



CASA ROMANTICA
CULTURAL CENTER AND GARDENS

Water Smart Gardening Series



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Water Smart Gardening

The dramatic and enchanting drought tolerant and native plant gardens at Casa Romantica have been designed for their unique ability to prevent erosion, reduce run off and conserve water. Beautiful yet sustainable gardens have been created using a wide variety of plants that each exhibit unique colors, textures, flowers, berries and fragrance.

In collaboration with the City of San Clemente, Casa Romantica brings to you a sequence of presentations that explores the many elements of drought tolerant gardening and provides you with the knowledge and resources needed to successfully bring important water-wise practices into your own landscape.

We invite you and other nature enthusiasts to attend this series.

In the spring of 2012, Casa Romantica will host the first *Southern California Garden Conference*. The two-day conference will feature gardening lectures and workshops presented by horticultural experts and will include excursions to the *Tree of Life Nursery*, *Rogers Gardens* and the *Sherman Library and Gardens*. Watch for more information in the months ahead.

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Drought Tolerant Garden Series:

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**May 11, 12:00 Noon
Drought Tolerant Gardening**
A “show and tell” tour of the Casa’s award-winning drought tolerant gardens, with California Garden Club’s Gardener of the Year, Launa Gould. FREE*

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**June 8, 7:00 P.M.
Water Smart Landscaping**
Featuring Nathan Adams, City of San Clemente’s Water Resources and Conservation program. Learn how easy it is to implement sustainability and beauty into your garden. FREE*

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In recognition of your support for water-wise initiatives, attend two presentations and receive a lovely casa-grown succulent in a terracotta pot.

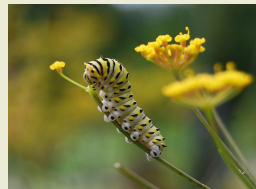
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**October 13, 7:00 P.M.
The Monarch Butterfly**
Monarch authority, Jean VanDerford will give an engaging presentation on the life of one of southern California’s most fragile yet resilient inhabitants, the Monarch Butterfly.

Casa Romantica Members: \$6
Non-members: \$7
Students/Children: Free

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**November 2, 7:00 P.M.
Bringing Nature into Our Gardens
and into Our Lives**
Mike Evans, The Tree of Life Nursery, reveals how native plant gardens enhance our well-being and stimulate our senses through the sights and sounds of songbirds, hummingbirds

and other creatures that thrive in these naturalistic environments.

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Internet Resources

San-Clemente.org/WaterSmartSC
City Water and Conservation Site

Bewaterwise.com
The Metropolitan Water District
Water Conservation and Plant Information

CaliforniaNativePlants.com

Tree of life nursery
Native Plant resource

Click on: Plant information > Planning tools, then choose:

Planting Guide > Calendar of Color > 30 Reliable Native Plants > Maintenance



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Casa Romantica Mission

The Mission of Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens is to enrich all who encounter this historic, oceanfront estate and its programs.

To achieve our mission we,

- Provide educational and cultural opportunities for all ages and backgrounds, with special emphasis on programs for children and families;
- Present a spectrum of the performing, literary and visual arts;
- **Offer garden experiences unique to the California coastal environment;**
- Celebrate our local and Southern California history, architecture and culture.

Casa Romantica is a non-profit community resource dedicated to cultural and horticultural education. An objective of Casa Romantica's horticultural mission is to educate, inspire and create awareness of the intrinsic value of plants and our shared environment. We meet this objective through a multi-faceted partnership with Master Gardeners, the Garden Club of California, horticultural experts and landscape designers; together with the generosity of our donors, our tireless Casa Romantica garden volunteers and the dedication of our staff. Thanks to this collaboration, visitors to Casa Romantica can today enjoy a spectacular drought-tolerant coastal garden; a place in which to stroll, relax, reflect, learn, and be inspired.

Casa Romantica is open to the public for a nominal fee Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

