

Garden Event

8-8-24, 7pm, Zoom, Firescaping & Habitat Gardening with Andrienne Edwards and Rachel Schleiger

Description = The Southern California Horticultural Society hosts this online program with speakers and co-authors Adrienne Edwards and Rachel Schleiger discussing their book, including defensive space landscaping techniques, common concerns for implementing defensive space, some problematic landscaping techniques (and solutions for tackling them), as well as how to create habitat gardens using native plants. Adrienne Edwards, PhD, is a botanist, plant ecologist, garden designer, and environmental consultant who has lived and worked in northern California since 2006. She is currently a faculty lecturer at California State University, Chico. With over 30 years of experience teaching, researching, and consulting, plants continue to inspire her passion. Rachel Schleiger, MS, is a plant ecologist who specializes in restoration ecology. She has lived in the Sierra Nevada foothills most of her life. Her family and property survived the most deadly and destructive Western fire on record, the 2018 Camp Fire. She is currently a faculty lecturer at both California State University, Chico and at Butte College, where she developed curriculum specifically to teach about wildfire. In 2020, U.S. wildfires burned 10.3 million acres, with roughly 60% occurring in California, Oregon and Washington. Simultaneously, more people are choosing to live adjacent to fire-prone wildlands. In California, increasing numbers of residents live in the Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI), where development meets or intermingles with undeveloped wildlands. One consequence of this is an accelerating loss of native biodiversity through habitat fragmentation. Edwards and Schleiger will talk about ways we can help compensate for this alarming biodiversity loss from clearing and building in the WUI by using native plants and wildlife resources in our landscaping. By including these in the “built environment”, we effectively create wildlife bridges, or oases, to support pollinators and other essential species they interact with. This program will share lessons learned to help individuals and communities become more wildfire ready and resilient, while also supporting the native wildland habitats that we must protect.

Cost = Free for members; \$5 for guests.

Zoom online registration is required = www.socalhort.org

Schedule = 7:10pm Announcements, 7:15pm Plant Forum; 7:30pm Speaker Program

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