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Lafayette Community Garden celebrates 10 years at open house

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Canyon Sayers-Roods

The Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Center will celebrate its 10th year with a Community Open House from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. The free event will focus on indigenous culture and feature two inspirational speakers - Jim `Doc` Hale and Canyon Sayers-Roods.

As a Coastanoan Tribal Member, Sayers-Roods' understanding of Indigenous culture promises to captivate and enrich our lives. `Doc` Hale's background in ethnobiology will fascinate listeners as he shares his knowledge of the Saklan way of life.

In addition to the speakers, the event includes guided tours of the garden, information on raising chickens, master gardening and bee keeping, family crafts, edible treats, lavender lemonade, and an opportunity to walk a labyrinth and see the garden's Miwok Village. Members will be on hand to answer gardening questions and show off a variety of gardening methods and practices including hinged covers that prevent critters from eating

crops, vermiculture (worm composting), mulching, a butterfly garden, deer resistant plantings and so much more.

Although Contra Costa County Health officials do not require masks for outdoor gatherings, since there might be a large crowd, we suggest that community members wear masks during the open house. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at the garden.

For information, visit <https://lafayettecommunitygarden.org/>



Jim `Doc` Hale Photos provided

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