



LOUIS ROBIDOUX PARKLAND & PECAN GROVE

PRESS RELEASE



Jurupa Valley, CA – Summer is officially here, but the warm weather didn't keep more than 70 community members from attending the Louis Robidoux Parkland & Pecan Grove's first workshop of the season!

The workshop, titled "Happy in the Heat," focused on tips for keeping plants alive during periods of extreme heat while still conserving water. University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Coordinator Maggie O'Neil guided event attendees through plant selection, care, maintenance, and sustainable gardening practices. Participants were then able to put their newfound knowledge to the test by taking home their very own plants provided by the newly-built onsite native plant nursery. Showy penstemons, bush monkeyflowers, coast live oaks, black sages, California buckwheats, and brittlebush were among the plants available. Each of the take-home species came with a companion gardening guide to ensure proper care.

The workshop represents continued advancement of site rebuilding and programming through collaboration between LRPPG partners including Huerta del Valle, Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, Orange County Water District, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, and Sunshine Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation. This group of local governmental and non-profit organizations have been working to restore the site following its initial 2017 closure and devastating 2019 fire.

"We're so excited to have restored LRPPG function to the point where we can once again invite the public to participate in programs and enjoy this site that means so much to the surrounding community," said Crystal Cortez, Education Programs Manager for the IERCD. "Our goal is to create and facilitate a range of recurring activities that meet the needs of people in the immediate area and beyond. We are always seeking feedback on design and delivery of site programming, so please get in touch with us if you have ideas, using LRPPG social media channels or www.louisrobidouxparkland.org."

The Louis Robidoux Parkland & Pecan Grove is open to the public daily from sunup to sundown, with limited parking available onsite. Please check our on-site kiosk or virtual kiosk at LRPPG's website for project updates and upcoming opportunities for engagement which include a recurring workshop on August 19th and Annual Stewardship Festival October 21st.

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