



The **UC Santa Cruz Arboretum** and *The Ray Collett
Rare and Extraordinary Plants Lecture Series*

Presents:

Flora Unveiled: The Discovery and Denial of Sex in Plants



Featuring
Lincoln Taiz and Lee Taiz

Tuesday, May 9th, 7pm

UC Santa Cruz Arboretum Meeting Hall



Historians have long marveled at the incredibly long delay before sex in plants was finally discovered at the end of the seventeenth century. The delay is especially remarkable when you consider that sex in animals was discovered at least 14,000 years earlier. Why did it take so long to discover sex in plants, and why, after it's proposal and experimental confirmation, did the debate continue for another 150 years? The ancient belief that plants are unisexual and female can be traced back as far as the Paleolithic and Neolithic periods, and this is a gender bias that Lincoln and Lee explore in *Flora Unveiled*.

Lincoln and Lee Taiz will be signing books after the lecture.

Free Community Event
Free Parking

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