**PRELIMINARY SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Designing Your California Native Plant Garden  
**Course Code:** BOT 60 – Summer 2014  
**Instructor Name:** Peigi Duvall, APLD, BFQL  

**Grade Options:**  
No Grade Requested (default option, just show up for class), Credit/No Credit, or Letter Grade.

**Requirements for Class Credit:** Completed Planting Plan including plant name call-outs for student-selected site – black and white or color rendering, hand drawn or computer generated. Plan due on final class date.

**Weekly Outline**

**Week 1:**
- Native plant basics, landscape design basics, starting your design  
- Class assignment: Take inventory and make analysis of selected site  
- Reading Assignment: pgs. 1 – 39 in *California Native Plants for the Garden*

**Week 2:**
- Review assignment progress  
- Plant Community Specifics  
- Plant ID: trees and large shrubs (the ‘bone’ of the garden)  
- Class assignment: begin Concept Plan

**Week 3:**
- Review assignment progress  
- Preparing your site, demolition, soils, begin plant identification  
- Plant ID: shrubs and sub-shrubs  
- Garden visit field trip details review  
- Class assignment: finalize Concept Plant, begin Planting Plan, attend Saturday field trip

**Saturday 9 am – 3 pm: FIELD TRIP – Residential Garden Visits**
- 9 am: meet to carpool at Rodin Sculpture Garden (Art Museum)  
- 9:30 am – 11:30 am: 1st Garden  
- 11:30 am – 1 pm: travel time and lunch  
- 1 pm – 3 pm: 2nd Garden

*Schedule is approximate. Please remember comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, brimmed hat, water, sack lunch, picnic blanket and camera (opt.)*
Carpooling encouraged: meet in parking area at Rodin Sculpture Garden (Art Museum) by 9 am. Heavy rain cancels.

Week 4:
- Review garden visits
- Review assignment progress: finishing Hardscape Plan
- Habitat gardening and wildlife in the garden
- Plant ID: finish shrubs, begin perennials
- Maintenance, pruning, and sustainability
- Class assignments: continue Planting Plan

Saturday 9 am – 3 pm: FIELD TRIP – Botanical Garden Visit*
- 9 am: meet at Rodin Sculpture Garden (Art Museum) to carpool
- 10:30 am – 12:30 pm: Docent-lead tour of Botanic Garden and discussion
- 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm: Picnic lunch near Garden
- 1:30 pm: Depart for optional nursery visit
- 2 pm – 3 pm: Native Plant Nursery Tour
- 3 pm: Depart for home

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Week 5:
- Review assignment progress
- Lawn substitutions and replacement
- Pests, weeds, and plant mortality, invasive native and alien
- Plant ID: continue perennials, ferns, succulents
- Class assignments: finalize design with Planting Plan for last class

Week 6: final class
- Nurseries, plant sales, buyer’s lust,
- Irrigation, soils, planting, maintenance
- Plant ID: vines, annuals and bulbs
- Student presentation and discussions of designs (voluntary)
- Closure and housekeeping