

Teaching Smart Gardening

UC Davis Arboretum programs teach gardeners to plant sustainably to conserve water, support pollinators and reduce pollution.

THE UC DAVIS ARBORETUM is a beautiful 100-acre living museum along the banks of Putah Creek. Arboretum programs encourage and educate Californians to plant tree and plant species that are noninvasive, conserve water, support pollinators and provide other benefits. Elements of these programs can be adopted for use in any region in the world.

Arboretum staff collaborate with academic faculty and students to create education programs for Arboretum visitors, regional audiences and online learners. Through these programs, thousands of people are educated every year on the best plants for California gardening conditions and on sustainable horticultural practices.



▲ Arboretum All-Stars are 100 UC Davis-recommended plants for sustainable landscaping in California. They are featured in demonstration plantings (such as the one above) and educational exhibits in the Arboretum, promoted on our website, and sold at our plant sales and through a partnership with the California Center for Urban Horticulture, in retail nurseries throughout the state.



▲ The Arboretum GATEways Project (Gardens, Arts and The Environment) brings together environmental scientists, artists, university students, and Arboretum visitors in collaborative, interactive learning experiences. A student-designed outreach program is featured in the photo above.

The Valley-Wise Gardening program teaches sustainable gardening for the Central Valley through demonstration gardens, educational signs, in our publications, and through internships, volunteer training, workshops, and public presentations to thousands of people annually. ▶



▲ Originally exhibited at the United States Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C., the Nature's Gallery ceramic mosaic mural showcases drought-tolerant plants and insects using tiles hand-crafted by UC Davis students, staff, faculty, and community members. Tiles are available for dedication; visit arboretum.ucdavis.edu and click on **Nature's Gallery Court**.

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