

PVGC PROGRAMS FOR 2017-2018

October 19, 2017: Caring for Bromeliads and Tillandsias

Charles Uvari, former nurseryman and past President of the Ventura Orchid Society, will be our speaker at the October meeting of the Pleasant Valley Garden Club.

His presentation will be a "*Bromeliads and Tillandsias 101*," as he discusses all the basics on how to care for and mount your bromeliads and tillandsias, and he shares his secrets for success. He will also have plant starts available for sale. Please join us and bring all your questions for Uvari.

Location: Camarillo Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Fireside Room
3975 E. Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA

Time: 9:00am Socializing 9:30am Meeting 10:30am Speaker Presentation

November 16, 2017: The Psychology of Design in Landscape Architecture

Have you ever wondered why you feel uncomfortable sitting in the center of your backyard? Or why your neighbor's patio seems much more welcoming than yours?

Then, join us at the Pleasant Valley Garden Club's November meeting with Kern County Landscape Designer and Painter, David Gordon. Gordon will show us a new way of looking at spaces we take for granted. He will discuss how good design considers the person and her journey between discovery and surprise. You will never look at a backyard the same again.

Gordon has a Master's degree in Landscape Architecture, Horticulture Science, and Painting from North Carolina State University. He is currently the Executive Director of the Arts Council of Kern County, and designs residential and public landscapes throughout the State.

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January 18, 2018: Sustainable and Insectary Gardening

At our January meeting, the Pleasant Valley Garden Club is pleased to present well-known Santa Barbara horticulturist and lecturer on sustainable landscaping, Corey Welles. He is currently Plant Healthcare Coordinator for the renowned Lotusland in Santa Barbara.

Wells will describe the new focus of sustainable horticulture, which emphasizes building the ecology of the entire garden--starting with the soil, and extending all the way up the food chain. He will discuss soil amendments, organic fertilizers, insects, rodents, birds, and other critters. By the end of his talk he is hoping that you will consider measuring the health of your garden not just by the size of the flowers, but by the diversity of crawling and flying critters you encounter while gardening.

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February 15, 2018: Pesticides and Herbicides Explained

Have you ever wondered what was actually contained in those herbicides and pesticides that you spray so liberally on your garden? Then, come to the Pleasant Valley Garden Club's February meeting.

Master Gardener Julian Hoyle will explain how different herbicides and pesticides work, and the real impact of using these products. He will also offer many non-chemical alternatives to use.

Hoyle has a Master's degree in Agricultural Sciences from Cambridge University in England, and did post-graduate work at Cambridge, and the University of West Indies in Trinidad. Before his retirement, Hoyle was Seed Production Manager for Seminis Seeds.

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March 15, 2018:

How to Save Seeds from Your Garden

At the March meeting of the Pleasant Valley Garden Club, dynamic speaker Laura Maher will discuss how to save seeds from our gardens. Maher is a passionate seed saver, gardener, and educator. In addition to promoting the power of plant propagation, she also co-creates beautiful water harvesting landscapes. She is a certified installer with Greywater Action, and co-founder of Eco Action Co-Op. Maher works with land owners, community groups, institutions, and other professionals to support watershed and ecological restoration.

Come hear Laura talk about harvesting, storing, and germinating seeds, as well as the proper tools to use for these tasks.

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