PRELIMINARY SYLLABUS

Course Title: Designing Your California Native Plant Garden
Course Code: BOT 60 – Summer 2015
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 ‘bones’ 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 9:30 am – 3:00 pm: FIELD TRIP – Residential Garden Visits*
• 9:30 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: finalize design with Planting Plan for last class

Saturday 9:30 am – 3:00 pm: FIELD TRIP –Botanical Garden Visit*
- 9:30 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 – Final Class:
- Review Field Trip highlights
- Lawn substitutions and replacement
- Pests, weeds, and plant mortality, invasive native and alien
- Plant ID: continue perennials, ferns, succulents, vines, annuals, and bulbs
- Nurseries, plant sales, buyer's lust,
- Irrigation, soils, planting, maintenance
- Student designs for class credit are due
- Closure and housekeeping