

## 2019 Going Native Garden Tour

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### CALENDAR LISTING

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**17th ANNUAL GOING NATIVE GARDEN TOUR (GNGT2019)** A free, self-guided tour of gardens in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties featuring California native plants that are habitat-havens, water-wise, attractive, low maintenance, with minimal or no chemical use, and bird, butterfly, and pollinator friendly! Over 50 of these mostly private home gardens landscaped with **California native plants** will be open to the public **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, from 10 am to 4 pm. (Southern locations on Saturday, Northern locations on Sunday.) Free admission but registration required at [gngt.org](http://gngt.org) to obtain the tour maps. Only one person in a group needs to register. Want to be more involved? Volunteer docents and greeters serve just one 3 hour shift and receive a custom T shirt and invitations to visit native gardens throughout the year. More information about being a visitor or a volunteer: visit [gngt.org](http://gngt.org). GNGT2019 is a joint project of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) Santa Clara Valley Chapter and the UCCE Master Gardener Program of Santa Clara County.

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### PRESS RELEASE

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#### 17th annual Going Native Garden Tour on Sat-Sun, May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10am to 4pm

What's special about California native plants? They are adapted to our soil and climate and are easy to care for. Many of our native plants are naturally water-wise and drought tolerant. Native plants support a wide variety of wildlife that has co-evolved with them and their distinctive look and elegant beauty gives your garden a sense of place and turns it into valuable habitat that is uniquely Californian.

Home gardens have a critical role in today's environment:

*"Of all the many reasons to plant California natives in our gardens – for creating a sense of place, for their beauty and adaptability, for their drought tolerant qualities, and certainly for increasing biodiversity – their ability to help save our ecosystems and the bird and insect species that depend on them is, for me, the single most important reason to grow native plants" – Nancy Bauer, author of The California Wildlife Habitat Garden, quoted on the [CNPS website](http://CNPS website)*

Visiting native plant gardens and bringing others along to witness their beauty and habitat value may be one of the most powerful individual efforts we each can make to entice and persuade our neighbors, colleagues, family, and even ourselves, to add more native plants to our gardens.

*"...most native insects cannot, or will not, eat alien plants. When native plant species disappear or are replaced by alien exotics, the insects disappear, thus impoverishing the food source of birds and other animals." – Prof. Doug Tallamy in his book [Bringing Nature Home](http://Bringing Nature Home).*

The Going Native Garden Tour (GNGT2019) is your once-a-year opportunity to visit local gardens featuring California Native plants and wildflowers, most of them private home gardens. Please come on the free, self-guided tour and bring others with you! Visitor registration is open at [www.gngt.org](http://www.gngt.org). Registering ensures that you will receive a few timely reminders and the ability to download the maps. The 50+ gardens are located

throughout the Santa Clara Valley (Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties).

The GNGT2019 offers a variety of gardens for viewing - from town homes to one-acre lots, from newly planted gardens to established ones. Many gardens also feature native plants in pots showing how they are also appropriate not just in a garden, but also on patios and balconies. Visit as many gardens as you like for inspiration, ideas, pictures, information and interaction with other gardeners. Some gardens will feature talks on native plant gardening and some will have plants for sale.

**Gardens in Gilroy, San Jose, Cupertino, Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga are open on Saturday, May 4th. Gardens in Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, Redwood City and San Mateo are open on Sunday, May 5th.**

The GNGT2019 is open to all. Admission is free but donations to support the Tour can be made at any garden. Registration is required at [gngt.org](http://gngt.org); registration ends at 3pm on May 5th. The tour website [gngt.org](http://gngt.org) has lots more information including descriptions, photos, and plant lists for all of the gardens on the tour.

The tour is organized and run by **volunteers**. New volunteers for the garden tour are welcome as either docents or greeter. Volunteer docents and greeters serve just one 3 hour shift and receive a t-shirt with original art plus invitations to visit native gardens throughout the year. To volunteer, visit [gngt.org](http://gngt.org) and click on "Volunteer Registration." Some knowledge of native plant gardening is required for docents but anyone can be a greeter.

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17th Annual

Explore the native gardens of Santa Clara Valley & Peninsula!

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## TOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

as greeters or docents for 3 hour shifts. Fun!  
+ free designer T-shirt! Sign up at [gngt.org](http://gngt.org).

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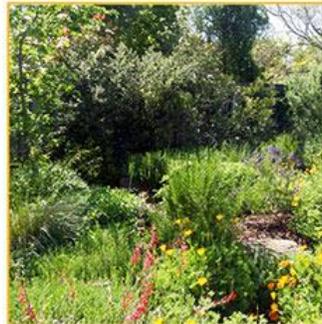
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& Sunday  
May 4 & 5  
10am - 4pm



Designer Gardens

Landscape for Habitat

Balcony & Patio



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Garden Tour Maps will be available to registrants starting 8am Saturday April 20  
Registrations will be accepted until 3pm Sunday May 5

To sponsor or support, email:  
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17a Anual

Descubra los jardines indigenas del valle de Santa Clara y la Peninsula

# Recorrido de Jardines Indigenas 2019



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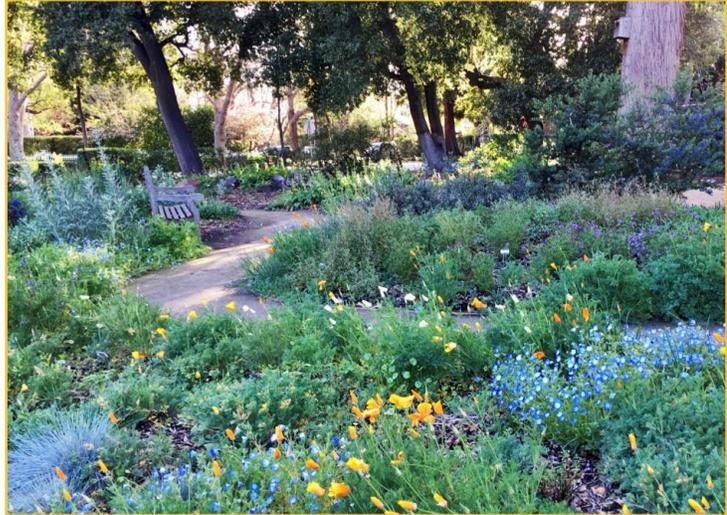


Se busca voluntarios para saludar a visitantes o como docentes en turnos de 3 horas. Divertido y se les dara una camiseta con diseno del evento. Registrate en [gngt.org](http://gngt.org).



## ¡GRATIS! Regístrese en [gngt.org](http://gngt.org)

Sabado y Domingo  
4 y 5 de Mayo  
de las 10am  
a las 4pm



**Jardines Diseñadores**



**Paisaje para Habitat**



**Balcon y Patio**



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Mapas de los Jardines seran disponibles para los solicitantes de registro empezando a las 8am Sabado 20 de Abril

Inscripciones se aceptara hasta las 3 de la tarde Domingo 5 de Mayo

Para patrocinar o dar apoyo, avise por correo electronico: [info@gngt.org](mailto:info@gngt.org)



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