

the review

UC DAVIS ARBORETUM AND PUBLIC GARDEN

Ribes speciosum
fuchsia flowered gooseberry

Spring PLANT SALES

9 AM - 1 PM
Arboretum Teaching
Nursery
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THE NEW FRONT YARD: FIVE STEPS FOR ESTABLISHING DROUGHT-TOLERANT PLANTS

Ellen Zagory, Director of Horticulture

PLANTS ARE CURIOUS CREATURES. Unlike us, they cannot get up and get a drink of water when they are parched. By nature, they are rooted to the spot and rely on Mother Nature or a nearby gardener to supply water.

When any plant—including one labeled “drought tolerant”—is planted, its roots extend only as far as the potting soil in which it came. Over the next few months, new roots will begin to grow into the surrounding soil. During the first winter, any new plant will need regular soil moisture to establish a root system. This requires the gardener to be vigilant in monitoring the young plant, the temperature, the wind, and the amount of rain, and supplying moisture when the plant needs it.

Here are five tips for establishing new plants to make your garden truly drought tolerant:

1. PLANT IN FALL because, as the weather cools and the rains come, evaporation is reduced and soil holds moisture longer. Therefore, your new plants will need to be watered less often. If drought continues, you will need to water just enough to keep the plant from wilting.

2. WATER DEEPLY AND FREQUENTLY the first dry summer season. In warm weather, recently planted plants may need to be irrigated as frequently as every other day, especially if it is windy. The roots of a young plant need moisture to grow out into the surrounding native soil. Growing a large root system the first season will help the plant survive the next year as irrigation is reduced.

RUTH RISDON STORER GARDEN

This drought-tolerant garden, located in the Arboretum's west end, is only irrigated twice a month in the summer.



3. DISTRIBUTE IRRIGATION WATER evenly, being sure to wet the soil ball from the container as well as the surrounding few inches of native soil all around the plant. Plants cannot move water from one side to the other. If you water only one side, you will have growth only on one side. Watch for wilting and water if needed.

4. REDUCE IRRIGATION FREQUENCY the second summer, but apply enough water to wet the top 18 inches. Apply water slowly so that it penetrates into the soil and does not run off. In heavier clay soils, water should be applied slowly, over a long period, to penetrate the entire root zone. If runoff is a problem, run short applications of water, let the water soak in and repeat.

5. COVER THE SOIL with a thick layer of organic mulch, like wood chips, to reduce evaporation, smother weed seedlings, keep the soil cool, and reduce erosion.

LEADERSHIP PRIZE GRANTED BY EXCELERATE FOUNDATION

Kathleen Socolofsky, assistant vice chancellor and director of the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden, received the first leadership award granted by the Excelerate Foundation, an organization that supports nonprofits that motivate positive social change. The award honors her work creating an innovative and transformative model for university and public gardens worldwide.

“Our goals are similar; the Excelerate Foundation believes that healthier, more educated, and better connected local communities are a means to a better nation and world,” explains Alex Sloan, chairman and president of the Excelerate Foundation and Director of Innovation Investments at the Skoll Foundation. “We believe the way Kathleen is leading her team, the students and community to ‘co-create’ the campus is a model worth exploring and developing for other campuses and communities worldwide.”



Kathleen Socolofsky with members of the Excelerate Foundation board: Alex Sloan, president; Ernest Lewis, secretary; and, Edward Dadakis, treasurer.

“When someone does an outstanding job as a leader in an organization we work with, we want to award them individually,” says Ernest Lewis, member of the Excelerate Foundation board. “Kathleen is ahead of the curve. The Smithsonian, college and university gardens, and the museum and public garden world across the nation are taking notice of the power of programs like the ‘UC Davis GATEways Project’ and ‘Learning by Leading.’ The UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden is onto something and we want to help position them to take

what they’ve created to the next level.”

In addition to the award, Socolofsky received a check for \$5,000. It’s no surprise that Socolofsky plans to use the funds to further the Arboretum and Public Garden’s position as a leader in the outdoor museum arena worldwide.

SETTING THE STANDARD IN LANDSCAPE OPERATIONS

THE PROFESSIONAL GROUNDS MANAGEMENT SOCIETY—a group of grounds professionals from organizations including universities, parks, and municipalities, both national and international—awarded a four out of four star accreditation to the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden’s grounds and landscape services team for their outstanding work in environmental stewardship, economic performance, and social responsibility.

“We are incredibly proud of our team’s accreditation,” says Kathleen Socolofsky, assistant vice chancellor and director of the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden. “For years they have been working on best practices in sustainability. It’s nice to see that recognized by an independent organization and to shine a spotlight on the creative, precedent-setting work we’re doing.”

The accreditation not only recognizes this team’s accomplishments in sustainability, it evaluates their business practices, staff working environment, and commitment to the university’s “Vision of Excellence,” and applauds their connection to the

UC Davis GATEways Project, which connects student learning and public engagement through the campus outdoor environment.

“The employees we have working to maintain the health and safety of our campus environment are a top-notch group of people,” explains Cary Avery, associate director of Grounds and Landscape Services. “They care about each other, this place and the environment.”

The grounds and landscape team handles everything outside on our campus, from managing everyday trash and recyclables to facilitating zero-waste events, maintaining campus trees, helping faculty with tree care demonstrations for students, and much more. This year they helped save over 80 million gallons of water in our landscapes, a decrease of over 20% from last year.

For more information about the accreditation and to read the full report, visit the Arboretum’s website at arboretum.ucdavis.edu.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

MAXINE SCHMALENBERGER



THE VIBRANT FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAMS that visitors enjoy today—the focus of this year’s Annual Appeal—grew out of seeds planted decades ago by staff and volunteers. Maxine Schmalenberger stands out as one of the early enthusiasts who nurtured the Arboretum as an educational resource for children and families. Maxine’s association with the Arboretum began in 1972 when she joined the Friends. Inspired by her experience as a preschool teacher and love of children and nature, Maxine signed up for the Arboretum’s first docent training class in 1978. She led public tours for two years and then, as a senior docent, helped coordinate docent training classes until 1984.

Maxine’s work as a docent helped establish a strong foundation to support the growth of public programs. She enjoys staying connected with the Arboretum and has been a loyal supporter through annual gifts. Maxine enclosed a lovely note with one donation, “I appreciate the truly **OUTSTANDING** job you do in continuing to make our Arboretum the gem that it is. My personal association with the talented people of the Arboretum continues to be a great pleasure to me. Thank you!”

Thank YOU, Maxine, for being such an inspiration and a loyal friend of the Arboretum and Public Garden.

STAFF NEWS

WE ARE THRILLED to introduce Garth Lindley, our new Director of Development for the UC Davis GATEways Project. After a national search, Garth came to UC Davis from West Virginia University, where he was the Associate Director of Development at the Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources. Previously, he was Associate Director of Development at the WVU Foundation. Garth will be focusing on raising funds for GATEways programs and projects across the campus, as well as student leadership support through the Learning by Leading Program. “One of the things I’m most impressed with,” says Garth, “is the collaborative nature of the work done through the GATEways Project. It is a model that could be applicable to other universities throughout the country.” Garth is an avid cyclist, runner, and triathlete, and he is also passionate about the environment and sustainability. He is enjoying exploring the natural wonders of California with his wife Angie and their four-year-old daughter, Ella.



ANNUAL APPEAL: THE FRIENDS NEED YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT FREE FAMILY PROGRAMS



THE FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP RAISES FUNDS to invest in key areas of the Arboretum and Public Garden’s work. This year, public programs for families are the focus of the Friends annual appeal.

The Arboretum and Public Garden’s events calendar is filled with free family programs that connect children and adults with the environment and showcase the work of UC Davis students and scientists. These inviting, interactive, and educational programs for the public are created by student leaders, such as the Arboretum Ambassadors, working in partnership with the Arboretum and Public Garden’s education staff.

Heghnar Watenpaugh, who attends programs frequently with her husband and children, says, “The Arboretum Ambassadors put on wonderful programs for families. Through their programs, we’ve learned to appreciate different aspects of the environment—from majestic oaks to tiny native bees. These programs teach our kids that nature is interesting and fun, but also that we have the responsibility to care for nature, and that every creature and plant plays a role—not just the cute ones.”

Help make an impact—one family at a time. Please consider a gift to the Friends annual appeal. Use the enclosed envelope to support free family programs in the Arboretum and other GATEways Gardens across the UC Davis campus. Thank you.



SNAPSHOTS: FALL **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. Fall plant sales would not have been such a resounding success without the dedication of volunteers. Many pictured here come to us from the student service sorority Lamda Omicron Xi (LOXi).
2. Construction to create a new visitor entry in the Arboretum's west end continues. Here a crew member installs a cutting-edge product used to facilitate tree growth in urban settings and parking lots called Stratavault.
3. Our newest GATEways program, "The Art of Science," featured artist/scientists showcasing their visual art, performance art, and scientific demonstrations. These children enjoy using the periscopes they created in School of Education professor Lee Martin's mobile "Maker-Van."
4. Storytime Through the Seasons: Under the Redwood Tree featured the story, song, and craft of Native Californians. Learning the process of pounding acorns with traditional tools engaged participants of all ages.
5. Meet our newest group of Arboretum Ambassadors! From left to right: Sukhi Brar, Alex Stubblefield, Leigh Hiura, Kiely Doherty, Kaycey Bui, Carmen Godinez, Francisco Zorrilla, Aleko Xides, and Lauren Bradt. (Not pictured: Bryce Anable.)
6. At our Go Green Drop-In Day, participants learned how to re-purpose a variety of household items. Bottle caps became earrings, toilet paper dowels turned into bird feeders, and tin cans were transformed into succulent gardens.
7. Students in Lecturer Elizabeth Boult's Landscape Architecture 1 class created site-specific installations throughout the Arboretum highlighting ephemeral phenomena. Cameron Erskine and Emily Lin titled this work the "Sites and Sounds of the Universe," and created it using only leaves found in the Mary Wattis Brown Garden of California Native Plants.
8. GATEways Horticulturist Stacey Parker demonstrates proper planting techniques for landscape architecture students who assisted in a swale-building project along Arboretum Drive.
9. Our popular Nature Discovery Drop-in Day brought visitors from all ages to the Arboretum GATEway Garden to capture and identify insects, learn about the hidden world of plant galls, and partake in a variety of craft-making.





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WEDNESDAY WALKS WITH WARREN

All walks begin at 12 pm
January 14
West-end Gardens, meet at Gazebo
February 11
West-end Gardens, meet at Gazebo

March 11
Warren G. Roberts Redbud Collection, meet at Arboretum Headquarters TB-32

Join Warren Roberts, Superintendent Emeritus of the Arboretum and famous storyteller and punster, for an always engaging noon-time exploration of the UC Davis Arboretum's gardens and plant collections.



WINTER BIRDS IN DAVIS: SLIDE SHOW AND TOUR

Sunday, February 8, 10:30 am
Environmental Horticulture 146

Curious about birds? Learn about birds that winter in Davis during a one-hour slide show and talk. Then take a guided walking tour to see birds in the Arboretum with docent Lois Richter (weather permitting).



ALL THINGS ACACIA

Saturday, February 28, 2 pm
Putah Creek Lodge

The early spring display of yellow blossoms in the Eric E. Conn Acacia Grove is spectacular! It's a must-see event featuring over 50 different acacias from around the world.



DELIGHTS FROM DOWN UNDER

Saturday, March 14, 11 am
Arboretum GATEway Garden (meet at shovel arch sculpture)

Plants from "down under" show off their flowers during the rainy season. Tour the Australian and New Zealand collections and have a blooming good time learning about plants from far-away lands.

SPRING SURPRISES IN THE STORER GARDEN

Saturday, March 28, 11 am
Gazebo

Our valley-wise demonstration garden, the Ruth Risdon Storer Garden, is beautiful year round, but especially in spring. Come get great ideas for your own water-thrifty garden.



family programs

THE BIRDS AND THE TREES: STORIES IN NATURAL HISTORY

Saturday, January 31, 3 pm
Arboretum Terrace Garden, next to Whole Foods Market

(Rain/cold/wind location: Whole Foods Market Annex)

Join us for an hour of captivating storytelling by naturalist Steve Daubert who will read original stories that explore the lives of birds and the natural histories of redwood trees. Light refreshments will be served. **Appropriate for adults and older children.** Co-sponsored by Whole Foods Market.



STORYTIME THROUGH THE SEASONS: EXPEDITION TO AFRICA

Sunday, February 8, 1-3 pm
Arboretum Headquarters, Valley Oak Cottage
(Rain location: Environmental Horticulture 146)

Take a safari to Africa at this outdoor reading program for families in the Acacia Grove. All ages are welcome. Sponsored by the Arboretum Ambassadors.

ELDERBERRY FLUTE-MAKING WORKSHOP

Sunday, February 22, 1-3 pm
Environmental Horticulture 146

People of all ages will learn how to make and play a Native Californian elderberry flute. East Bay Regional Parks docent Antonio Flores will talk about the culture of flute-making and also about the endangered elderberry beetle. All materials will be supplied. Please bring a sharpened pocket knife if you have one. Adults will need to supervise their young children.



STORYTIME THROUGH THE SEASONS: CLIMBING UP THE GINKGO TREE

Sunday, March 1, 1-3 pm
Wyatt Deck

(Rain location: Environmental Horticulture 146)

Celebrate the Chinese New Year in the Arboretum as we explore the cultural and natural world of Asia. Experience Asian culture in a whole new light with stories, activities and experiences in our East Asian Collection. All ages are welcome. Sponsored by the Arboretum Ambassadors.

music & wellness

FOLK MUSIC JAM SESSIONS

Fridays, January 2, 16, & 30;
February 13 & 27, March 13; 12-1 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.



YOGA IN THE ARBORETUM

Sunday, March 15, 1-2:30 pm
Environmental Horticulture Courtyard
(Rain location: Environmental Horticulture 146)

Join us for 90 minutes of yoga appropriate for all skill levels led by certified instructor Loshan Ostrava. Dress comfortably. Please bring a towel or yoga mat and water bottle. Sponsored by the Arboretum Ambassadors.

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APPLICATIONS DUE: JANUARY 16

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEND MORE TIME OUTDOORS? Would you like to learn new skills? Are you looking for a way to fulfill a New Year's resolution to give back to the community? Consider volunteering with the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden! It's a rewarding place to spend your time with lots of fun, food and camaraderie.

We are seeking new volunteers to join our gardening and education outreach volunteer teams. Trainings will be offered this winter and include a combination of expert instruction and hands-on projects. There will be a \$20 materials fee due at your team's first scheduled training date.

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS work in teams on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday mornings to help maintain and beautify Arboretum and Public Garden landscapes. Each team focuses on a different area; volunteers work in collaboration with horticultural staff. **Training dates: Thursdays, January 29-March 5**

EDUCATION OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS work with Arboretum staff and student interns on weekend days (mostly Saturday afternoons) to present educational programs for campus visitors of all ages. **Training begins Saturday, January 24.**

APPLY NOW. SPACE IS LIMITED.

Applications are due Friday, January 16.

The application form and more information are available on the Arboretum website at arboretum.ucdavis.edu. If you have questions, please contact Roxanne Reynolds at (530) 752-4880 or rgloe@ucdavis.edu.



Gardening volunteers work with Arboretum and Public Garden staff to beautify and maintain our campus landscapes, demonstration gardens, and plant collections.



From right, academic coordinator Elaine Fingerett and education outreach volunteer Christy Dewees demonstrate the Native Californian technique for making cordage from cattails.

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Dear Friends,

One of the words that you will see used frequently in Arboretum communications is “sustainability.” In the world of gardening, it refers to using designs and practices appropriate for local environmental conditions, so that gardens can thrive in the face of limited resources and our changing climate. But we also give a lot of thought to building a sustainable organization, so we can thrive despite changing economic or social conditions.

We give thanks to all our members, volunteers, and supporters, who strengthen and sustain us and make our important work possible. We especially thank our donors, like long-term Friend Maxine Schmalenberger, who have given an annual gift this year to support our family GATEways programs (see page 3). It is through your support that we are able to offer innovative public programs, many of which are developed and led by UC Davis students (see pages 4 and 5). There’s still time to give to our annual appeal to help sustain these engaging programs.

I am also delighted to welcome Garth Lindley, our new GATEways Director of Development, who will be helping us to raise much-needed funds to build GATEways projects and programs in the Arboretum and across the UC Davis campus (see page 3).

Returning to environmental sustainability: We are so proud of our Grounds and Landscape Services team, which was recognized for its commitment to sustainability and the larger GATEways vision by being awarded the highest accreditation rating from the Professional Grounds Management Society (see page 2).

Our sustainable gardening series, The New Front Yard, continues with information about how you can ensure your drought-tolerant plants will survive over the long term (see page 1). If you would like to learn first-hand about sustainable plantings and get more involved in the Arboretum and Public Garden, we are recruiting new gardening and education outreach volunteers (see page 7).

Thank you again to everyone for your support of the Arboretum and Public Garden. I want to specifically express my gratitude for the continued support of the Excelebrate Foundation, which recently honored me with its first-ever leadership prize (see page 2).

I look forward to seeing you at a GATEways program or out walking in the garden this winter.

Kathleen