

UC DAVIS ARBORETUM Review

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Nature's Gallery Court featured at Fall Plant Faire & Sale September 29: Showcasing the Plants of Nature's Gallery Court *(See page 2 for more plant sale information.)*

In honor of this stunning 75th anniversary project, the plant tiles on the new Nature's Gallery Court Mural provide the inspiration for the September 29 Plant Faire & Sale, "Showcasing the Plants of Nature's Gallery Court."

If you have not had the chance to visit the campus's recently dedicated landmark and technicolor photo opportunity, save the date for this expanded plant sale event. In addition to the great selection of low-water, easy-care, region-appropriate plants you find at every plant sale, docents will be available to welcome you to the adjacent Nature's Gallery Court and Ruth Risdon Storer Garden, the Valley-wise landscape that served as a catalyst for this project.

Whether you are an experienced landscaper or just flirt with

gardening, you'll enjoy this one-day-only plant sale event where you can discover plants you love at Nature's Gallery Court, see them growing in the nearby Storer Garden, and visit our Teaching Nursery to purchase your favorites for your own landscape!



Teaching Nursery volunteers Florence Breidenbach, Marcy Shannon, Georgie Waugh, Ginny Vaughn, Marti Parks, Jeanne Enos, Pat Miller and Nancy Crosby showcase a selection of plants featured on the Nature's Gallery Court mural that are also available at the plant sale!

Only Friends members can shop the first two hours of this sale, from 9-11 am. Not a member yet? Join at the door for early admission, a free plant coupon (up to a \$10 value) and 10% off your purchases. After that, the gates will be open to the public until the sale's end at 1 pm. Live music and children's activities add to the celebratory atmosphere of this festive kick-off for the fall planting season.



FALL PLANT SALES

Location: Arboretum Teaching Nursery Garrod Drive, Davis

Saturday, September 29

Showcasing the Plants of Nature's Gallery Court

Members Only 9-11 am, Public 11am - 1 pm

Sunday, October 14

Copy & Paste: Transferring Arboretum Style to Your Landscape

Open to Public, 9 am - 1 pm

What do your plant sale purchases support?

Suzanne Ullensvang, Resource Development Manager

When you buy plants at a Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum plant sale, did you know that your dollars translate into beautiful gardens and family-friendly programs throughout the Arboretum? Plant sales are one of the largest fundraisers

for the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum—that's you! Whether you buy a couple of plants or a whole cartful, you not only get great plants to enhance your yard, you also contribute to the wonderful experiences of people who visit the Arboretum.

In its forty year history, the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum has raised over \$1 million dollars through plant sales, memberships, and special appeals. These gifts have been used to help establish new gardens, to develop new programs, to support volunteer involvement and so much more. Nearly every place you visit in the Arboretum has been enhanced by your membership in Friends, your plant sale purchases and your contributions.

Take a moment to pat yourself on the back for helping make a difference in our community, this region and beyond!



Your plant sale support enhances more than your landscape!

Your purchases at our plant sales translate to support for our collections and family-friendly programming.

Arboretum All-Star planting plans for your garden featured at Sunday plant sale

October 14: Copy & Paste: Transferring Arboretum Style to Your Landscape

Ellen Zagory, Director of Horticulture

During the 75th anniversary, we continue to feature the Arboretum All-Stars, our top recommended plants for California gardens, to help you create sustainable landscapes at home. Our planting plans and demonstration gardens can make creating your own All-Star gardens even easier.

In 2009, the Arboretum was fortunate to receive a grant from the Elevance J. Slosson Foundation to create a UC Davis Arboretum All-Star Exhibit, a planting to display our special plant selections. The location for the planting was tricky, a 300-foot-long area on the west side of the Teaching Nursery that is only 20 feet wide. Repeatedly I walked along this area pondering how to create a cohesive garden look on such a long site. I had a great selection of plants to choose from, but how to best arrange them was key to the success of the design.

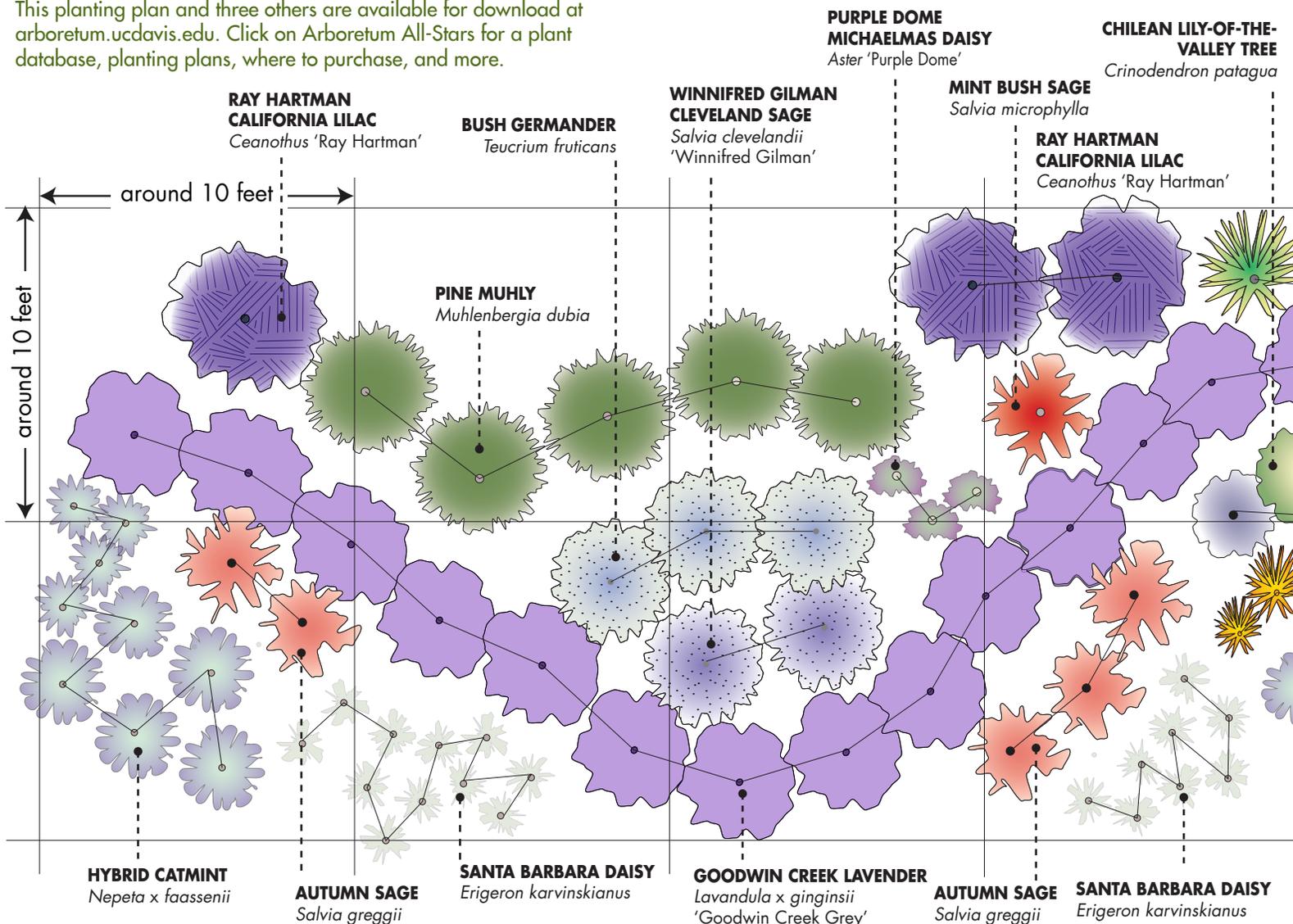
The Arboretum All-Star planting demonstration bed design comes to you courtesy of the floor design at the Sacramento International

Airport (Terminal A)! The carpet and tile flooring features the Sacramento River running through the Central Valley. One day I found myself following the airport's "river" when landscape design lightning struck. The Sacramento River that defines and enhances our region crosses many miles of the Central Valley on its journey to the Pacific Ocean. Rivers "flow" and are natural yet unifying; they lead your eye down a visual pathway that enables you to move along the landscape, yet provide continuity in color and form. Our All-Star landscape needed a river of lavender!

This issue of the Arboretum Review features a planting plan modeled on the north end of this All-Star landscape. Our hope is you'll be able to use it for inspiration as you plan to replace your water-thirsty lawn or revitalize a dreary corner of the garden. We invite you to use this design, or the others found on our website (arboretum.ucdavis.edu) as a starting point. We'll also have plans available to you at our second fall sale on Sunday, October 14 from 9 am – 1 pm when we will highlight this idea of "Copy & Paste: Transferring Arboretum Style

ALL-STAR PLANTING PLAN *(not to scale)*

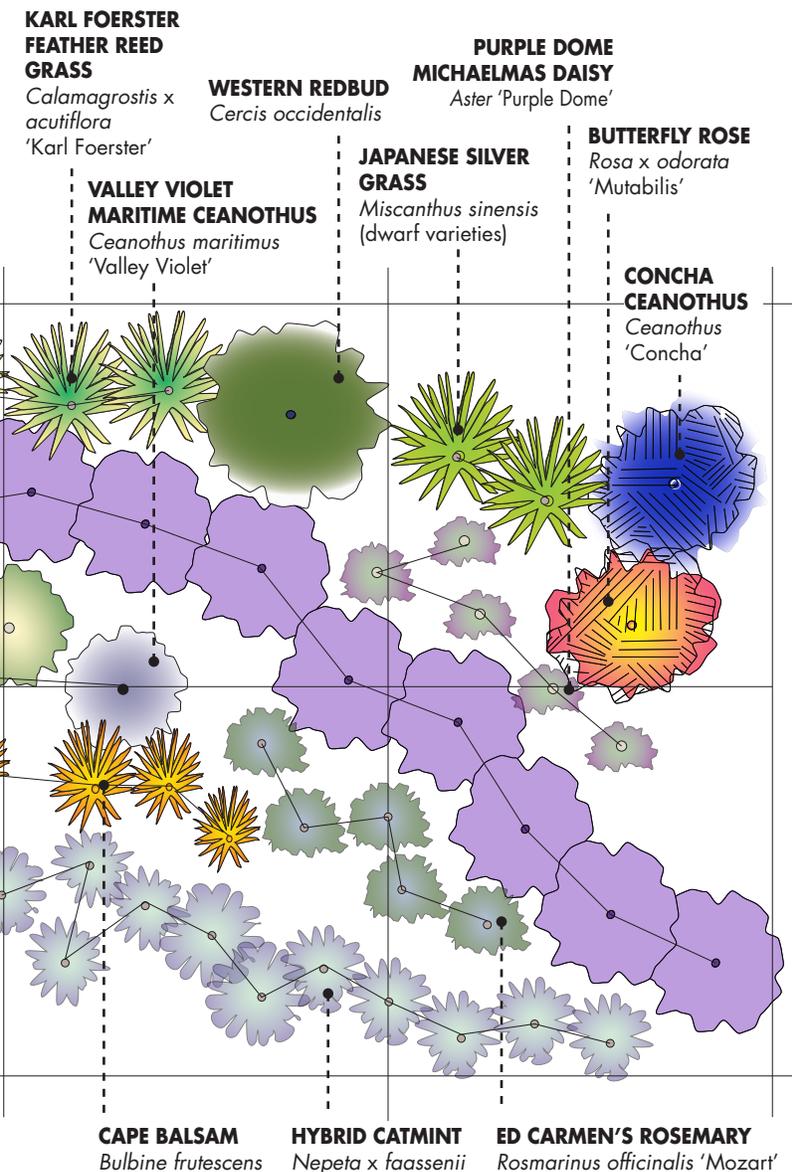
This planting plan and three others are available for download at arboretum.ucdavis.edu. Click on Arboretum All-Stars for a plant database, planting plans, where to purchase, and more.



to Your Landscape.”

Inspired by another area of our landscape? When you visit the Arboretum, take notes and a camera (or smart phone) to document the plants and landscape designs that you like. Note the size, form, and appearance of mature plantings in the Arboretum collections so you know what to expect in your yard. Notice combinations of colors, shapes, and blooming times that can provide year-around interest. Next, think about your available planting areas. Determine the amount of sun and shade these areas receive over the course of the year and select plants adapted to your sun exposure. Consider plant combinations you like from Arboretum gardens and use them as a starting point to make your own design statement.

Please bring your ideas and questions to the upcoming the Friends of UC Davis Arboretum plant sales at the Arboretum Teaching Nursery. At the sales, staff, volunteer gardeners and local nursery professionals will help you find the plants you want and advise you on plant combinations. Our dedicated sales staff will help you choose the best plants to create your own sustainable slice of heaven, to establish inviting habitats for hummingbirds and other pollinators, and to reduce your water and chemical needs in the process. We look forward to seeing you there!



Arboretum All-Star care tips for fall

Ryan Deering, GATEways Horticulturist

Not only is fall a good time to plant, it is a great time to expand your garden by dividing your plants.



CANYON SNOW PACIFIC IRIS
Iris 'Canyon Snow'

In the fall, this spring bloomer begins moving out of its summer slow-growth period. In late September/October you'll see this iris begin growing actively again, which is a good time to think about dividing. Look for baby leaves around the base of the plant. This tells you that the plant has a better chance of re-growing when transplanted. Take a trowel and gently divide those first flushes of growth from the mature base, being sure to dig up as many of the baby leaves' roots as possible. Once you have a clump of baby leaves separated, replant it in a partly shady area and water it just as you would any new planting. Once it is established, its water needs are low, but its beauty and impact in your garden remain high. Don't hesitate share the wealth with friends!



HEN AND CHICKS
Echeveria 'Imbricata'

Early fall is also a great time to divide your *Echeveria 'Imbricata'*. This plant can be divided in spring, but we are lucky in this region to also have time in late September/early October to establish plants before the winter months. Look under the skirt of the "hen" or the larger plant in the center for the "chicks." Wait until they are large enough to see, or about 1/3 the size of the hen to divide. Other visual cues that may indicate the timing is right to divide is when you begin to see small, white roots developing under the chicks. The white roots tell you that the chicks have established their own roots and are ready to grow on their own. Gently pinch the stem of the chick off the main hen; hopefully you'll have an inch or two of stem to work with. Place it in the soil of its new home, which may be in your garden or a pot in a sunny spot of your window sill. Water a couple times a week; once established, you only need to water it every couple of weeks.

Fall is also a good time to tidy up plants like fescue that experience a slow-growth period over the summer.



CALIFORNIA FESCUE
Festuca californica

This plant, like many California natives, blooms in the spring then goes through a slow-growth period over the summer. After a couple seasons of enjoying its airy, golden flowers, fall is the time to remove the old stalks for a tidier appearance. Personally, I don't remove the spent stalks until they are bent over, then I pinch them off as far down to the base of the plant as I can manage. This may seem tedious, but it is amazing how many stalks you can pull out in less than 30 seconds—not a bad maintenance plan for a plant that requires little to no attention the rest of the year!

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: ANIMAL SCIENCE GATEWAYS GARDEN

Emily Griswold, Director of GATEways Horticulture & Teaching Gardens

You may have noticed the new path and stone retaining walls in the Southwest USA and Mexican Collection. The path is designed to connect Arboretum visitors with a new Animal Science GATEway Garden at the neighboring Cole Facility. With funding from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, the Arboretum has been partnering with the Animal Science Department to build this new garden, which will feature a horse-viewing area, forage crops, information about the department, and a gathering area shaded by a magnificent valley oak tree. Designed by recent UCD alumnus John Gainey, the garden is being built by Arboretum staff, students, volunteers, and the Animal Science Farm Crew.



(Clockwise from top) Arboretum volunteers build the path through the Southwest USA and Mexican Collection. A new stairway is the focal point leading visitors to the future Animal Science GATEway Garden. Animal Science Farm Crew installs the new fence.

Karlie Heirick



Emily Griswold



Karin Higgins

SPECIAL EVENING HONORS VOLUNTEERS

Lovely weather and grateful Arboretum staff greeted volunteers at the 10th Annual Arboretum Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on June 23 at Putah Creek Lodge.

During the BBQ dinner and potluck buffet prepared by staff, volunteers enjoyed a photo slideshow of themselves at work. Arboretum Director Kathleen Socolofsky opened the program with thanks to volunteers past and present who made the Arboretum's 75th anniversary possible. Staff team leaders recognized their volunteers who make this such a remarkable place. Kathy Olson (right), retiring Friends Board Treasurer, received special thanks for her extraordinary service to the Board.

Raffle prizes and the gift of a Gruss an Aachen rose plant to each volunteer attendee ended the happy evening. If you enjoy the UC Davis Arboretum, make sure our volunteers are on your gratitude list!



Kate Campbell

COMMENDATIONS ROLL IN



California Garden Clubs, Inc. presented two landscape design commendations, one to the UC Davis Arboretum and the other to Arboretum Director Kathleen Socolofsky on June 5, when their annual statewide conference toured the Arboretum. Julie West,

CGCI President, also presented the Arboretum with a copy of *The Diamond Years, A 75-Year History of California Garden Clubs, Inc.*



T.J. Ushing

US Congressman Mike Thompson awarded the UC Davis Arboretum a Certificate of Special Recognition in honor of the Arboretum's 75th anniversary on the occasion of the dedication ceremony for Nature's Gallery Court on June 9, 2012.

The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CA&ES) has announced that Kathleen Socolofsky is a 2012 CA&ES Award of Distinction recipient. She will be feted at the College Celebration on October 5, 2012. Congratulations to our director!

Stylist Home, a popular destination within an AOL suite of websites including The Huffington Post, has named the UC Davis Arboretum to their list of "The 10 Most Beautiful Botanical Gardens Across the United States."



UC Davis is ranked number one "Cool School" by Sierra Magazine.

The campus is highlighting the Arboretum's leadership in transitioning the 900-acre central campus into a public garden featuring sustainable maintenance practices and native plants.

ROMANCING THE STORER GARDEN



Arboretum Docent and UC Davis Plant Pathologist Pam Kazmierczak presented "Romance and Legend: Roses of the Storer Garden" on May 5. In honor of Cinco de Mayo, Arboretum Ambassadors Melissa Cruz and Grace Persico were on hand to offer the tour in Spanish as well. Muchas gracias, Pam y Embajadoras!



FALL 2012 GATEWAYS EVENTS

Plant Sales (Arboretum Teaching Nursery: Garrod Dr. off La Rue Rd.)

PLANT SALE PREVIEW (NO SALES)

Get a sneak peek of our fall plant sale inventory

Saturday, Sept 22, Open to Public, 10-11:30 am

PLANT FAIRE & SALE

Showcasing the Plants of Nature's Gallery Court

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PLANT SALE

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Guided Tours

TAKE A WALK ON THE WEST SIDE!

Saturday, October 6, 9-11 am

Meet at Nature's Gallery Court, Garrod Drive

Reacquaint yourself with the Arboretum's West End by taking a leisurely group walk along Arboretum pathways on Homecoming Saturday! Beautiful vistas, fond memories, and exciting new projects await you! Co-sponsored by Alumni Relations.

WALK WITH WARREN - West End Gardens

Wednesdays, October 10, November 14 and December 12
noon-1 pm, Meet at the Gazebo

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Explore ornamental grasses in the West End

Saturday, October 20, 10-11:30 am

Meet at Nature's Gallery Court, Garrod Drive

Check out the autumn drama of ornamental grasses in the Storer, Oak Grove, White Flower, and All-Star Gardens.

LET THE CULTURE DAYS BEGIN:

Native American Contemplative Garden

Saturday, November 3, 2-3:30 pm

Meet in front of Buehler Alumni and Visitors Center

Join this public tour of the Native American Contemplative Garden, led by Arboretum docents and UC Davis students. A collaboration with the UC Davis Cross-Cultural Center.

PLANTS OF THE SOUTHWEST U.S.A.

Saturday, November 17, 2-3:30 pm

Meet in front of Arboretum Headquarters on La Rue Road

Explore the autumn sages blooming in the Southwest USA Collection and take a peek at progress on the newest GATEways Garden Project: Animal Science.

GARDEN PREP FOR WINTER: STORER

Ruth Risdon Storer Garden

Saturday, December 1, 2-3:30 pm, Ruth Risdon Storer Garden

Are your garden beds ready for winter weather? Find out how Storer gardeners are preparing.

CRAZY ABOUT CONIFERS

Conifer Collection

Saturday, December 15, 2-3:30 pm

Meet in front of Arboretum Headquarters on La Rue Road

Explore the evergreens in the Arboretum's Conifer Collection, and learn how they enhance the landscape.

Science Café

HOW PLANTS AND ANIMALS USE CHEMICALS FOR SURVIVAL AND DEFENSE

Professor Christopher Jeffrey, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Nevada, Reno
Wednesday, October 17, 5:15 pm

Wyatt Deck (Rain location: 146 Environmental Horticulture)

Professor Chris Jeffrey will speak on chemical communications between plants and other organisms. Co-sponsored by Prof. Jared Shaw and the Chemistry Department, and funded by the National Science Foundation.

Arts and Letters

OPENING NIGHT:

Readings by the Creative Writing Faculty

Thursday, October 4, 7 pm, Wyatt Deck (Rain location: 126 Voorhies Hall)

Award-winning fiction writers and poets from the UC Davis Creative Writing Program read from their work: Joshua Clover, Greg Glazner, Pam Houston, Yiyun Li, Joe Wenderoth, and Alan Williamson. Sponsored by the English Department and the UC Davis Arboretum.

POETRY IN THE GARDEN:

Spring Warren and Jill Stengel

Thursday, October 11, noon-1 pm, Wyatt Deck

Spring Warren grew up on a Wyoming ranch, but now lives in Davis, California. She is the author of *The Quarter-Acre Farm: How I Kept the Patio, Lost the Lawn, and Fed My Family for A Year* and other works.

In addition to being a poet and writer, Jill Stengel has been an active champion of a variety of readings, collectives, and salons. She also participates in the poet-moms listserv community. Stengel lives in Davis, California.

Indigo Moor and Judy Halebsky

Thursday, November 1, noon-1 pm, Wyatt Deck

Indigo Moor is a multi-genre, award-winning writer. Moor teaches creative writing workshops and is also a musician and photographer.

Judy Halebsky, also an award-winning poet, spent five years in Japan as a Japanese Ministry of Culture fellow. She edits and translates the bilingual poetry journal *Eki Mae*. She lives in San Francisco and teaches at Dominican University of California.

DAVIS SHAKESPEARE ENSEMBLE

Macbeth: The Radio Play

October 24-November 3, Wed-Sat, 8 pm, Arboretum Gazebo

Davis Shakespeare Ensemble presents *Radio Macbeth*, an original version of Shakespeare's haunting tragedy inspired by the format of 1930s radio plays, featuring live sound effects and an original score. Ticket reservations: boxoffice@shakespeare.davis.com, (530)802-0998, or visit www.shakespeare.davis.com.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum.

FOLK MUSIC JAM SESSIONS

Alternate Fridays: October 12 & 26, November 9, December 7 & 21
noon-1 pm, Wyatt Deck

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

Family Nature Programs

STORYTIME THROUGH THE SEASONS:

Under the Redwood Tree

Sunday, November 4, 1-3 pm

Wyatt Deck (Rain location: 146 Environmental Horticulture)

Join us for a free, outdoor reading program exploring the cultural world of Native Californians. Enjoy traditional stories, games, and arts. All ages are welcome!

Summer GATEways Events (Gardens, Arts, & The Environment) in the Arboretum

Your membership in and gifts to Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum help fund these and other educational programs for our region and community. Thank you!

Entomology Ph.D. candidate Katharina Ullman and young visitors demonstrate the long antennae that distinguish bees from flies at the Cross Pollination Workshop co-sponsored with the Davis Art Center in the Gazebo.



Visitors of all ages make pinecone bird feeders they can take to their home yards at Wild Family Day co-sponsored by student group UC Davis Wild Campus and the UC Davis Arboretum.

(right) Participants of all ages draw items collected from nature at the Cross Pollination Workshop. (below) A young visitor creates a native bee home at the Cross Pollination Workshop.



Wild Campus student naturalist acquaints a young visitor with a California king snake at Wild Family Day at the Arboretum.



(left to right) Mitchell VanLandingham, Cody Granger, Casey Worthington, Kevin Granger, and Misty Day perform in the Davis Shakespeare Ensemble's production of *Henry V* in the Gazebo, co-sponsored by the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum.



Arboretum Ambassadors Izzy Zucker and Mira Parekh developed and presented an ethnobotany experience that included tea made from currant, sage and redwood.



Creative writing MA students read their work in the Graduate Creative Writing Symposium at the Wyatt Deck.



Young actors perform *The Tempest*, the final production of the Davis Shakespeare Ensemble's Camp Shakespeare, under the watchful eye of Director Rob Salas.

All photos by Elaine Fingerett unless otherwise noted.

Take Advantage of Your

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

There are many benefits to membership in the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum...discounts at plant sales are just the beginning! We've listed a few additional benefits below. To refresh your memory about the others visit:

arboretum.ucdavis.edu/join_the_friends.aspx

NURSERY DISCOUNTS

Present your membership card at the following nurseries for great discounts!

Lemuria Nursery (Dixon)

Three Palms Nursery (Davis)

Redwood Barn Nursery (Davis)

Youngmark Nursery (Woodland)

Friends members are eligible to receive 10% off their ENTIRE PURCHASE at the nurseries listed above.

Davis Ace Hardware

10% discount on all Arboretum All-Stars and the Nursery Deal of the Month.

Silverado Building Materials & Nursery (Sacramento)

10% discount on any one nursery item.

FREE ADMISSION

Friends members receive free admission at over 280 American Horticultural Society (AHS) botanical gardens. (See our website for more info.)

FEATURED AHS GARDEN

Quarryhill Botanical Garden

Specializing in the Flora of Asia

12841 Sonoma Highway, Glen Ellen, CA

SPECIAL EVENTS SATURDAY September 22

FREE admission for Friends members (normally \$10/per adult)

Workshop: Long Lasting Floral Arrangements 10:30 am - 12 pm (FREE)

Music in the Garden

5 pm - 7 pm (\$15 admission)

ticket price includes AHS discount

Make a day of it and enjoy the gardens in between events!

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From the Director



Dear Friends,

Please join us in the continued festivities for the Arboretum's 75th anniversary. Looking back in time, we honor the generous gifts of time, money, and energy you have provided us, we delight in Arboretum stories and memories you've shared with us, and we rejoice in the history of our collections and the many individuals who inspired, created and supported them. We are also grateful this year for the wonderful accolades we've received that recognize the Arboretum's many achievements (see page 4).

We especially acknowledge the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum, the incredible organization that has helped sustain the Arboretum for over 40 years. We welcome Ann Filmer, Kristi Davis, and Christina Craig-Veit to the Board of the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum. We offer our gratitude to outgoing Board members Kathy Olson and Nyla Wiebe, and thanks to Nancy Shapiro, Martha Ozonoff, Ernie Lewis, Terry Davison, Lois Crowe, Shirley Maus, Martha Rehrman, and Warren Roberts for their continuing Board service.

Two of the ways the Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum supports the Arboretum is through memberships and plant sales. We encourage everyone to bring friends, family and neighbors to the fall plant sales, where all purchases support Arboretum collections and programs (see page 1). Membership goes hand-in-hand with the sales, as members enjoy 10% off their purchases and new members receive a coupon for a free plant in addition to the other benefits of membership. On page 7, read about the member discounts you get at partner nurseries and learn how your membership gets you special access at partner gardens.

This fall, our plant sales showcase the plants of Nature's Gallery Court and feature ideas, plants, and planting plans you can use at home (see pages 1-2). On page 3, read about tips for fall maintenance of your All-Star plants. Beyond the sales, we invite you to enjoy the Arboretum through a full slate of tours, programs and performances (see page 5).

Thank you for continuing to provide essential funding and support for the Arboretum with your plant sale purchases, donations, and memberships.

Best wishes,

Kathleen