

The Gardeners' Club  
Santa Cruz County, CA  
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## *Into the Garden*

The November Meeting is a Double Delight!

### **Presentation: Callaway Gardens in Early Spring (Discovering Early-blooming Azaleas in Georgia)**

John Goolsby, Program Director and member of the Board of the Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, is a certified UC Master Gardener. His love of shade gardens, native plants and exploring public gardens has led him to many adventures, amongst them the discovery of North America's largest public gardens, Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia. Join us as John shares not only the vast gardens, but discuss how to grow rhododendrons, and how to incorporate some of the design ideas in large public gardens into our own personal gardens. FYI, azaleas are a sub-group of rhododendrons.



<http://www.rhododendron.org/index.htm>

Check out the web site of the American Rhododendron Society. The Monterey Bay Chapter meetings are held at the Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange, 1900 17th Ave., Santa Cruz on the third Tuesday of the month. Member and non-members and their guests are welcome. Come see what they are all about. For more information you can contact President Jerry Harris by email at [jerrywharris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jerrywharris@sbcglobal.net).



### **Gardening Book Give-away and Exchange!**

Have some gardening books you'd like to share with others? Looking for gardening books to inspire you or expand your knowledge? Twice a year we are having a book sharing event, and this month will be a rich opportunity to expand your library. Club Member Bill Patterson volunteers at the Santa Cruz Public Library book sales, and he will be bringing boxes and boxes of left-over garden-related books to give away. How exciting!



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 7 P.M.**

**APTOS GRANGE,  
2555 MAR VISTA DRIVE**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE  
SERVED. THANKS TO ROBYN  
WALTERS FOR DESSERT, MARIE  
BECKHAM FOR SNACK & ALLEN  
NEYMARK FOR BEVERAGE.**

## *The Layered Garden: Design Lessons for Year-Round Beauty from Brandywine Cottage*

By David L. Culp with Adam Levine. Photographs by Rob Cardillo



Brandywine Cottage is David Culp's beloved two-acre Pennsylvania garden where he mastered the design technique of layering — interplanting many different species in the same area so that as one plant passes its peak, another takes over. The result is a nonstop parade of color that begins with a

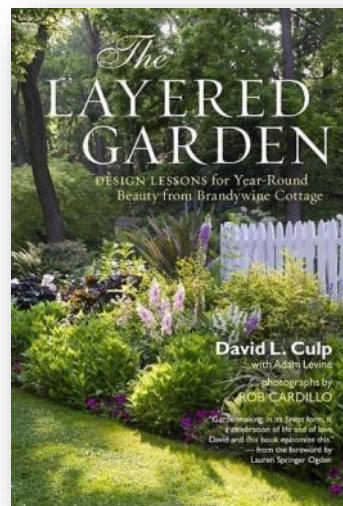
tapestry of heirloom daffodils and hellebores in spring and ends with a jewel-like blend of Asian wildflowers at the onset of winter.

The Layered Garden shows you how to recreate Culp's majestic display. It starts with a basic lesson in layering — how to choose the correct plants by understanding how they grow and change throughout the seasons, how to design a layered garden, and how to maintain it. To illustrate how layering works, Culp takes you on a personal tour through each part of his celebrated garden: the woodland garden, the perennial border, the kitchen garden, the shrubbery, and the walled garden. The book culminates with a chapter dedicated to signature plants for all four seasons.

As practical as it is inspiring, The Layered Garden will provide you with expert information gleaned from decades of hard work and close observation. If you thought that a four-season garden was beyond your reach, this book will show you how to achieve that elusive, tantalizing goal.

### **Review from Library Journal**

Readers familiar with Culp through his work in Horticulture magazine or appearances on HGTV will relish this opportunity to learn more about the layering technique he's mastered at his two-acre Brandywine Cottage in Pennsylvania. Culp eloquently explains the design process he used to create his stunning garden, lush with plant combinations that provide a succession of peak garden moments throughout the year in his Zone 6 garden. Spellbinding writing and Carillo's breathtaking photos entice readers through Culp's woodland garden, large perennial border, kitchen garden, shrubbery, and walled garden. Along the way, Culp shares warm childhood memories and modestly relates why a Galanthus bears his name. With the passion of a plant collector and a wordsmith, he ends the book by describing signature plants for all four seasons, recommending some of his favorite gardening books, and sharing his optimistic attitude on beauty. VERDICT In the tradition of classics like Beverly Nichols's *Merry Hall*, this is a marvelous account of how one gardener created his garden and a sense of place. It's an essential title in the "how I did it" genre of garden writing.—Bonnie Poquette, Whitefish Bay, WI



*Gardening often brings me to my knees.*

*By this I mean more than the planting, weeding, and fussing, the bended-knee, manicure-destroying grunt work that all of us do. The beauty and diversity of plants often stop me in my tracks, and I am never satisfied to simply gaze at these wonders from above. I get down on my knees to get a closer look, touching the plants and the soil they grow in, a communion that connects me to the earth and to life on Earth in an immediate, almost electric way. Many of my favorite flowers are tiny, their differences minute seemingly inconsequential to the average observer, but I love examining all the facets of their intricate beauty. I especially love when someone kneels beside me, so I can share my fascination with a kindred spirit.*



### **Board News**

The October 24th Board meeting was held at the home of Marcia Meyer, who has remodeled her garden over the past few years, and the result is stunning. The garden is living proof that removing a lawn can result in a much more beautiful and water friendly landscape. The Board decided to award three \$500 scholarships in 2017, two to Cabrillo students and one to a high school student. Our next Board meeting will be a potluck on November 28th at the home of Debbie Kindle, 3320 Putter Dr., Soquel, at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.



The UC Santa Cruz Arboretum and the Ray Collett Rare and  
Extraordinary Plants Lecture Series Presents

**Relentless Evolution: of Plants and Their Partners**



Featuring UCSC Professor of Ecology and  
Evolutionary Biology John Thompson

**Thursday, November 10th , 7pm  
UC Santa Cruz Arboretum Meeting Hall**

We now know that plant species continually evolve,  
sometimes at astonishingly fast rates and sometimes  
at slower rates, but they are always evolving. That  
affects how we think about the conservation of  
species, the management of invasive species, and the  
ever-changing web of life. This presentation will cover  
what we are learning about the relentless co-evolution

of plants and their pollinators and enemies across the landscapes of California  
and far western North America.

Free Community Event, Free Parking

John Thompson's lab, The Laboratory of Coevolutionary Biology, can be visited:  
[thompsonlab.sites.ucsc.edu](http://thompsonlab.sites.ucsc.edu). For more information, please visit our website,  
[arboretum.ucsc.edu](http://arboretum.ucsc.edu).

**Tip from Monterey Bay Master  
Gardeners' Blog**

**Feed Your Soil Now for Light  
Work in Spring: Bury Your  
Vegetable Waste**

An easy way to condition your soil  
for next spring is trench composting.  
You can make this as simple or  
sophisticated as you wish, but if you  
can dig a hole, you can trench  
compost. The basic idea is to bury  
compostable materials such as  
kitchen scraps and yard trimmings  
directly into your chosen garden  
plot, in holes or trenches about a  
foot deep. If you have an existing  
garden, you can bury them in holes  
between still-growing plants, or,  
once the plants are done, you can  
create a rotating trench system. By  
next spring, the materials will have  
decomposed into compost, ready to  
nourish your seedlings.

<http://mbmg.ucanr.edu/>

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[Monterey Bay Master Gardener Blog/  
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**WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING AND HOLIDAY  
ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE 32ND UCSC  
ARBORETUM ANNUAL WREATH & GIFT SALE! THE  
SALE IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 19, 10AM TO 4PM; MEMBERS ONLY  
PRE-SALE IS 9 TO 10AM.**

This is one the most anticipated sales of the year. Santa  
Cruz County artists join forces with Arboretum volunteers to produce  
one of kind living succulent wreaths and dried floral wreaths, floral  
centerpieces and other artwork for the sale. Only this collection can  
draw upon the Arboretum's rare and extraordinary succulents and  
dried plant materials.



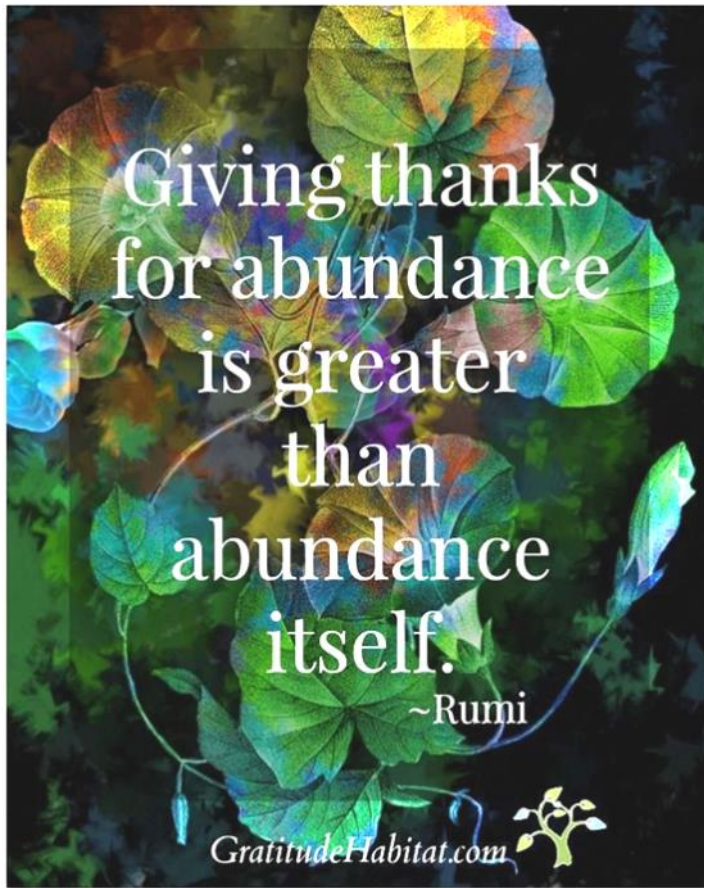
- Don't cut back ornamental  
grasses. The seed heads are



super pretty  
with frost on  
them and the  
birds get the  
seeds when  
they are ripe.  
The plants  
go through  
winter best

when intact. Next spring, the end  
of January or the first week of  
March, cut back the growth to 3  
to 6 inches tall.

- WAIT! Don't trim back shrubs  
and evergreens hard now. Cutting  
back plants now cuts away the  
parts of the plants that are sig-  
naling the rest of the plant that  
cold weather is coming.



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### It's easy-peasy to join our club!

Dues are \$12 per calendar year. Make check to

"The Gardeners' Club" and mail to P.O. Box 3025, Ben Lomond, CA

95005. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each

month at the Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

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[www.etsy.com/shop/curiousprintpattern](http://www.etsy.com/shop/curiousprintpattern).

