



Saratoga Horticultural Research Endowment



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ENDOWMENT PURPOSE

The fund is to support research and/or educational programs that foster the introduction of new and improved plant materials for California gardens and landscapes. The Chair of the UC Davis Department of Plant Sciences will be responsible for managing the fund and will ensure that the endowment funds will be used in accordance with the stated purpose of the endowment.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED

During the 2017-2018 funding cycle, the Saratoga Horticultural Research Endowment (SHRE) funded 3 proposals for a total of \$51,455. The progress reports for these 3 projects can be found on the SHRE website (http://ucanr.edu/sites/SaratogaHort/Funded_Projects/). Research projects supported by SHRE included studies on new sustainable rose introductions, evaluation of *Epilobium* floral traits and attractions of beneficials and development of drought-tolerant native plants of predators, parasitoids and pollinators. It is anticipated that all 3 research teams will publish manuscripts on their results.

For the 2018-2019 funding cycle, the SHRE funded one proposal this year (2018-19), which was the "Aloe Hybrid Breeding Project for California and Tissue Culture Production of Selected Plants for Sale" submitted by Brian Kimble and Walker Young from the Ruth Bancroft Garden.

STUDENTS SUPPORTED

Vannette Project: Ivan Munkres (recently graduated undergraduate, now employed as a jr specialist with the project); Current or recently graduated undergraduates: Cody Kiniry and Honkey Pathak.

Reid Project: No students supported by SHRE

Williams Project: No students supported by SHRE

NOTEWORTHY USE

The manuscript, “*Development of Irrigation Guidelines for Spring Establishment of 10 Commonly Used California Native Landscape Plants*” by Karrie Reid, et.al., has been submitted for publication to the journal *HorTechnology*. This research was partially funded by the SHRE.

FUTURE USE

There will be call for proposals in April 2019, proposals evaluated for funding in May with funding of chosen projects on July 1, 2019.

THANKS

On behalf of the California nursery industry and the California Center for Urban Horticulture at UC Davis, we would like to express our gratitude to the Saratoga Horticultural Research Endowment for their continued support of research that facilitates new plant introduction for gardening enthusiasts.

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