



APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

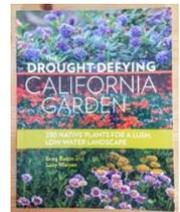
**New Innovations and Plants in Native Landscaping
 Thursday, April 21, 7:30 PM**

Speaker: Greg Rubin

Chapter friend, author, and native plant landscape designer Greg Rubin makes a welcome return visit to bring us up to date on what's new in the world of native plant gardening. He approaches native gardens and their care with a mixture of adventure and investigation, with new technologies, new plants, and new ways to treat pathogens, sometimes dislodging longstanding beliefs. He provides a refreshing view into the California garden. Whether you garden in a patio pot or a 2-acre plot, you will be inspired!



Greg Rubin is the owner of one of the largest native landscape contractors in the state, **California's Own Native Landscape Design** in Escondido. Greg is co-author (with Lucy Warren) of two best-selling books from Timber Press: **The California Native Landscape**, published in 2013, and **The Drought Defying California Landscape**, 2016. He has made frequent appearances on television and radio and written articles for numerous publications. In 2018, he was chosen as **Horticulturist of the Year** by the San Diego Horticultural Society.



This was to have been an in-person meeting in our regular meeting place. However, at the present time, attendance there is limited to 50 people. Knowing that our speaker is a very popular one, we decided not to limit attendance in that way. Therefore:

THIS WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlucO2vrTlqHtBD7BHKWSfpH10zPFI2AfCu>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

NEW CNPS FELLOW WELCOMED TO THE ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER



"In recognition of continued outstanding contributions toward the botany, preservation and enjoyment of California's native flora and upon nomination by the Board of the Orange County Chapter, the title of **Fellow** of the California Native Plant Society has been conferred by the Chapter Council and Board of Directors, March 2022, upon **Daniel Songster.**"

Long overdue for this statewide recognition, Dan has been a chapter member for more than 30 years. In that time, he has held many official roles. Perhaps his most visible post: **Program Director!** It is Dan who brings us all the diverse and interesting speakers who have informed and entertained over the past thirty-odd years. Yes, Dan's been doing that practically since Day One! Not to mention all his other contributions to our chapter. From key salesman at all our **plant sales** to key organizer for our **symposia; newsletter author, Horticulture, Education, Invasive Exotics** committees; **Treasurer, President, President** again—Dan has been deeply involved in all aspects

of the chapter. And then there is **The Golden West College Native Garden**. Next time you see Dan, just give him a big THANK YOU!

BART O'BRIEN HONORED



Longtime friend of the Orange County Chapter of CNPS, Bart O'Brien has been awarded the American Horticultural Society's highest award, the **Liberty Hyde Bailey Award**. This award is given to an individual who has made significant lifetime contributions to at least three of the following horticultural fields: teaching, research, communications, plant exploration, administration, art, business, and leadership. Bart is very deserving!

Although Bart has been working at Tilden Botanic Garden since 2013, many of us remember him from his 20 years at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden (now California Botanic Garden) and his numerous presentations, most recently a Zoom presentation for us last June, and the special field trips for our chapter through the RSA Botanic Garden for several years. We all enjoyed the "Out of the Wild and into the Garden" symposia that Bart co-coordinated as

well as his generosity to all who attended the now legendary plant sales up at RSABG throughout the years.

This is a national award named after Liberty Hyde Bailey (1858–1954), horticulturist, educator, and author. First awarded in 1958, a few of the awardees from California include such notables as Mildred Mathias, Elizabeth McClintock, Peter Raven, as well as Lucinda McDade.

Plantsman, Explorer, Author, if you care to read a bit more about Bart's many plant-related exploits, check out: <https://ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/national-awards/great-american-gardeners/2022-award-winners/>

SOUTHCOAST PLAZA GARDEN SHOW APRIL 21 - 24

Tree of Life Nursery will be supplying the plants for a California native plants table and CNPS members will be on hand to assist. Garden Show booths are open when the stores are open so whenever you prefer to shop, we'll be there!

TWO PLACES TO CHECK OUT:

Native Trees, Plants Added to Castaways Park

Root for Change, one of Stanbridge University's initiatives to help the environment through partnership opportunities by planting trees in locations across Southern California, recently partnered with Newport Beach's Public Works Department for a planting event at Castaways Park. Twenty-five volunteers from the university and city staff planted 39 native trees, and 261 native plants donated by Shadetree Nursery. California native wildflower seeds were spread in the open areas of the park.

Stanbridge University's commitment to *Root for Change* and their community outreach program will bring them back to Newport Beach in the future.

Discover Big Canyon Nature Park

Discover the natural riches of the Big Canyon Nature Park this spring! This 60-acre naturescape sits adjacent to the Newport Bay Marine Protected Area and serves as a habitat for native flora and fauna species. Explore easy loop trails throughout the open space, or park in the free parking lot and walk, jog, or cycle along Back Bay Drive.

In 2020, a [collaborative effort](#) between the City of Newport Beach, the Newport Bay Conservancy, and CA Department of Fish and Wildlife restored part of the area by removing about six acres of invasive Brazilian Pepper Trees, re-establishing the stream bed to reduce erosion and deter the growth of mosquitos, and installing 11,000 native plants. Feeling inspired to help the success and protection of native plants? To participate in active restoration work or view upcoming events and activities visit [Newport Bay Conservancy](#) . Thank you, Laura C. Curran

Manzanita Blues

'Howard McMinn' died yesterday. I killed him.
He shivered, shrugged his leaves, and croaked,
not much more than a sprout,
not a 4-to-6-foot garden focal point—
his handsome potential, according to the label.

How did it happen? Who knows? Maybe it was
circumstances beyond my control:
The economy. His own fault for not
taking better care. I did everything
I could. That's a lie. I could have read
up on manzanita just a little
before I summer-stuck him in the ground—
compacted foundation soil, south-facing
narrow strip that magnified the inland
August sun's relentless beaming.
(What was I thinking?)

It was an empty spot, and little Howard
had looked adorable in black one-gallon plastic.
I'm sorry, Howard. I'll do better next time:
maybe haul in some D.G. and make a crumbly
pillow-mound where drainage would delight
your delicate roots, above the cloying clay . . .

And thus well-drained, my handsome Howard II,
would you reward me with a pale-pink flower
cloud sure to attract butterflies, some peely
purplish bark on a sculptured trunk,
graceful twisting arms aglow
with lime-green leaves and tiny apple fruits?
Howard II, I hear you calling. Wait
till autumn; I will meet you at the nursery.

Thea Gavin

Thanks, Thea, for permission
to reprint this poem that was
first published in these pages
several years ago.