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2017 SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW TO HOST 80 FREE SEMINARS

Permaculture 101, Grafted Vegetables, Growing Medicinal Marijuana, Homesteading with Kids and More

SAN FRANCISCO – (March 10, 2017) – The country’s top flower and gardening experts will take the stage for a series of free seminars at the 2017 [San Francisco Flower & Garden Show](#) taking place Wednesday, April 5 through Sunday, April 9, at the San Mateo County Event Center. This year, the Urban Homestead Stage, Discover Stage and Floral Pavilion Stage will host more than 80 free seminars covering everything from Permaculture 101 with author Christopher Shein to Lisa Waud’s talk on her iconic Flower House installation, in Detroit

“The seminars are always a hit at the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show,” said San Francisco Flower & Garden Show Seminar Manager Wanda Stewart. “We’ve lined up the best of the best to give talks on an array of timely topics and. New this year, we have a seminar on medicinal plants including the addition of marijuana to the homegrown medicine chests, reflecting the new California laws.

For the first time ever, several hands-on seminars will take place within the show gardens. Farmscape’s Lara Hermanson will lead workshops on edible gardening and drip irrigation inside a special garden filled with vegetables, fruit trees, colorful plants, raised beds, a shed and more. Special advanced tickets for these free seminars are available online at www.sfgardenshow.com.

Additionally, the show will host a program of educational seminars and hands-on workshops for children. The little ones will be invited to participate in these ongoing activities including flower arranging, composting and creating native beehives.

The **Urban Homestead Stage** returns to the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show with a variety of topics that will cover hot trends including permaculture, wild fermentation, beer making, perennial vegetables and more. This area of the show will also be home to urban livestock including goats, rabbits and chickens. The Urban Homestead Stage lineup includes:

Permaculture for Tomorrow – Ryan Rising

Growing Your Own Foodscape – Charlie Nardozi

Urban Livestock – Kitty Sharkey
Eliminate Your Lawn ... and Grow – Lori Caldwell
Bees and By-products – Alice Rosenthal
The Homesteading Dream – Maya Blow
Edible Landscaping – Leslie Bennett
Gateway Livestock: Chickens 'n' Bees – Yolanda Burrell
Build Your Own Natural Beehive – Yasir Cross
Resetting the Dinner Table, Rebuilding Our World – Seth Peterson
Permaculture 101 – Christopher Shein
Perennial Vegetables: A New Class of Food Plants – Jessica Bates
Native Bees – How to Attract Them to Your Garden – Bonnie Borucki, Alison Paskal
Have Fun, Make Beer! – Mark Cabrera
Tomatoes: Seed Saving and Starting – Charlie Costello
Guidebook for Garden Education – Grey Kolevzon
Homesteading with Kids – Shayna Cureton
The Buzz on Bees – Alice Rosenthal
Creating Gardens from the Waste Stream – Gary Rosenberg
Wild Fermentation: The Art of Preserving Your Harvest – Max Cadji
Homesteading through the Lens of Permaculture – Jessica Bates
Improving Your Soil Quality – Rob Bennaton
Backyard Chickens and Rabbits – Benjamin Eichorn
CoGarden: Connecting People, Plants and Places – Sunil Nair
Preserving the Harvest: Drying Fruits, Vegetables & Herbs – Claudia Noble-Levingston

More than 25 seminars will pack the **Discovery Stage** with topics focusing on all types of gardens including bee-friendly gardens, medicinal gardens, succulent gardens, fragrant gardens, aquaponic gardens and more.

Seminars topics will include:

Grow Your Six Medicinal Plants – Delia Carroll, Maya Blow, Kathi Keville, Christopher Daughtery
Magical Garden Marking – Sean Stout, James Pettigrew
The Cultivated Plants of Cuba – John Bagnasco
Succulents are Planted, What's Next? – Robin Stockwell
Flower House – Detroit: Beauty from Blight – Lisa Waud
The Small-Scale, High Yield Orchard – Clair Splan
Vegetable Gardening – Working with Nature – Lisa Putnam, Kathleen Putnam
Been There, Killed That – Mary-Kate Mackey
Designing the Bee-Friendly Garden – Kate Frey
Soil Biology to Make Your Garden Grow – Theresa Lyngso
Magic Orchids – Bruce Rogers
A Garden Filled with Fragrance – Kathi Keville
Growing Roses Organically in the San Francisco Bay Area – Patti Spezzaferro
Design Like a Pro: Demystifying the Art of Garden Design – Billy Goodrick
Tour the Floor: The Magic Behind the Show Gardens – Billy Goodrick
Magic or Marketing? Do Garden Remedies Really Work? – Linda Chalker-Scott
Lessons from the Ruth Bancroft Garden – Johnanne Silver
Beautiful, Resilient Plants for an Easy Care Garden – Janet Sluis
My 50 Favorite Succulents – Robin Stockwell
Deep Dig into Permaculture – Yasir Cross, Seth Peterson, Jasmine Fuego
Tour the Floor: The Magic Behind the Show Gardens – Billy Goodrick

Ethereal Plant Combinations for Small Garden Spaces – Rizanino “Riz” Reyes
Bringing Magic to the Garden: Attracting Birds, Butterflies and Other Wildlife – David Mizejewski
Designing with Ornamental Grasses and Groundcovers – Susan Morrison
Aquaponics in Your Backyard – Jon Parr
Magical Plants, from Homeopathy to Shamanism – Sean Stout, James Pettigrew

Always a favorite with attendees, the **Floral Design Stage** also returns with seminars and floral demonstrations from leading designers free across the country. Seminars this year include:

Garden Party – Caitlin Atkinson
Temporal Botanical Art – Caitlin Atkinson
Creating Floral Magic – Patricia Gibbons
Succulents in Pots and in the Garden – Delle Maxwell
Every Bloomin’ Things in Containers – Laurel Nagle
Beautiful Beginning Edible Container Gardening – Laurel Nagle
Enchanting Botanical Boquets – Rizanino “Riz” Reyes
Ethereal Plant Combinations for Small Garden Spaces – Rizanino “Riz” Reyes
Creative Orchid Gift Baskets – Angelic Nguyen
Make & Take – Random Acts of Flowers
The Best Orchids for Floral Design – Bruce Rogers
Seed to Centerpiece: Growing and Designing with Local Flowers – Hedda Brorstrom

About the 2017 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show

The 2017 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show will be open to the public Wednesday, April 5 through Sunday, April 9, 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 \$22 for a one-day adult admission, \$20 for a one-day senior admission and children 16 and under are admitted free. For more information, visit www.sfgardenshow.com or follow @sfflowershow on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Official hashtag is #sfflowershow.

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