Horticulture with California Native Plants

Monday, September 10th 2018
6:00 PM
Solano Community College Building, 1000
4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield.

Bart O’Brien is one of the State’s leading experts on native plant horticulture. A long-time member and former president of the California Native Plant Society’s Santa Clara Valley Chapter, he is the current director of the East Bay Parks Botanic Garden in Berkeley. Before that, he served as the director of special projects for Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, during which time the Southern California Horticultural Society named him the 2005 Horticulturist of the Year. While in Southern California, Bart also developed an interest in the botany of Baja California and continues to serve as a board member for Terra Peninsular.

Among his many accomplishments, he is credited with compiling a list of more than 7,000 California native cultivars, helping to save the Edgewood Park serpentine grasslands in Redwood City, and co-authoring multiple books, including Care and Maintenance of Southern California Gardens.

Bart will be speaking about the fundamentals of California native plant horticulture. The talk will include recommendations of outstanding native plants for hot inland gardens and specific information on how to care for these plants in both gardens and landscapes.

Plants will be available for sale and light refreshments will be served. Directions: Use north entrance to campus (second campus driveway going northbound on Suisun Valley Rd). Park in Lot 6, purchase parking permit at the permit kiosk for $1 and place it on your dashboard. $25 fine for parking without permit.

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