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Expert speaks on habitat gardening

The Watsonville Wetlands Watch is hosting Rich Merrill, Cabrillo College Horticulture Program founder and former director, for a presentation on an ecological approach to habitat gardening and landscape design. The event is 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Pajaro Valley High School cafeteria.

The presentation promises a visual tour of Merrill's "own beautiful and fascinating backyard in Scotts Valley. He'll describe the plants and microhabitats, including the 'hardscape' microhabitats in water elements, rocks/boulders, mulch, etc., best suited for attracting and nurturing beneficial insects and other useful garden creatures."

The cafeteria is at 500 Harkins Slough Road. Admission is free but advance reservations are required. Reserve a seat online at www.watsonvillewetlandswatch.org or by contacting Kathy Fieberling at 831-345-1226 or kathy@watsonvillewetlandswatch.org.

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