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## The Times They Are A-Changin’

**BY BRAD MONROE,  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

Bob Dylan wrote that song lyric in the 60’s, and it is still true today when describing the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Program. Old friends have left, new staff have come on board, and there is a new full time faculty hire in the works.

### Full Time Faculty

The most exciting news for the future is our approval to hire a second full-time horticulture instructor. It has been over ten years since our other full-time faculty member, Mike Hall, left our program, and we are excited to finally be able to fill his position.

The search process is underway with details and applications available at: <http://www.gccd.edu/hr/academic/academic.positions.asp>. The program currently has over twenty part-time instructors, so another full-time instructor will allow the program to continue to have a wide variety of industry professionals in the classroom while providing the students and the program with added help.

An additional faculty member in the department will provide help in a wide range of areas from curriculum development and field site supervision to student advisement and program outreach. Any interested parties are encouraged to contact the Grossmont Cuyamaca Community College District

Human Resources Department at: 619-644-7637 or at <http://www.gccd.edu/hr/>.

### OH Technician

Changes are not just in the faculty side. This summer saw Tita Heimpel, our OH Technician, take a position as General Manager at the Mad Potter Nursery in Fallbrook. Tita was a great asset to the program, and we are sorry to see her go but wish her all the best. You will continue to see her at some of our special events as a returning volunteer.

As our third OH technician in the department’s history, John Thomas began his full time

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*John Thomas, our new OH Technician, and Rosalie Clanton, our new Assistant OH Technician.*

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# Sports Turf Managers Association

## A Helping Hand in the Sports Turf Business

BY ROY BLACKMAN

If you like sports and horticulture, pursuing a career in the sports turf industry may be ideal for you. Sports Turf Management is an exciting, rewarding and promising career. Whether you are interested in working at the parks and recreation level or have the desire to work for a professional sports team, the Sports Turf Managers Association can provide you with the resources to make your dream a reality.

The STMA was officially formed in 1981 to provide knowledge and offer guidance for those choosing to enter the sports turf industry. The founding members were turf professionals from the NFL, MLB and collegiate turf professors from around the nation. The goal of the organization is to promote safe, high quality sports fields for athletes of all levels and to offer members benefits that will

As a member, you also receive *SPORTSTURF* magazine, the official publication of the STMA, and the monthly newsletter, *STMA E-DIGEST*, that deals with issues and concerns relating to the turf industry. An annual conference and exhibition is held every year to showcase the latest advances in sports turf and provide a place for members from all over the country to meet and share ideas. There are also local chapters of the STMA that hold regular meetings to keep their members aware of the latest news, turf breakthroughs and events. Our local chapter is the Southern California STMA.

The Southern California chapter holds regular meetings, hosts an annual Golf Tournament to raise money for scholarships and presents pesticide seminars in the spring and fall. For a community

outreach project each year, they choose a local sports field that they consider unsafe, and volunteers donate their time to rebuild the field to a higher quality at no cost to the recipients. This year they rebuilt the baseball field for Hoover High School. I had the pleasure to work on this project, along with other Cuyamaca students, and it was fun, informative and provided “hands on”

experience that was very valuable.

If you are interested in sports turf management or just want to learn the latest in turf care, you can join as a student member on the national level for \$25.00 and the Southern California chapter as a student member for \$10.00. For more information, contact the national STMA at [www.sportsturfmanagers.org](http://www.sportsturfmanagers.org), or you can contact the Southern California chapter by emailing Mike Tarantino, Chapter President, at [mtarantino@powayusd.com](mailto:mtarantino@powayusd.com).



*Renovation of Ted Williams Field at Hoover High School in July 2006.*

advance their skills and abilities to provide the association’s objectives.

Becoming a member of the STMA allows you to access members only sections of their website, [www.sportsturfmanagers.org](http://www.sportsturfmanagers.org). On the website you can look for internships, find job opportunities around the country and contact professionals using their directory that includes all of its members.

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*Roy Blackman is majoring in Golf and Sports Turf Management and Irrigation Technology. He plans to graduate with an A.S. this spring and would like to pursue a career in sports turf management with a professional baseball team either in the minor or major leagues.*

# Loving My Work

## Thanks to the Rice Family Foundation

BY ALISARYON



Alisa Ryon

During the summer of 2005 I eagerly enrolled in Cuyamaca College, anticipating my first Landscape Design class. This moment had been a long time in coming. Realizing several years ago that I wanted to pursue a degree in Landscape Design, I had just

graduated with my A.A. from San Diego Mesa College in transfer studies and was ready to start taking classes for the first time in a field of study that I truly enjoyed.

I was unsure if I would have any talent or if I could actually become a landscape designer. But, in the middle one of Kathryn Fulhorst's beginning Landscape Design classes in the Fall 2005, I made the decision to leave my insurance job and get a job in the horticulture field.

During the winter break, I applied with Brad Monroe and Tita Heimpel for a job at the Cuyamaca College nursery. I wasn't too sure if I would get the job, since I had no experience and only had a few horticulture classes under my belt. To my amazement, I got the job! I started as a Nursery Sales Associate in January 2006. It was so exciting to me that I was going to be paid for doing something that I loved and learning a lot at the same time.

Viva Dorado, the Nursery Manager, and Doug Kalal, the past Nursery Manager, taught me quite a bit about plants, identifying pests, pruning, watering and running a small scale nursery. The growers, Robin Rushmore and Margaret Harris, were also quite generous with their knowledge of propagation.

Six months later I stepped into the role of Assistant Manager of the Nursery. I have since moved on to Heaviland Enterprises, where I am Field Manager; however, this opportunity provided me exactly what I needed at the time that I needed it.

The Rice Family Foundation's annual donation

for 2007 will be \$28,420 for the Internship Program, \$14,225 for outreach, including the *Urban Horticulturist* newsletter, and \$2,500 for scholarships. I must extend my deepest thanks to the Rice Family Foundation for funding these positions and giving me such a great opportunity during my career transition.

*Alisa Ryon will graduate with a degree in Landscape Design in June, 2007 and hopes to study Landscape Architecture at the University of Georgia.*

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## How to Win a Scholarship

BY AMANDA SIMPSON

Free money - how could you say no to that? Who can receive this money, and who is giving it?

Every spring the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society hosts a Scholarship Banquet in April and rewards students attending classes in the Ornamental Horticulture department. All students that attend a class in the OH department are members of the CCBS, and that means they can apply for a scholarship. The requirements are:

1. The student must have completed at least one 3-unit class in the department prior to the application deadline.
2. The student must also be enrolled in the district, pursuing a degree or certificate in Ornamental Horticulture when submitting an application.
3. The application includes a cover letter, resume, two letters of recommendation - one from within the department and the other from outside the department - and an application form.
4. The deadline is March 1, 2007.

A panel of judges from outside the department reviews each application, and then scholarships are matched with the students. During the semester workshops are held to help students with their application packets. Watch for those dates after the start of the semester.

This money is intended to go to students that are majoring in a field in the OH department. At the banquet in 2006 there were 44 scholarships totaling \$28,000, and only 40 students applied. Some students received two scholarships, and this often happens.

Thanks to our scholarship donors, the amount of funds available has gone up every year. The money is donated from many different sources, including businesses in the industry, clubs, memorial foundations, individuals and CCBS. Applications and more information are available at <http://www.cuyamaca.edu/ohweb>. So, apply! You have a very good chance of receiving both financial help and recognition for your hard work in the classroom.

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*Amanda Simpson is a floral intern in the OH department, CCBS Activities Director and a 2006 scholarship winner.*



*Dr. Geraldine Perri, Cuyamaca College President, welcomes guests to the 2006 Scholarship Banquet.*

## Cuyamaca College's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Arbor Day to Honor Robert 'Bob' Tiglio

BY BRAD MONROE,  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR

It isn't surprising in an industry the size of San Diego's landscape and irrigation industry of the 1970's that a single individual could have had a major impact on the lives of many. What is surprising is that the legacy of that individual, and the impact he had on so many, lives on after his passing.

Robert 'Bob' Tiglio was one of those individuals. Having founded Hydro-Scape Products more than thirty years ago, Bob became known as someone you could count on to help the industry and the individuals that worked in the field. Mitch Johnson, an irrigation consultant, summed it up when he said, "Bob was a 'stand-up' guy and his word was golden." His integrity and sense of humor in both his professional and personal lives brought him many admirers. And, if the loyalty of his employees is any measure of what he meant to the industry and those that worked for him, his influence truly lives on.

Because of Bob's influence and the generosity the Tiglio family has for students entering the industry, we are pleased to honor Mr. Tiglio at our 28<sup>th</sup> Annual

Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony. The planting ceremony will install a new orchid tree in our collection of Bauhinias that will look across to the Bauhinias planted in honor of his son, David Tiglio.



*Bauhinias in bloom from the patio on the OH grounds.*

Please join us for this celebration of life through the planting of this symbolic tree. The ceremony will be at 2:00 pm, Tuesday, March 6, 2007 with a reception at the Cuyamaca College Nursery prior to the tree planting. For more information, contact Brad Monroe at 619-660-4261.

# A Blaze of Color

## 2007 Spring Garden Festival

BY ROBIN RUSHMORE

*Amethyst Myst, Pink Chintz, Caribbean Sunset, Whirling Butterflies, Voodoo, Toucan Tango.* Are they lipstick shades or fancy dance steps? Actually, they are the names of just a few of the myriad of plant cultivars that will be for sale at the Spring Garden Festival on Saturday May 19, 2007.

The OH Nursery will be a blaze of color, texture and diversity of plant material. This year we will be offering some unusual plants from places like South Africa, Australia and the Mediterranean Basin, as well as natives from California and the Southwestern desert. These areas of the world have in common a Mediterranean climate, permitting a graceful and effortless adjustment into southern California landscapes. Most of these plants are un-thirsty and low maintenance.

Look for several species each of Kangaroo Paw, Eremophila, and Grevillea from "Down Under," as well as Blue-eyed Grass, some new Ceanothus hybrids and the Matilija Poppy that this plant sale is known for. We will have Salvias from all over the world and many different cultivars of Lavender. You might say the growers in OH are obsessed with propagating extraordinary plants, and we can't wait to share our discoveries with other plant lovers. Along with the plugs and liners that get transplanted, the production of plant material for the Spring Garden Festival's plant sale is impressive.

The Jacaranda trees in the OH area are always in bloom for the fest, and you can have lunch in their shade on the lawn while watching children's activities set up by the Child Development department. Strolling around the grounds, you can visit the different class demonstration booths and learn about Soils, Irrigation, Arboriculture, Propagation and Trees and Shrubs, or watch the Floral Design students create stunning arrangements.

Don 'Smitty' Smith, the teacher for Plant

Pests and Diseases, will show you his extensive bug collection. The Landscape Design classes have examples of their work set up in the lab classroom. Before you hop on a trolley to explore the other venues, park your plants at the convenient holding area.

There's so much more to see! Last year's attendance was well over 5,000, and we've grown as well. The garden clubs and Master Gardeners will be on Cuyamaca's "great lawn," next to the OH classrooms. Visit with members of the San Diego Plumeria Society, the Herb Club, Water Garden Society, Koi Club, the Epiphyllum Society and the California Protea Association. Taste some exotic flavors at the Rare Fruit Grower's booth.

Another new addition is the "Plaza," with all

kinds of garden-related products for sale. You might find a funky bird house, a decorated gourd, hand-made soaps, ceramic pots galore and Worm Castings, to name a few. See a demonstration of a weaver with her spinning wheel. Don't forget to give the kids a ride on a llama and learn about science in the Splash Mobile.

The Water Conservation Garden will have musical entertainment, environmental organizations to visit, landscape designers to consult with, book signings, talks on beneficial insects, composting, and the Native Plant Society will be there to answer all your questions. The Heritage of the Americas Museum will have Native Dancers, gems and minerals, their second annual "Artifacts Alcove" contest and some fascinating collections of fossils and Native American art on display.

There is something for everyone at the Spring Garden Festival. Where else can you see a procession of bagpipers meandering through all the booths, with a happy following of children?



*The OH Nursery was a busy place at the 2006 Spring Garden Festival.*

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*Robin Rushmore is pursuing a certificate in Nursery Technology. She plans to visit Australia and hopes to open a nursery some day featuring Australian plants.*

# Aggie Open Celebrates Its 10th Year

BY KIMBERLY CARLISLE



The Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture department had their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Aggie Open Golf Tournament on October, 13, 2006 at the Bonita Golf Club. There was a great turn out. Over 130 players came out to brave Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> bad luck superstitions and the predictions of rain.

The reward for those players was a round of golf on a beautiful day, along with a poker game - the giant chip shot and darts along the way winning lottery tickets, tacos and other prizes. The golf was made more challenging on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole with ladders and a black cat on the green.

During dinner some of the raffle prizes were drawn, and there were plenty of excellent treats. These included rounds of golf with carts, a cabin in Idyllwild, gift certificates for dinners at local restaurants, pallets of sod, tons of rock and Charger tickets, just to name a few.

I want to thank all of our generous sponsors and everyone who donated prizes as well as all of our golfers. The CCBS would like to thank the volunteers who worked so hard to make the Aggie Open happen, with a special thanks to Bob Scribner of Bonita Golf Club who has helped with every one of the ten Aggie Open tournaments.

Winners this year were:  
 Top Flight - Mark Schroeder, Dave Warner, T. Michael Brassington and John Lieber.  
 Scenic Flight: John Mohns, Craig Mohns, Harry Funk and John DeMoss.

In addition to our sponsors we want to say a special thank you to the following:



### Scholarship Donations

- LaBahn's Landscaping
- Mark Grund Enterprises
- Natural Environmental
- SoCal Sports Turf Managers Association

### Raffle prizes

- Barona Casino, Barona Creek Golf Maintenance, Ben Koehler, Bonita Golf Club, Bread Basket Restaurant and Bakery, Bright Valley Farms, Cold Stone Creamery, Cox Cable, CPY Wealth Management, Cuyamaca College Book Store, Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta, Dave Jones, David Buckles, Del Taco in Claremont, Dexters Pet Deli, Doug Kalal Landscaping Design, Elite Hair & Skin Care, Gale Darling Photo, Hydro-Scape, Idyllwild Inn, Java Junkie, Judy Kahl, Lakeside Land Company, Pardee Tree Nursery, Planter Paradise, Rancho Bernardo Country Club, Rancho Bernardo



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Kimberly Carlisle is the Assistant to the Board of the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society.



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# 2007 Calendar of Events

**March 6:  
28th Annual  
Arbor Day  
Celebration**

2:00 pm  
Cuyamaca College  
Nursery

**March 9:  
18th Annual  
Turf Management  
Seminar**

6:30 am to 3:00 pm  
Balboa Park Club,  
Balboa Park  
2150 Pan American Rd.  
West  
San Diego, CA

**April 19:  
26th Annual  
Scholarship & Awards  
Banquet**

6:00 pm  
Location to be  
Announced

**May 19:  
14th Spring Garden  
Festival**

9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Cuyamaca College  
Nursery

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tenure this past October and has already proved a quick study. Coming in with little advance training in the complexities of the program, John has used his upbeat personality, charm and sense of humor to make friends in the program and with faculty and staff at the college.

Along with these attributes, John brings with him a B.A. in



### BLOOMING AND BUILDING ON THE OH GROUNDS

*Above: Students in the Landscape Construction class work on a masonry project.*

*Left: Morgan Rice intern growers in our greenhouse full of poinsettias.*



*Left, below and right:  
Fundamentals of OH class.*



Business Administration from the University of San Diego and a real estate broker's license in addition to training in horticulture classes here at Cuyamaca College. His academic and professional background will serve the department well in the coming years as our program continues to grow.

#### **Assistant OH Technician**

We are also pleased to introduce you to our new Assis-

tant OH Technician, Rosalee Clanton. Rosalee steps into the position that had been vacant this past year. She brings with her the training she has received in our program along with professional experience from the San Diego Zoo and the University of California, San Diego, grounds crews.



## Classroom Activities Thinking Outside the Books!



*Intermediate  
Landscape  
Design class.*

*Floral Design I  
class.*



Rosalee started off quickly and has already passed her Qualified Applicators exam for pesticide application and is helping to improve our irrigation system at the field site.

We are excited about our team of full-time classified staff and student employees since we have been short-staffed for the past two and one half years. Along with our potential new faculty hire, we believe the program is well positioned to serve the students and the industry. Be sure to come by and say hello to the new staff members and take a look at how the program and field site have grown.

## Henri Migala is New Cuyamaca College Dean

BY ELLEN JENNINGS, EDITOR

The Department of Ornamental Horticulture would like to extend a warm welcome to Cuyamaca College's new Executive Dean for Institutional Advancement, Henri Migala. Dean Migala will focus on coordinating major fund-raising efforts, supporting and developing the College Foundation Board, promoting grant writing among college faculty and community relations. His professional interests in life-long learning, the social obligation of universities through community-campus partnerships and multi-cultural issues are certain to enrich the experiences of students, faculty and neighbors of the Cuyamaca College campus.

Dean Migala has an extensive background in teaching at local universities as well as promoting public health with numerous organizations around the globe. He is currently a volunteer member of the clinical faculty at the UCSD School of Medicine, where he teaches issues related to international health and works to promote a greater understanding of cross cultural and international health issues among students. In addition, since 2003 he has been Director of International Health Programs for International Relief Teams, where he has led disaster response teams and managed fund raising and grant writing efforts. The IRT is active in five continents, with programs in food aid, medical education and training, surgical outreach and public health programs such as preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS.

Earning his M.P.H. (Masters in Public Health) from the University of North Texas in 1997, Dean Migala also holds a M.A. in Sociology and Medical Anthropology from the University of Texas at Arlington. He speaks three foreign languages - Spanish, French and Polish.

Comments Brad Monroe, OH Program Coordinator, "Bringing Henri Migala onto the Cuyamaca College Administration is just what the Ornamental Horticulture department and college has needed for a long time. His expertise in grant writing and development will help our program to continue to grow and serve our students."

## CUYAMACA COLLEGE ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE      SPRING 2007

Course Name	Instructor	Day/Time
Floral Design I	Citrowske	T 11:00 am – 3:50 pm
Floral Design I	Citrowske	M 4:00 – 8:50 pm
Special Occasion Floristry	Butler	Th 11:00 am – 3:50 pm
Wedding Design II	Butler	W 5:00 – 9:50 pm
Fundamentals of OH	Monroe	T 12:00 – 4:50 pm
Fundamentals of OH	Lovewell	M 5:00 – 6:50 pm
	S 2/3, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12	8:00 am – 2:10 pm
Plant Propagation	Palafox	Th 7:00 – 8:50 pm
	S 1/27, 2/10, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31, 4/21, 5/5	8:00 am – 2:10 pm
Plant Pest Control	Smith	Th 5:00 – 6:50 pm
	S 2/3, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12	8:30 am – 2:40 pm
Soils	O'Leary	M 7:00 – 8:50 pm
	S 1/27, 2/10, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31, 4/21, 5/5	8:30 am – 2:40 pm
Plant Materials: Trees & Shrubs	Lovewell	W 4:00 – 6:50 pm
Intro to Landscape Design	Fulhorst	W 11:00 am – 3:50 pm
Intro to Landscape Design	Fulhorst	T 5:00 – 9:50 pm
Intermediate Landscape Design	Copley	F 12:00 – 4:50 pm
Advanced Landscape Design	Delorenzo	F 5:00 – 9:50 pm
Annuals and Perennials	Powell	M 4:00 – 6:50 pm
Intro to CAD Landscape Design	Fender	WEB
<i>Class offered via Internet. Orientation Fri 1/26 10:00 am or 4:00 pm in G101</i>		
Advanced CAD Landscape Design	Fender	F 11:00 am – 3:50 pm
Landscape Const: Concrete & Masonry	Cochran	W 5:00 – 6:50 pm
	S 1/27, 2/10, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31, 4/21, 5/5	8:00 am – 2:10 pm
Landscape Const: Irrigation & Carpentry	Eagle	T 5:00 – 6:50 pm
	S 2/3, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12	8:00 am – 2:10 pm
Landscape Contracting	Jacobs	W 7:00 – 9:50 pm
Principles of Landscape Irrigation	Monroe	W 12:00 – 3:50 pm
Irrigation System Design	Groot	Th 5:00 – 9:50 pm
Arboriculture	Simpson	T 7:00 – 8:50 pm
	S 1/27, 2/10, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31, 4/21, 5/5	8:00 am – 2:10 pm
Cooperative Work Experience	Simpson	Hours To Be Arranged

*Cooperative Work Experience Required Orientation Friday, 1/26 5:00 pm in O110*

### CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 22, 2007

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COLLEGE WEB SITE [www.Cuyamaca.edu](http://www.Cuyamaca.edu)**



Stephany Hurtt

## CCBS CORNER

BY STEPHANY HURTT

Fall Semester is over! While others enjoyed the slow pace of the winter break, the CCBS worked hard for the returning students. The spring semester is our busiest semester, and we are working to get an early start on some of our more popular events.

The Aggie Open went off without a hitch. We had one of our most successful years, so we are right in line with the scholarship goals for this year. We had great volunteers who were ready to work without the threat of bodily harm. I encourage anyone who is interested in volunteering for one of our events to contact any of the CCBS officers.

This year we started with only one incumbent officer. I was chosen as the 30<sup>th</sup> President; Emiliana Viva Dorado is our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; David Marriott is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Alisa Ryon is our Treasurer; Stephen Serieka has graciously agreed to be our Secretary again this year since he did such a brilliant job last year; Amanda Simpson is our Activities Director; and Kimberly Carlisle is our Assistant to the Board.

They are the most motivated and intelligent group I have ever worked with, and I am honored they are willing to work with me. And we cannot forget the assistance of our beloved program coordinator, Brad Monroe, and our new OH Tech and Assistant OH Tech, John Thomas and Rosalee Clanton. They are doing such a great job of taking care of our department and helping our students and instructors.

This coming semester promises to be exciting with our Turf Seminar and, of course, the Spring Garden Festival. But let's not forget the Scholarship Banquet. We have yet to choose a location, but be assured it will be a one of a kind event that you do not want to miss. We are actively searching for new donors and a record number of applicants, so if you are interested in creating a scholarship or donating towards an existing one, please contact one of our officers.

I am also excited to announce that the CCBS has a website; it can be reached through a link on our OH home page. Please feel free to email any of us with a comment, suggestion, or a question. I hope to be able to make as much information available there as I can.

## Welcome Jill Morganelli

BY ELLEN JENNINGS, EDITOR

The Ornamental Horticulture department is pleased to announce a new instructor for the Xeriscape class, Jill Morganelli. Jill works as a horticulture consultant, independent organic inspector and landscape designer. As an organic agricultural consultant she works with privately owned packinghouses and growers seeking compliance with certification regulations. She also creates environmentally conscious landscape and hardscape designs for DesignScape.

In 2006 Jill worked with Habitat for Humanity, designing hardscape and selecting plant material for new Escondido condominiums. She has also been a columnist for *Flora and Fauna* in El Cajon. Her "Chat with Jill" column included local horticulture questions and answers.



Jill Morganelli

Jill holds a B.S. in Horticulture and Food Crops from Colorado State University. She is a certified Organic Farm Inspector and Organic Process Inspector.

Says Jill, "I decided to teach the class because of the content it offered students. The timing couldn't have been better because

over the past year there has been so much news presented to the public on the need for large-scale water conservation. Lecture topics range from installing the perfect irrigation system to synergy in design, and emphasis is made on Xeriphytic plant identification. Hands-on field trips and guest lecturers are chosen to enhance class topics. By the time the semester is finished, students will have created their own Xeriscape design, started a plant encyclopedia and collected hundreds of internet resources on over 20 topics that relate to Xeriscape design.

"I hope the students walk away with the knowledge that using a Xeriphytic plant palette combined with low water use techniques can produce lush, beautiful, continually blooming landscapes that work with the native climate, rather than against it."

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