

Flora & Fauna News

The Garden offers a 'Big Thanks' to Eva Powers, outgoing board president

By Flora & Fauna Staff

Eva Powers, long time board member and outgoing president is a force to be reckoned with. With her supercharged smile and endless energy, Eva has spearheaded the development of many key elements of the Garden, most notably the Rain Garden and Children's Garden. As other board members and volunteers can attest, Eva's love for the Garden is infectious. She has been an outstanding example of how one person's commitment to their community can positively affect the environment around them.

We also want to thank her family for supporting Eva and the Garden during her presidency. Eva will remain on the board, continuing to inspire all of us who have the pleasure to 'grow the Garden' with her.



Eva Powers/Facebook  
Eva Powers steps down as the Garden's president, but will remain on the board.

Introducing Derek Glas, our new board president

By Flora & Fauna Staff

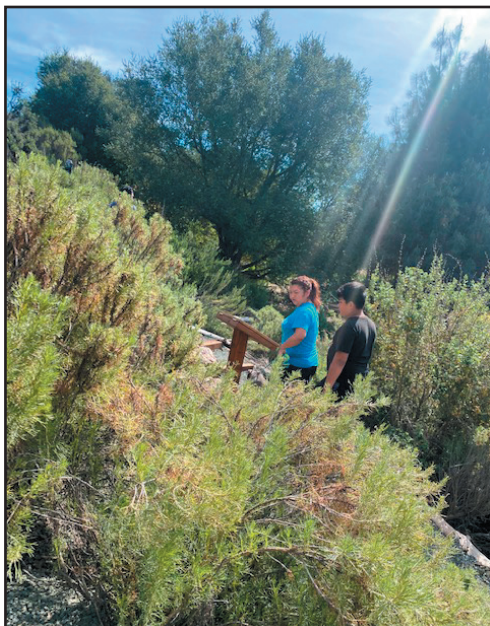
Derek is very a talented, professional photographer and has served on the board, offering his talents as a photographer and media wizard. His management of our web site and providing content for our social media has been critical for engaging the community and visitors to the Santa Ynez Valley with the Garden.

We are excited to welcome Derek to his new



Derek Glas/Facebook  
Photographer Derek Glas takes up the reins as the Garden's board president.

position and look forward to a new chapter in garden leadership.



Staff photo  
The Wilderness Trail was cut entirely by hand and small terraces were created to allow for plantings.

The Wilderness Trail opens!

By Flora & Fauna Staff

Through generous support from the Santa Barbara Foundation, the SYV Botanic Garden Foundation, under the leadership of board project manager Karis Klinton, broke ground on the new Wilderness Trail. Located on the south facing slope of the Garden, the more challenging trail offers sweeping views of the Garden and the Santa Ynez River Valley.

Due to the challenging



# The Garden's news is sprouting up everywhere



SYV Botanic Garden photo

## We can take a deep breath of relief!

Old concrete damaged by tree roots has been removed and replaced with new and pedestrian friendly concrete.

A big  
*Thank you*

Many thanks to those who have helped make the Garden beautiful.

### Concrete installation:

Legacy Landscape, *Santa Ynez*

### Bicycle Rack, design & installation:

Rockwood Metalworks, *Buellton*

### Plants provided by:

SYV Botanic Garden's propagation team, *Buellton*

Manzanita Nursery, *Solvang*

Santa Barbara Native, *Goleta*

### Installation of landscape:

Arcenio Arbujo Landscape, *Lompoc*

### Design/Project Management:

Creative Garden Design, *Buellton*

### Trail Design:

Karis Clinton

### Materials for Wilderness Trail:

Santa Ynez Stone & Topsoil, *Solvang*

All Around Irrigation, *Santa Ynez*

The project was funded by grants and private donations.

### Also, thanks to:

- Dreamland Landscape
- Dreamland Tree Service
- Hecker Tree Service
- City of Buellton

## ART IN THE GARDEN



SYV Botanic Garden photos

We are delighted to announce that as of 2/19/22, bicyclists are able to safely lock their bicycles at the entrance to the garden, before crossing the bridge into the native wonderland.

## Visitors are encouraged to ride their bicycles to the garden

By Flora & Fauna Staff

The artistic bicycle rack is in the shape of three leaves, painted a soft shade of green.

While the bike rack was being installed, a visitor, who walking his dog, stopped and asked "Is it art, a bicycle rack or both? Either way, I just love it."

Parks and Recreation along with a number of visitors kept giving the crews their thumbs up and encouraging words while watching the many improvements taking place.

Also incorporated into the entrance design is a turtle, an important symbol to the local Chumash. The tiled turtle was recently donated to the garden by a generous community member for us all to enjoy.

Local Santa Ynez Valley tile artist, Michelle Griffoul, designed the beautiful tile seen on the two pillars and the turtle, both on permanent display at the entrance to the garden.

Plants and landscape boulders native to Santa Barbara County added the final touch to the entrance. With the tur-



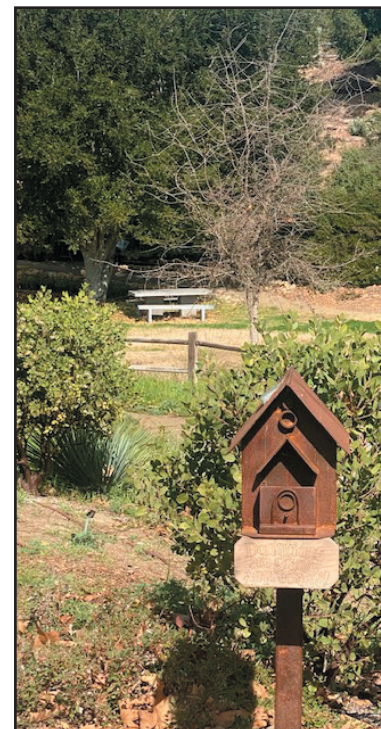
## Propagation dates

**Sunday  
April 3, 2022**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Preparation for plant sale, cataloguing plant ID signs, pot cleaning program.

**Sunday  
May 29, 2022**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Transplanting, various projects



## The Wilderness Trail opens!

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terrain, the new trail was cut entirely by hand and steep cuts retained with native rock and reclaimed wood. Small terraces were created to allow for plantings throughout.

During our first volunteer day of the 2022 season, we planted new chaparral plantings many propagated by our own Propagation Team. The new plantings include native plants from the inland, coastal and island plant communities. The Foundation is now seeking donations to acquire additional plant material to install before summer. Please visit our website and be a part of building our 'Wilderness Trail.'



Staff photo

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## Garden Events 2022

### April

**Sunday**

**April 10, 2022**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**SYVBG Plant Sale!**

Manzanita Nursery  
880 Chalk Hill Road  
Solvang, CA 93463

**Friday**

**April 22, 2022**

**Earth Day!**

Celebrate Earth Day  
by visiting the Garden

### May

**Sunday**

**May 1, 2022**

Time TBD

**Mother's Day Tea**

SYV Botanic Garden

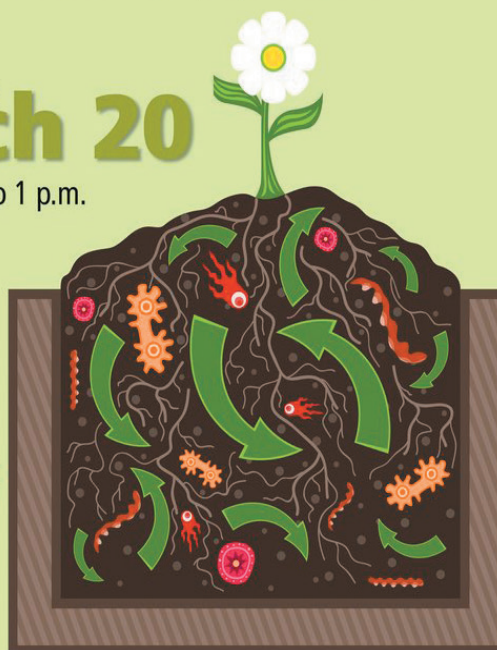
Get down  
& dirty  
with

# Mulch Madness

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY  
BOTANIC GARDEN

Join us on  
**March 20**

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



**River View Park**  
151 Sycamore Drive  
**Buellton**

[syvbotanicgarden.org](http://syvbotanicgarden.org) • 805 245-5603

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## Members make the difference

The Garden is dedicated to bringing beauty, serenity and the joys of the physical environment to the community. But members can really make the difference!

Our Wilderness Trail is open but still needs work. Please make donation to its progress and the help provide appreciation and education and a deeper understanding of the order of the natural world and the significance of nature in our lives.



[www.syvbotanicgarden.org/donate-2](http://www.syvbotanicgarden.org/donate-2)  
Donations may also be mailed to:  
Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden  
P.O. Box 1623  
Buellton, CA 93427

# DO YOU WANT TO SAVE WATER

## OVER 60% OF RESIDENTIAL WATER IS LANDSCAPING...WE CAN MAKE A CHANGE!

**1 CHECK THE CLOCK!** IN OUR VALLEY, THE WEATHER VARIES TREMENDOUSLY. COOL FOGGY MORNINGS FOR A FEW DAYS FOLLOWED BY NO HUMIDITY AND NO MARINE INFLUENCE. LEARNING ABOUT YOUR CLOCK AND MANAGING IT BY YOURSELF OR WITH YOUR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE CREW IS VITAL. PLAY WITH THE TIMING...DUE TO MICROCLIMATES, SOILAND TOPOGRAPHY THERE IS NO 'ONE SIZE FITS ALL' FOR WATER TIMING.

**2 GIVE PLANTS PLENTY OF ROOM.** MOST OF OUR NATIVE SHRUBS ARE HAPPY WITH GROWING ROOM OF 6' TO 8' IN DIAMETER. SOME ARE SMALLER SOME ARE LARGER BUT MOST OF US OVERPLANT BECAUSE WE CAN'T RESIST. BUT IF YOU ARE TRYING TO CONSERVE WATER FEWER PLANTS LESS WATER. ALSO PLANT IN LAYERS ALLOWING ACCESS SPACE AND BREATHING ROOM BETWEEN PLANTS. YOU WON'T SEE THAT SPACE FROM THE DINING ROOM WINDOW BUT AGAIN FEWER PLANTS AND EASIER MAINTENANCE.

**3 DAPPLED SHADE IS YOUR FRIEND.** WHY DO WE LOVE LOVE LOVE ITALY, MEXICO, SPAIN, MORROCO? COURTYARDS AND SHADE. IT'S NOT THE TURF. EXPAND YOUR ENTRY EXPERIENCE WITH A SIMPLE COURTYARD WHER YOU CAN SLOW DOWN AND PAUSE. FIND A PLACE FOR A PAVED TERRACE FOR DINING OR EXPLOITING A NEW VIEW. MAKE SURE YOU ARE USING TREES TO YOUR ADVANTAGE; WHERE DOES THE SUN RISE AND SET? SUMMER AND WINTER?

**4 EXPAND YOUR EXISTING PATIO** WITH A GRAVEL BORDER, STONE, OR OTHER DECORATIVE MATERIALS. THE MINIMUM DEPTH FOR A COMFORTABLE PATIO IS 14'. ARE YOU JAMMED UP TO YOUR ONE FRENCH OR SLIDING GLASS DOOR? MOST ARCHITECTS UNDERSIZE OUTDOOR LIVING AREAS. BE REALLY DARING AND CREATE AN OUTDOOR LIVING SPACE AWAY FROM THE HOUSE...ENCOURAGE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO WALK TO A NEW DESTINATION!

**5 LET'S SUPPORT ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL LOCAL FARMERS** IF TOO LITTLE WATER FOR A VEGETABLE GARDEN? IF YOU LOVE TO GROW YOUR OWN FOOD, GROW A FRUIT TREE OR TWO FOR COLOR, SHADE AND SEASONAL TREATS. PLANT SEASONAL COLOR, A TOMATO OR TWO AND SOME HERBS IN POTS TO LIVEN UP THOSE NEWLY PAVED AREAS.

**6 CAPTURE RUNOFF** IN A 'DRY CREEK' OR RAIN GARDENS TO ALLOW THE SOIL TO CAPTURE RUNOFF WATER ON SITE. IF YOU LIVE IN A MORE URBAN SETTING WITH STORM DRAINS, COMMIT TO KEEPING YOUR RUNOFF ON SITE. WE ALL NEED TO HELP IN THE RECHARGE OF OUR GROUND WATER BASINS.

**7 DEDICATE PART OF YOUR PROPERTY TO HABITAT.** THE FAUNA COULD BE AS SMALL AS A MASON BEE OR LARGE ENOUGH TO HOUSE A COVEY OF QUAIL. THINK OF YOUR PROPERTY AS ONE PIECE OF THE MOSAIC THAT IS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, YOUR VALLEY, YOUR SANTA BARBARA REGION.

**8 THINK ABOUT THE TECHNOLOGY OF LANDSCAPE.** IS YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM OLDER THAN 10 YEARS? YOU ARE DUE FOR AN OVERHAUL. JUST REPLACING OLD VALVES AND HEADS CAN RESULT IN WATER SAVINGS. EXPLORE THE USE OF A GRAY WATER SYSTEM OR A RAIN CATCHMENT SYSTEM. RESEARCH SOIL ADDITIVES PARTICULARLY FOR POTS THAT HELP SOILS RETAIN WATER.

**9 MULCH AND MULCH SOME MORE.** WHETHER YOU PREFER TO BUY THE 'GRADE A' MULCH OR USE TREE CHIPS OR COUNTY MULCH, MULCHING IS CRITICAL FOR THE HEALTH OF VALLEY GARDENS. A WELL MULCHED GARDEN YIELDS HAPPIER PLANTS AND LOWER WATER BILLS!

\*IF YOU HAVE A LARGE PROPERTY, TAKE A LOOK ON GOOGLE EARTH. MOST PEOPLE BECOME OVERWHELMED WITH A GARDEN THAT IS LARGER THAN 7,500 SF. RURAL PROPERTIES BENEFIT FROM THE 'ZONE' APPROACH: ZONE A - NO ADDITIONAL PLANTING WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NATIVE TREES AND LARGE SHRUBS, IF ANY. MANAGE EXOTIC WEED GROWTH WITH GOOD SEASONAL MOWING PRACTICES AND MAKE SURE EXISTING MATERIAL IS THINNED FOR GOOD FIRE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. ZONE B - TRANSITIONAL ZONE THAT INCORPORATES 'RANCH WORK' AND PRODUCTION AREAS AS WELL AS TRANSITIONAL ELEMENTS SUCH AS FENCING, WALLS, OR HEDGE ROWS OF NATIVE MATERIAL. ZONE C - INTERIOR ZONE THAT IS COMPRISED OF COURTYARDS, SMALL LAWNS, PLAY ZONES WHERE MAINTENANCE AND WATER USE IS INTENSIFIED. EVEN WITH LARGE PROPERTIES IN OUR CLIMATE LAWN SHOULD BE LIMITED TO SIZE REQUIRED FOR FUNCTIONAL PLAY LIKE VOLLEYBALL OR CROQUET. IF YOU ARE TRAINING A FUTURE STAR IN THE AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE OR NFL GO TO THE PARK!