



Coloring California

Lily of the Nile *Agapanthus*

Native to South Africa

Queen Anne, introduced April 1965
Mood Indigo, introduced May 1979
Walter Doty, introduced May 1981
Rhapsody, introduced May 1982
Ellamae, introduced September 1985

Agapanthus, the formidable botanical name of the beautiful Lily of the Nile, is most appropriate for the Summer selection of Arboretum introductions. "Agape" and "panthus" (Greek) mean love and flower. Equally romantic is the use of the plant by Xhosabrides of the Bantus of South Africa who wear pieces of the root as necklaces, to insure fertility and easy childbirth.

The *agapanthus* is a native of South Africa, not the banks of the Nile. There are some twenty different types, from different areas, each with different characteristics. Those of the lowland (Capetown to Durban) are evergreen and non-hardy, while those of the inland mountains and high table lands

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Xeriscape for Homeowners



The Water Conservation Garden at the Arboretum features many examples of drought tolerant plants.

A Water Conservation Symposium – "Xeriscape for Homeowners" – has been designed and cooperatively sponsored by the California Arboretum Foundation, the City of Pasadena Department of Water and Power, the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. To be held on Saturday, July 22, the purpose of the day long seminar is to introduce the public to xeriscape, water conservation through creative landscaping.

Those attending the Water Conservation Symposium will learn how to use and care for plants that can be maintained with low water application, and also provide a green and colorful garden. Symposium participants

include: Randall Ismay presenting a National Xeriscape Video; Lisa Iwata - "Xeriscape Designs for Homeowners"; John Dourley - "Plant Materials"; Tour of LASCA's Water Conservation Garden by Steve Cohan, Assistant Superintendent of the Arboretum; William Caplinger - "Irrigation Design"; and Bob Baier - "Xeriscape Maintenance." Water conserving plants will be on display and available for sale.

Registration for the Water Conservation Symposium is \$15 per person and includes a box lunch. Please contact the California Arboretum Foundation office at (818) 447-8207 for information.



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