

AHS AUG. 7 & 8. **West Valley Maricopa County Home and Garden Show.** Phoenix, Arizona. (602) 485-1691. www.MaricopaCountyHomeShows.com.

RAP AUG. 8. **An Herb A-Fair.** The Gardens on Spring Creek. Fort Collins, Colorado. (970) 416-2486. www.fcgov.com/horticulture.

RAP AUG. 8. **Tasty Tomatoes.** Lecture, tasting. Red Butte Garden and Arboretum. University of Utah. Salt Lake City, Utah. (801) 581-4747. www.redbuttegarden.org.

RAP AUG. 10. **Backyard Composting 101.** Class. High Country Conservation Center. Betty Ford Alpine Gardens. Vail, Colorado. (970) 476-0103. www.bettyfordalpinegardens.org.

RAP AUG. 20. **Meadows By Design.** Lecture. Denver Botanic Gardens. Denver, Colorado. (720) 865-3580. www.botanicgardens.org.

WEST COAST

CA, NV, HI

RAP JULY 24. **Ikebana Basics.** Class. Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden. Arcadia, California. (626) 821-3222. www.arboretum.org.

RAP JULY 24–26. **Summer Cactus and Succulent Show & Sale.** Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society. Fullerton Arboretum. Fullerton, California. (657) 278-3407. www.fullertonarboretum.org.

RAP AUG. 1. **Summer Gardening Fair.** San Francisco Botanical Garden Society. San Francisco, California. (415) 661-1316. www.sfbotanicalgarden.org.

RAP AUG. 8. **Rose Garden Care Using Sustainable Methods.** Lecture. Descanso Gardens. La Cañada Flintridge, California. (818) 949-4200. www.descansogardens.org.

AUG. 13. **Citrus Diseases in California: Past, Present and Future.** Lecture. Southern California Horticultural Society. Los Angeles, California. (818) 567-1496. www.socalhort.org.

AUG. 22 & 23. **Fall Plant Sale and Garden Tours.** Occidental Arts & Ecology Center. Occidental, California. (707) 874-1557 ext. 201. www.oaec.org.

Looking ahead

RAP SEPT. 12 & 13. **Salvia Spectacular.** Plant sale. Fullerton Arboretum. Fullerton, California. (657) 278-3407. www.fullertonarboretum.org.

SEPT. 14. **Meadows, Grasslands, Prairies, and Turf: An Opportunity to Reconsider Your Lawn.** Lecture. San Diego Horticultural Society. San Diego, California. (760) 295-7089. www.sdhortsoc.org.

New West Coast Show Features Garden Design Innovation and Imagination

TAKING PLACE from September 18 through 20, The Late Show Gardens exhibition is set to premiere in the heart of northern California's wine country on the grounds of Cornerstone Sonoma. A celebration of innovative garden design, this exciting new show takes as its theme the challenges of a changing environment. Robin Parer, president of The Late Show Gardens and one of the show's organizers, says the designers were asked to brainstorm "new ways of thinking about drought and global warming, as it impacts our gardens and our way of life."

Some 17 outdoor spaces are slated to be created by a roster of inventive—often provocative—artists and designers, musicians, and landscape architects. Cevan Forrist, John Greenlee, Kate Frey, and Stephen Glassman are among the garden creators.

The cognoscenti of the horticultural community emerge in the show's line-up of speakers, bringing together photographer Marion Brenner, nursery owners and authors Sean Hogan and Roger Gossler, land artist Topher Delaney, garden expert Ken Druse, and Mark Hertsgaard, a correspondent for *The Nation*. Numerous lectures by these and other notable speakers will offer solutions to compelling environmental needs, thoughtful insights into the issue of sustainability, and fresh ways to define gardens.

Visitors can indulge the urge to shop with a host of Cornerstone Sonoma merchants and the show's vendors. On offer will be ornamental elements, garden art, home decor, books, and plants that Parer describes as "unjustly neglected in West Coast gardens." Information on tickets, directions, and more on The Late Show Gardens can be found at www.thelateshowgardens.org.

—Alice Joyce blogs on garden travel in the San Francisco Bay area.



This garden, designed by Beth Mullins, is one of many to be featured in the show in September.

NORTHWEST

AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY

RAP AUG. 1 & 2. **Flower Show.** Anchorage Garden Club. Alaska Botanical Garden. Anchorage, Alaska. (907) 770-3692. www.alaskabg.org.

AUG. 18–22. **Farwest Show.** Oregon Association of Nurseries. Portland, Oregon. (800) 342-6401. www.farwestshow.com.

RAP AUG. 22. **Tour of the Botanic Gardens.** Cheyenne Botanic Gardens. Cheyenne, Wyoming. (307) 637-6458. www.botanic.org.

RAP AUG. 22 & 23. **Eastside Fuchsia Society Show and Sale.** Northwest Fuchsia Society. Bellevue Botanical Garden. Bellevue, Washington. (425) 451-3755. www.bellevuebotanical.org.

Looking ahead

SEPT. 18–20. **American Rhododendron Soci-**

ety Western Regional Conference. Federal Way, Washington. (416) 424-1942. www.rhododendron.org.

CANADA

JULY 25 & 26. **British Columbia Fuchsia & Begonia Society Annual Show & Competition.** Van Dusen Botanical Garden. Vancouver, British Columbia. (604) 591-3262. www.vandusengarden.org.

RAP AUG. 15. **Preserving the Harvest.** Course. Glendale Gardens & Woodland. Victoria, British Columbia. (250) 479-6162. www.hcp.bc.ca.

INTERNATIONAL

JULY 30–AUG. 2. **Mayaguez Orchid Society Show.** American Orchid Society. Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. (787) 649-2656. www.aos.org.