



Fall Class Schedule 2011

Location: Amphitheater at MBBG, west side of Polliwog Park. Park on N. Peck Ave. off Manhattan Beach Blvd.

Prior registration: Required for most. **Reserve your spot** so we'll know you're coming (in case of cancellation) and to ensure we'll have enough handouts. **In case of rain, class will be cancelled.**

Contact: Julie Gonella at 310-546-1354 or Julie@manhattanbeachbotanicalgarden.org

Leave: Your name(s), class request(s), number of people attending and phone # when calling.

Water Saving Irrigation & Rain Water Harvesting



Sept. 24, 10-11 am

Mike Garcia, Enviroscope

Want to conserve some of that "free" water that pours out of the sky? Learn about rain barrels and water containment systems and see how they can be used to catch rainwater for future use, such as drip irrigation or to feed a waterfall. Also learn about the latest in water conserving irrigation products such as smart Irrigation controllers, environmental sensors, high efficiency rotator sprinklers, and drip irrigation.

Moving Planet South Bay



Sept 24, 9 am-2 pm

Metlox Center in downtown MB

Support sustainable and healthy living in the beach cities at this fair that promotes the upcoming South Bay Bicycle Plan and Vitality City Livability Plan. It will feature demonstrations by groups implementing sustainable practices in our community. The MBBG is one of these groups. See our "Quite Garden" demonstration.

How to Compost in the Garden



Oct. 8, 10-11 am

Lisa Ryder, City Authorized Instructor

Composting...Nature's way to recycle your trash into a treasure for your garden. Learn how to set up composting and worm bins, and the simple steps to recycling many organic materials such as yard trimmings and food waste, while creating free organic fertilizer. Discounted compost bins and worm bins available to MB residents.

Prior registration not required

Success with Succulents



Oct 15, 10-11 am

Maria Capaldo, Award-Winning Cactus Cultivator
Patrick Moore, Local Succulent Enthusiast

Ever noticed just about every article about landscaping in Southern California suggests using cacti and succulents? They're perfect for our climate, especially for blending with native plants and grasses to create stunning, yet water wise displays. Maria and Patrick will lead a discussion about how to use these amazing plants in environments ranging from the windowsill to the front yard. A wide variety of samples will be available for sale. All proceeds donated to MBBG.

Identifying & Photographing Our Local Wild Birds



Oct. 22, 9:30-11 am

Bob Shanman, Wild Birds Unlimited

Join Bob at the garden's amphitheater to observe and photograph migrating birds as they drink and bathe at the water feature. Colorful birds commonly seen include warblers, hummingbirds, cedar waxwings, goldfinches, and many more. Bring your binoculars, a tripod and camera.

Getting Started with California Natives



Oct. 29, 10-11 am

Tony Baker, Natural Landscapes

This basic beginners class includes a walk through the MBBG where you will learn which natives thrive in your specific situation and find out best times to plant and how to care and maintain a native landscape. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers about how best to get started with natives.

Container Gardening with Drought Tolerant Plants



Nov. 5, 10-11 am

Jon Bell, Deep Roots Garden Center

Using plants with low water needs, you can create botanical beauty, restore a little ecological balance, and bring winged friends to your corner of the world, even if you have a small space. Jon will show you a beautiful array of specimens that do well in pots and are available locally.

Getting Rid of Your Water-Guzzling Lawn



Nov. 12, 10-11 am

Mimi Andersen, Garden Magic

Mike Garcia, Enviroscape

Learn ways to kill your lawn and ready your new space for fall planting. Lessen your dependence on imported water! Be part of the solution: Remove your lawn and discover the aesthetic, economic and environmental benefits that lawn substitutes can bring. Grass substitutes, drought tolerant groundcovers and underground water systems will be part of the discussion.

Tree Issue Discussion Group



Nov. 19, 10-11 am

Greg Monfette, Certified Arborist & Registered Consulting Arborist

If you have tree questions, this is a great opportunity to discuss your specific concerns with a registered arborist and get some knowledgeable advice on how to solve a variety of problems. This interactive session will include figuring out what's going on and discussions with others to learn ways of resolving a variety of landscaping issues. Bring photos or leaf samples that can help illustrate your problem.

Much Ado About Mulch



Dec. 3, 10-11 am

Mike Garcia, Enviroscape and Special Guest

Want to know how to get some free mulch? How

about how to choose the right mulch for maximum benefit to your yard? Or maybe you're wondering if there is any danger or risk to using mulch. This class will give you all the inside information and provide you with a resource.

Insects: The Good, the Bad and the Beautiful



Dec. 10, 10-11 am

Gretchen Renshaw-Zwissler, UCLA Instructor

Are you a little squeamish about bugs in your garden, squishing or spraying everything in sight? You may be eliminating insects that turn into beautiful butterflies, or food that could attract colorful birds to your garden. Learn how to identify the good ones and what can be done about the bad ones in an eco-friendly manner. Find out what various insects have to offer and what their purpose is in nature. If you would like to have a specific insect identified, bring it to class in a sealed plastic bag.

Other Free Weekly Activities



Sunday Morning Bird Walks at Polliwog Park

Sundays, 8 am (Every Sunday except the 3rd Sunday)

Bob Shaman, Wild Birds Unlimited

Weather permitting. Meet Bob on the corner of Manhattan Beach Blvd and Redondo Ave. @ 8:00 for a leisurely walk through Polliwog Park, including the Botanical Garden. Learn to ID birds by sight and sound. Binoculars and walking shoes are recommended. ***Prior registration not required***

Sustainable Gardening for Southern California

Fridays, 9:30-11:30 am on a drop-in basis

Julie Gonella, Gretchen Renshaw, Mimi Andersen

MBBG Maintenance Directors provide instruction on proper techniques for weeding, watering, mulching and trimming as well as beneficial pest management. Meet other community members who support the Garden and receive a large FREE bag of mulch for your own garden. (Please bring your own bag.) ***Prior registration not required***

Learn more at: www.MBBGarden.org

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