Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates with Saxon Holt

Webinar presentation: Monday, June 7, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Free registration: arboretum.ucsc.edu/education/ray-collett

Selecting plants suited to your climate is the first step toward a thriving, largely self-sustaining garden that connects with and supports the natural world. Join award-winning photographer Saxon Holt on a photographic journey through his new book, Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates: Plants for a Lush, Water-Conscious Landscape. Co-authored with Nora Harlow, Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates is a guide to native and climate-adapted plants for summer-dry, winter-wet climates of North America’s Pacific coast. Knowing what these climates share and how and why they differ, you can choose to make gardens that maintain and expand local and regional biodiversity, take little from the earth that is not returned, and welcome and accommodate the presence of wildlife. With global warming, it is now even more critical that we garden in tune with climate.

Saxon Holt is a photojournalist and sole photographer of more than 30 garden books, including his recent book Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates published by Timber Press. He is the Director of the Summer-Dry Project, a Board member of Pacific Horticulture Society and owner of the PhotoBotanic Garden Library. He directs the summer-dry project and collaboration with the WUCOLS database to help gardeners find those plants that will contribute to the health of the planet. Gardens matter. Every small act we do adds resiliency.