

## Biography

### Ellen McEnroe Zagory

Educated in Ornamental Horticulture at the University of Connecticut (B.S. 1975) and Environmental Horticulture/Plant Science at the University of California, Davis (M.S. 1981), I have spent my entire career working at a variety of horticultural positions from plant sales to grounds maintenance, plant propagator, nursery manager, landscape designer, project director and horticultural educator.



Now Director of Horticulture at the UC Davis Arboretum, I serve as a spokesperson for the UC Davis Arboretum in their education and outreach programming, promoting more sustainable garden plants and practices. I travel the state lecturing to UCCE Master Gardeners and regional garden clubs about creating ecological gardens with beautiful heat-tolerant and low-water use plants. In addition I have participated in some media releases for the Davis campus Newswatch and appeared on Huell Howser's Road Trip special on UC Davis, which has run repeatedly on KVIE channel 6 for nearly four years.

I possess an innate love of plants, learning their Latin names and how to grow them. A resident and gardener in the Central Valley for the past 25 years, I recently have become more interested in the interactions our garden plants have with the fauna of surrounding wildlands and how our constructed landscapes can be improved to support the biodiversity of native insects and other wildlife both in urban and suburban landscapes.

## **CHERYL BUCKWALTER, PRINCIPAL**

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As a residential landscape designer, consultant, and educator, Cheryl specializes in water-efficient, ecologically-responsible landscapes. Cheryl began her horticulture and design education at American River College in Sacramento; however, it was during her studies at Sierra College that led her to a Water-Efficient Landscape (WEL) Garden. Since that time, Cheryl has been passionate about protecting and caring for our environment, and conserving one of our most precious resources – water. Considering herself a steward of our environment, Cheryl’s commitment is demonstrated through her designs, teaching experiences, professional affiliations, and volunteer service.

#### **FEATURED PROJECTS**

- Regional Water Authority - Program Manager, Green Gardener Training Program and Instructor, “Right Plant, Right Place” class; landscape consultant for Regional Water Authority and Blue Thumb Program; Blue Thumb blogger at BeWaterSmart.info.
- City of Folsom, Utility Department, and Sacramento Suburban Water District - Instructor of homeowner workshops about creating and caring for water-efficient landscapes.
- City of Roseville Cash for Grass Program and Green Gardening Workshops - Contributed to development of the Cash for Grass Program and customer resource materials, consultant, workshop instructor.
- Elliott Homes - Creating landscape designs and Landscape Documentation Packages and conducting irrigation audits for compliance with the State’s Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.
- LEED / SMUD Home of the Future, Folsom, CA - Contracted by the City of Folsom to design the landscape in compliance with LEED standards for sustainability, energy and water efficiency.
- The Regional Water Authority Ultimate Water-Smart Garden Makeovers - Designer and Project Manager 2008; Project Manager in 2007.
- Placer County Water Agency - Consultant for Lawn Replacement Rebate Program.
- Sacramento Zoo – Volunteer Co-Designer of the “Browsing Garden”.

#### **EDUCATION AND AFFILIATIONS**

EPA WaterSense Partner

CLIA (Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor)

QWEL (Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper)

River-Friendly Landscaping Qualified Green Gardener

Associate of Science degree, with Honors, Environmental Horticulture, Sierra College

American River College, Horticulture Coursework

Association of Professional Landscape Designers® (APLD),

Associate Member, Immediate Past President, Sacramento District Board of Directors

River-Friendly Landscape Coalition Steering Committee, Member

Irrigation Association, Member

EcoLandscape California, Board Member

International Society of Arboriculture, Professional Member

California Native Plant Society, Member

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### Don Smith

Don has served as the Water Conservation Coordinator for the City of Folsom since October of 2003. He is a Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor, Water Conservation Practitioner 2, and a licensed landscape contractor. Before coming to the City of Folsom, Don owned and operated a landscape contracting company, installing and maintaining landscapes and irrigation systems throughout the Sacramento region. In his position with the City of Folsom, Don is responsible for a variety of water efficiency programs, including outreach and education, irrigation evaluations, rebate programs and compliance with federal and state water conservation regulations.



Don leads an irrigation class at the Fair Oaks Horticultural Center