



Arboretum News: Our Gardens are Reopening June 29!



The UC Santa Cruz Arboretum & Botanic Garden is very happy to announce that our gardens are reopening Monday, June 29. Our hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., every day. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children, and free to our members and volunteers. Please follow social distancing protocols, wear a mask, and bring your own drinking water.

In addition to donations, the Arboretum relies heavily on memberships, plant sales, and admissions to fund our vital operations, including maintaining our collections, plant propagation, and conservation seed banking. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to hold our Spring Plant Sale and have been closed to the public, resulting in a significant loss of income over the last three months.

We are in desperate need of your support! If you would like to become a member, or renew, you can do so [here](#). If you are already a member and would like to donate, you can do so [here](#). Highlights of member benefits include free admission to the garden and reciprocal admission to American Horticultural Society Gardens, discounts at local nurseries and gift shops, guest passes, and invitations to members-only special events. Read about our levels of membership and benefits [here](#).

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to our gardens!

Early Bird Saturdays for Members and Volunteers!

Early mornings are a wonderful time in our gardens, perfect for bird watching, photography, and peaceful enjoyment of our natural environment. We are celebrating our members and volunteers with special-access Early Bird Saturdays, held on the 3rd Saturday of every month. The first one is coming up on July 18, from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. We are grateful for your support, and we want to offer you this extra-early sunrise quiet time in the Arboretum as a thank you for your dedication.

You can become a member and join us for Early Bird Saturdays! Join or renew [here](#).