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San Francisco Botanical Garden Society Offers Mini-Seminar “Surviving the Drought” on July 18

Presenters include Don Mahoney, Ph.D., Janet Moyer and Michael Hofman

San Francisco – June 9, 2009 --- As Bay Area gardeners are tightening their belts like everyone else, they are choosing a garden that is drought-tolerant to help conserve time, money and water, without sacrificing beauty. To help them achieve that goal, the San Francisco Botanical Garden Society (SFBGS) is presenting a timely “Surviving the Drought” mini-seminar on Saturday, July 18, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the County Building in Golden Gate Park at Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way. The cost to members is \$65; non-members, \$75.

The program will feature several speakers who are experts in various aspects of creating and maintaining water thrifty and more sustainable residential gardens. In “part one” of the program SFBGS Curator Dr. Don Mahoney will share his expertise about “Drought Tolerant Natives and Mediterranean Shrubs” from 9 to 11 a.m. He will present his valuable insight into the wide spectrum of plants from the world’s arid regions and explain how they can flourish in the Bay Area. Plants will be available for sale.

In “part two” Janet Moyer and Michael Hofman, owners of Janet Moyer Landscaping in San Francisco, will present “Water-Thrifty Techniques” from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. They will “show and tell” the tools and techniques they use in their landscape designs to keep residential gardens healthy and beautiful by using as little water as possible, applying good cultural practices and using drip irrigation to avoid over-watering. As a California Landscape Contractors Association Certified Water Manager Hofman will share his expertise about the new “smart” water management systems that utilize the latest technology to water the garden “just right.”

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About Janet Moyer Landscaping

Founded in 1990, Janet Moyer Landscaping is a full service landscaping company based in San Francisco, CA. It has designed and installed more than 400 unique and customized gardens in San Francisco's varied terrain. Owned and managed by Janet Moyer and Michael Hofman, the company applies sustainable practices to its residential landscape design, installation and maintain services. The firm is ranked by the San Francisco Business Times as one of the "Fastest Growing Private Companies" in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2008.

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