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An English Garden Tour

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\*Led by Jim Salyard of The Filoli Gardens & Joe Rothleutner of Gardens of Golden Gate Park!

## May 4th 10-1pm



### **ABOUT**



Stories on Stage Davis is an event that started over ten years ago. They present emerging and established authors then hire actors to read the selections. The combination of brilliant writing and brilliant acting has produced some magical evenings. Over the years we have presented a number of best selling authors, plus many emerging authors who are now established authors. This year will be the third year that the Yolo County Library has done a joint presentation with Stories on Stage Davis that features an author who invites high school students to submit stories then the winner is presented by Davis High School actors.



#### HISTORY OF THE GARDEN

This local 3 acre Davis garden is a mature English Country Garden that has been on a Pence Art Gallery garden tour 3X over the last 30 years. It consists of countless rooms each with a different personality, such as the Elderberry room-created under the canopy of a mature Elderberry tree or the Wellington Room created by a rectangular planting of redwood trees that are pruned into a wall as the English frequently do. This year, the owner, recognizing the California water problems, removed a very large front lawn and has established a low water garden. While it is in its infancy it should be inspirational.

The tour will be led by **Jim Salyard** who started his career in this garden, then went on to eventually become Head of the famous Filoli Gardens and **Joseph Rothleutner** of Gardens of Golden Gate Park followed by an English Tea where **Stories on Stage Davis** Casting Director, **Tim Gaffaney**, will read an original story. Finally, the **Davis Flower Arrangers** will be placing amazing bouquets throughout the garden.



#### **MEET YOUR TOUR GUIDES**

#### Jim Salyard



Jim joined the Filoli, the historic house and gardens in Woodside, California in 1995 as a lead horticulturist after graduating with a masters from University of Davis Horticultural program. As a student, Jim worked in this garden, among others, to gain invaluable hands-on experience. In 2014, he became Filoli's Director of Horticulture. Definitely, a 'local lad made good.'

#### Joseph Rothleutner





In 2022 Joe became the director of Gardens of Golden Gate Park, which is the San Francisco Botanical Gardens, Conservatory of Flowers and Japanese Tea Gardens. He previously was the Director of Horticulture and facilities at the Santa Barbara Botanical Garden. He received a master degree from the University of Oregon at Corvallis in plant breeding, genetics, and biotechnology.

## **SUPPORT**

Like so many arts organizations, **Stories on Stage Davis** relies on the generous support of donors to survive. We are committed to paying our authors and actors for every performance, and your gifts are how we can do this. From honorariums to rent and concessions, each show costs us an average of \$500-600 to produce. Door donations cover about half of that, so we rely on funding from the City of Davis Community Arts Grant program, and individual gifts community members for the rest.

You can make a huge difference with a donation of \$50 to secure your reservation for our wonderful English Garden Tour! Please mail your check to 36891 Russell Blvd. Davis, CA 95616

\*An English Tea will follow the tour with an opportunity to have fun buying raffle tickets to win donations from our sponsors and hear a reading from our Casting Director. We look forward to seeing you there!



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#### MDWSBDAD

A part of Davis for 35 years and going strong. The store is best known for its extensive collection of rare and lesser-known magazines and literary journals, but many customers come just as often for ice cream and greeting cards and other eclectic items as they do for reading material. DONATING: 3 literary journals with a \$20 gift certificate included in each journal

#### **Tim Carpenter**

Who teaches wood turning at the UCD, has donated a truly spectacular bowl that is a work of art by itself, but he has coated the inside so that it can be used as a flower vase.

#### The Owner of The Garden

Has donated artistically potted succulent pots, "dinosaur plants" and most dramatically Herculean Canna Lilies which has a nearly six foot stem with an approaching one foot flower. Very rare plant. These plants can be viewed in the garden.



"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

-Maya Angelou