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THE LATE SHOW GARDENS

Where brilliant design meets sustainable practices

FIRST ANNUAL EVENT

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2009 AT CORNERSTONE SONOMA

Garden Design Concepts and Lectures Revealed

(Sonoma, CA July 15, 2009) – The intimate layout of this garden show will allow visitors to personally experience a different approach to the crucial issues of water conservation and climate change while celebrating beautiful design. Through gardens and lectures, visitors will learn about the large palette of plants from Mediterranean-type climates around the world that thrive on mild rainy winters and dry, hot summers. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of how creative, interesting garden design can be both socially responsible and personally rewarding. www.thelateshowgardens.org

GARDENS THAT MAKE YOU THINK. Amble through gardens designed by innovators in their fields.

- Working with bee expert Jaime Pawelek, architect Andrew Kudless and builder Ross Craig, Shirley Watts is putting together a garden that combines a beautiful honeycomb structure, a sound piece based on a poem by Sylvia Plath and bee friendly plantings to inspire every home gardener.
- Witness how a huge block of melting ice impacts various plants by either being nourished or killed – highlighting the concepts of microclimate, cycles of water and planting to fit topography in Peter Good’s team project.
- Become engrossed by Suzanne Biaggi’s garden: a combination of minimalism versus understated abundance. Its use of water; its thought-provoking elegant presentations of the key issues causing global warming, and its concept of “Future Feast,” inspired by a mannerist garden in Tuscany.

- Marvel at Conway Chang's garden which explores, through the use of approx. 1,500 plants, questions that arise about a plant's ability to adjust to air, plant selection (trends vs. needs), and how our selections and their relationship with air have relevance for our future.

These are only a few of the many interesting concepts The Late Show Gardens will explore. Check back often to discover other garden concepts as they are unveiled and to learn about our talented and innovative designers: [Designer info](#)

LECTURES THAT MAKE YOU ACT. Don't miss our many lectures scheduled throughout each day on the hour to inform, inspire, and open your mind to the many opportunities of dealing personally with climate change, drought and sustainability.

- In Dave Egbert's lecture, *The Fire Safe Sustainable Garden*, you'll learn about creating a Lean, Clean, and Green Zone of defensible space around your home using perennials, natives, outdoor living spaces, and edible landscaping.
- Secrets will be revealed on techniques of leading gardeners and designers around the country who are creating cool, stylish gardens without depleting the earth's resources nor the gardener's own in Val Easton's *Is over-the-top gardening over?*
- Glenn Withey and Charles Price expose a candid look at their *Conundrum: Can a garden actually be "sustainable"?* Yet another viewpoint that will get you thinking.

Be sure to plan your day around all of our interesting lectures: [Speaker info](#)

GARDEN ITEMS THAT MAKE YOU INDULGE. 30 of the Bay area's best garden merchants have been brought together. The Late Show Gardens will feature 13 nurseries selling plants to put in the ground in the fall; clay artists; stone sculptors; botanical artists; garden furniture makers; photographers; booksellers; pottery works; painters; recycled painted furniture, and more. Whether just window shopping or purchasing that unique item, you'll enjoy the array of garden-related goods on display. For a full list of our merchants visit: [Vendor info](#)

WHO BENEFITS The Late Show Gardens is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Net proceeds will be used to support The Trust for Public Land and The Garden Conservancy.

WHEN/WHERE Friday, September 18 through Sunday, September 20 at Cornerstone Sonoma, 23570 Highway 121, Sonoma, CA 94576. The show is open from 9:30 am – 5:30 pm.

AFFORDABLE TICKETS One-day adult ticket is \$20. **Early bird Special:** Buy before August 1, 2009 and save \$5 per adult ticket. Tickets for Seniors (65+) and Groups (10 or more) are \$15. Youth (ages 6 - 12) tickets are \$10. Children under 6 are free. **MORE SAVINGS:** Adult/Senior/Group 3-Day passes are \$45. Youth 3-Day passes are \$30.

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