

218 Montego Dr., Danville (Maria Sargent) 2024

Garden was installed by Pete Veilleux of East Bay Wilds in Feb. 2015. The left side by the garage was worked on in 2017. Originally there were three trees with rocks around them. Pete was able to incorporate all of the previous material, rocks surrounding the trees into the landscaping. The lawn was turned over and good soil from American soil in Richmond was added and Pete installed the pathway. I have added a few plants and flowers as they have died over the initial planting.

The front area will have a major remake this coming winter. I have tried 3 manzanitas with no luck and the Valley Violet Ceanothus is now dying. I have had to replant the Artemisia Californica.

My go to Books:

Growing California Native Plants by Marjorie B. Schmidt and Katherine L. Greenberg
California Native Gardening A-MONTH-BY-MONTH GUIDE by: Helen Popper

Resources online

Facebook: California Native Plant Society
Calscape.org
Suncrestnurseries.com
Anniesannuals.com

Nurseries: Places I have bought plants. (check Bringing Back the Natives website for links.)

East Bay Wilds. Oakland Open most Fridays. All plants are CA natives.

Annie's Annuals and Perennials Richmond, CA

They do mail order. This is where I got my Wind Poppy. Recent update on their website is not as friendly as it used to be.

Orchard Nursery. Orinda. They have a small section of natives, and lots of grasses, and carry some Annie's Annuals.

Native Here Nursery (Berkeley) I got my Soap plant here about 5 years ago. This past winter it has spread to about 5 places.

GreenThumbWorks.com. Get on their email list. They have native plants for sale at different places, usually in the San Leandro, Castro Valley area. Sandra can sometimes find you a plant that you need. Website shows plants that you can get, and she will bring them to her sale on weekends. Sale places change.

UC Davis Arboretum. They have sales in the fall and the spring. I have gotten a lot of plants here.

Bulbs: The year before I ordered 500 + bulbs to plant in the Danville garden. I mail ordered from Van Engelen. They come in packs of 50 or 100. I order during the summer and they come in time for the fall planting. They do not need to be refrigerated first like Tulip bulbs. Unfortunately this year they are not blooming but have long stocks.

Seeds: lernerseeds.com You can buy CA native seeds in quantity and start plants yourself. I have been very successful with the clarkia and poppy.

Other Materials

American **Soil** and Stone Products of Richmond. Soils, rocks,. Lately I have been using the EB stone cactus mix and adding some crushed red lava for drainage. Native plants like drainage.

Horizon **Irrigation** store- 1880 Arnold Industrial Pl, Concord, CA and 6700 Sierra Ln, Dublin, CA 94568. This is my go to irrigation place. They carry the netafim and other drip irrigation supplies at a very cheap price. Don't expect the price to be posted. You need to ask. Watering Schedule. I began with the following: Water 3 times per week, with 30 minutes each, however the 30 minutes, is done with 10 minutes on, 10 minutes off, 10 minutes on, 10 minutes off, 10 minutes on) Slowly through the next season decrease to watering twice a week, for 20 minutes, 10 on, 10 off, 10 on,) Last summer I only watered a few plants that looked to be in need of water. Most of the front yard was not watered at all.

Mulch call the tree companies and see if they have any free mulch that can be dropped off.

Birds I bought all my bird feeders from East Bay Nature (1270 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek). except the white house on the porch. I bought it from the Duncraft bird store online. (It took about 3 weeks for the birds to get used to this new feeder.) I also buy all my bird feed from East Bay Nature. High quality bird food. I use the Pure Patio and suet. Bird feeders are hung on the porch in the winter to keep the birdseed from going rancid during the rainy period.

Stepping stones- I found Tammy Bottelman on etsy who will custom make for you your stepping stone. I designed the CA poppy stone and she made it for me. <https://www.etsy.com/people/tammybottelman>

Metal artsy animals- My go to catalog is Plow and Hearth. www.plowhearth.com also Wind and Weather. www.Windandweather.com

Bird Baths I enjoy working with ceramics and designed the bird baths. They need to be cleaned weekly with a scrub brush. The base of the one bird bath is the bottom of a patio table that I got at **Urban Ore** in Berkeley. Eclectic items at this store. The bird bath that is on the ground is used a lot by the night animals that visit.

Talavera pottery . I am hooked. Just this past year Pottery Planet in San Ramon opened up. www.potteryplanet.com. It has a huge selection of talavera pots along with animals. It also specializes in fountains. 2810-Old Crow Canyon Rd. San Ramon. Across from Home Depot.

Mosaics. I like to dabble in mosaics, especially bird baths and spheres. (Do not use bowling balls for spheres. I learned the hard way, that they crack with expansion and contraction.

Side of house I moved to this house in 1960. Behind us was a working Walnut Orchard. Many of these tools were rescued from the ranch before it was torn down. The boards used as the backdrop was from the original fence between our 2 properties.

PLANTS I do have a couple of Dudleyas in my front yard. I have more in the back. They seem to need some shade in the afternoon, to avoid scorching.