



San Luis Obispo

# NEWS

## Botanical Garden

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### Events and Activities

#### Saturday, January 9

Creation of New Plants  
1 – 2 PM Scott Trees presentation  
2 – 2:30 PM Docent Garden Tour

#### Sunday, January 24

Native and Mediterranean Plant Pruning  
Workshop given by Curtis Counts  
1 - 4 PM  
Nonmembers \$15 Members \$10  
Reserve space, call 785-0248

#### February 13

Friendly Fungus  
No Micorrhizae No Nutrients  
For Roots of Plants  
1 – 2 PM Gisel Schoniger  
2 – 2:30 PM Docent Garden Tour

### Harvest Festival Dinner

Oak Glen Pavilion  
January 31 – Sunday 4-7:30 PM

#### Reserve now!

Tickets \$50.00

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Send check or credit card to reserve your seats.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Visa       Mastercard

Discover

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I can't attend but I would like to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to SLOBG, 3450 Dairy Creek Rd., San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

### Join us this Saturday at the Garden — January 9, 2010



*Salvia* "Mystic Spires"



*Ptilotus*

## Meet a famous plant inventor and see how it's done.

**Oak Glen Pavilion • 1 PM  
\$5 (\$4 members)**

Scott Trees, Ph.D., master plant breeder, will present a captivating story of how we get new plants. This talk and slideshow will illustrate how breeders develop new crops, decide on new product specifications, collect 'germplasm' (breeding material) to use in new projects, and show some examples of 'new crops.'

Working in plant breeding for over 35 years, Scott developed the Arroyo Grande Research Station

in 1989 for Ball Horticultural Company. He is associated with over 200 Ball patents on new varieties developed there.

Scott is currently developing new ornamental and edible crops with goals of sustainability including drought tolerance and disease resistance. He will bring some living examples of unique germplasm that he has collected. Scott will be bringing some plants he helped develop and which we will raffle off. Each attendee will get a free raffle ticket for a plant.