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**DISCOVER A WORLD OF SHOWCASE GARDENS AT THE  
2016 SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW**

***Top West Coast Designers to Create Blooming Masterpieces for 2016 Garden Awards***

**SAN FRANCISCO – (February 26, 2016)** – The 2016 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show will showcase a world of dazzling theme gardens Wednesday, March 16 through Sunday, March 20, at the San Mateo County Event Center. Leading landscape designers and craftsmen will spend five hectic days creating full-sized garden masterpieces that will interpret this year’s theme “Discovery.” Attendees will stroll nearly a dozen different gardens and engage with several creators who will be on-site to answer questions.

Since the show’s inception as the San Francisco Landscape Garden Show in 1986, the showcase gardens have been the heart of the event. From sustainable to spiritual, these gardens will utilize thousands of blooming flowers and exotic plants to create masterworks that will be judged by a panel of landscape design and horticulture experts for the 2016 Garden Awards. Additionally, showgoers are invited to pick their favorites for the 2016 People’s Choice Award.

Following are details on this year’s garden inspirations:

**Lawn Long Ago**

**Garden Designers:**

Association of  
Professional Landscape  
Designers (APLD)

**Garden Creators:**

Association of  
Professional Landscape  
Designers (APLD)  
Bay Area Chapters

Imagine walking out your front door and settling into a cozy chair on your private patio. Our garden demonstrates one of the many wonderful spaces you can create by reclaiming your front yard from the standard lawn and foundation shrub suburban landscape. We present a contemporary house front with a screen and arbor to shelter the courtyard area. Visitors will be able to explore through the front door to a small alcove with hidden treasures, or step along a garden path under the arbor. Several niche gardens will showcase inspiring garden art. Dramatic planters step up to enclose the patio space, each section with a unique plant theme, creating a cohesive garden display. Discover the possibilities for your front yard space!

**Living in Harmony With  
Our Mother Earth**

**Garden Designer:**

Nathan Beek

**Garden Creators:**

Clearwater Design  
Sacramento, CA

It is so easy to forget we are surrounded by life. Our Mother Earth is our provider, yet in humanity's quest for progress this is forgotten and the earth is scared. We have created a garden of harmony with our Mother Earth, where man’s home is a simple Tipi. The landscape is sustainable and native to the Northwest. The flowing water reminds us of the life giving gifts that Mother Earth gives us. Enter our garden and reflect on Mother Earth’s gifts and beauty.

### **Lost in Shangri-La**

#### **Garden Designers:**

Marty & Debbie  
Thorsson

#### **Garden Creators:**

DMT Design  
Petaluma, CA

Lost in an urban oasis made from repurposed materials, a Shangri-La if you will. A secluded tranquil setting amid sculpted mountains, where steel and nature are found in harmony and the sound of running water drowns out the world around us. A perfect place for escaping the stress of modern day life.

### **Modern Ancient**

#### **Garden Designers:**

Jake Moss

#### **Garden Creator:**

Jake Moss Design  
Healdsburg, CA &  
Sacramento, CA

Our inspiration for this installation was to capture the feel, construction methods and design of the ancient world, while infusing a modern layout. Through the use of natural materials such as aged copper, reclaimed timbers, stones and prehistoric plantings, you'll be taken back in time. A large scale water wall, light features and a modern layout will make you feel at home in the present. This is "Modern Ancient."

### **Tropikal Na Paraiso**

#### **Garden Designer:**

Benjamin Goulart

#### **Garden Creators:**

The Waterfall Guy  
Menlo Park, CA

A tropical paradise, set in PangaSinan, Philippines, this garden is a discovered getaway. A private hideaway deep in the mountains of a tropical forest. An escape from the hustle and bustle to a jungle suited for the Bay Area's climate. A "Bahay-Kubo" Palm front cabana will provide a resting spot to relax and discover ... our tropical paradise.

### **Backyard Bohemian**

#### **Garden Designer:**

Leslie McKenna

#### **Garden Creators:**

McKenna Landscape  
Los Gatos, CA

A boho chic style garden set in the San Francisco Bay. Backyard Bohemian will utilize natural materials, colorful fabrics, innovative structural design and drought tolerant plants to create a long lasting and sustainable garden to inspire the social to entertain, and the creative to create.

### **The Garden at Villa Bella**

#### **Corte**

#### **Garden Designer:**

Randy Shadrick &  
Anna Riordan

#### **Garden Creators:**

Outdoor Environments  
Cotati, CA

This garden is to be enjoyed and used – not just a thing of beauty. Wander out to pick fruit, herbs and vegetables to prepare your meal. Sit by the fire pit with your feet up after a long day. Chat with your partner. Share stories with your friends. Play with your children.

### **Nature at Your Door**

#### **Garden Designer:**

Billy Krimmel, PhD

#### **Garden Creators:**

Restoration Landscaping  
Company  
Sacramento, CA

The wonder of California's nature is the focal point of this garden. Carefully chosen native plants, topography, wildlife habitat features and rainwater creates a space that is attractive to humans and animals alike. Vegetable pests are controlled by native insects living near planter beds; pollinator nesting habitats are plentiful; birds are attracted to artful brush piles and tree snags; and a hands-on ecology experiment is built into the space. The garden serves as a window into the intricate ecological interactions occurring in nature.

**Urban Oasis****Garden Designer:**

Iftikhar Ahmed

**Garden Creators:**

Treeline Designz

San Francisco, CA

Travel has been my greatest teacher and friend, probably all my life; nature can leave you speechless sometimes if you let it. There is no substitute for a garden like Urban Oasis that surrounds us with emotions, character, colors, textures, socializing, drought tolerant planting and minimum maintenance. The Urban Oasis inspiration came from my previous travels to different countries and gardens around the world. I have incorporated art, culture, ornaments and the fourfold garden inspiration that is very practical and suited to the California environment. The plant materials have been selected very carefully and all the species are locally grown. Urban Oasis is a great piece of outdoor living art which is a vehicle of expression, a means of encoding our response to the world.

There are precious moments when the human mind is quiet and enjoys senses of nature without interference. I hope my audience appreciates my serious folly, my love of nature and beauty, and my effort to flirt with the mystery of life.

**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 through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for a one-day adult admission, \$20 for a one-day senior admission and children 16 and under are free. Special workshops tickets are also available. For advance tickets and more information, visit [www.sfgardenshow.com](http://www.sfgardenshow.com) or follow @sfflowershow on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Official hashtag is #sfflowershow.

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