



Course Descriptions

THE NEW CALIFORNIA GARDEN

April 22 9:30-12:30

This course is what all Californians have been yearning for: concepts that inspire us to move past the routine landscape and interact with our gardens, think environmentally and re-imagine the lawn. **We seek to embrace our localities, and modern lifestyles!** Our gardens should be places of *pleasure*, inspiration and life. This intensive, practical course will present comprehensive information on the many interacting systems necessary to create beautiful, efficient, ecologically friendly, and locally appropriate gardens.

This course will present basic yet comprehensive information on the many interacting systems necessary to create successful gardens including:

- Site analysis
- Design
- Plants needs and soil health
- Weed, pest, and disease control
- Irrigation design

We will go over a variety of plant based, practical design styles that can serve as examples to students on how to get started putting together a concept for their own garden, as well as look at problem situations and solutions.

Instruction will focus on organic, ecologically sound practices appropriate to our dry summer climate.

We are excited to offer this course with wonderful Marin Arts & Garden Center in their incredibly beautiful garden. Class will end with a casual reception including delicious small bites and local wine.

DESIGNING FOR HABITAT

May 6 9:30-12:30

Habitat gardens contain a profusion of foliage and flowers that create a feeling of sanctuary around us, making us *happy*- while sustaining wildlife. Flowers provide nectar and pollen resources that many beneficial insects and bees require. Shrubs and trees provide birds with plant structural diversity to nest and perch, and seeds and berries to feed on. Over 90% of birds



feed their young insects, so where there are enough insects for fledglings, there is more potential for successful nesting. Let's fill your garden with bees, birds, butterflies and more!

This course will focus on how to set up and structure your habitat garden and what plants to design for.

Course topics include:

- Site analysis
- Soil health/irrigation
- Wildlife overview
- Natives vs non-native plants
- Plant varieties
- Seasonal plants
- Design

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