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Westside Community Center Hosts Rain Gardens/Waterwise Landscaping Program

New Braunfels, TX - Vincent DeBrock, vice president of the Texas Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture, will present a talk on rain gardens and water wise landscaping at the Westside Community Center on Thursday, April 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

Rain gardens are designed to make the most beneficial use of rainfall runoff from roofs, driveways, and walkways. They allow runoff to be absorbed by garden vegetation, typically native plants that are suited to the local climate and will attract native birds. Rain gardens can also reduce the amount of pollution that reaches rivers and improve water quality in local bodies of water.

DeBrock has been caring for trees in the Austin area since 1999. He currently manages the daily operations at Heritage Tree Care and has been a Certified Arborist since 2002. Thursday's program includes a history of rain gardens, how to create them, and the positive impact these gardens have on the environment - especially in drought-prone areas.

"We're very pleased to have an expert on rain gardens address the community," said library director Gretchen Pruett. "New Braunfels is a town with two beautiful rivers and these gardens can reduce the amount of pollution reaching our rivers. I think homeowners and gardeners will find this program very useful."

The Westside Community Center is located at 2932 S. IH-35.

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