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**BACK TO NATIVES WILL PRESENT A NATIVE PLANT LANDSCAPE  
WORKSHOP IN CORONA DEL MAR**

*Landscape design will be installed by community members during a neighborhood workshop.*

**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., January 24, 2011** – **Back to Natives Restoration**, a 501 (c)(3) non profit public charity is presenting a free native plant landscape workshop for the community on February 26, 2011 from 9AM to 2PM. Community members will help install a landscape design created by native plant landscape professional Reginald Durant. To RSVP, call 949-509-4787 or send an email to [info@backtonatives.org](mailto:info@backtonatives.org).

Back to Natives designs California native landscapes for homeowners and businesses throughout Orange and Los Angeles Counties. Native vegetation requires less water and maintenance, and no fertilizer or pesticides. Many native butterfly and bird species are dependent on the habitat provided by native vegetation. These resource efficient landscapes require an approach to design and installation that differs from conventional practices. Community members are invited to join native plant landscape professional Reginald Durant for a day of discussion and interactive field activities, and learn about designing and installing a Native Plant Landscape from start to finish.

**Topics:**

- Why planting native plants is beneficial.
- Identifying the right locally native plants for your yard.
- Creating and using a landscape design.
- Assessing soil type, sun exposure, water resources, and plant needs.
- Techniques for installing native plants.
- Mulching.
- When and how often to water; modification of irrigation system.
- Developing care and maintenance schedules.
- How and why you should sanitize your tools.

**Instructor:**

Reginald Durant is the Director of Restoration for Back to Natives Restoration. Reginald was the chief landscape designer for the “Costa Mesa Green Home,” which is certified ‘Platinum’ by the US Green Building Council’s (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) for Homes Program. Reginald also provided the landscape design for “Project 319,” one of the first homes in Orange County to earn the Build It Green, GreenPoint Rated designation. Reginald was a guest designer at both the Los Angeles Garden Show at the LA Arboretum and the Southern California Spring Garden Show at South Coast Plaza.

### About Back to Natives

Back to Natives Restoration, a 501(c)(3) non profit organization, is dedicated to the restoration and conservation of Orange County and California wildlands, through education and restoration programs featuring native plants as a centralizing theme. Back to Natives uses profits from designing locally native plant landscapes to fund service learning and environmental education programs. For more information, please visit [www.backtonatives.org](http://www.backtonatives.org) or call 949-509-4787.

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