



Garden Steward Training Program Agenda

Saturday, November 7

8:00 am to noon

- 8:00-9:50 am Introduction to Central Park Gardens
Volunteer Leadership and Role of Garden Stewards
Tour of Themed Gardens
- 9:50-10:10 am Refreshment and Restroom Break
- 10:10-12:00 pm Introduction to Garden Safety
Training on Pruning Woody Plants
Training on Deadheading and Perennial Grass Maintenance
Hands-on Pruning Practicum

Saturday, November 14

8:00 am to noon

- 8:00-9:30 am Training on Planting, Transplanting, and Divisions
Training on Weed Identification and Control
Training on Mulch Benefits and Application Techniques
- 9:30-9:50 am Refreshment Break and Preparation for Volunteers
- 10:00-11:30 am Hands-on Practicum Leading Volunteer Gardening Session
- 11:30-12:00 pm Wrap up, Debrief, and Evaluations

Training Instructors:

Emily Griswold

Director of GATEways Horticulture and Teaching Gardens, UC Davis Arboretum

Founding Chair of Central Park Gardens Steering Committee

Emily has led the renovation and development of Central Park Gardens since 2006. She holds degrees in Botany and Horticulture. Through her work at the UC Davis Arboretum, she has over 16 years of experience leading horticultural trainings and developing garden volunteer programs.

Anne Schellman

Urban IPM Educator, UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Central Park Gardens Steering Committee Member

Anne holds degrees in Environmental Horticultural Science and Community Development. A passionate communicator and educator, she has extensive experience organizing and leading trainings, writing on horticultural topics, and public speaking. She hosts a blog about her gardening experiences at anneofgreengardens.com.