

## NOE VALLEY GARDEN TOUR 2011 - News Release

The 5th Annual Noe Valley Garden Tour took place 21 May 2011. Nine private gardens across Noe Valley were open to the public and donations from net proceeds supported local beautification projects.

Included in the tour was a garden by LIQUIDAMBAR Garden Design. Owner/Designer Katey Mulligan's design for a steep, partially shaded hillside features a series of stepped-up stone terraces, with ample seating at each level. Plants were selected to enhance the woodland feel created by an existing Italian pine tree. Linking the garden with the home is an ipe deck with copper rails, which help to optimize the view looking out into the garden from the inside. Ipe is a sustainably harvested hardwood that has excellent weathering properties. The home-owner is responsible for keeping the deck well nourished with tinted sealer.

This year's proceeds will underwrite shade structures for the James Lick Middle School garden and re-landscaping the Sanchez Street side of the Upper Noe Recreation Center.

The annual Tour is self-guided. Each ticket comes with a map and garden descriptions. A shuttle van stops at each garden on a continuous loop throughout the Tour. The shuttle and all Garden Tour expenses were covered by neighborhood sponsors again this year. For information about the 2012 tour, contact Richard May: [richard.may@ceb.ucla.edu](mailto:richard.may@ceb.ucla.edu).