

Garden Event

5-13-21, 7:10pm, Online Zoom, Palettes - Creating Dyes from our Fibershed with Rebecca Burgess

Description = Southern California Horticultural Society hosts Rebecca Burgess, author of *Fibershed: Growing A Movement of Farmers, Fashion Activists and Makers For A New Textile Economy*. Rebecca Burgess, the executive director of Fibershed and chair of the board for Carbon Cycle Institute, will present a webinar about creating plant dyes from our fibershed. A fibershed is a geographic region that provides all of the resources to make an article of clothing. Awareness of this bioregional designation engenders appreciation, connectivity, and sensitivity for the life-giving resources within these landscapes. Burgess has over a decade of experience writing and implementing a hands-on curriculum that focuses on the intersection of restoration ecology and fiber systems. She has taught at Westminster College and Harvard University, as well as created workshops for a range of NGOs and corporations. She is the author of *Fibershed: Growing a Movement of Farmers, Fashion Activists, and Makers for a New Textile Economy*, and also *Harvesting Color*, a bioregional look into the natural dye traditions of North America. Burgess has facilitated an extensive network of farmers and artisans within the Northern California Fibershed to pilot the regenerative fiber systems model at the community scale. Her work focuses on developing the vision and funding needed for these models to succeed, and she oversees the implementation of Fibershed's programs and special projects. This evening's presentation will focus on the California ecosystems and specific plant species that offer light and colorfast hues for textiles, and will also explore our region's fibershed through the lens of plants and whole ecosystems – including our working landscapes. There is a major disconnect between what we wear and our knowledge of its impact on land, air, water, labor and health. Burgess will enlighten us about the biological and human cultural context from which our clothing derives and how understanding, engaging and supporting this system is key to solving global crises – including climate disruption and the rampant inequity within global supply chains that make our clothing.

Website: <https://fibershed.org/>

"Fibershed" book: <https://www.chelseagreen.com/product/fibershed/>

"Harvesting Color" book: <https://www.workman.com/products/harvesting-color>

Meeting Timeline

Announcements: 7:10 p.m.

Plant Forum: 7:15 p.m.

Webinar: 7:30 p.m.

Cost = Free, but must register to receive Zoom access = www.socalhort.org