



Not just a pretty place The Science Behind the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

Presented by: Steve Windhager

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
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Join us for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Pritzlaff Conservation Center at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

to learn about the genetic analysis, botanical research, rare plant conservation and ecological restoration work being done by the Garden both locally and around the state. The tour will include the genetics and botany labs, the rare plant seed bank, and the herbarium.

For a nominal additional charge (\$10, payable at the event), participants may stay to enjoy wine and other refreshments at the Ann Jackson Family Foundation Island View Deck. If you wish to be included, please email vistas@vistaslifelonglearning.org by January 5 to reserve space.

This tour is limited to 30 participants. Please be advised that walking, stair-climbing, and standing for extended intervals may be required. Attendees should park in the SBBG parking lot and then cross the street and climb the hill to the Conservation Center. Shuttles can be arranged to transport those with mobility issues from the parking lot to the Conservation Center, *but this must be requested in advance*. Please notify our business manager if you wish to request the shuttle service.

PLEASE REVIEW THE STATEMENT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FLYER REGARDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS.

Preferred registration deadline*: January 2, 2024

*Early enrollment helps us with our planning; also, those who register by the preferred deadline will be given priority in case of over-enrollment.

Enrollment form: The Science Behind the SB Botanic Garden

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VISTAS members \$20; non-members \$30

➤ **EITHER pay online** on our website by secure credit card through PayPal:
<https://www.vistaslifelonglearning.org/current-courses>

➤ **OR mail this form** and your check to: VISTAS Lifelong Learning, Inc.
P.O. Box 23228, Santa Barbara CA 93121

Number of persons _____ \$ _____ Check # _____

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

It is understood that attendance is limited to those who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.



Dr. Steve Windhager, Executive Director, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

After receiving his B.A. in Philosophy from Texas A&M University, Steve Windhager went on to the University of North Texas to complete his Masters in Environmental Ethics. He subsequently completed his Ph.D. work in environmental science, focusing on restoration ecology of prairie systems. A national leader in sustainable development and ecological restoration, Steve helped develop and was the first director of the Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES), a joint project of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and the U. S. Botanic Garden and the American Society of Landscape Architects. He currently serves as Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, the nation’s oldest botanic garden dedicated exclusively to native plants.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 POLICY

The health and safety of our attendees and their families are of utmost importance to us. **Accordingly, we are limiting attendance to those who are fully vaccinated.** Proof of vaccinations and boosters (digital Covid-19 Vaccination Card or a photo of your printed card) must be sent to our business manager via email (vistas@vistaslifelonglearning.org) or text (805-967-6030). Participants may also be asked to show vaccination status on the first day of each course in case our records are incomplete. This needs to be done only once—your proof of vaccination will remain valid for all VISTAS events. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



VISTAS Winter/Spring 2024 Calendar

SUBJECT TO CHANGE; for up-to-date information, visit our website (VistasLifelongLearning.org) frequently!

Course / Event	Date(s)	Time	Venue
VISTAS Winter Social	Sunday, February 4	1:30 pm	Music Academy of the West
Fiction Book Club	3rd Thursday monthly	10:00 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Monday Nonfiction Book Club	4th Monday monthly	1:30 pm	Via Zoom
The SB Civil Grand Jury: The Public’s Watchdog	Mon. Jan. 8 and 15	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Not Just a Pretty Place: Science at SB Botanic Garden	Tues. Jan. 9	1:00 pm	SB Botanic Garden
Legendary Lovers in Opera	Tues. Jan. 23, 30, Wed. Feb. 7	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
The Hapsburgs	Thurs. Jan. 25 and Feb. 1	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Five Good Emperors	Mon. Feb. 5	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Celebrating 100 Years of the Granada Theatre	Mon. Feb. 12	1:00 pm	Grenada Theatre
Whose Land Is It, Anyway?	Tues. Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 5	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
The Climate Crisis: Where We Are, What We Can Do	Wed. Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<i>The Lafayette Escadrille</i> and <i>The Millionaires’ Unit</i>	Thurs. Feb. 29, Mar. 7	1:00 pm	Valle Verde Theater
Conserving the Gaviota Coast, in Pictures and Stories	Mon. March 4	9:30 am	Bethany Cong. Church
Annual Short Story Discussion Group, Section 1	Wed. Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27	1:00 pm	Valle Verde Social Room
Annual Short Story Discussion Group, Section 2	Thurs. Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28	1:00 pm	Montecito Covenant Church
Heroes & Rogues, Series 5	Mon. Mar. 11, 18, 25	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
American Folk Music Revival of the 20th Century	Mon. April 1, 8, 15, 22	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
String Quartets in the Vienna in Beethoven’s Time	Wed. April 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
Will China (Still) Eat Our Lunch?	Thurs. April 4	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<i>Sinkable: Adventures with Shipwrecks</i>	Wed. April 24	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Golden Age of the Broadway Musical	Fri. May 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
Artistic Renderings of Human Body / Women Artists	Mon. May 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Magic Behind TV Music	Wed. May 8	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
13,000 Years of Local Maritime History / Whales	Mon. May 13	9:30 am	SB Maritime Museum
The Immigration Conundrum	Wed. May 15, 23	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church