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LA TUNA CANYON REGENERATION SERIES

WHO: Los Angeles-based nonprofit *Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers & Native Plants* and *California Fire Science Consortium*

WHAT: Free lectures, classes, and a mini-conference to provide those affected by the La Tuna Fire and those who support them with the information and skills they need during the coming period of natural regeneration.

WHEN: Sept 16 to Dec 16, 2017 **TIMES:** various (see below)

WHERE: Theodore Payne Foundation, 10459 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley, CA 91352

WHY: The La Tuna Fire was first reported on Friday, September 1. Aided by high heat and erratic wind, it raged for three more days. More than 7,000 acres of La Tuna Canyon and the Verdugo Mountains burned before the fire was contained. The Theodore Payne Foundation has been a member of the La Tuna Canyon community since 1966. We are here to provide information to the public and policymakers about the benefits of California natives as fire-resilient landscape plants that stabilize hillsides and provide habitat for wildlife.

SERIES

Friday, Oct 20, 1:30-3:30pm, **Right Plant, Right Place: Fire Edition**, with Lili Singer, Director of Special Projects and Adult Education, Theodore Payne Foundation

Saturday, Nov 4, 1:30-3:30pm, **Right Plant, Right Place: Fire Edition**, with Lili Singer, Director of Special Projects and Adult Education, Theodore Payne Foundation

Wednesday, Nov 8, 10:00am-2:30pm, **California Fire Science Consortium Workshop**, five speakers: Dr. Jon Keeley, Melanie Baer-Keeley, J Lopez, Ellen Mackey, and Lili Singer

Saturday, Nov 18, 1:30-3:00pm, **Misunderstanding Wildfire: Why the public, the media, and the politicians usually get it wrong**, with Rick Halsey, writer, photographer and the director of the non-profit California Chaparral Institute

Saturday, Dec 9, 1:30-3:00pm, **Prepping for Fire: A Neighborhood Case Study**, with Ellen Mackey, Senior Ecologist with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, former Board President of the Theodore Payne Foundation and co-author of *Care & Maintenance of Southern California Native Plant Gardens*

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Saturday, Dec 16, 1:30-3:30pm, **Tipping the Scales: Invasive Species in Fire Preparation and Recovery**, with Dr. Sabrina Drill, UC Cooperative Extension's Natural Resources Advisor for LA and Ventura Counties and Associate Director of the California Naturalist Program

PAST

Saturday, Sept 16, 1:30-3:00pm, **Wildfires in Southern California: Ecological Impacts and Human Losses**, with Dr. Jon Keeley, research ecologist for the United State Geological Survey and co-author of *Fire in Mediterranean Ecosystems*

Saturday, Sept 30, 2:00-3:30pm, **Sustainable Slopes**, with Joshua Link, registered landscape architect (ecotonestudios.com), urban designer, graphic artist and writer

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