

Purissima Pipeline

A Happy Hello to the new Office Manager

After 30 years of service, District Secretary, Lucy Xavier, has retired.

Raylene Collins is thrilled to join the District as Office Manager. While residing in Los Altos Hills for 10 years, Ray was a Planning Commissioner for eight years and a former member of the Town's Water Conservation Committee. She holds a Masters Degree in Urban Planning and brings to the District a strong history of solving construction and service related issues for residents and working toward water conservation education. "It's wonderful to continue to be an integral part of the Town of Los Altos Hills" Ray says, "and recognizing that so many of our customers are also long time friends." Ray enjoys cycling, hiking, yoga, and whitewater rafting the West's wild rivers.

California Native Plant Society – Lawn Alternatives: Do-It-Yourself Native Plantscaping

Lawn Alternatives: Do-It-Yourself Native Plantscaping is a one-day symposium being offered on **Saturday, September 29, 2012**, 8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at Foothill College, Lecture Hall 8338, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills.

The theme is how to design, install, and care for native plant gardens – to save money, save water, and save the environment, all at the same time. Topics range from garden design and plant selection to lawn removal, garden installation and maintenance, *with a focus on specifics, practical steps, and how-to information*. If you are a homeowner looking to do it yourself or a landscape professional wanting to hone or refresh your skills, this event is for you.

The speakers are accomplished professionals and authors: **Peigi Duvall** of Indig Design; **Deva Luna** of EarthCare Landscaping; **Sherri Osaka** of Sustainable Landscape Design; **Nancy Bauer**, author of *The California Wildlife Habitat Garden*; and **Helen Popper**, author of *California Native Gardening: A Month-by-Month Guide*. The program includes refreshments, lunch, and a reception. Books and plants will be available for sale.

The symposium is organized by the California Native Plant Society (Santa Clara Valley Chapter), hosted by Foothill College Environmental Horticulture Department, and sponsored by the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency and Santa Clara Valley Water District. Registration is now open and discounts are available for advance registration by September 15 for CNPS members and students. Space is limited and early registration is recommended. To register, visit: <http://symposium.cnps-scv.org>. For more information, email symposium@cnps-scv.org, or call 650-260-3450.

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