

Garden Event

1-12-23, 7:30pm, In-Person, "Saging the World" Screening and Discussion, Los Angeles 90027

Description = Southern California Horticultural Society SCHS is pleased to invite members and the public to a free screening of the short documentary Saging the World. The 2022 film was created by Rose Ramirez and Deborah Small in partnership with the California Native Plant Society to bring attention to the alarming increase in the poaching of white sage (*Salvia apiana*), and to advocate for its protection. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion and a Q & A session with director Rose Ramirez (artist, photographer, filmmaker, writer, and California Indian basketweaver of Chumash and Yaqui descent) and Rico Ramirez (botanist, Gabrielino-Shoshone Nation). Saging the World spotlights the ecological and cultural issues associated with California's native white sage which is increasingly at risk of becoming endangered due to over-harvesting. The film gives voice to advocates from indigenous communities who have long protected and cherished white sage, and seeks to foster awareness to inspire action for the preservation of this threatened plant. This special event is being cosponsored by the SCHS, the L.A./Santa Monica Mountains and the San Gabriel Mountains chapters of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), as well as the Theodore Payne Foundation, who will all have representatives on hand at the meeting with information about their organizations. To learn more about the film and ways to support white sage, visit: www.cnps.org/sagingtheworld .

Cost = Free, but online registration is required by January 10. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/saging-the-world-documentary-film-screening-tickets-483530953097>

Location = Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles 90027. For the safety of our guests (and in keeping with L.A. County Health Dept. guidelines) we strongly recommend masks be worn indoors and that vaccine boosters are current.

Schedule: 7pm Doors open, 7:10pm Announcements, 7:30pm Program

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