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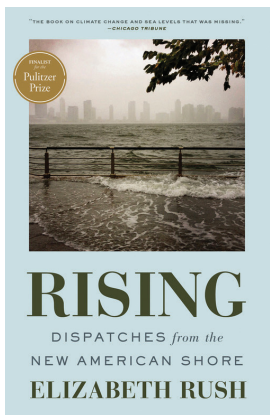
For an Emerald Green, Ocean Blue Coronado

CORONADO PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS A VIRTUAL ECO-WISE LECTURE SERIES
in partnership with Emerald Keepers



JULY 8: PERMACULTURE. Diane Kennedy of the Finch Frolic Garden will talk about how to design your property to manage rainwater, make elements work with the other, and how to feed your soil rather than your plants by eliminating chemicals. 11am.

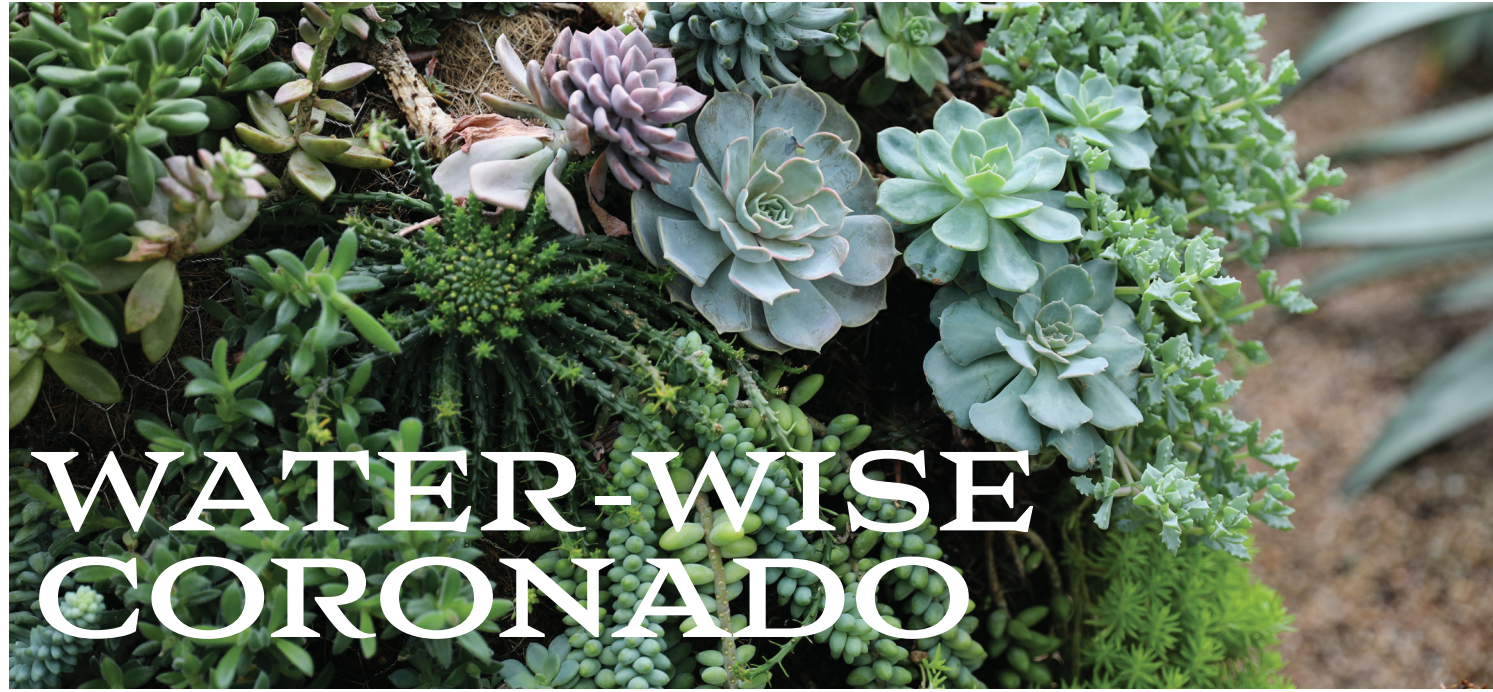
Register at cplevents.org or by scanning the code. An email will be sent the day before with Zoom instructions.



EMERALD READ

Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore by Elizabeth Rush

With every passing day, and every record-breaking hurricane, it grows clearer that climate change is neither imagined nor distant—and that rising seas are transforming U.S. coastlines in irrevocable ways. A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Emerald Read events to be posted soon.



LANDSCAPING OVER LAWNS

RETHINKING GREEN

Part of Coronado's beauty is derived from the abundance of lush lawns, but California's severe drought means rethinking how we keep Coronado Emerald Green. Record-low winter rainfall, a shortage of snowmelt in the Sierra Nevada, and an early-season heat wave leave California's reservoirs at their lowest levels in decades while the hottest and driest months of the year are still ahead.

WE ARE IN A DROUGHT!

The current drought will require everyone in Coronado to conserve water and we can start with our home landscaping. Grass lawns are the most water intensive landscape as one square foot uses over 40 gallons of water a year, representing up to 80% of a home's summer water use.

Yards with grass for children's play areas should reduce weekly watering while lawns that are purely ornamental can be replaced with water-wise landscaping that is equally beautiful. Front lawns and parking strips along the sidewalk are prime areas to convert from thirsty grass to native California and climate-appropriate plants.

WATER-WISE LANDSCAPING

Water-wise landscaping is much more than cactus and rocks. A



wide variety of plants in all colors, shapes and sizes thrive in arid environments while attracting hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees that pollinate and enhance our local biodiversity.

The California Native Plant Society provides extensive resources on native plant options that flourish in Coronado's climate at www.cnps.org/gardening.

Artificial turf is not recommended as an alternative to grass as it is a more expensive option that introduces chemicals that degrade the soil and is not biodegradable or recyclable.

REBATE ANYONE?

Coronado's local water company, California American Water, is encouraging residents to replace their lawns by offering up to \$900 in rebates for removing 100 to 750 square feet of grass. Submit the rebate application before starting your water-wise landscaping project to ensure you qualify for the maximum rebate. More information can be found at amwater.com/caaw/conservation

This summer is an optimal time to convert thirsty lawns into water-wise landscaping that will thrive and keep Coronado beautiful.

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