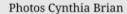
## Cynthia Brian's Goddess Gardener Educational Recommendations



Bears Breech, AKA acanthus has spectacular cream spears in summer with glossy green foliage in spring.



Silk tree with its pink puff-ball flowers is elegant and delicate, yet hardy.





The seedpods from the nigella flower are used in dried arrangements.



Lavandula latifolia, Portuguese lavender, flourishes in the heat.

- The Contra Costa Library has numerous free in-person and online events. I'm enrolled in Amazing Hummingbirds on July 22. The library hosts events about wildlife and other nature-related topics with Outdoor Explorers. Check out www.ccclib.org for upcoming classes and experiences for all ages.
- Native Plant Resource Teams also provides free Zoom classes in support of native gardens. On July 23, you can learn to create a bird-friendly garden. www.nativeplantresourceteams.net

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Stay cool!