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Local Landscape Architect to speak about Green Roofs & Living Walls

SANTA BARBARA, CA –

Local landscape architect, Leland Walmsley, of everGREEN landscape architects, inc. will be presenting a slide presentation on *Green Roofs and Living Walls* on Wednesday, April 4th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De La Vina Street, hosted by the Santa Barbara Horticultural Society. The presentation will showcase the cost-effective transformation of traditional homes, buildings, and cities from around the world into beautiful, inspiring, healthy, environmentally-friendly, energy-efficient landscapes of the 21st century.

“A *Green Roof* is a roof top garden that assists in the mitigation of a whole host of urban environmental problems – filtering storm water, preventing flooding, cooling and cleaning city air, providing food and wildlife habitats, as well as adding a cheery touch to the city environment,” says Walmsley.

Other benefits of a roof top garden: reduces pollution in creeks and our water supply, carbon sequestration, reduced heat island effect of our cities, improved views, increased insulation resulting in reduced energy costs, longer roof lifespan, and wildfire protection.

“Much like a fish aquarium, *Living Walls* are a dramatic statement and can be indoors or out. For interior use, the plant system can even be connected to the air return of the building to help with air filtration, making the interiors more beautiful and healthy to be in. In a business setting, this impressive element can also generate quite a buzz for your company. It makes a subconscious statement about you and your brand – for example, that you are innovative and think outside the box.”

This presentation is part of a monthly series sponsored by the Santa Barbara Horticultural Society that meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Louise Lowry Davis Center. Each month showcases a different speaker highlighting the wonderful world of gardens and plants.

The monthly meetings are open to the general public and building industry professionals.

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