

FREE GARDENING CLASSES & SPECIAL EVENTS

For Gardeners and Landscapers of all experience levels

During the month of March, McShane's Nursery & Landscape Supply will continue to provide weekly FREE classes to folks of all experience levels. We've arranged for a wide range of special guests to visit the nursery and lecture on a number of gardening and landscape subjects. Even better, McShane's continues to offer it's "Passion for Learning" Program. Anyone that attends 6 classes, gets a free gift certificate! The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 - 12 - 5:00PM

FREE St. Patrick's Celebration !!! Join local volunteers from Sun Street Center for a FREE car wash, and plenty of Irish spirit as we offer free "Irish Themed" shortbread, music and Irish punch to customers.

We welcome you to wear green for this most special holiday. Call 455-1876 for more information.

Saturday, March 20th - 1:30PM Landscaping with Natural Stone, Pavers and Adobe Block - Join Landscape Materials Expert,

Samanez for a short seminar on the many materials available for backyard and commercial use

When it comes to weed-free and low maintenance hardscaping. Special emphasis will be given to the re-birth of interests in the use of natural adobe block. Free. 455-1876

Saturday, March 27th - 1:30PM

Citrus Tasting and Workshop - Join "edible gardening expert" Christa Jennings for an interactive talk on citrus. Exotic varieties will be featured as guests will be invited to taste and determine favorites. Guest are encouraged to bring citrus from their garden to share for tasting. Free. 455-1876.

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McShane's Nursery & Landscape Supply was founded in fall of 2005. McShane's is Monterey Bay's ultimate place to create incredible outdoor environments.

 **Housing Resource Center of Monterey County (HRC)**
a non-profit agency will be offering
First time Home buyer and Foreclosure Intervention Workshop s

FREE

Workshops & Counseling

Topics will include:

- **First Time Homebuyers programs** (NSP1, closing cost assistance and affordable loans)
- **Down Payment assistance**
- **Foreclosure Prevention, Predatory Lending**
- **Financial Fitness**
- **California Foreclosure Process & steps**
- **Where to get help**

Call for more information or to RSVP: (831)424-9186



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Kabuki, the Noh and the Bunraku (puppet theater) but nothing moved me. I came home and I remembered Pete's story. This story comes from the Kabuki, but I wrote it from my own point of view," she said.

The performance features Aoki in the lead role; Asian jazz pioneer Mark Izu; taiko drumming by Maze Daiko; shakuhachi (traditional Japanese bamboo flutes) by Saxman Mas Koga; and dancers Kai Kane Aoki Izu and Emma Lanier. The performance is directed by Obie-award winner Jael Weisman, choreographed by

Tony-nominated Kimi Okada, and has original music by Mark Izu and Janet Koike.

Aoki has performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., New Victory Theater on Broadway, Hong Kong Performing Arts Center, the Adelaide Festival in Australia, the Esplanade in Singapore, and at the Graz Festival in Austria.

Tickets range from \$10 to \$40 and can be purchased by calling the World Theater box office at (831) 582-4580 or online at csumb.edu/worldtheater.

ater. The World Theater offers a buy-one, get-one-free promotion for the first 100 tickets sold to this performance.

The Otter Bay Restaurant, located in the building adjacent to the theater, is offering a special pre-show menu for this performance.

The World Theater is located on Sixth Avenue on the CSUMB campus. Driving directions and a campus map are available at CSUMB.edu/map.

3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Saturday March 20, 2010

5:00 PM No Host Bar
5:30 PM Dinner \$7.00

Bunco NIGHT

Gaming Begins @ 6:30 PM

\$20.00

Limited Seating

For more information: Janet Wagner 682-5677 / 674-1516
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Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District Events at the Monterey Regional Environmental Park in Marina

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) will hold two programs in conjunction with the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD) at the Monterey Peninsula Landfill two miles north of Marina this month.

The MPRPD will also be holding a Community ALIVE! event, calling for volunteers to help out at Locke-Paddon Wetland Park in Marina.

All three of these events will be held on Saturday, March 27.

Information on these programs and others follows. Details on them and many others may be found in the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District's "Let's Go Outdoors!" guide, available at area libraries and other locations and at www.mprpd.org.

Composting Made Easy - Vermicomposting (Worms)
Organic matter represents approximately one-third of household waste. Composting yard and kitchen scraps reduces the amount of "garbage" going into local landfills and produces free, nutrient-rich soil amendment.

Ages: 8 and up. An adult must accompany children.
Site: Monterey Regional Waste Management District, 14201 Del Monte Boulevard (two miles north of Marina). Offered by Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (www.mprpd.org). Instructor: Monterey Regional Waste Management District staff. When: Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Free.

Repurpose That Old Thing -- Plant it Anew!

Design your own quaint and rustic planters by using a variety of both traditional and unusual found objects. For example, reuse that old red wagon by adding a splash of springtime color. Explore container styles, soil preparations, planting tips and special needs for potted plants. Hunt for your unique treasures before and after the workshop. Ages: 8 and up. An adult must accompany children. Site: Monterey Regional Waste Management District, 14201 Del Monte Boulevard (two miles north of Marina). Offered by Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (www.mprpd.org). Instructor: Sandra Forman. When: Saturday, March 27, 11 a.m.-12 noon. Free.

Gem Rejuvenation

A jewel of Marina, Locke-Paddon Wetland Park has been polished with significant renewal. Faceted with new trails, an expanded fence line and colorful native plants, this habitat is now a richly diverse environment for people, plants and animals. Your investment of time will add sparkle and brilliance to the community. Also sponsored by Return of the Natives - CSUMB, this is a Community ALIVE! (Act Locally In Volunteer Endeavors) program of the MPRPD. All ages. Site: Locke-Paddon Wetland Park, 190 Seaside Circle, Marina. Offered by Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (www.mprpd.org). When: Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free: Volunteer project. For information on this event, please call 659-6065 or e-mail: [Wyatt@mprpd.org](mailto:w Wyatt@mprpd.org).

Astronomical Adventures

Jump on board a virtual space trip, and enjoy a delightful, informative presentation observing the spectacular night sky. Celestial objects are explored and explained using the unaided eye, binoculars and telescopes. Peer through the powerful scopes discovering the late winter constellations, the Andromeda galaxy, nebulae, star clusters, Mars and the young crescent moon. Ages: 7 and up. Site: Garland Ranch Regional Park Visitor Center, 700 W. Carmel Valley Road. Offered by Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (www.mprpd.org). Instructor: Jim Eagle (Monterey Institute for Research

in Astronomy docent). When: Friday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. -9:30 p.m. Cost: \$10 (district resident), \$11 (non-district resident). Or, for a family of four, \$30 (district residents), \$36 (non-district residents).

Kids & Cameras: Wild About Wildflowers!

Discover the basic elements of taking fun digital photographs. Explore the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History's gardens, looking for wildflower subjects, led by a skilled photographer. Bring home a personal greeting card featuring your favorite photograph. Kids should bring their own point-and-shoot digital camera.

Ages: 8-12. Site: Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove. Offered by Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (www.mprpd.org). Instructor: Sharon Blaziek. When: Saturday, March 20, 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 (district resident), \$17 (non-district resident).

Native Indian Medicines - Ohlone Herbal Treatments for Inflammation & Infection

The Ohlone people were known to use herbs to treat inflammation and infection in various organ systems. This class will explore the Ohlone uses of these herbs and the possible implications for modern disorders, including autoimmune disease, cancer and cardiovascular disease. Ages: 13 and up. Site: Garland Ranch Regional Park Museum, 700 W. Carmel Valley Road. Offered by Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (www.mprpd.org). Instructor: Keith Rayburn. When: Saturday, March 27, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Cost: \$20 (district resident), \$22 (non-district resident).

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Full Moon Paddle

Paddle under the light of the full moon, surrounded by the shimmering still water. Watch the sunset and the moonrise from the vantage point of a kayak on Elkhorn Slough. Paddling experience is not required, as a trained guide will lead you through the slough. Ages: 13 and up (minors must be accompanied by an adult).

Site: Moss Landing, North Harbor. Offered by Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (www.mprpd.org).

When: 5 p.m. -8 p.m., Tuesday, March 30. Cost: \$55 (district resident), \$60 (non-district resident), plus \$10 materials fee paid at site. Instructor: Kayak Connection.

Pre-registration is strongly suggested for all classes and programs offered by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD). Register online at www.mprpd.org or in-person between 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Thursday at the MPRPD office, 60 Garden Court, Suite 325, Monterey (check, money order, Visa or MasterCard accepted). If space is available, there is an additional charge of \$5 to register the day of the class. On-site registration begins 20 minutes prior to the start of the class. All check-in and registration closes 5 minutes before the class begins. Contact is Joseph Narvaez, at 372-3196, ext. 3.