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California State Flower & Garden Show ***including a Standard Flower Show,*** ***a Flower Show Symposium &*** ***Special Ticket Prices for CGCI Members***



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Join us as we plant our roots for the first ever California State Flower & Garden Show.



Cal State Shows is very pleased to announce the new [California State Flower & Garden Show](#) to be held at Cal Expo, Sacramento. This Show is driven by the passion and enthusiasm of gardeners from all over the state. Highlighting the diversity, scope and interest of the California gardening community, this will be a true flower and garden show with something for everyone. For information regarding the California State Flower & Garden Show, please call 877-696-6668, Ext. 4.



Featured Speakers

Gary Gragg, Nurseryman; Creator & Host of "[Superscapes](#)"

Although best known as the host of HGTV's hit series *Superscapes*, Gary Gragg has his hand in many other exciting endeavors. As a self-described "plant nerd" since high school, Gragg said that he "wanted the world to know how truly cool gardening is, and by extension, our natural world." Gary's design work can be seen throughout the Bay Area including residential communities, avenues, public buildings and the Oakland Zoo. His creative design in landscaping has won him numerous awards including the American Horticultural Society Award and Best in Show.

As an expert landscaper for all climates, Gary will use his enthusiastic humor to grow your knowledge on how to use microclimates to your best advantage, how

to create a beautiful garden in a water scarce world, and the right subtropical plants for Northern California. Being a palm lover, he will be using them in the California landscape. Gary's favorite palm species is a Chilean Wine Palm -- come learn what yours is.

Rene van Rems, Master Floral Designer, Author & Speaker

[Rene van Rems](#) is a Michelangelo in the floral industry. Originally from Amsterdam, his Dutch decent has allowed him schooling in a variety of places. He has studied in London at the Rietveld Academy and Horticultural Institutes in Aalsmeer before landing in California as an exchange student. As a member of the AIFD, The National Speakers Association and the PFCI, Rene has led workshops, design shows and seminars internationally. He has been featured in almost every form of media because of his European influence on American floral design. Rene has had his work covered by HGTV and been published by *Sunset Magazine*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, *101 Wedding Bouquets* and many more. For his unique style and educational prosperity, he has received the Francis Jones Poetker Award and the Los Angeles Flower Market's first annual Rene van Rems Award. Rene's topics will be "German Hand-Tied Biedermeier Bouquets," "Dutch Parallel Design" and "French Country."



Dan Bifano, Master Rosarian and Judge

Growing up in Santa Barbara has allowed [Dan Bifano](#)'s passion for roses to flourish for over 50 years. The past 20 years he has been a professional garden designer for A-list clients who include Barbra Streisand, Oprah Winfrey, Michael & Jane Eisner, James Brolin and Ivan & Genevieve Reitman. He has been working on his fifth garden for Oprah at her Montecito estate. The American Rose Society is proud to have him as a horticultural and arrangement judge. Dan not only has his own special blend of soil but also helps test and produce new varieties of roses. One of his favorite roses to use is Weeks Roses because he "can depend on them."

Bifano's topics will include "Roses in the Landscape", "Best Way to Grow Roses & Answering Questions," and "Organically Grown Roses." After enjoying even one of his sessions, your rose gardens will never be the same. Dan says, "After all, even though you may not have Barbra Streisand's garden, you can have the rose named after her!"

Amy Stewart, Award Winning Author

After writing four books, [Amy Stewart](#) has received a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and a California Horticultural Society Writer's Award, along with many others. Amy's love of nature and unique personality shines through her writing which *The American Gardener* calls, "Part humorous, part serious, and 100 percent informative." Her infectious passion has allowed her features on *TLC's Cake Boss*, *CBS Sunday Morning*, and *Good Morning America*. Many other well known publications such as *Garden Design*, the *New York Times* and *People Magazine* have featured her essays and commentaries.



Amongst all of the excitement, Amy and her husband, Scott, who live in Eureka, CA, find time to run a bookstore called Eureka Books. Amy has planted her own poison garden which she enjoys caring for along with the rowdy flock of hens in her backyard. Don't miss her amazing stories as she speaks on her latest books *Wicked Plants* and *The Earth Moved*. After the seminar, she will be holding a book signing.



Tony Todesco, Master Flower Show Judge & Floral Design

As a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Flower Show Committee, Tony has served as New Design Development Chairman. During this time, he developed and introduced four new design types. Todesco's designs can be found in the National Garden Clubs, Inc.'s *Handbook for Flower Shows* and its *Designing By Types*. His colorful style and expertise has landed his design programs at The Minneapolis Institute of Art and are regularly exhibited at The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. After 35 years of experience in managing esteemed design studios, Tony currently owns One Main Street Studio in Stow, MA. Being a National Garden Clubs, Inc. Master Flower Show Judge has given him opportunities to judge prestigious shows including flower shows in New York, Philadelphia and Boston. His design trends, creative use of plant materials and entertaining programs have made him a sought-after designer, commentator, lecturer. Tony will be speaking on "Flower Fun and Fancy" and "What's New in Design." Don't miss this chance to see a creative genius in action.

Additional Speakers/Programs

Pacific Horticulture Stage

Thursday

- 2:00 pm **Steve Goto**, Nurseryman & Lecturer -- "Organic Gardening"
3:00 pm **Laynette Gooch** -- "There's a Lavender for Every Garden"
4:00 pm **Rosemary Loveall-Sales** -- "Must Have Herbs for 2010"

Friday

- Noon **Dick Turner**, Editor of *Pacific Horticulture* -- "Art and Architecture in the Garden: When Flowers Are Not Enough"
1:00 pm **Ellen Zagory**, Director UC Davis Arboretum -- "Reduce your Water Use by Creating an All-Star Garden"
2:00 pm **Kristin Yanker-Hansen**, Flower Garden Designer -- "Dry Gardening - Gardening with Plants That Will Grow Without a Sprinkler System"
3:00 pm **Robin Parer**, Writer & Nursery Owner -- "Scented Leaf Pelargoniums/Old Fashioned Favorites Brought Up-to-Date"
4:00 pm **Daisy Mah**, Curator, Walter Land Park -- "The Gardens of William Land Park"
5:00 pm **Steve Gerischer**, Teacher & Lecturer
6:00 pm Greg Rubin, California's Own Native Landscape Design Owner -- "The Real Secrets for Success in Native Landscapes"

Saturday

- 11:00 am **Lara Laskay**, "Vermicomposting for the Urban Gardner Fun & Easy Ways to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint"
Noon **Greg Rubin**, California's Own Native Landscape Design Owner -- "The Real Secrets for Success in Native Landscape"
1:00 pm **Barbara Oliva**, Teacher & Rosarian, "Old Roses in the Right Place"
2:00 pm **Saxon Holt**, Author & Photographer -- "The American Meadow Garden and the Aesthetics of Sustainability"
3:00 pm **Jennifer Jewell**, Author & Radio Announcer -- "Preaching the Gospel of Gardening"
4:00 pm **Ernesto Sandoval**, UC Davis Botanical Conservatory Director -- "Low Water Use Plants for the Sacramento Region"
5:00 pm **Steve Gerischer**, Teacher & Lecturer
6:00 pm **Pat Rubin**, Columnist for *California Country* & Garden Writer -- "Beauty in the Winter"

Garden"

Sunday

- Noon **Chuck Ingles**, Pomology, Viticulture & Environmental Horticulture Advisor -- "Growing Wine & Table Grapes"
1:00 pm **John Valentino**, Co-Founder of Tree Fresno
2:00 pm **Patricia Smythe**, "Exploring the Diverse Beauty of Japanese Maples"
4:00 pm **Alicia Ledbetter**, "Natures Pesticide Bats Are Mammals Too"

Monrovia Stage

Friday

- Noon **Jolene Adams**, American Rose Society Vice President & CGCI Roses Chairman
4:00 pm **Dave Roberts**, Landscape Designer -- "Eco-Friendly Landscaping"
3:00 pm **Nicholas Staddon**, Director of New Plant Introductions for Monrovia
5:00 pm **Steve Goto**, Nurseryman & Lecturer -- "Organic Gardening"

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- 11:00 am **Nicholas Staddon**, Director of New Plant Introductions for Monrovia
1:00 pm **Cedar Seeger**, "The Wonders of Citrus"
2:00 PM **Darcie Paulin**, "Container Gardening for Year Around Color"

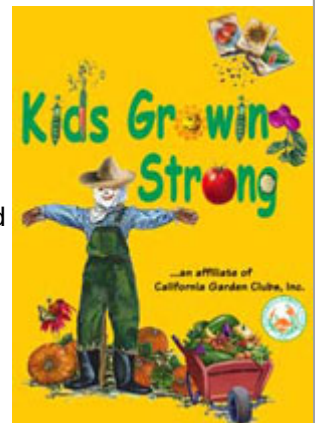
Sunday

- 11:00 am **Reny Parker**, Wildflower Photographer/Author
1:00 pm **Julie West**, NGC Flower Show Judge, Consultant, Editor, CGCI 1st Vice President -- "Butterfly Habitat For Every Yard"
2:00 pm **Annette Heacox**, Landscape Architect & Artist -- "Earth Friendly Landscapes"
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2:00 pm **Patricia Smythe**, "Exploring the Diverse Beauty of Japanese Maples"
4:00 pm **Raoul Damchak**, UC Davis Student Farm Market Garden Coordinator & Writer -- "Starting a Small Organic Farm"

Activities for Kids

- **Kids Growing Strong** - [Kids Growing Strong](#)™, CGCI President [Maryanne Lucas'](#) president project, is a wonderfully interactive playground where kids learn how they can grow strong through their food choices. Many children never think about where food comes from...that it actually does grow.

The purpose of *Kids Growing Strong* is to inspire children and their families to adopt a healthy lifestyle through garden-based education, proper nutrition and active living. *Kids Growing Strong* is on a journey to inspire children and their families to discover and adopt healthy lifestyles through proper nutrition and exercise while motivating them to actively learn about themselves and the environment. Through hands-on, science-based activities, we, at *Kids Growing Strong*, encourage kids to become energetic & engaged, build a strong knowledge-base and develop the measurable lifetime skills necessary to lead healthy lives and make informed decisions.



We believe that the best youth development occurs where kids are actively involved in creating their own learning experience with their friends and family. We believe that the support of family and friends is crucial for success. We encourage parents and mentors to take a proactive approach toward the health and well-being of children and support them by offering resource material, tools, training and opportunities to network with experts and like-minded individuals. By introducing children to the joy and wonders of nature in an informal and entertaining academic environment, we strive to enable children to internalize the knowledge, skills and values they need to build confidence in themselves and become contributing members of their communities. Daily.

- **Let's Go Bats** - Do you know where bats sleep? Do you know how they are just like you? Are bats really blind? You'll learn the answer to these questions and many more fun facts about bats. Daily at 11 am.
- **Creepy Crawly Under my Feet** – What is really crawling under your feet? Where would we be without the wiggly earthworm? You'll get to play with worms and learn what they can make from your everyday garbage. Thursday & Friday 10 am; Saturday & Sunday 4 pm.
- **Flower Power to the Kids** – This is your chance to play with flowers and find the budding artist in each of you. Come learn the techniques to make a simple yet beautiful flower arrangement...and you'll get to take it home to enjoy. Daily at 12 pm.
- **What's all the Buzzing About?** Aren't bees just pesky insects? Why would anyone want bees in his/her yard? Where does honey really come from? You'll be a-buzz with all of the facts after visiting the "hive."
- **Jr. Chef Central** - Thursday & Friday only - Open to pre-registered public or private school classes up to groups of 50 students. Separate classes may be combined to reach limit but each teacher and one aide must assist their students in this free cooking class. This 60 minute class will touch on nutrition, seasonal eating, recipe preparation, knife skills, dining etiquette and food presentation. Each student will prepare a wholesome snack to enjoy. For registration information, visit Jr. Chef Central's [website](#). Saturday – the California State Flower & Garden Show will be host to 250 budding chefs as they attend the 3rd Annual Jr. Chef Convention and Jr. Iron Chef Competition. Come watch these amazing Jr. Chefs cook and compete.

Hours & Admission

Cal Expo, Sacramento, Pavilion Building - East Gate Entry April 8, 9, 10, & 11, 2010

Hours: Thursday, April 8: 10 am – 7 pm

Friday, April 9: 10 am – 8 pm

Saturday, April 10: 10 am – 8 pm

Sunday, April 11: 10am - 6pm

Admission at the Gate:

Adult: 1-day \$15; Adult: 4-day \$18

Youth: 13-17 \$5

Children 12 & under Free

California Garden Club, Inc. Members: 4-day pass \$12 with membership card

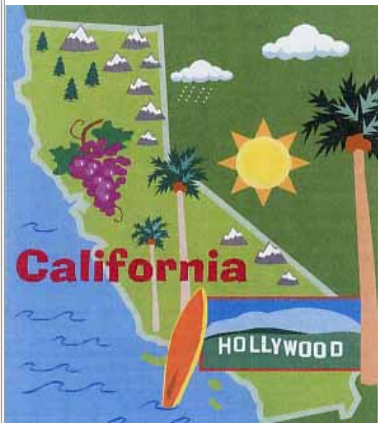
Advance Online Purchase:

Adult: 1-day \$13; Adult: 4-day \$16

Youth, 13-17 \$5

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CGCI Standard Flower Show

California Garden Clubs, Inc.'s

7th Standard Flower Show

"A Walk through California"

April 8 - 11, 2010, Sacramento

[CGCI's Standard Flower Show](#), "A Walk Through California" will take place Thursday through Sunday, April 8-11 (Thursday from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm; Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm; Sunday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm).

Click here for the flower show [schedule](#) and look under the dates of April 8-11.

Contact [Shane Looper](#) or [Dolores Moffat](#), Co-Chairmen, for more information.



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