

**CLASS SCHEDULE**  
REGIONAL PARKS BOTANIC GARDEN  
DOCENT TRAINING CLASS 2018  
23 Tuesday morning classes from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
January 9, 2018 through June 12, 2018  
ALL CLASSES START PROMPTLY at 9:00 a.m.

All classes meet in the auditorium at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden's Visitor Center. This building is located near the entry to the Botanic Garden at the intersection of South Park Drive and Wildcat Canyon Road in Tilden Regional Park in the Berkeley Hills. Visit our website: [www.nativeplants.org](http://www.nativeplants.org)

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Class registration fee is \$200.00 AND a current (or new) membership in the Friends of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden.

Trainees will be asked to save questions for break or for end of class during Glenn's 12 sessions. Trainees will be asked to shadow two school tours and two weekend tours.

Trainees will do a minimum of two five-minute talks and one ten-minute talk for the class.

Class Administrators will be docents Pattie Litton and Roz Hardy (docent Liz Horowitz is available to substitute) will set out sign-up sheets for class attendance, encourage scheduling of tour shadowing, and will lead/facilitate the round tables at the end of each class.

1. January 9: First Class.  
9:00-9:30 Bart O'Brien (Garden Director/Manager): Welcome, garden mission, expectations of trainees.  
9:30-9:45 Rosie Andrews (Friends): Introduction to the Friends.  
9:45-10:15 Pattie Litton (Class Administrator): administrative items, mentoring.  
10:15-10:30 Break.  
10:30-11:15 Trainees give brief introduction: background, why they want to take class.  
11:15-12:00 Linda Blide: Tour of docent website, using projector & big screen.  
12:00-12:30 Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!
2. January 16: Glenn Keator class 1.  
9:00-12:00 Introduction to California Native Plants.  
12:00-12:30 Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!
3. January 23: Glenn Keator class 2.  
9:00-12:00 Plant parts & functions: roots, stems, leaves. Photosynthesis, respiration, plant nutrients. 12:00-12:30  
Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!
4. January 30: Glenn Keator class 3. 9:00-11:45 Fungi & Bryophytes.  
11:45-12:00 Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations. 12:00-12:30  
Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!
5. February 6  
9:00-10:30 Joe Dahl: History & Lore of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden.  
10:30-10:45 Break.  
10:45 –11:00 Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations.  
11:00-12:00 Kiamara Ludwig: Theme Tour: Bryophytes.  
12:00-12:30 Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!

Pairing of trainees with mentors. Pair trainee & docent according to particular interests: school tours, adult tours.

6. February 13: Glenn Keator class 4.  
9:00-12:00 Parts of the Garden I: Southern California. Theme plants: cacti, yucca, agave, salvia, *Trichostema*.  
11:45-12:00 Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations.  
12:00-12:30 Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!
7. February 20: Glenn Keator class 5.  
9:00-12:00 Parts of the Garden II: Franciscan & Santa Lucia. Theme plants: manzanita; Santa Lucia fir, *Vaccinium*, buckeye.  
11:45-12:00 Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations. 12:00-12:30  
Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!
8. February 27: Glenn Keator class 6.  
9:00-12:00 Parts of the Garden III: Channel Islands & Foothills. Theme plants: ironwood, oaks, madrone, *Comarostaphylis*.  
11:45-12:00 Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations. 12:00-12:30  
Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!
9. March 6  
9:00-10:30 Gardeners will introduce themselves & give an overview of their work **part 1 of 2**. Liz Bittner (Rainforest, Franciscan, Channel Islands), Kiamara Ludwig & Chris McCarron (Canyon), **TBA** (Klamath).  
10:30-10:45 Break.  
10:45-11:15 Ashika Narayan: Sign Up Genius.  
11:15-12:00 Docent presenter: David Sherertz. **Tour Techniques I**: Logistics, including issues with buses and other drivers finding the garden and weekend tours (meet at sign, bullhorn, etc.), and garden rules.  
Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations.  
12:00-12:30 Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!
10. March 13: Glenn Keator class 7.  
9:00-12:00 Parts of the Garden IV: Sierra & Klamath. Theme plants: *Ceanothus*, deciduous oaks, pipevine, bulb bed.  
11:45-12:00 Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations. 12:00-12:30  
Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!
11. March 20: Glenn Keator class 8.  
9:00-12:00 Parts of the Garden V: Redwoods & Rainforest. Theme plants: redwoods, ferns, *Torreya*, *Thuja*, *Calocedrus*.  
11:45-12:00 Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations. 12:00-12:30  
Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!
12. March 27: Glenn Keator class 9.  
9:00-12:00 Parts of the Garden VI: Sea Bluff & Canyon. Theme plants: buckwheat, wallflowers, California bay, coast live oak.  
11:45-12:00 Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations. 12:00-12:30  
Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!
13. April 3  
9:00-10:30 Gardeners will introduce themselves & give an overview of their work **part 2 of 2**. Don Fuller (Southern California and Redwoods), Theo Fitanides (Santa Lucia and Central Valley), Michael Uhler (Sierra).  
10:30-10:45 Break.

10:45-11:45 Docent Presenter: Irene Winston on Lichens in the Botanic Garden. 11:45-12:00  
Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations.  
12:00-12:30 Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!

14. April 10: Glenn Keator class 10. Flower parts & functions.

11:45-12:00 Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations. 12:00-12:30  
Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!

15. April 17: Glenn Keator class 11.

9:00-10:30 Theme Tour: Pollination. Topics: bee, flies, beetle, bumblebee, butterfly, moth, hummingbird, and wind  
pollination.

10:30-10:45 Break.

10:45-11:45 Presenter: May Chen, Pollination Tour (in the garden).

11:45-12:00 Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations. 12:00-12:30  
Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!

16. April 24: Glenn Keator class 12

9:00-10:30 Theme Tour: Plant Adaptations. Topics: seabluff, chaparral, redwood forest, riparian woodlands, ponds.  
10:30-10:45 Break.

10:45-11:45 Docent Presenters [John Helms]: Plant Adaptations Tour tips.

11:45-12:00 Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations. 12:00-12:30  
Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!

17. May 1: Docent presenters: Ashika Narayan, Jo McCondochie, and more.

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11:00-11:15 Break.

11:15-11:45 David Sherertz: Overview of Garden App.

11:45-12:00 Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations. 12:00-12:30  
Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!

18. May 8: Guest speaker: Bev Ortiz

9:00-11:45 California Indian culture.

11:45-12:00 Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations. 12:00-12:30  
Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!

19. May 15 Docent Presenters: Ingrid Madsen, Rosalie Gonzales, Renee Cheney-Cohen, John Helms.

9:00-12:00 Theme Tour: Indian Uses of Native Plants. Overview of class presentation, and hands-on walk-thru of  
actual tour.

12:00-12:30 Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!

20. May 22: Guest Presenters: Wildlife in the garden.

9:00-10:30 Alan Kaplan: Insects and Birds.

10:30-10:45 Break.

10:45-11:45 Joe Dahl: Amphibians, Reptiles, and Mammals. 11:45-12:00

Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations. 12:00-12:30 Class  
Administrator round table – bring your lunch!

21. May 29: Guest Presenter: Alan Kaplan.

9:00-11:45 **Tour Techniques II**: Interpretation.

11:45-12:00 Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations. 12:00-12:30  
Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!

22. June 5: **Tour Techniques III**: School Tours and Interpretation.  
9:00-10:30: Guest Presenter: Trent Pearce.  
10:30-10:45: Break.  
10:45-11:45: Docent Presenter: Rosalie Gonzales.  
11:45-12:00 Two trainees will do five-minute plant presentations. 12:00-12:30  
Class Administrator round table – bring your lunch!
23. June 12: Class Presentations – ALL!  
9:00-12:00 All trainees give their ten-minute tour presentations.  
12:00-1:30 Potluck with all docents.