



Fall Class Schedule 2009

Join us for another season of our popular **FREE** classes. Although there is never a charge, **prior registration** is required for most. If the minimum number of sign-ups has not registered one-week prior, class may be canceled. Contact Julie Gonella to reserve a spot at 310-546-1354 or Julie@manhattanbeachbotanicalgarden.org

Leave your name, class request, number of people attending and phone number when calling.

Getting Rid of Your Water-Guzzling Lawn

Sept. 26, 10-11 am

Mimi Andersen & Ann Barklow, Garden Magic

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.

Water Saving Irrigation Technology

Oct. 3, 10-11 am

Mike Garcia, instructor, Enviroscope

Review the latest in water conserving irrigation products. Smart Irrigation controllers, environmental sensors, high efficiency rotator sprinklers, and drip irrigation are all readily available to help you reduce water usage. Interactive displays and product literature will be provided.

How to Compost in the Garden

Oct. 10, 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.

The class is FREE, open to all and reservations NOT necessary. Composting and worm bins are available for sale to MB residents.

Prior registration not required

Gardening with Natives

Oct. 17, 10-11 am

Jon Bell, instructor, Annie's Nursery

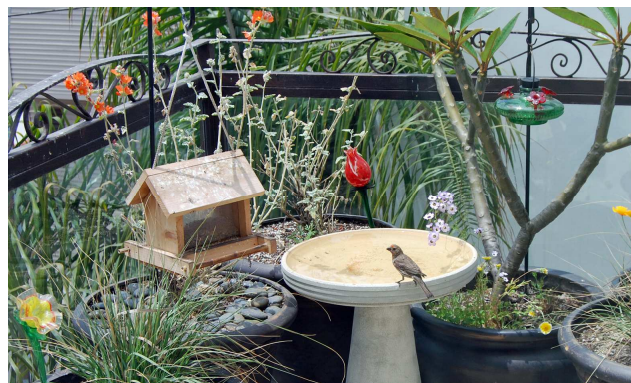
With native plants you can create botanical beauty, restore a little ecological balance, and bring winged friends to your corner of the world, even if you have a small yard. Jon Bell of Annie's Nursery will show you a beautiful array of specimens that are available locally.

Attracting and Feeding Wild Birds

Oct. 24, 10-11 am

Bob Shanman, Wild Birds Unlimited

Learn about attracting and feeding our local wild birds in your yard. Just like us, different birds like different foods. The class will cover seeds and other food; feeders that bring in different types of birds; the seasonality of birds you see in your yards; and a discussion about feeding hummingbirds, everyone's favorite!



More on the back...

Reiki in the Garden

Oct. 31, 10-11 am

Sheri Hein, Certified Instructor

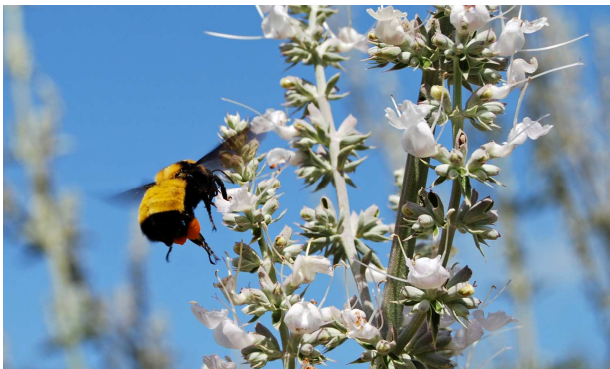
An introduction to Reiki. Reiki is a spiritual healing practice that enhances wellness by gently encouraging balance throughout the body, mind and spirit. Learn about this simple, effective healing practice that strengthens well being, enhances quality of life, and relieves symptoms such as anxiety, fatigue, pain, and insomnia.

Creating a Wildlife Habitat with Natives

Nov. 7, 10-11 am

Tony Baker

Learn helpful native plant landscaping suggestions for your home garden that will welcome beneficial birds, bugs, bees, butterflies and other critters. Find out which California native plants will help you create a natural habitat garden.



Tree Trimming Guidelines

Nov. 14, 10-11 am

Greg Monfette, Certified Arborist

Join certified Arborist, Greg Monfette, and take a walk through the trees in Polliwog Park and the Botanical Garden to learn about tree care. You will learn how to recognize a hazardous tree limb or tree; best pruning practices; and what you need to know about the City's tree ordinance.

Success with Succulents

Nov. 21, 10-11 am

Patrick Moore, Local Succulent Expert

There are 1000s of native cacti and succulents that flourish in South Bay gardens. Patrick Moore, a native himself of Manhattan Beach, has dozens of varieties in his garden and will share his experience designing and maintaining these beauties. Cuttings of some of his most unique varieties will be available for sale, proceeds of which will be donated to MBBG.

Sunday Morning Bird Walks at Polliwog Park

Sundays, 8 am (Every Sunday except the 3rd Sunday) on a drop-in basis

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

Earth Friendly Gardening

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, raking, 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)

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The Garden is located in Polliwog Park on Peck Avenue, just north of Manhattan Beach Blvd. Visit our web site at:
www.manhattanbeachbotanicalgarden.org