

Waterwise Gardening From the Ground Up

Saturday, September 25, 1:00 – 4:00 pm



Learn to create a waterwise garden from the ground up using an integrated approach: soil organics, appropriate plants and efficient irrigation. Begin by learning how to manage soils and soil organics as a powerful tool for water efficiency. Compost works with microbes in our soils to capture, store, and transport limited water resources to satisfy your plants' needs. Next, we discuss the enormous palette of waterwise plants suited to our region. With so many beautiful plants to choose from, learn how to combine plants to achieve year-round color and interest. Finally, we

cover the most up-to-date irrigation technologies and methods including how to retrofit existing irrigation, how to install a new irrigation system, and how to manage the water support your new, waterwise garden.

Soils: Sharon May believes that gardening begins from the ground up, starting with sustainable soils that support optimum plant growth and water efficiency. As Director of Marketing and Sales at Agri Service Inc., she has the opportunity to do just that with products from El Corazon Compost facility. Prior to joining the composting and soil side of the industry, Sharon opened the landscape design department at Walter Andersen Nursery. Sharon has taught landscape classes, appeared on radio programs, and designed the landscape for SDHS Showcase House 2003. Her work has been published in Sunset Magazine, Better Homes and Gardens, Garden Shed and San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles magazine.

Plants: Nan Sterman is a well-known horticulturist, gardening expert, designer, and garden coach who is devoted to low water landscapes appropriate for California's dry, Mediterranean climate. Nan is author of *California Gardener's Guide V II* and *Waterwise Plants for the Southwest*. She writes for the LA Times, Sunset, the Union Tribune, Organic Gardening and many other publications. She is also the gardening expert for *These Days*, the morning talk show on KPBS radio in San Diego. Nan hosts *A Growing Passion*, a TV show about gardens and gardening. She teaches classes and lectures about gardening throughout the west.

Irrigation: Kathleen Eagle has been involved in the landscape industry for 25 years, designing, installing, and maintaining gardens in Southern California. Kathleen teaches irrigation and other classes in the horticulture department of Cuyamaca Community College and at The Water Conservation Garden. Kathleen is a licensed C-27 contractor who owned her own landscape business, spent 10 years as the Director of Horticulture for Barona Casino and currently works with Benchmark Landscape Company.

Cost: Members \$70, non-members \$90.

Pre-registration required by September 22.

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