

Press Release



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Tour Ralph & Lyn Haber's Ten Acre Botanical Garden in Swall Meadows .

A Benefit for the Bishop City Park Arboretum Project ... June 16th from 9:00am to 1:00pm .

Ralph & Lyn Haber began planting trees and plants in 1994 before they broke ground to build their home . The trees grew tall and the garden expanded wide . Plantings now range from xeric yarrows to thirsty sequoias , from natives to exotic out-of-zone plants (including a producing fig tree) that never dreamed they'd thrive in a subalpine desert . In spring , hundreds of daffodils - all fragrant - bloom in plantings designed from early to late , low to tall height and above all , color contrasts that dramatize each variety .

The gardens repeat colors , contrast textures to paint with plants . Fragrant plants live near doors and windows . The flowers are for cutting : the Habers enjoy them indoors and out .

In summer , exuberant blooms hide the many dwarf conifers and boulders that form the textured , groomed winter garden . Grey-green plants and evergreens repeat the backdrop of native sage , bitterbrush and rabbit bush . A large pond reflecting Mt. Tom entices wildlife and provides fire protection . It's water recirculates up to smaller ponds then down a lovely stream . A vibrant vegetable and herb garden feeds the Habers , friends and a myriad fauna .

Three years ago the Habers went solar . They feel green and the trees drink for free .

Tour is endorsed by the Rotary Club & The City of Bishop



Ralph & Lyn Haber will be selling some plants from their collection to benefit the Bishop Park Arboretum Project and serving some refreshments .

Meanwhile at 2:00 pm back at the Bishop Nursery a guest speaker Wendy Proud , representing Mountain States Wholesale Nursery , will discuss Xeriscaping . There will be one day only discounts on purchases at the Bishop nursery and raffle prizes for tour-goers .

The \$10 donation per person is tax deductible and directly benefits the Bishop City Park Arboretum Project . Buy tickets , get a tour guide at Bishop Nursery the morning of the tour . Swall Meadows residents can purchase tickets at the tour entrance . Make any tour checks out to The City of Bishop .

