

Growing and Propagating Native Plants for the Garden

November 14, 2009

Friends of the Chico State Herbarium and the Gateway Science Museum are hosting this all-day workshop about growing and propagating native plants for the garden. The use of native plants in the home and commercial landscape is increasing. With heightened awareness of living in a region where water is limited and the past three years of less than average rainfall, gardeners are turning toward incorporating more drought tolerant and native plants into their gardens. Gardeners are also more interested in growing native plants that attract wildlife by planting plants that encourage bees, insects, butterflies and birds. In this workshop we will discuss native plants for home gardens, best planting methods, soil requirements, and watering with an emphasis on propagation. We will discuss simple propagation techniques including seed, cuttings and division. The morning session will be held in the classroom and in the afternoon will be spent at Floral Native Nursery where we will learn, with hands-on practice, the basics of plant propagation.



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The instructors for the class are Germain Boivin and John Whittlesey, both owners of local nurseries which propagate and grow the plants they sell. Between them they have over fifty years of horticulture and nursery experience. See page 2 for more information about the instructors.



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The workshop will meet Saturday November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting in Holt Hall room 129 at CSU Chico. The registration fee is \$40.00. Please register in advance; class size is limited to 25 participants (class cancelled without a minimum of 6 participants). For more information about workshop content and registration please contact the Chico State Herbarium office at (530) 898-3511 or NS@csuchico.edu.

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MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS:

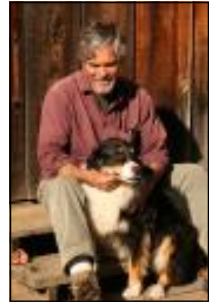
GERMAIN BOIVIN is a native of Quebec and owned 'Pepiniere des Cedres' nursery near Montreal for 9 years. He moved to California in 1991 and started Floral Native Nursery. Floral Native Nursery sells California native plants exclusively for retail, wholesale, and restoration projects. Germain is a member of the International Plant Propagators Society. Visit Floral Native Nursery on the web at www.floralnativenursery.com



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ABOUT US

JOHN WHITTLESEY has owned Canyon Creek Nursery & Design since 1985. Until recently the nursery has been primarily a mail order nursery, shipping plants throughout the United States. After completing design courses from the California School of Garden Design in 2004, John shifted focus to more design work with an emphasis on drought tolerant gardens. He is now growing drought tolerant and native plants for his designs and retail sales. For more information contact John at (530)533-2166 or johnccn@sunset.net.



More information about gardening with California's native plants may be found on the web site of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) at www.cnps.org/cnps/horticulture/



Clarkia and Monkeyflower.

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