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A Newsletter for Arboretum Members & Friends

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UPCOMING EVENTS

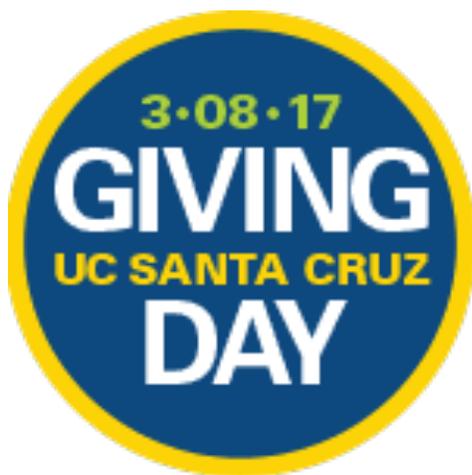
HUMMINGBIRD DAY
A DAY OF NATURAL WONDERS AND
OUTDOOR FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**Saturday
March 4
10AM - 4PM**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Saturday, March 4 is Hummingbird Day at UCSC's Arboretum. Admission is \$10 for the general public, \$5 for Arboretum members, and free for UCSC students and children under 12. From 10 am to 4 pm, this fun-for-all event will include opportunities to watch hummingbirds in their natural habitat and a variety of activities focused on these wondrous creatures (see [complete schedule](#)):

- **Activities for kids** (*children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult*): Take-home crafts (mobiles, masks, watercolors, necklaces, and seed balls), face-painting, and bird walks/play.
- **Activities for all**: Lectures and workshops on topics ranging from "Landscaping for Hummingbirds" to "Hummingbird Iridescence and Leucism," expert-led garden and beginning-birder tours, and a morning bird walk with Todd Newberry.

During this rain or shine event, you can purchase an assortment of delicious, healthy breakfast or lunch foods. And while at the Arboretum, you can use the 10% off coupon given at admission at Norrie's Gift & Garden Shop (open 10 am to 4 pm), where you'll find a unique array of souvenirs, books, plants that attract hummingbirds, gardening guides, jewelry, scarves, and decorative items made by local artists.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Wednesday, March 8 is Giving Day at the UCSC Campus. This one-day event is an energized 24-hour online fundraising drive to support UCSC students, faculty, and campus programs.

This year, the Arboretum's Giving Day focus is on **Art in the Arboretum**, a project curated by local artist and sculptor Susana Arias to promote art and artists in Santa Cruz and other local areas. Her passion for art and her desire to promote and encourage her fellow artists is the reason she signed on as curator: "*Santa Cruz is home to a remarkable*

group of artists who showcase the amazing variety of mediums and approaches, from ceramics to metal works to stone. I love to organize small events that introduce artists and art to the public, and the Arboretum is the ideal venue to meld the two together—a perfect complement of art and nature." The new exhibit, **Site Specific Environmental Installations**, will open in late May.

You can support [Giving Day 2017](#) by helping spread the word, making a gift on March 8, creating a match fund, or joining the challenge fund. We appreciate your support at any level!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Monday, February 20, [The Ray Collett Rare and Extraordinary Plants Lecture Series](#), presents "California's Flora Under Threat: Incorporating Climate Change into Natural Resource Planning," featuring Dr. Erin Riordan, PhD, who studies climate change impacts on California's native flora and how these will affect conservation.
7 pm Arboretum Horticulture Building II
Free community event, free parking



SAVE THE DATE:
[Spring Plant Sale](#)
Saturday, April 8, 2017

- FEB 20 [Ray Collett Rare and Extraordinary Plants Lecture Series](#)
- FEB 22 [Friends of the Arboretum Board meeting](#)
- MAR 4 [Hummingbird Day](#)
- MAR 7 [Community Day](#)

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- MAR 8 [Hummingbird Day](#)
- MAR 13 [SC Co Chapt of Calif Native Plant Society meeting](#)
- MAR 14 [Ray Collett Rare and Extraordinary Plants Lecture Series](#)
- MAR 18 [Arboretum Phenology Walk](#)
- APR 6 [California Naturalist Program](#)
- APR 8 [Spring Plant Sale](#)
- MAY 8 [Friends of the Arboretum Board meeting](#)
- MAY 20 [Art in the Arboretum: Site Specific Environmental Installations](#)

FEATURE ARTICLES



Fascinating Facts About Hummingbirds!

Did you know hummingbirds are now contributing to clean energy?

[Read More](#)



Art in the Arboretum Continues!

Susana Arias, curator, is working on the next exhibit, **Site Specific Environmental Installations**. Ten local artists will create amazing works that compliment and enhance the gardens. Scheduled to open in late May, 2017. [Read More](#)

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



A Tale of Two Docents!

The Arboretum relies on almost 200 volunteers to help keep it green and growing. Two of them, Paul Chesler and Clive Bagshaw, graciously agreed to share their stories of what they do and why they do it. [Read More.](#)



Lynda Haworth, Volunteer Extraordinaire!

A long-time Arboretum volunteer, Haworth shares her story and experiences working at Norrie's Gift & Garden Shop. [Read More](#)

PLANTS, GARDENS, & GARDENING





A Primer on Mediterranean Climates. The UCSC Arboretum resides in one of the world's five Mediterranean climactic areas. To learn what defines a "Mediterranean" climate, [read on](#).

The gardens are green and in bloom! See [What's Blooming](#) this season by visiting the Arboretum.



Protea obtusifolia:
South African garden



Erica cruenta:
South African Garden

NORRIE'S GIFT SHOP & PRIVATE EVENTS



Norrie's Gift and Garden Shop

Open 10 am-4 pm, Norrie's offers a wonderful array of decorative items, from wreaths to dish gardens to jewelry and scarves, some of which are hand-made by well-known local artisans and

by well-known local artisans and volunteers. The shop and newly expanded patio is now the Admission point to pick up a [Visitor Guide and map](#) and Hummingbird Trail Guide. You can also find out [What's Blooming](#) in the gardens and how best to enjoy your visit to the gardens.



Host an Event or Wedding

When planning your wedding or upcoming social or business event, our outstanding gardens and facilities could be the perfect location! Contact us at arboretum@ucsc.edu or 831-502-2998 for details on [Arboretum facilities](#), both indoors and outdoors.

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