES AND 10 PLANTS THEY LOVE

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Photorealistic rendering of the future UC Davis Good Life Garden.
 Image created by Nick Burke, UC Davis Campus Planning and Landscape Architecture

Help us create a...

GATEWAY TO THE EDIBLE CAMPUS

APRIL 20 - MAY 3

AS OUR NATION'S NUMBER ONE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE and one of the world's most sustainable universities, UC Davis is home to students and a large community interested in nourishing the world responsibly. In support of this passion, the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden seeks to raise funds to transform the Good Life Garden into an engaging and educational GATEway to the Edible Campus.

In our re-envisioned Good Life Garden, teams of student and community volunteers will steward the garden year-round, we'll outfit a new mobile education cart for student interns to bring learning activities into the Good Life Garden and out into other gardens in the Arboretum and around campus, and we'll add educational signs and outdoor classroom features to attract and impact even more families, students and groups. We hope to raise over \$80,000 for this project during two upcoming give day campaigns that together we are calling: GATEway to the Edible Campus.

Join us **Picnic Day, Saturday, April 21 from 10 am-2 pm in the Good Life Garden**, located in the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, to meet our Learning by Leading Edible Landscaping interns and learn more about this important project.

The campaign to transform the Good Life Garden launches during UC Davis Give Day - from noon on April 20 to 5pm on April 21 (Picnic Day) then concludes on May 3 during the Big Day of Giving, our region's community-wide giving day.

Thank you for considering a gift to this campaign. Families and organizations have already pledged gifts that will match your donation!

If you'd like to be a social media "Ambassador" to help us spread the word about this campaign, have other questions, or would like to offer a matching gift challenge, please contact Suzanne Ullensvang at sullensvang@ucdavis.edu.



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long-horned bee

Blanket flower *Gaillardia x grandiflora*

is a colorful daisy-type flower popular with a number of native bees. In the Central Valley, these flowers attract long-horned bees (*Melissodes* spp.) which you can easily observe collecting nectar and pollen from the showy orange and yellow flowers. This group of medium to large-body bees get their names from the long antennae of the males who you can see jostling for female attention by day. The females actually have short antennae and can be identified by their pollen-packed legs. (Find blanket flower at our fall plant sales.)

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SPRING 2018 GATEWAYS EVENTS

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guided tours

WEDNESDAY WALKS WITH WARREN

All walks begin at noon
April 11, May 9, June 13
Meet at the Arboretum Gazebo

Join Warren Roberts, the Superintendent Emeritus of the Arboretum and famous storyteller and punster, for an always engaging noontime exploration of spring in the UC Davis Arboretum's gardens and collections.



music & wellness

FOLK MUSIC JAM SESSIONS

Fridays, April 6 & 20; May 4 & 18;
June 1, 15, & 29, noon–1 pm
Wyatt Deck

Folk musicians are invited to bring their acoustic instruments and play together informally over the lunch hour. All skill levels are welcome, and listeners are invited.

TEA & CONVERSATION

Sunday, April 8, 11 am–1 pm
Wyatt Deck

Join us in the Arboretum for tea and let's talk. We will be sampling a variety of green teas from around the world. See what happens when you unplug, slow down, and savor! Co-sponsored by the Global Tea Club.



YOGA IN THE ARBORETUM

Saturday, April 28, 11 am
Arboretum Gazebo

Need to de-stress? Join us for an hour of yoga appropriate for all skill levels led by certified instructor Erin Korotzer. Dress comfortably. Please bring a towel or yoga mat and water bottle. Sponsored by the Arboretum Ambassadors.

all-ages programs

ANNUAL PICNIC DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 21
Picnic Day Parade float, 10:10 am–noon
campus and downtown
Good Life Garden, 10 am–2 pm
Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science

Celebrate UC Davis at this family-friendly extravaganza. It's free for all to come and experience the richness of academic diversity and achievement at UC Davis.

Find us at the ever-popular parade and in the UC Davis Good Life Garden where attendees can meet our Learning by Leading Edible Landscaping students and find out more about our "GATEway to the Edible Campus" campaign. Learn more: picnicday.ucdavis.edu

ARBORETUM DISCOVERY TOURS

Sunday, April 22
Tours begin at 10 am, 11 am, and 12 pm
Arboretum Gazebo

Celebrate Earth Day! Join our Learning by Leading interns and the UC Master Gardeners of Yolo County for interactive tours of popular areas in the Arboretum including the Hummingbird GATEway Garden, Peter J. Shields Oak Grove, and the Ruth Risdon Storer Garden, our gorgeous, low-water demonstration garden. Master Gardeners will also be available to answer your sustainable home gardening questions.



PINKERTON PRIZE AWARDED



WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HONOR VIVIAN SIEU, VANESSA MARTINEZ, AND VIVIAN LE, three remarkable student leaders, with this year's Pinkerton Prize for Outstanding Student Contributions.

This award, created by Deborah Pinkerton, a former environmental education employee with the Arboretum, and husband Bret Hewitt, honors our exceptional students. Bret (second from the left) together with his daughter Clare (center) recently met and congratulated the awardees in person.

As co-coordinator of the GATEways Outreach Program, Vivian Le (far right) has helped create and implement innovative educational programs for the public, all while incorporating her passion for civil engineering, environmental

sustainability and educational outreach. As co-coordinators of the Arboretum Ambassador environmental leadership program, Vanessa Martinez (second from the right) and Vivian Sieu (left) have led their team in organizing and facilitating a wide variety of creative outreach programs connecting the public to nature and the environment. Many of their programs feature both nature and culture.

The leadership of these three outstanding women has been built on their strengths—creativity, enthusiasm, imagination, cooperation, motivation, and generosity. Each truly is an outstanding leader!

ANIMALS OF THE ARBORETUM

Sunday, May 6, 11 am-1 pm
Lake Spafford

Come discover the diversity of animals in the Arboretum! There will be crafts, face painting, as well as information about toxic vs. pet-friendly plants, native and non-native Arboretum creatures and the problems with feeding them.



2ND FRIDAY ARTABOUT AT THE ARBORETUM

Friday, May 11, 5-7 pm
Arboretum GATEway Garden

Join us for art and music at Davis's monthly self-guided artwalk—the ArtAbout—where we will showcase the work of UC Davis art professor Robin Hill's advanced sculpture students in the garden. Chat with professor Hill and her students to learn more about the installations they created specifically for the Arboretum. In addition, come hear three of UC Davis's talented acapella groups!

STARGAZING: ARBORETUM UNDER THE STARS

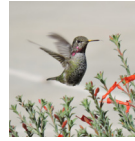
Friday, May 18, 9-11 pm
Arboretum Gazebo

Have you ever wanted to see planets, constellations, nebulas, and other celestial bodies up close? Now is your chance! Join the Astronomy Club and the Arboretum Ambassadors to see the beauty the universe holds. Enjoy telescope viewing and complimentary hot drinks.

POLLINATOR DISCOVERY DAY

Sunday, May 20, 1-4 pm
Hummingbird GATEway Garden
(near the Arboretum Teaching Nursery)

Interested in learning about what's buzzing and blooming in the Arboretum? This engaging event will bring together UC Davis researchers, students, and community members in a showcase of pollinators and the plants they love! The event will feature tours, demonstrations, interactive investigation stations, and much more!



WILD FAMILY DAY

Sunday, June 3, noon-3 pm
Trellis, Arboretum GATEway Garden

Wild Campus, a student organization dedicated to the conservation of local flora and fauna, has organized an afternoon of fun activities for all ages, educational displays and live animals! For more details, email wildcampus411@gmail.com.



arts and letters

FAREWELL READING OF THE UC DAVIS CREATIVE WRITING MA PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 6, 7 pm
Wyatt Deck

The UC Davis Creative Writing MA program and the Arboretum and Public Garden present the 7th annual student reading on Wyatt Deck. Graduating writers will read selections from their work.

camp shakespeare sign ups

ROYALS AND RIVALS! Ages 8-12

Session 1 July 9-20,
Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm

Session 2 July 23-August 3,
Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm

Arboretum Gazebo

Looking for an adventure this summer? Campers explore classic showdowns from two productions of the Davis Shakespeare Ensemble's 2018 season: *Mary Stuart* and *As You Like It*.

Through theatre games, acting workshops, and a culminating performance, campers will discover the thrill of this year's stories.



TEEN CAMP Ages 13-18

July 23-August 3

Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm

Arboretum & Veterans' Memorial Theater

This camp is designed for teenagers wanting to sharpen their acting skills. Campers will also explore heroism, partake in stage combat, acting workshops, movement techniques, improvisation training, and more. Teens won't want to miss this opportunity to take their love of theater to the next level!

More Information

For more details and online enrollment, visit www.shakespeare.davis.com, email davis.shakespeare@gmail.com or call 530-802-0998.



JIM DUNN

After serving over four years as Arboretum Steward, Jim retired at the end of February. Jim has been greatly valued for his incredible

work ethic, sociable nature, and never-ending patience for pulling weeds! Jim supported volunteer gardening teams and led the mighty volunteer cashier team at our public plant sales. When not organizing others, Jim could be found in his "happy place," focusing on the elimination of his latest weed target through painstaking manual removal. Not afraid of hip waders, Jim has eliminated some truly overwhelming weed outbreaks on land and in the Waterway. We sincerely hope to lure Jim back to join our volunteer teams to entertain us with stories from his retirement.



MILES DAPRATO

We are pleased to announce Miles DaPrato as our new Environmental Steward. Miles comes to us from the Solano Resource

Conservation District, where he served as the Restoration Project Manager. His experience with habitat management and restoration will be put to use as we create and manage wildlife habitat and sustainable landscapes within the Arboretum and Public Garden. You will see him working on landscape conversions and water conservation, stewarding our Oak Grove native grass meadow, creating hedgerow plantings, and working along the Putah Creek Riparian Reserve. Miles is a 2001 graduate from UC Davis, with a degree in Environmental Biology and Management.



REBECCA VAUGHN

We are excited to welcome Rebecca Vaughn as our new Partnership Program Manager. Rebecca will

be helping to strengthen existing programmatic partnerships on campus and in the community, as well as forge new partnerships to encourage and facilitate both UC Davis students and regional children and families from underrepresented communities to take part in our Learning by Leading and public programs. Rebecca has two masters' degrees in Museum Administration and African Studies. She has experience working in art museums, historical and cultural centers, and in a forest preserve. Please join us in welcoming Rebecca to our team.

Scenes from Winter Events

1. Participants at “Botanic Fanatics,” an event created by our Learning by Leading GATEways Outreach interns, display the tea bags they made from scratch using marigold, orange peels, chrysanthemums and tea leaves.
2. Participants at “Crafts and Cocoa” explore the botany, chemistry and early culture of cacao with Joel Bravo, Arboretum Ambassador. Attendees also crafted pine cone bird feeders and learned how to press flowers all while enjoying hot chocolate on Wyatt Deck.
3. In February, Antonio Flores, East Bay Regional Parks docent, led a class of over 80 participants in the art of Native Californian flute making. For the past 12 years Flores has taught this free workshop for people interested in the tradition of flute making as well as the ecology of our native elderberry plant.
4. Learning by Leading student Ellen Sanders-Raigosa, together with her staff mentor Abbey Hart, propagate chokecherries for a large-scale restoration project on Maidu land near Mount Lassen.
5. During our new volunteer training class this winter, our gardening volunteer trainees learned to identify plants by examining their form and structural characteristics.
6. Students in our Learning by Leading Waterway Stewardship program plant native grasses on the Arboretum Waterway’s newly created banks. The thousands of plugs they install serve to create habitat and filter contaminants from the water.



20 YEARS AND COUNTING...

Carmia Feldman, Assistant Director and Mary Burke, Director of Conservation and Environmental Leadership

THIS YEAR MARKS A BIG MOMENT FOR THE UC DAVIS ARBORETUM AND PUBLIC GARDEN

—we’re celebrating the 20th anniversary of Kathleen Socolofsky’s leadership. She began as the director of the Arboretum in February 1998 and now serves as director and assistant vice chancellor of the Arboretum and Public Garden – a unit with responsibility for over 5,000 acres including our main campus landscapes, the Arboretum and the Putah Creek Riparian Reserve – an endangered ecosystem along the southern edge of campus.

Kathleen’s vision and expertise for expanding student and community engagement into the creation and care of our campus landscapes has positioned UC Davis at the forefront of higher education landscape management best practices. Her impact on our organization has been immense, but we’ll just mention a few highlights of her leadership here:

- In 2000, Kathleen led a community-wide assessment effort to create a bold, shared vision for the future of the Arboretum. This led to the development of the UC Davis GATEways Project (Gardens, Arts and The Environment) to help translate the work of UC Davis for the public and create physical and programmatic gateways to the campus, including the Animal



Kathleen receives a plaque commemorating the Arboretum’s 75th anniversary from Elly Fairclough on behalf of Congressional Representative Mike Thompson in 2012.

Science GATEway Garden, the California Rock Garden, and the new Hummingbird GATEway Garden.

- Kathleen led the development of the Arboretum All-Stars, the keystone of our sustainable horticulture education program. For 13 years, these “top 100 plants for California gardens” have significantly helped beginning and expert gardeners alike learn about drought-tolerant, regionally appropriate plants.
- Kathleen led the creation of our Learning by Leading Program that gives students real-world leadership experiences as they tackle the most pressing environmental issues, from ecological restoration to nature education. This program started with 10 students in 2008, has over 100 students today, and its impact is still growing!

Kathleen’s leadership in these areas and more have led to a significant increase in campus investment (note the Arboretum Waterway Maintenance and Enhancement Project as just one example), as well as community support. Our organization would not be where we are without her!

Please join us in celebrating this significant anniversary for both Kathleen and the Arboretum and Public Garden.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

I was moved when my staff surprised me this last February on the 20th anniversary of my directorial debut with some heartfelt messages to commemorate this milestone. When I look back on these 20 years at UC Davis, I am thrilled at how much progress our organization has made and how many people we have touched over the years. I want to thank all of you, our members, volunteers, donors, plant sale customers, staff and students, for making these last 20 years so exciting and fulfilling for me. I look forward to continuing this journey with all of you.

As you know, we have always been passionate about pollinators. This issue's remind us about the huge number of native bees we have in California. See the cover article to find out how you can support these important pollinators whose needs are quite different than the European honey bee. Don't forget to shop plants that support our native bees at our spring plant sales and learn more about pollinators at our Pollinator Discovery Day on May 20 (see calendar on pages 4-5).

California native bees also help pollinate our food crops. This year we are focusing our spring giving campaign (from UC Davis Give Day on April 20 to the regional Big Day of Giving on May 3) on our premier edible garden, the Good Life Garden (see page 3). This fundraising campaign will help us transform the Good Life Garden into a hub where our Learning by Leading students and the community learn about growing nutritious produce and help to address food security issues here and across our "Edible Campus." We thank everyone in advance for your support of this exciting campaign. We invite you to join us in the Good Life Garden during Picnic Day to learn more (see calendar on page 4).

While our Edible Landscaping Learning by Leading students are growing food in the Good Life Garden to donate to the Student Food Pantry, other Learning by Leading students are teaching children and the public to appreciate nature and learn about environmental issues. These student leaders are recognized each year through the Pinkerton Prize, which honors our outstanding education students (see page 4). We thank Bret Hewitt and his late wife, Deb Pinkerton, for setting up this special prize fund.

We hope you get a chance to see our amazing students and volunteers in action this spring. Look for them as you are enjoying the gardens bursting with flowers and the busy season of plant sales, tours and GATEways programs (see calendar on pages 4-5).

Kathleen