

Docent Training 2024 Schedule

Notes:

- VC is visitor center.
- Times are approximate and subject to alteration on the day.
- Optional brown bag lunch for socializing will follow every class.

Date and Topic

<p>Jan 10</p> <p>Introductions and Overview Part 1</p>	<p>9:30-10:30 Welcome, introductions, overview of the class schedule and requirements (plant presentations, shadowing, final tour). VC</p>	<p>10:30-11:00 Bart O'Brien: Mission of the Garden, overview of our collection and its importance. VC 11-11:15 Glenn Keator VC</p>	<p>11:30-12:30 Glenn: Garden tour part 1: garden sections, signs, and iconic plants.</p>
<p>Jan 17</p> <p>Introductions and Overview Part 2</p>	<p>9:30-10:00 Check in and announcements. Overview of student plant presentations. Getting acquainted exercise. VC</p>	<p>10:00-11:00 Overview of the Garden website including the docent section; David Sherertz and the Friends. VC</p>	<p>11:15-11:30 David: Sample plant presentation 11:30-12:30 Glenn: Garden tour part 2: garden sections, signs, and iconic plants.</p>
<p>Jan 24</p> <p>Plant parts and ID</p>	<p>9:30-10:00 Check in, announcements. Getting acquainted exercise. VC</p>	<p>10-10:15 Liz Bittner: Garden Do's and Don'ts Tour Techniques 10:15-11:00 Glenn: Working with plant material and/or slideshow. VC Leaf Folio</p>	<p>11:15-11:30 Stephanie: Sample plant presentation 11:30-12:30 Glenn: Garden tour (and/or use plant material in the VC) with focus on plant parts and ID.</p>
<p>Jan 31</p> <p>Spore-bearing organisms</p>	<p>9:30-9:45 Check in, announcements.</p>	<p>9:45-10:45 Glenn: Slideshow (and/or use plant material) focused on Ferns of California. VC 11-Noon Glenn: Garden tour focused on ferns and fern ID.</p>	<p>Noon-12:30 Marcus Tamura: Hands on with fungi. VC or deck.</p>

Feb 7 Tour techniques	9:30-9:45 Check in; announcements	9:45-10:30 Panel discussion with senior docents. VC Tour Techniques 10:45-Noon 30-minute tours by senior docents; discussion	Noon-12:30 Student plant presentations.
Feb 14 Trees in the Garden	9:30-9:45 Check in, announcements	9:45-10:45 Glenn: Hands on tree material and/or slideshow. VC Tree Tour 11:00-Noon Glenn: Garden tour focused on trees.	Noon-12:30 Student plant presentations.
Feb 21 History of the Garden; Tour Channel Islands Section	9:30-9:45 Check in; announcements.	9:45-10:45 Joe Dahl: Garden history. VC 11-Noon Liz: tour of Channel Islands section.	Noon-12:30 Student plant presentations.
Feb 28 Field trip	10:00-noon Tilden Nature Area. Meet at end of parking lot near Little Farm and Tilden Visitor Center.		
Mar 6 Native peoples and plants	9:30-9:45 Check in; announcements	9:45-10:30 Maeron Yeshiwas, EBRP Naturalist Lecture/slide show. VC 10:45-Noon Maeron: Garden tour.	Noon-12:30 Student plant presentations.
Mar 13 Plant adaptations and tour techniques	9:30-9:45 Check in; announcements	9:45-10:45 Glenn: talk/slide show on plant adaptations. VC 11:00-Noon John Helms: tour focused on plant adaptation.	Noon-12:30 Student plant presentations.

Mar 20	9:30-9:45 Check in; announcements.	9:45-10:45 Glenn: plant materials and/or slideshow on flowering plants. VC 11:00-11:30 Glenn: Garden tour (and/or use plant material in VC) focused on flower parts. 11:30-12:30 Fingerprinting.	Noon-12:30 Student plant presentations.
Flower structure and function			
Mar 27	9:30-9:45 Check in; announcements.	9:45-10:45 Bart: tour of Franciscan section. 11:00-Noon Diana Wahl: tour of Canyon section.	Noon-12:30 Student plant presentations.
Tour of Garden Sections			
Apr 3	9:30-9:45 Check in; announcements.	9:45-10:45 Glenn: tour of the Santa Lucia section. 11:00-Noon Glenn: tour of the Pacific Rain Forest section.	Noon-12:30 Student plant presentations.
Tour of Garden Sections			
Apr 10	9:30-9:45 Check in; announcements.	9:45-10:45 Bart: slide show/talk on Horticulture. VC 11:00-Noon Bart: Garden tour.	Noon-12:30 Student plant presentations.
Horticulture			
Apr 17	9:30-9:45 Check in; announcements.	9:45-10:45 Glenn: tour of the Shasta-Klamath section. 11:00-Noon Glenn: tour of the Sea Bluff section.	Noon-12:30 Student plant presentations.
Tour of Garden Sections			
Apr 24	9:30-9:45 Check in; announcements.	9:45-10:45 Ben Anderson: tour of Redwood section. 11:00-Noon Marcus: tour of Southern CA section.	Noon-12:30 Student plant presentations.
Tour of Garden Sections			

<p>May 1</p> <p>Tour of Garden Sections</p>	<p>9:30-9:45 Check in; announcements.</p>	<p>9:45-10:45 Craig Barcliff: tour of Valley-Foothill section. 11:00-Noon Michael Uhler: tour of Sierran section.</p>	<p>Noon-12:30 Student plant presentations.</p>
<p>May 8</p> <p>Sensory tour and tour techniques</p>	<p>9:30-9:45 Check in; announcements.</p>	<p>9:45-10:45 Bart: Class exercise on sensory tours. 11:00-Noon John Helms: garden tour and discussion.</p>	<p>Noon-12:30 Student plant presentations.</p>
<p>May 15</p> <p>Pollination</p>	<p>9:30-9:45 Check in; announcements</p>	<p>9:45-11 May Chen: Slide show/presentation on pollination. VC 11:15-Noon May Chen: Bug Vacs in the Garden.</p>	<p>Noon-12:30 Student plant presentations.</p>
<p>May 22</p> <p>Nuts and Bolts</p>	<p>9:30-9:45 Check in; announcements.</p>	<p>9:45-10:15 Bart: Touring nuts and bolts. Graduation tours. 10:15-10:45 Holly Haugh: Greeting nuts and bolts. 11:00-Noon Friends Leadership Council and committee opportunities.</p>	<p>Noon -12:30 Student plant presentations.</p>
<p>May 29</p> <p>California native peoples & plants tour</p>	<p>9:30-9:40 Check-in; announcements.</p>	<p>9:40-9:55 Description of tour and school outreach program and its current status. 9:55-12:10 Form into four groups. Each group will get 30 minutes per plant group (A,B,C,D) with 5 minutes to switch between plant groups and garden location.</p>	<p>12:10 Q&A.</p>
<p>Jun 5</p>	<p>9:30-9:45 Check in; announcements.</p>	<p>Plan graduation tour</p>	<p>Plan graduation tour</p>

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Jun 12	Graduation tours 9:40-10:25	Graduation tours 10:40-11:25	Graduation tours 11:40-12:25
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Jun 26	Graduation tours 9:40-10:25	Class closing. 10:40-11:15	Graduation party 11:30-1:30
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