

2018	SPEAKER	SUBJECT
June 14	Linda Jensen , LAVGC member	LAVGC's own Linda Jensen will share her photographic talents, along with other members who traveled on last Spring's Santa Barbara tour , and entertain us all with narrative and photos of the trip.
May 10	Leslie Bennet , founder and owner of Pine House Edible Gardens, an Oakland-based landscape design firm, and co-author of "the Beautiful Edible Garden"	Leslie Bennet's specific focus is on designing and building stylized vegetable and cutting flower gardens .
April 12	Sharon Howard , LAVGC member. We are so glad Sharon could present when the scheduled speaker cancelled due to illness.	Lavender Growing and Propagation
March 8	Stephanie Falzone , Project Manager of PlantRight, holds a master degree in environmental science and management	What Gardeners Can Do to Stop the Sale and Spread of Invasive Plants. A large percentage of the invasive plants in California were originally introduced as ornamentals through the horticultural trade. Stephanie Falzone is Project Manager of PlantRight, a campaign which partners with the nursery and landscape industries, conservation groups and academia to prevent further introduction of invasive plants in California while promoting safe and beautiful alternative plants.
February 8	Jeff Rosendale , co-owner with his wife Lisa, of Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens in Watsonville.	Waterwise Garden Design with Mediterranean Mounds. Jeff Rosendale has been designing gardens and landscapes since 1974. He has worked with nurseries, horticulture, gardens and people in the Bay Area and Central Coast, always with an eye on less lawn and more plants in a landscape in our Mediterranean climate.
January 11	Mr. David Rust , President of the North American Mycological Association and Co-founder of the Bay Area Mycological Society	Mushrooms: what are they and what are they doing in my garden? Mr. David Rust will introduce us to the world of mushrooms and help us understand their role in the natural world. Mr. Rust's presentation will cover the ecology of mushrooms in the garden, the benefits and dangers of introducing mushrooms, while making us aware of pathogenic fungi and how to deal with them. Often, there is great interest and concern about mushrooms in people's lawns. David's talk will address the question of "how are mushrooms helping my garden survive and are they a sign of garden health"?