

PURISSIMA PIPELINE

Garden Tours for 2009

- ❖ The Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency, will be offering 18 classes during 2009. The Purissima Hills Water District and the Town of Los Altos Hills will be hosting one of these classes on **Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m. to noon**, in the Town's Council Chambers. Landscape Architect Stephanie Morris will present Landscaping with California Native Plants, Water Conserving Strategies, and Innovative Materials. A short walk to the Purissima Hills Water District garden that was designed by Ms. Morris will take place following the seminar. To register, please call (650) 349-3000 or email landscape@bawsca.org.

If you would like a complete listing of the classes, call Alexis Shields at (650) 948-1217 or email her at ashields@purissimawater.org.

- ❖ **Bay-Friendly Garden Tour**

Visit a wide assortment of Bay-Friendly Gardens on this free, self-guided tour on **Sunday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Over 30 public and private gardens will be featured in geographic clusters throughout Alameda County. Several of the garden clusters are walkable and/or bike-able. Please visit www.stopwaste.org and search *Bay-Friendly Garden Tour* to register and for other related sites.

- ❖ **Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour**

Registration for the fifth annual **Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour**, which will take place on **Sunday, May 3**, is now open. This free, award-winning tour features 50 pesticide-free gardens that conserve water, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 50% or more native plants. This self-drive tour showcases a variety of Alameda and Contra Costa County gardens, from large parcels in the hills, to small lots in the flats. Space is limited and registration is required; register early to ensure a place. Volunteers are also needed. Please register or volunteer at www.bringingbackthenatives.net

A companion event, the **Native Plant Sale Extravaganza**, will take place throughout the weekend of **May 2 and 3**. Please visit www.bringingbackthenatives.net/plantsale.html for details.

Hidden Villa Ranch Plant Sale

- ❖ The Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society and Acterra will present the **Native Plant Sale** at Hidden Villa Ranch on **Saturday, April 4, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Contact (650) 941-1068 or visit www.cnps-scv.org for more information.