

Garden Event

6-10-21, 710pm, Online Zoom, Gardening In Summer-Dry Climates with Saxon Holt

Description = Southern California Horticultural Society hosts photographer Saxon Holt discussing his new book, *Gardening In Summer-Dry Climates: Plants For A Lush, Water-Conscious Landscape*. Popular guest speaker Saxon Holt is a photojournalist and sole photographer of more than 30 garden books, including his recently-published book *Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates*, coauthored with landscape architect Nora Harlow. He is also the director of the Summer-Dry Project (www.summer-dry.com), a board member of Pacific Horticulture Society and owner of the PhotoBotanic Garden Library. Holt's presentation will derive from *Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates*, and focus on the authors' objective of trying to expand the climate conversation to include the entire Pacific Coast, all of which is summer-dry, but all of which cannot be considered Mediterranean. The book is part of the Summer-Dry Project which is also helping Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS) update the database of plant photographs and descriptions. Holt's commentary about the featured gardens and their climate-appropriate plantings will be accompanied by his beautiful and inspiring photos. At its core, *Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates* encourages gardeners to understand and work in harmony with their region. As shown in garden settings through Holt's lens, these plant selections can assist gardeners in choosing naturally-occurring, climate-appropriate plants and creating healthy ecosystems that support wildlife and conserve biodiversity, one backyard at a time. Holt will talk about how working with – rather than against – the summer-dry climate means reducing impact on water supplies and creating spaces that attract and sustain wildlife, often by taking a step back, letting nature assert itself in the garden, and welcoming in the unique wildness of these special regions. With the continuing drought conditions we're experiencing, and summer fast approaching, the topic of climate-appropriate planting is highly relevant to gardeners in Southern California and beyond. We look forward to seeing Holt's photos and hearing about his new book, and encourage you to join us by registering for this webinar at www.socalhort.org. If you would like to learn more about Holt – and see more of his photos – you can visit both www.saxonholt.com and www.photobotanic.com.

Links = www.saxonholt.com, www.photobotanic.com, www.workman.com/products/gardening-in-summer-dry-climates.

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

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Meeting Timeline = 7:10pm Announcements, 7:15pm Plant Forum, and 7:30pm Webinar