

# SCIENCE NIGHT!

## “Nature Close Up”

Modeling Garden Design After Natural Ecosystems

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
at the Dana Point Community Center

(34052 Del Obispo St, Dana Point, CA 92629)



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**Please join us for a presentation from Mike Evans, from Tree of Life Nursery.**

A native plant garden is much more than a simple collection of native plants. When we design and plant our gardens using “nature” as our model, and specifically native plant communities, we will not be surprised when they become self-sustaining, functional, miniature ecosystems... beautifying our environment and providing valuable habitat for beneficial pollinators, birds, butterflies, lizards and a host of (to borrow a term from John Muir), “our fellow mortals.” Our gardens will then serve as inspiration for us to love and protect large-scale outdoor space, and will allow us to experience healing and wellness in our encounters with “nature” right outside our door.