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2008

fall programs

Eco-Friendly Events, Garden Education & Arts Programs
for Children, Youth and Adults



Celebrating California Gardens

“Gardening with Our Local Ecology” Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Doors open 9:00 a.m. Talks begin 9:30 a.m.) \$10 Adults, \$5 Children 12/under
Speakers • Native Plant Sales • Book Sales • Tours • Demonstrations • Café



Garden in tune with our local
ecology and watershed

Integrate edibles into a
natural landscape

Explore alternatives to lawns

Manage your soil and plantings
organically

“Go Native” for beauty and
habitat

Plant to protect local creeks
and fish

Morning Speakers



WILMA FOLLETTE
California Native Plant
Society, “Wildflower
Season in California”

ALRIE MIDDLEBROOK
California Native Garden
Foundation, “Gardening in Tune
with Our Local Ecology”



KATE FREY award-
winning garden
designer, “Creating
a Healthy, Life-Filled
Garden: Success Is in the Details”

Afternoon Activities

- Tour of MAGC’s native plants
- Sheet mulch demo
- Cooking demo with native foods
- Seed collecting walk
- Basketry with Bay Area native plants, a tour and demo
- Sowing wildflowers
- Create a Butterfly Habitat Garden in a Bowl (pre-registration required)
- Children’s activities (scavenger hunt, seed crafts)
- Prize drawing

For more information,
contact
education@magc.org
Or call 415-455-5263
Office: 415-455-5260
Fax: 415-454-0650
www.magc.org

To register for
“Celebrating California
Gardens” see registration
form on page 2.

All events and classes
are held at the Marin
Art & Garden Center
30 Sir Francis Drake
Boulevard, Ross



“Eating California” Café 12:15 p.m.

Join us for a sit-down lunch in our café, “Eating California,” (pre-registration required). Café catered by the California Native Garden Foundation and John Farais, a Marin County chef who specializes in the history, taste, and promotion of The Americas’ indigenous cuisine. **\$30**

With sponsorship from:

Marin Municipal Water District
North Marin Water District
Marin County Stormwater Pollution
Prevention Program (MCSTOPPP)

A collaboration between:

Marin Art and Garden Center (www.magc.org)
California Native Garden Foundation (www.cngf.org)
California Native Plant Society, Marin Chapter (www.marin.edu/cnps)



California Native
Garden Foundation



EcoMom™

MAGC is pleased to announce a new collaboration this fall with Ross Recreation, which is allowing us to expand the curriculum here at the Center. Join us this fall for a whole range of classes for your family!

Eco-Friendly Garden Education Programs for Adults

(To register, use the separate Ross Recreation/MAGC form or download at www.rossrecreation.org/catalog.html)

Bay-Friendly Gardening: 3 Classes

The Bay-Friendly Gardening Program was developed to encourage residents to make environmentally friendly gardening choices. Bay-Friendly Gardening means simplifying garden care, reducing chores and using as few resources, from water to fertilizer, as possible. Bay-Friendly gardeners work with nature to reduce waste and prevent pollution of local creeks, waterways and San Francisco Bay. Join us for one or all three of these classes developed by StopWaste.org and its partners. This series is co-sponsored by MAGC, Marin Municipal Water District, and MCSTOPPP.

Bay-Friendly Gardening Basics

Saturday, Sept 27, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Considering form and function before planting can save you time and resources. This workshop will provide an overview of design and maintenance considerations and practices that will help you make smart choices at the nursery. \$25 (or \$60 for the series of three)

Gardening from the Ground Up

Saturday, Oct 11, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Healthy soil is the foundation of a healthy garden. Understanding your soil will help you grow a blossoming garden this season and for seasons to come. Backyard composting, sheet mulching basics and other soil building techniques will be covered during this workshop. \$25 (or \$60 for the series of three)

Go Native™—Planting for Pollinators

Saturday, Oct 18, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Attract birds, butterflies and beneficial insects. Learn to diversify your garden by including California native plants that provide food, shelter, and nesting places for wildlife. \$25 (or \$60 for the series of three)

Seniors in the Garden

Mondays, Sept 8-29, four-week series, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Seniors, join us as we explore various garden pleasures and topics in our beautiful garden grounds. Some of the topics on the agenda: a MAGC garden tour, creating gardens in containers, herb gardens for scent and cooking, propagating plants, and exploring California native plants. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a pair of gardening gloves and a trowel if you have them. \$80 for the series

Composting with Worms

Saturday, Sept 20, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Learn the hands-on way how to turn your kitchen waste into a rich, organic soil amendment by composting with worms. Worm composting systems are clean and easy, and suitable for small spaces; the finished product will foster lush healthy growth in your garden or container plantings. Worm bins will be available for sale, hand-outs are provided. \$25



Gardening for Butterflies

Monday, Oct 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. with Charlotte Torgovitsky

Lots of butterflies are indicators of a healthy environment, and if you are gardening organically, and without pesticides, it is easy to entice these flying jewels into your own backyard. We'll take a "slide show tour" through a year of butterflies most common in Marin; you will learn how to identify species and some interesting facts about each one. You will also learn about the important associations these insects have developed with certain plants that are vital to their life cycle. Each participant will take home a butterfly "host plant." Informative hand-outs are provided. \$25

The Magic of the Monarchs

Monday, Oct 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m. with Charlotte Torgovitsky

The regal Monarch butterfly is one of the most revered of all insects and is usually seen in Marin in late summer. The larvae are easy to rear indoors, and are fascinating to observe as they go through their metamorphosis. You will learn how to entice these beautiful creatures into your own garden eco-sphere; all the interesting details about the Monarch's life cycle, and proven methods for successfully rearing them indoors. Each participant will take home a Milkweed plant. Informative hand-outs are provided. \$25



Please tell us about yourself.

As a gardener, I consider myself a:

- beginner
- intermediate
- advanced
- I do my own gardening.
- I have help in the garden.
- I do not have my own garden.
- I have a "container" garden.

Registration for Celebrating California Gardens

October 4, 2008 • Doors open at 9 a.m. • Talks begin at 9:30 a.m.

Name(s) of Person Attending _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Payment Method

Check Cash Visa/Mastercard

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Name as Appears on Card _____

Signature _____

_____ Number of adult tickets @ \$10

_____ Number of tickets for children 12 and under @ \$5

_____ Number of sit-down "Eating California" lunches @ \$30

_____ Number of tickets for the "Butterfly Habitat Garden in a Bowl" workshop — \$25.00 materials fee (You will take home a beautiful garden to attract butterflies—see photo right.)

Total amount you're enclosing \$ _____

Send/fax in this form with your payment to: Marin Art & Garden Center, PO Box 437, Ross, CA 94957

Cancellation: Fee will be refunded only if cancellation is made 7 days prior to class. Phone 415-455-5263 to cancel or with questions.

Flower Arranging for Your Holiday Entertaining

Thursday, Nov 6, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

OR Thursday, Nov 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (choose one)

Have you always wanted to try your hand at arranging flowers? Learn some design basics, learn about excellent flower choices for the Fall and Winter season, and get the chance to practice using fresh flowers and seasonal touches. Check the MAGC web site for more details on this workshop.

Course fee includes materials. \$55

Eco-Friendly Garden Education Programs for Children and Families

(To register, use the separate Ross Recreation/MAGC form or download at www.rossrecreation.org/catalog.html)

After-school Gardening Camp

A six-week series on Mondays, Oct 13-Nov 24 (no class Nov 10), 3:30-5:00 p.m.

For children in grades 2-5. Discover your inner gardener at this hands-on after-school gardening camp. Explore our habitat garden to learn all the creatures that make up a healthy ecosystem; learn botany and plant families; learn how to create a native garden to attract local wildlife; make compost from worms; collect seeds; and create garden-related crafts and make garden-related holiday gifts. \$120



Family Gardening Series

A series for adults and one or more children ages 6-11, Saturdays, Oct 25, Nov 1, and Nov 8, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Are you an eco-friendly family that enjoys getting your hands in the earth? Here's your opportunity to create lasting, meaningful memories with your child. In this three-week series, parents and children aged 6 to 11 participate in hands-on gardening and seasonal, nature-related crafts, learn about local ecology and habitats, and take home the ability to create and care for a sustainable edible habitat garden.

Here are examples of some of the topics we will cover:

- Improving your soil with compost and other organic soil amendments
- Collecting and saving seeds
- Garden ecology: backyard bugs and powerful pollinators
- Choosing plants to invite wildlife into your garden
- Seasonal, nature-based arts and crafts

\$65 for the series or \$30 for individual classes (per person)



Arts and General Interest Classes for Adults

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Marin Author Series, Presented by Ross Recreation

Join us for our first Author's Series. We are blessed with many talented people in the Bay Area who are willing to share their wealth of information with us. So save some of your Thursday nights beginning September 25 for these remarkable presentations. Gather your friends and book clubs (a great way to hear about new literature) and join us for three very interesting talks on new works.

• Thursday, Sept 25, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

J. Ahern, author of *The Skye in June*

J. Ahern will read from her newly published novel. This mother-daughter mystery starts in Scotland and continues in San Francisco during the mid-1950s, where the MacDonald family immigrate in hopes of a new life. It is there that the youngest daughter begins to have visions that threaten to reveal her mother's secret past in the Highlands of Scotland and to tear apart their family religious beliefs. \$25 (or \$70 for the series of three talks)

• Thursday, Oct 23, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Barbara Waxman, author of *From Retirement to Protirement—Rebooting with Energy, Passion, and Purpose*

Isn't life supposed to get better and better as long as you follow the rules, work hard and smart, and stay out of trouble? In our 40s, 50s, and 60s, shouldn't we already know what it is we want to do when we grow up? Join Barbara Waxman, Marin's leading coach to midlife adults, as you are introduced to exercises designed to determine your next best steps at work or in your personal life. \$25 (or \$70 for the series of three talks)

• Thursday, Nov 6, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Christina Meldrum, author of *Madapple*

Christina Meldrum will speak about her novel, a literary mystery released in May, 2008, intended for older teens and adults. Madapple has received starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly*, *Booklist*, and *Kirkus Reviews* and was spotlighted by *Kirkus* in its special edition, "Fresh Fiction: 35 Promising Debuts." Madapple is Christina's first novel. \$25 (or \$70 for the series of three talks)

Culinary Instruction with Christa Colorado

• Wednesday, Oct 1, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

"Farm to Table" Harvest Menu

Have you ever wondered what to do with all the beautiful produce, cheese, honey, meat, and bread from the farmer's market? This is a hands-on class to find out. We'll create a wonderful multi-course Fall Harvest lunch with locally sourced ingredients, then we'll sit down together to enjoy our delicious meal, complete with local wines. \$85

• Thursday, Dec 4, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Very Merry Holiday Entertaining

Your holiday gatherings can be beautiful, delicious, and stress-free with the tips and great recipes you'll get in this hands-on class! You'll learn how to create fabulous hors d'oeuvres and special desserts, and how to present them for buffets or more formal dinners. We'll even put together a hearty pot of soup that's perfect to serve after a day of shopping! \$65

Plein Air Painting in Oils

Fridays, Sept 26-Nov 21, 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Venture into nature and discover the peaceful joy of painting "in the open air." Chris Babcock will communicate plein air techniques with simplicity and clarity, helping each painter capture the effects of sunlight on the beautiful fall trees, plants, and flowers of the Marin Art and Garden Center. The first five weeks will be spent painting outdoors, and the last three cooler weeks will be spent inside completing those outdoor paintings. You must have some prior knowledge of oil painting for this class. \$440

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Plus More Classes for Children & Adults!

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Recycled Art

Wednesdays, Sept 23-Oct 24, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Green isn't just a color on the artist's palette anymore, it's an art form that's right for the environment! Using natural materials, found objects, and "junk" from our garages, we can create imaginative pieces of art that can be beautiful, whimsical, thought-provoking, and lots of fun to assemble. We'll share the beautiful surroundings, ideas, and materials as we explore the world of recycled art. This class will be held outdoors. Register directly with doodlebug, 415-456-5989, or info@doodlebugmarin.com.

Arts and General Interest Classes for Children and Youth

(To register, use the separate Ross Recreation/MAGC form or download at www.rossrecreation.org/catalog.html)

Music Together of Marin

Mondays, Sept 22-Dec 8, 9:30-10:15 a.m., 10:30-11:15 a.m., and 11:30-12:15 p.m. All three classes are for infant up to 4½ years old

A Music Together class is a community of families sharing songs, instrument play, rhythm chants, and movement activities in a relaxed, playful, non-performance setting. Music is learned through appropriate activities that support unique learning styles of very young children. Infants, toddlers, and preschoolers participate in family-style classes with their parents/caregivers. A new song collection is introduced every semester for 3 years. 45 min. of PURE FUN with your child every week! No class Mon. 10/13. Teacher is Beth Crespan. \$240

Pre-Ballet

Mondays, Sept 22-Nov 24, 12:00-12:45 p.m. (for children ages 3-4) and 1:15-2:00 p.m. (ages 4-5)

Children will learn the very basic positions of feet, legs, and arms, as well as concepts such as rhythm and coordination. They will work on pointing their toes, learning the names of some very basic ballet steps and moving in time to music, all in a setting of enjoyable activities and games. The class encourages children to enjoy the dance and music, but the emphasis on technique grows in proportion to the age of the class. Teacher is Blanca Florida. \$170

Art After School—Exploring Arts and Crafts

Tuesdays or Wednesdays (choose one), Sept 23-Nov 19, 11:50 a.m.-12:45 p.m. for children 1.9 years-four years old

For the pre-K crowd, doodlebug will provide some extra fun time after school. While working on building attention and motor skills, we'll also find some accessible roads to successful creative experiences. Working with clay, drawing, painting, using paper and fabric as well as objects found in the gardens, we'll find the artist inside of each little person. No class 11/11. \$115

Youth Plein Air Painting in Oil and Acrylic

Fridays, Sept 26-Nov 21, 3:15-5:15 p.m. for children 9-14 years old

Venture into nature and discover the peaceful joy of painting "in the open air." Teacher Chris Babcock will communicate plein air techniques with simplicity and clarity, helping each painter capture the effects of sunlight on the beautiful fall trees, plants, and flowers of the Marin Art and Garden Center. The first five weeks will be spent painting outdoors, and the last three nippier weeks will be spent inside completing those outdoor paintings. Students must have some prior knowledge of oil painting before taking this class. \$440

Beginning Songwriting for Kids

Wednesdays, Sept 24-Nov 12, 2:45-3:45 p.m., children in grades 1-3

A fun-filled, creative exploration of songs, song creation, and singing! We will sing classics from popular artists such as Woody Guthrie's "This Land Is Your Land." We will create simple song maps to understand what is a verse and a chorus, and we will listen to and sing different melodies and rhythms. Each week we will have a different theme for song composition. We will guide children to journal and to write a song about specific things they love or a story they want to tell. We will explore simple rhythms as well as create melodies. Emphasis will be on creative fun and singing out! Teacher is Mary Elizabeth Beckman. \$230

Crafts in and for the Garden

Wednesdays, Sept 24-Oct 23, 3:30-5:00 p.m., for children 6 and up

We'll find lots of inspiration in the lovely surroundings of the Marin Art and Garden Center during this five-week doodlebug class held outdoors at MAGC. Using a variety of new, recycled, and found objects, we'll create art for your gardens. Stepping stones, wind-chimes, and bird houses are among the functional art pieces which you will create to suit your own style of celebrating the great outdoors! \$85



Come See What's Cooking

Tuesdays, Sept 30-Nov 25, 12:30-1:30 p.m. (kindergartners) and 3:00-4:00 p.m. (children in grades 1-3)

Join us for a culinary adventure that will teach children to prepare healthy, local, and seasonal foods. Students will learn how to help their families prepare healthy meals and will practice their culinary skills with a variety of age-appropriate cooking tools. We will celebrate good food and learn how cooking and eating together can build community, both inside the kitchen and out in the world. No class 11/11. Teacher is Armida Scopazzi. \$270



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