

Lecturer: Fritz Haeg

Saturday, Sept. 22

10 a.m. to noon, Van de Kamp Hall

Autumn Classes at Descanso Gardens

GreenSpeak:

Edible Estates: Transforming the American Lawn

Why do we dedicate so much land to spaces with little function, consuming precious resources and endless hours of maintenance and contaminating the air and water?

That is the question Fritz Haeg, creator of the Edible Estates initiative, poses. Haeg, whose organization is dedicated to replacing front lawns with edible landscapes in each USDA Plant Hardiness Zone, will discuss how replacing the little-used lawn with an organic vegetable garden can help society in many sustainable ways. He will also discuss the role of gardening in current art and design practices, and present examples of projects that address issues of urban green space and ecology.

Families apply to participate in the Edible Estates initiative and turn their lawns into overflowing vegetable gardens. The project is part of the Gardenlab program, that focuses on the garden as a metaphor and laboratory, and supports ecology-based initiatives in art and design. *Haeg's book Edible Estates: Attack on the American Lawn* will be published March 2008. Haeg practices architecture and design in Los Angeles.

Fee: \$10 members, \$12 general public, \$5 students (current student ID required at the door.) Fees for the three-program series: \$25 members, \$30 general public, \$12 students with current ID. Reservations recommended. Walk-in space is not always available. To register, use form on the back or call (818) 949-7980.



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Lecturer: Carol Carmichael

Saturday, Sept. 29

10 a.m. to noon, Van de Kamp Hall

Autumn Classes at Descanso Gardens

GreenSpeak:

Foundation for Sustainable Communities: the Case for Green Campuses

Dr. Carol Carmichael will explore the challenge of inspiring people to engage in creating a more prosperous and sustainable society.

She will address the role of personal experiences with environmental issues and how they shape our attitudes and behavior. The lecture will conclude with a discussion of the role of the built environment in education for sustainability, and ways in which organizations can use sustainable concepts to promote long-term stewardship of its resources, using universities as case studies.

Carmichael serves on the City of Pasadena's Environmental Advisory Commission, established to guide the city's goals and plans for sustainability. She is senior counselor for external relations and faculty associate in engineering and applied science at the California Institute of Technology. Carmichael has degrees in higher education, chemistry, technology and science policy. She serves on the editorial board of *The International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education*.

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Lecturer: Owen Dell

Saturday, Nov. 10

10 a.m. to noon, Van de Kamp Hall

Autumn Classes at Descanso Gardens

GreenSpeak:

Sustainable Landscaping

You're probably working too hard on your garden, with too little to show for it.

Most of that mowing, weeding, pest control, pruning and hauling could be eliminated by making some basic, sustainable changes in how your garden is designed and managed. Join Owen Dell for this inspiring, eye-opening, fun and practical workshop on how to have a more beautiful garden with less effort and expense, and less damage to the environment.

Dell is owner of County Landscape & Design in Santa Barbara. He is a licensed landscape architect and contractor, specializing in sustainable landscapes, firescaping and native landscaping. He co-hosts the popular Santa Barbara TV show *Garden Wise Guys*. Among Dell's non-profit concerns are Save the Grasslands Committee, Carrizo Plain Preserve, Community Environmental Council Mesa Farm Project, and SB Coastal Master Plan. He is past board president of Small Wilderness Area Preserves

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