



# Into the Garden

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The Gardeners' Club annual Ice Cream Social is unique. As gardeners, we are perennially creative, and this creativity is in full bloom as we create gorgeous sundaes and contribute ice cream toppings made from bounty from our gardens or a farmers market, or find on the aisle labeled "decadent" at a grocery store.

We'll provide various flavors of ice cream (including one non-dairy), chocolate sauce, Maraschino cherries and whipped cream. You bring toppings—fresh from the garden, or cooked, or baked, or crumbled. Sauces, home-made or store-bought, cookie wafers, fresh fruit, herbs or herbal syrups, marshmallow fluff, nuts, candies, sprinkles, gummies, etc.—bring it on!



Please label your sundae toppings to inform people with allergies, and put on your name! Everyone who brings something for the sundaes will be entered in a drawing to take home one of our traditional succulent sundaes — our Board loves creating them for you!

Bring family members, bring friends...bring potential new Club members to share the fun!



Succulent Sundaes!

Join us! Thursday  
July 11, 7:00 pm  
Aptos Grange Hall







The west side and garden of the home framed by cork trees is the first thing you see as you arrive at the Castro Adobe from Old Adobe Road. The garden as it looks today was designed by famed landscape architect Thomas Church during the 1970s and painstakingly restored between 2013 and 2015.

Are you interested in California history and culture? Are you looking for a fun and unique way to give something back to the community? If you enjoy working in gardens and would like to be part of a team maintaining the flowers and plants of an 180-year-old adobe hacienda, then consider volunteering at the Castro Adobe State Park. This team works year round keeping the famous gardens beautiful, and bringing the past alive. Castro Adobe is seeking garden volunteers to help serve as stewards of the garden properties at the Castro and the Kimbro House. Volunteers meet on Wednesday mornings to prune, weed, plant and care for flowers, fruit trees and raised beds. The team is organized by the non-profit Friends of Santa Cruz State parks, which was also a major team player in the 20 plus year restoration of the adobe and grounds. The Grand Opening of the Castro Adobe only happened last month!

The park's address is 184 Old Adobe Road, Watsonville, off of Larkin Valley Road. Located to the west of the adobe, the Potter-Church Garden was constructed from 1968-1972, when the property was owned by David and Elizabeth Potter. The Potters were close friends with landscape architect Thomas Church, who designed the garden. Church is significant as the founder of the modern movement in landscape architecture known as the "California Style." He helped determine the amongst-the-redwoods layout of UCSC, as well as the UC-Berkeley master plan. The Potter-Church Garden's renovation to the original design was completed in 2014-15. The garden was thoroughly researched and analyzed in the report, "Garden

Restoration Report for the Potter Garden," prepared in 2011 by Pam-Anela Messenger, landscape architect and Thomas Church expert. Messenger detailed the evolution of the garden and identified significant plant and tree species. She developed a template and landscape plan to enable restoration of the garden. Restoration work included landscaping, paths, drainage and irrigation, lighting, fence and gate repairs.

The garden helps tell the story of later owners of the adobe and their stewardship of the site through 1988. It features columbines, a beautiful collection of roses, foxglove, matilija poppy and cork oaks. The garden provides a central gathering place for group tours and special events.

The Kimbro Courtyard is a semi-native, colorful garden divided into 5 distinct beds. This garden enhances the Kimbro House, owned by Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks. It contains many varieties of citrus trees as well as perennial and annual plantings, both native and non-native. The last garden on the site is Joe's Garden, named for Joe Kimbro, is a flower, herb and vegetable garden. It also currently serves as a plant-growing area for the Santa Cruz Textile Dyeing Arts Guild who will use the plant petals to dye their

textiles.

The circa 1850 adobe is a fascinating restoration project, an active archeology site, and a virtual glimpse into the region's lively past. In its 168 years, the adobe has never officially been open to the public. Now, thanks to Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks and the State Parks' restoration efforts, the Castro Adobe offers free, monthly open houses that offer visitors a unique opportunity to tour the property complete with museum quality interpretive exhibits.

For more information about volunteering, contact Jennifer Matlock., Project Coordinator at ThatsMyPark.org, (831) 595-6234 (cell), (831) 429-1840 ext. 316, Jennifer@ThatsMyPark.org, or Georgann Scally <geoscall@comcast.net>, Garden Team Lead.

Highly recommended, ThatsMyPark's outstanding video of the entire long history of the total restoration project of the adobe on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r14pXzt5ymY>



## Hands-on Summer Pruning & Fruit Care Workshop



Birdsong Orchards is hosting a summer pruning and fruit care workshop from 10 a.m. to noon July 7 at the orchards, 613 Lakeview Road, Watsonville. Cost is \$45.

Summer pruning can be as important as winter pruning but is often neglected amid other garden chores. This workshop will discuss and demonstrate what to prune in the summer months and how as well as what to leave alone until the winter season.

Information on pruning new, young and mature trees, discuss appropriate tools and different pruning styles will be covered. Walking through the orchard, you will look at how pruning decisions affect growth and productivity in walnuts, apricots, peaches, plums, figs, apples, pears and roses. The workshop will also include a discussion and demonstration on fruit thinning for an optimal harvest, summer watering, and tasting a few ripe fruits along the way. The event is suitable for ages 16 and older and is limited to 25 people. Participants should wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes, comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle. We will walk 1-2 miles total on a gentle slope.

For tickets, visit [birdsongorchards.com](http://birdsongorchards.com).

And there is another event coming up a Birdsong:



## Books under the Boughs Sunday, July 28th 2-5 p.m. \$30

Book lovers and fruit enthusiasts rejoice! This event is for you. Please come spend an afternoon reading your favorite book on the farm. Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 28th, from 2 - 5pm. And if we sell out, we will definitely do it again. I love books.

We will provide each reservation with a box of fresh picked farm fruit (expect peaches, plums, apricots). You bring your favorite book, perhaps a friend, additional picnic foods, a blanket or portable chairs to lounge in. You can set up a semi-private spot to enjoy anywhere in our orchard, flower field or in front of

the livestock pasture.

Please bring your books, picnic supplies and beverages (but no glass please), a blanket, sheet or chairs, a water bottle and a sun hat.



Got hat?

## Garden Smart in Hot Weather

We overly avid gardeners may not know enough to come out of the rain, but we do know enough to come out of the heat. Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate...bring water outside and keep it close to you. Do your harvesting, weeding and strenuous gardening as early in the day as you can. And listen to your body—heat stress can overtake us while we listen to the voice that says, “Just one more task!”



## Summer Pruning and Tree Care

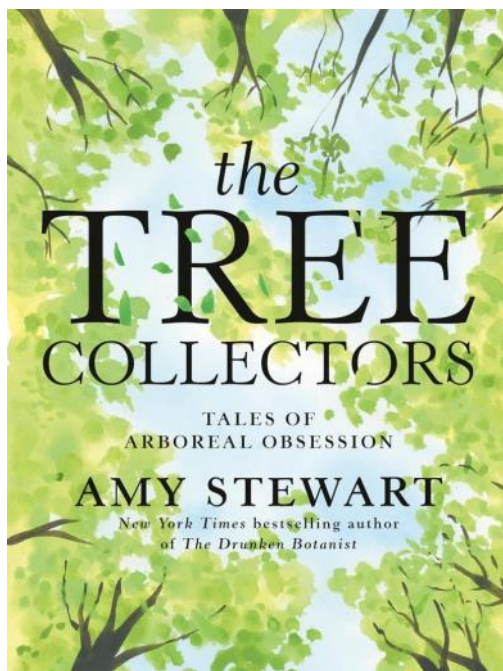
Join professional arborist and orchardist Terence Welch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 13 for a live, hands-on session on how to prune in the summer and care for deciduous fruit trees. This class located at Sydalyn Hill, Felton, will focus on pome fruits (apples and pears) as well as stone fruits (peach, nectarine, plum, apricot, aprrium).

The workshop will cover the basics of shaping and thinning trees in summer to Books under the Boughs ensure plenty of light and airflow to the fruit and next year's buds. Welch will also touch on summer irrigation and how to recognize some insect pest and predator damage and how to prevent those problems. After going over these basics, we will walk to the orchard for a hands-on demonstration and practice pruning trees in an established orchard. Be prepared to stand and walk for two to three hours wearing outdoor shoes, a sun hat and layered clothing. Bring a water bottle, pruning shears and if you have a long-handled pruner that can be very helpful. The class size is limited to 20 people so register early.

For tickets, visit [zeffy.com](http://zeffy.com). For information, email [ddweir2000@gmail.com](mailto:ddweir2000@gmail.com). UC Master Gardeners of Monterey & Santa Cruz sponsor the event.



## Amy Stewart



often poignant volume, Stewart brings us captivating stories of people who spend their lives in pursuit of rare and wonderful trees and are transformed in the process. Vivian Keh has forged a connection to her Korean elders through her persimmon orchard. The former poet laureate W. S. Merwin planted a tree almost every day for more than three decades, until he had turned a barren estate into a palm sanctuary. And Joe Hamilton cultivates pines on land passed down to him by his once-enslaved great-grandfather, building a legacy for the future.

Stewart populates this lively compendium with her own hand-drawn watercolor portraits of these extraordinary people and their trees, interspersed with side trips to investigate famous tree collections, arboreal glossaries, and even tips for “unauthorized” forestry. This book is a stunning tribute to a devoted group of nature lovers making their lives—and the world—more beautiful, one tree at a time.

There is nothing like hearing Amy herself describe her book. Share her enthusiasm by watching her on YouTube.

I have been following Amy Stewart since she wrote her first book in 2001, [From the Ground Up: The Story of A First Garden](#). This first garden was in Santa Cruz! Moving here from Texas, she and her husband rented a seaside bungalow with a small backyard. That book is a funny chronicle of the blossoms and weeds in her first garden, and the lessons she learned in her first seasons. Since then, she’s written many more books, moved to Portland, Oregon, and developed her talents as an artist, amongst other accomplishments.

This month her newest book, [The Tree Collectors: Tales of Arboreal Obsession](#), will be released on the 16th. Fifty vignettes of remarkable people whose lives have been transformed by their obsessive passion for trees is accompanied by Amy’s original art. When Amy Stewart discovered a community of tree collectors, she expected to meet horticultural fanatics driven to plant every species of oak or maple. But she also discovered that the urge to collect trees springs from something deeper and more profound: a longing for community, a vision for the future, or a path to healing and reconciliation.

In this slyly humorous, informative,

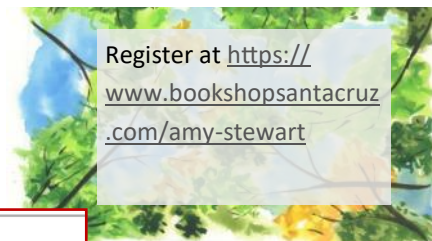
cocktail recipe, a work of art, an illustrated story. She does some free interactive Zoom events, including book talks, art demos, and chats about the craft of writing, exclusively for people on this list. I just became a paid subscriber, which is not expensive, because that gets me art tutorials at the end of every newsletter!

And...there will be a Book Signing at Bookshop Santa Cruz on July 24th!



Event Registration: Amy Stewart | THE TREE COLLECTORS: Tales of Arboreal Obsession on Wednesday, July 24th, 7p @ Bookshop Santa Cruz

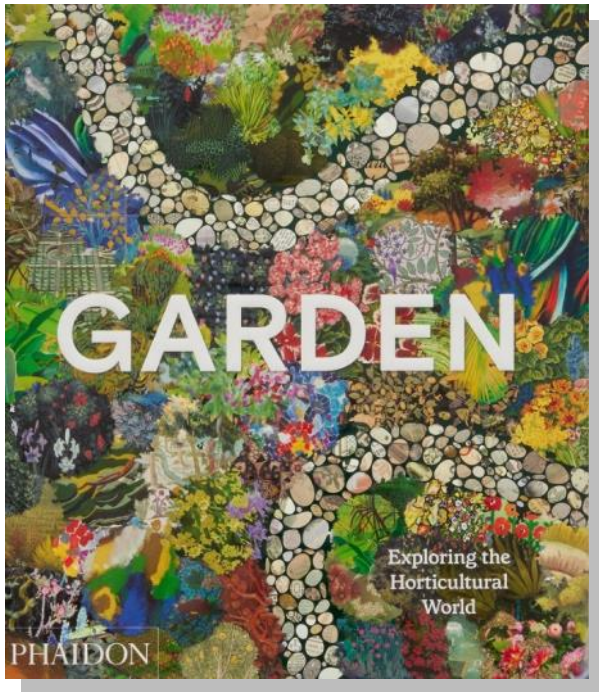
## BOOKSHOP SANTA CRUZ



I subscribe to Amy’s monthly email newsletter, where she stays in touch, once every week or two sharing a few good things with you: a behind-the-scenes look at the creative process, an exclusive giveaway just for this list, a book or podcast recommendation, a

Annie’s Annuals Sale—July 2nd-9th. And check out their selection of video presentations. <https://blog.anniesannuals.com/annies-guest-speaker/>.





**GARDEN: EXPLORING THE HORTICULTURAL WORLD**  
by Phaidon Editors

As seen in The New York Times, NPR.org, Gardens Illustrated, and AD Pro. A richly illustrated survey celebrating humankind's enduring relationship with the garden, explored throughout art, science, history, and culture

Garden takes readers on a journey across continents and cultures to discover the endless ways artists and image-makers have found inspiration in gardens and horticulture throughout history. With more than 300 entries, this comprehensive and stunning visual survey showcases the diversity of the garden from all over the world - from the garden of Eden and the grandeur of the English landscape garden to Japanese Zen gardens and the humble vegetable plot.

Spanning a wide range of styles and media - art, illustrations, and sculptures to photography, film stills, and textiles - Garden follows a visually arresting sequence, with works, regardless of period, thoughtfully paired, and features large-scale images, accessible texts, and reference information, including a glossary, illustrated timeline, and biographies.

Offering a comprehensive introduction to the subject, Garden features work by a diverse range of both lesser-known and iconic artists, including Pierre Bonnard, Roberto Burle Marx, Lucas Cranach the Elder, Gertrude Jekyll, Claude Monet, Marianne North, Crispijn de Passe, William Robinson, Alma Thomas, and Howard Sooley, among others, including a variety of surprising examples that will appeal to specialists as well as the general reader.

Aimed at a wide audience, this book has diverse appeal - from artists, designers, and art historians to garden enthusiasts, horticulturists, and everyone interested in the natural world around them. With an embossed jacket cover and an intriguing cover photograph, the book also makes a stunning coffee table book..

## EARTH-FRIENDLY GARDENING: IMPROVING YOUR SOIL





**Join the UC Master Gardeners of Monterey & Santa Cruz Counties for this special summer workshop!**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**WORKSHOP- EARTH-FRIENDLY GARDENING:  
IMPROVING YOUR SOIL**

**SATURDAY, JULY 27, 10:00AM - 12:00PM  
FIRESIDE COMMUNITY ROOM, SCOTTS VALLEY LIBRARY,  
251 KINGS VILLAGE RD., SCOTTS VALLEY**

Earth-friendly Gardening is Master Gardeners' advice for creating sustainable landscapes that benefit the broader environment and make things easier for the gardener. By adopting these practices, you can grow a healthy garden that is beautiful, in sync with nature, and less prone to problems.

How healthy is your soil?

For this workshop, you will need to bring 1 cup of soil collected from your garden sealed in a Ziploc bag. During the workshop, we will analyze the different soil samples and check them for drainage. We will look at potential soil amendments and how those amendments can improve the health of your soil. Finally, we'll discuss the living parts of your soil, how to encourage their growth and why they are essential for healthy gardens.

Space is limited. Registration is required. For more information and to register, go to [https://santacruzpl.libcal.com/api\\_events.php?m=upc&cid=12721&audience=&c=&d=72448&l=5&tar=0&simple=image](https://santacruzpl.libcal.com/api_events.php?m=upc&cid=12721&audience=&c=&d=72448&l=5&tar=0&simple=image)



# Sustain Supper Saturday, July 20, 2024

At Homeless Garden Project's  
Natural Bridges Farm

We are delighted to gather together in community and host HGP's annual Sustain Supper at Natural Bridges Farm. Please note, this will be **the only Sustain Supper in 2024**.

This event will take place on Saturday, July 20th. We invite you to join us for a Farm Tour at 3:30pm followed by a reception with live music, passed appetizers and wine at 4:15pm. We will then feature a delightful, multi-course meal, utilizing produce grown on our farm in our programs, cooked by accomplished **Chef Reylon Agustin**, currently Director of Culinary at Post Ranch Inn and Sierra Mar in Big Sur. In addition to the signature farm-to-table meal, the event will feature local beverages, live music, and an engaging program of speakers, including our keynote speaker, **Anne Kapuscinski**. We are thrilled to welcome Anne to speak on our guiding topic of sustainability, a subject she is an expert in as Director of UCSC's Coastal Sciences & Public Policy Program, as well as serving as Board Chair for the Union of Concerned Scientists.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sustain-supper-2024-registration-881625454467>



## Menu

### Appetizers:

Chilled California Oyster. Mignonette. Finger lime. Potato Salad. Prosciutto. Creme Fraiche. Chive. Sopes. Rancho Gordo Beans. Pico de Gallo. Avocado.

### Dinner:

Warm Bread Salad. Local Artichoke. Crescenza Cheese. Balsamic Vinaigrette.

Fogline Farms Chicken\*. Summer Corn Succotash. Roasted Potatoes. Big Sur Sea Salt.

Eton Mess. Summer Fruit. Vanilla Mousse. Meringue.

\*vegetarian/vegan or pescatarian: wild rice stuffed portobello mushroom or fish.

All proceeds from the Sustain Supper benefit the Homeless Garden Project's core transitional employment program for people experiencing homelessness.

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to "The Gardeners' Club" and mail to P.O. Box 3025, Ben Lomond, Dues are \$15 per calendar year. Make check

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

