

# the review

UC DAVIS ARBORETUM AND PUBLIC GARDEN

hot lips sage, *Salvia × jemensis* 'Hot Lips'  
Photo: Katie Hettrick

## Fall PLANT SALES

Saturday  
OCTOBER 11

9 AM - 11 AM  
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## THE NEW FRONT YARD: EXTEND YOUR GARDEN'S BEAUTY WITH FALL-BLOOMING PLANTS

Ellen Zagory, Director of Horticulture

**THE CALL FOR STATEWIDE WATER** conservation and predictions of rising water costs are a strong impetus to make the change to low-water landscape plants. Fortunately, the Arboretum Teaching Nursery grows many plants perfect for creating an attractive, low-water, low-maintenance garden. Many of these provide color into the fall to extend the season of interest and will be available at our plant sales this October.

Asters are good fall-blooming selections that come in a wide variety of heights and colors. We recommend *Aster* 'Purple Dome,' with its round ball of color and *Aster × frikartii* 'Monch,' with its long bloom season. This year we are also featuring *Aster chilensis* 'Point Saint George,' a very vigorous groundcover whose flowers are attractive to butterflies. With irrigation, this clone will spread aggressively, so it is best used in very low-water areas and on banks where it can spread while reducing soil erosion.

For the low-water gardener, we recommend the lesser-known groundcover salt heliotrope, *Heliotropium curassavicum*, with waxy bluish leaves and pale lavender flowers on arching curved spikes. Its shallow corollas are attractive to a number of smaller butterflies. Salt heliotrope is a true perennial that will die back in winter.

Tough and colorful autumn sages (*Salvia greggii* and its hybrids *Salvia × jemensis*) are named for their prolific autumn bloom. These are available



**CALIFORNIA FUCHSIA**

*Epilobium canum*

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in a variety of colors, from deep reds (*Salvia greggii* 'Scott's Red'), to orange, pink, and bicolored forms (like the resilient 'Sierra San Antonio' and quirky 'Hot Lips'). The Santa Barbara sage *Salvia leucantha* 'Midnight' is also a dramatic and dependable fall performer, with furry purple petals and calyces on tall wands of foliage in September.

Durable and adaptable California fuchsias (*Epilobium canum* cultivars), sparkling with silvery foliage and red-orange blooms, are a magnet for hummingbirds. Fall-blooming ornamental grasses, with their spikey forms and airy and delicate blooms, are the perfect complement to autumn perennials.



**AUTUMN SAGE**  
*Salvia greggii*  
'Scott's Red'



**SIERRA SAN ANTONIO SAGE**  
*Salvia x jamensis*  
'Sierra San Antonio'



**SALT HELIOTROPE**  
*Heliotropium curassavicum*



**FRIKART'S ASTER**  
*Aster x frikartii*  
'Monch'



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### NEW VIDEOS!

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WATER-WISE PLANTS YOU'LL FIND AT OUR OCTOBER PLANT SALES

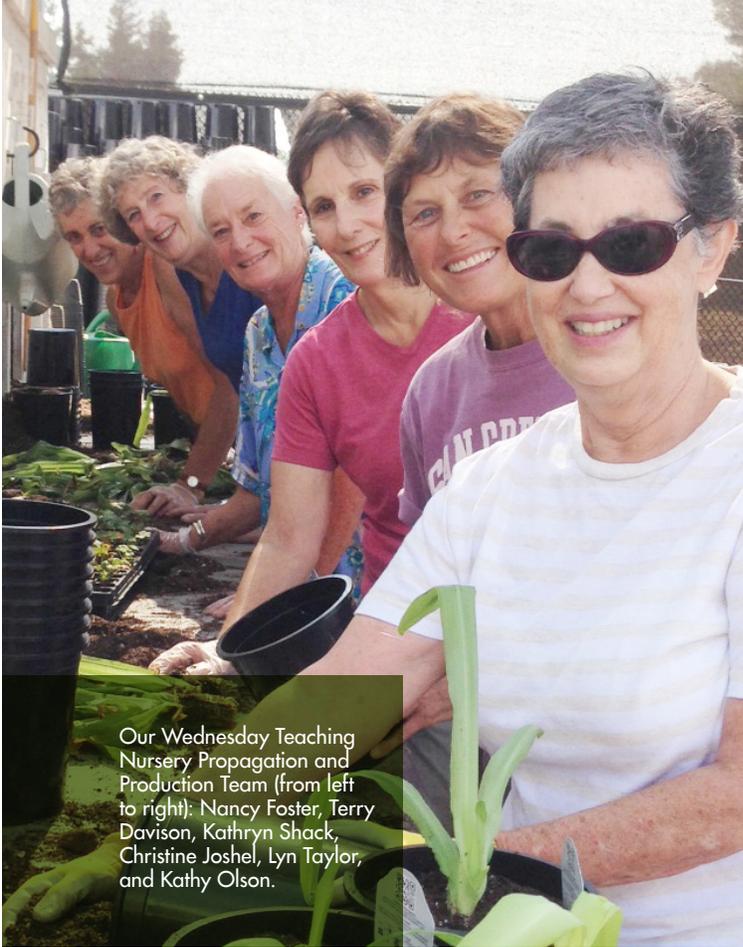


**WATCH NURSERY MANAGER TAYLOR LEWIS** on the Arboretum and Public Garden's YouTube Channel to learn more about some of the water-wise plants we'll be featuring at our plant sales on October 11 and 25. The videos include information about different plant varieties, their beneficial garden qualities, as well as maintenance tips.

Video topics we've posted so far include *Salvias* (sages), *Ceanothus* (California lilacs), *Eriogonum* (buckwheat) and *Flower Power: 13 Plants You Don't Want to Overlook at our Fall Sales*.



Watch our videos at [arboretum.ucdavis.edu](http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu)



Our Wednesday Teaching Nursery Propagation and Production Team (from left to right): Nancy Foster, Terry Davison, Kathryn Shack, Christine Joshel, Lyn Taylor, and Kathy Olson.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### TEACHING NURSERY PROPAGATION AND PRODUCTION TEAMS

**OVER 12,000 PLANTS** will be ready for customers to purchase at our fall plant sales. That's an amazing number!

Even more incredible is the story of how most of these plants are grown by volunteers working year-round behind the scenes at the Arboretum Teaching Nursery. Three different teams of volunteers, 32 volunteers in all, meet weekly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Teaching Nursery to grow the plants and prepare for the fall and spring plant sales. Guided by the staff Nursery Manager and Propagation Specialist, and working alongside student employees and interns, the volunteers collect and sow seeds, take cuttings, transplant, do divisions, water, fertilize, and more.

The nursery volunteers are an incredibly loyal and hard-working crew—many have been on their teams for seven years or longer! Propagation volunteer Lyn Taylor says, "I love the social aspect of the team and learning how to do plant propagation, while helping the Arboretum and Public Garden at the same time."

If you take some plants home from a plant sale this fall, think of the many volunteer hands that have nurtured those plants to prepare them for your garden. Thank you Teaching Nursery Propagation and Production Volunteer Teams for your wonderful contributions!

## MRAK HALL CIRCLE: CREATING CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNITY

**LAST FALL** our Arboretum and Public Garden team, along with volunteers, students, and UC Davis staff from the Offices of the Chancellor and Provost, came together to landscape a large portion of the roundabout also occupied by Robert Arneson's celebrated egghead sculptures (2). The landscape is really beginning to fill in nicely so be sure to stop by and take a look!

More than just a minor landscape improvement, from start to finish this project demonstrated how our campus grounds can be maximized to provide learning and building experiences for our students and community members.

The low-water use irrigation system—installed by staff with volunteer assistance (3)—was also incorporated into a campus landscape architecture class on construction as a real-world demonstration of irrigation installation; the plant palette, selected by our horticulturists in

partnership with our campus landscape architecture unit, will also serve as a demonstration planting area of water-wise plant combinations that provide year-round interest; and lastly, the actual planting involved dozens of staff from the Offices of the Chancellor and Provost, including the Provost (4). They not only received planting tips from our staff, but now take pride in the part they played to beautify a high-profile part of campus (1).

### PLANTS YOU WILL FIND HERE:

*Salvia x sylvestris* 'Blauhügel,' blue hill wood sage • *Gaura lindheimeri* 'Sparkle White,' sparkle white guara • *Baileya multiradiata*, desert marigold • *Muhlenbergia dubia*, pine muhly • *Epilobium canum* 'Carman's Gray,' Carman's Gray fuchsia • *Xerochrysum bracteantha* 'KLEBA04076', Mohave® golden yellow strawflower • *Bouteloua gracilis*, blue grama grass • *Gaillardia x grandiflora* 'Amber Wheels' and 'Mesa Bright Bicolor' • *Narcissus asturiensis*, miniature daffodil • *Eschscholzia californica*, California poppy





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## SNAPSHOTS: **GATEWAYS** EVENTS & MORE

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

1. Arboretum Ambassadors partnered with the UC Davis Entomology Club to host Bugtopia 3.0. Visitors learned how to capture and identify insects, held live insects from the UC Davis Bohart Museum, and created bug-inspired crafts.
2. Students from an Elk Grove tutoring group participated in an insect tour in our Oak Grove. They created a variety of bug-themed crafts and learned how to collect insects. Here Zacharias enjoys holding a Peruvian walking stick.
3. Food science undergraduate Abigail Selya, from the UC Davis Olive Center, leads a delicious olive oil tasting with attendees of the Arboretum Ambassadors' event Storytime Through the Seasons: Under the Tuscan Sun.
4. To celebrate their graduation, creative writing graduate students including Benjamin Hinshaw, pictured here, read their own works to an audience of fellow students, friends, family, and community members at the third annual Farewell Reading of the Creative Writing masters students at the Arboretum's Wyatt Deck.
5. Students enrolled in Camp Shakespeare—an arts partnership between the Davis Shakespeare Ensemble and the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden—rehearse their roles in *Much Ado About Nothing*.
6. Yoga instructor Loshan Ostrava leads participants in a 75-minute yoga class sponsored by the Arboretum Ambassadors.
7. A Whole Foods team member serves delicious desserts at a Whole Foods-sponsored event for "Circle" level members and longtime supporters. Read more about our partnership with Whole Foods on page 6.
8. Students from Peregrine Preschool on a field trip to the California Rock Garden—a Geology GATEways Garden—discover plant fossils embedded in the boulders.
9. Director of Public Horticulture Ellen Zagory speaks at a press conference supporting a bill to prevent residents in Homeowners' Associations from being fined for installing drought-tolerant landscapes.



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## Plant Sales

### FALL FOCUS: THE NEW FRONT YARD

Saturday, October 11

9-11 am: member sale (join at door); 11 am-1 pm: public sale

Saturday, October 25, 9 am-1 pm

UC Davis Arboretum Teaching Nursery (across from Vet Med)

Replace your lawn or refresh your landscape with attractive, low-water, easy-care, California native plants, as well as a large selection of Arboretum All-Stars.

## GUIDED TOURS

### WEDNESDAY WALKS WITH WARREN

October 8 • November 12 • December 10

All walks begin at 12 pm, Gazebo

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

### AMONG THE OAKS

Sunday, October 19, 11 am, Gazebo

Explore an amazing variety of oaks from around the world in the Peter J. Shields Oak Grove. Learn about the life cycle of oaks and see why autumn is acorn time in the grove.

### NATIVE AMERICAN USES OF CALIFORNIA PLANTS

Sunday, November 2, 2 pm, UC Davis Welcome Center

Enjoy an engaging, family-friendly tour of the Native American Contemplative Garden and discover traditional uses for a variety of California plants.

## ARTS & LETTERS

### OPENING NIGHT: READINGS BY THE CREATIVE WRITING FACULTY

Thursday, October 9, 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, Lucy Corin, Yiyun Li, Katie Peterson, Margaret Ronda, and Joe Wenderoth. Co-sponsored by the English Department.

### FOLK MUSIC JAM SESSIONS

Alternate Fridays: October 10 & 24, November 7 & 21, December 5 & 19, 12-1 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.

## SCIENCE & NATURE

### THE ART OF SCIENCE

Sunday, October 12, 1-3 pm, Wyatt Deck

(Rain location: 146 Environmental Horticulture)

Join us and experience science in a whole new way! Enjoy UC Davis graduate student scientists presenting their research through song, dance, photography and other media. Participate in hands-on arts and crafts activities and engaging live demonstrations. This event is free and all ages are welcome! Co-sponsored by UC Davis scientists and the Powerhouse Science Center as part of the Harvest Event (see below).

### HARVEST: A GATHERING OF FOOD, WINE, BEER, AND THE ARTS

Sunday, October 12, 1-10 pm, UC Davis Gateway District

This event, part of the Mondavi Center's "Performance Enhancement" series, includes our above-referenced "Art of Science" event (free) as well as a mix of free and ticketed programming like a family-friendly zone on Vanderhoef Quad, the debut of a new exhibit at the Nelson Gallery, interactive displays, food, wine, beer, pumpkin carving, live music, and more. For more information visit: <http://mondavi.ucdavis.edu/harvest>

### NATURE DISCOVERY DROP-IN DAY

Saturday, October 18, 1-3 pm, Trellis in the California Native Plant GATEway Garden (behind Davis Commons Shopping Ctr.)

Join us for a free, fun-filled family afternoon exploring our local wildlife. All ages are welcome.

### STORYTIME THROUGH THE SEASONS: UNDER THE REDWOOD TREE

Sunday, November 9, 1-3 pm, Wyatt Deck

(Rain location: 146 Environmental Horticulture)

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

### GO GREEN DROP-IN DAY

Sunday, November 16, 1-3 pm, Trellis in the California Native Plant GATEway Garden (behind Davis Commons Shopping Ctr.)

Want to be more sustainable? Have fun learning about conserving resources through free, hands-on activities. All ages are welcome.

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## DONOR SPOTLIGHT: WHOLE FOODS MARKET

### WE'VE DEVELOPED A TERRIFIC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

with Whole Foods Market Davis! Here are examples of how their team has collaborated with the Arboretum and Public Garden in support of community education and sustainable horticulture:

- Friends of the UC Davis Arboretum was the first recipient of the Nickels for Nonprofits fundraiser at the Davis store, a program that encourages customers to donate their nickel bag credits.
- Whole Foods has supported the Friends plant sales by providing lunches for hundreds of volunteers working at each event.
- Whole Foods hosted tasting events, had a shovel collection barrel, provided publicity to help us collect over 400 shovels used in the "Shovel Gateway" sculpture that welcomes visitors to the Arboretum and catered the dedication event.

- Their team partnered on a "sneak peek" event showcasing the California Native Plant Gateways Garden. Their extensive contributions included food, beverages, rentals and more.
- Whole Foods completely sponsored an event for our "Circle" level members and long-term supporters including gourmet wine and food pairings, additional staff support, and gorgeous decorations.
- They are a great neighbor! Their staff helps keep the Arboretum Terrace Garden clean and secure. They even facilitated a donation of tables and chairs to provide additional seating in the garden.

Please take a moment to say "thank you for being a great Arboretum partner" next time you shop in Whole Foods Market Davis.



# AT WORK IN THE ARBORETUM



## CREATING A NEW VISITOR ENTRY & DESTINATION

Construction has begun on the first part of a multi-year plan to improve access and create campus- and visitor-friendly features at the west end of the Arboretum. The area is part of an exciting initiative zone that contains several large, campus-funded projects. Our team has been working with campus project managers and departments to coordinate and leverage these projects to enhance the visitor experience in the Arboretum.

Crews have already broken ground on the first project, which is to reroute Garrod Drive further to the north and expand the Putah Creek Lodge parking lot to the west to meet the new road, improving access to the Teaching Nursery. The road realignment will make space for a new Veterinary Medicine Students Services and Administration Center and events lawn, which will be built within a few years. In addition, we are thrilled that the plans call for a dining pavilion that will be accessible to our visitors. We

are working closely with School of Veterinary Medicine faculty and staff to develop ideas for the new landscape exhibits that will be developed.

There are many sustainability features being built into the new landscapes and projects. The parking lot will feature trees specifically chosen for their ability to tolerate tough, urban conditions, a bioswale will filter water that runs off from the parking lot, and a California native plant meadow will collect excess water from the entire site while creating wildlife habitat.

## PATH REPAIRS UNDERWAY

Asphalt grinding and patching is taking place on our pathways, mostly west of the La Rue Road bridge (formerly called the California Avenue bridge). Visitors may encounter barricades and minor detours into October, as work is completed to extend the life of the paths and create a safer place to recreate, learn, and enjoy.

## CARMIA FELDMAN APPOINTED TO APGA BOARD

**IN SPRING OF 2014**, Assistant Director Carmia Feldman was appointed to the Board of Directors of our national professional organization, the American Public Gardens Association (APGA), as a Director-at-Large. Carmia was also asked to join the Program Selection Committee, so for the next two years, in addition to her board duties, Carmia will be helping to solicit and select presentations for the annual meetings. Through both of these service roles, Carmia says she is honored to be able to help promote the APGA's mission, which is to "[advance] Public Gardens as a force for positive change in their communities through national leadership, advocacy and innovation." This comes on the heels of Carmia being awarded the "2013 Nonprofit Leader of the Year" award from the California Institute for Biodiversity.



## ARBORETUM AWARDED SPARKS! IGNITION GRANT

**IN SEPTEMBER**, the Arboretum received a Sparks! Ignition Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to prototype, test, and evaluate the use of low-cost, cloud-based collaborative tools that can help museum staff reduce the time spent on email while improving efficiency and effectiveness. Director of Planning and Collections Mary Burke, a national leader in information technology for museums, will manage the project.



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Dear Friends,

As you know, California is still in extreme drought conditions, and many communities have instituted mandatory water rationing. Arboretum plant sales are a great resource for anyone who wants to transition to a water-saving home landscape (see pages 1 and 2). You can download the inventory of plants for sale and find more information about water conservation on our website, *arboretum.ucdavis.edu*.

The plant sales would not be possible without our dedicated and highly skilled nursery volunteers, who have grown over 12,000 plants for the fall sales (see page 3). Thank you so much for sharing your talent and hard work! In addition, I want to thank Whole Foods Market for continuing to be such a fantastic community partner by sponsoring Arboretum events and supporting the plant sales (see page 6).

I also want to show our appreciation to our UC Davis partners who have supported us through this transition as well, especially Vice Chancellor of Administration and Resource Management John Meyer, who left campus earlier this summer. Thank you to John for his many years of support and guidance and for the outstanding contributions he made to the campus overall. We are pleased to welcome Karl Mohr, who is serving as our interim senior associate vice chancellor. He comes to this position from the Provost's Office, where he has been a strong supporter of the UC Davis GATEways Project and the Arboretum and Public Garden (see our new logo on page 1).

Be sure to come out for our plant sales, guided tours, and other fascinating education programs coming up this fall (see calendar, page 5). Take a moment to visit the Mrak Hall Circle planting (see page 3), and get a sneak-peek at the improvements being built in the west end of the Arboretum (see page 7). I look forward to seeing you out in the gardens.

*Kathleen*