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## **2016 SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW TO OFFER 125+ FREE SEMINARS**

*Living Centerpieces, Low-Water Plants, Rain Gardens, Seed Saving and More*

**SAN FRANCISCO – (February 23, 2016)** – Top flower and gardening experts from across the country are set to take the stage for a record number of seminars at the 2016 [San Francisco Flower & Garden Show](#) taking place Wednesday, March 16 through Sunday, March 20, at the San Mateo County Event Center. More than 125 free seminars, mini-courses and DIY experiences will pack five stages over five days covering everything from water-wise gardening to succulent landscapes with the top experts in the industry.

“We are thrilled with this year’s seminar line-up featuring more than 125 presentations covering an array of exciting, timely topics,” said San Francisco Flower & Garden Show Seminar Manager Rebecca Sweet. “The drought remains top-of-mind and we have several experts lined up to address creating a rain garden, understanding greywater systems, removing lawns, low-water plants and more.”

The **Flower Pavilion Stage** returns with a packed schedule of talks and floral demonstrations from the country’s leading designers. From Ariella Chezar to Carly Cylinder, more than a dozen experts will share techniques and tips as part of this non-stop seminar series including Living Centerpieces, Flowers for All Ages, Large-scale Branch Arrangements and DIY Tips from the Flower Chef.

New this year, the **Sequoia Stage** will be home to mini-courses featuring a panel of three experts each presenting one aspect of the same topic. Mini-course topics will include Small Space Solutions, The Water-Wise Garden, The Edible Garden, The Lawn Free Garden and The Native Garden.

For the first time ever, the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show will host a **DIY Stage** that will offer attendees a “make and take,” hands-on experience at workstations to learn seed saving, plant propagation, bonsai trimming, hydroponics, how to create a bee hotel and more.

Urban gardeners are encouraged to check out the **Urban Homestead** featuring an exciting mix of topics – bee-keeping, edible gardening, seed saving, sheet mulching, urban chicken keeping and beer brewing. The

Urban Homestead will also be home to goats, rabbits and chickens throughout the show.

From beginner to expert gardeners, there is something for everyone at the **Discovery Stage**. This stage will host a variety of seminars from the best in the industry. Hot topics include: Creative Succulent Container Gardens with Debra Lee Baldwin, Saving Pollinators One Garden at a Time with David Mizejewski, California Gardens: Glorious Despite the Drought with Sharon Lovejoy and Design Like a Pro with Billy Goodnick.

For aspiring photographers, professional Photographers Saxon Holt and David Perry will host hands-on “photo botanic” photography workshops including Find the Photo In Your Garden and Picture Perfect Plant Portraits. Additional fee required and advance registration recommended.

### **About the 2016 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show**

The 2016 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show will be open to the public Wednesday, March 16 through Sunday, March 20, at the San Mateo County Event Center, located at 1346 Saratoga Drive, in San Mateo, Calif. Show hours are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$17.50 for a one-day advance ticket purchased online or at select nurseries by February 28; an all days show pass good for up to five days is \$40. Tickets purchased after February 28 are \$22 for a one-day adult admission, \$20 for a one-day senior admission and children 16 and under are admitted free. Special workshops tickets are also available. For advance tickets and more information please visit [www.sfgardenshow.com](http://www.sfgardenshow.com) or follow @sfflowershow on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Official hashtag is #sfflowershow.

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