

# **Alrie Middlebrook**

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## ***Professional Background***

- Founder & President, Interior Landscape Design DBA Middlebrook Gardens, San Jose, CA 1976
- Founding member, Our City Forest, volunteer tree planting organization, San Jose, CA. 1993
- Chair, River Street Development Group. Private development to create national historic district and gardens, Guadalupe River Park, San Jose, CA. 1995-1999
- Created ELSEE (Environmental Laboratory for Sustainability Ecological Education). 2010 A model outdoor Technology and Teaching Laboratory that focuses on solutions for students adapting to 21st Century issues of climate change, protection of biodiversity and nature deficit disorder.

## ***Design and Consultation Projects***

- River Street Gardens – Historic recreation of gardens in oldest Italian neighborhood in San Jose, CA. 2001
- Completed over 750 California native gardens, including U.S. Airforce Commemorative Garden 1995-present
- Granada Native Gardens in Livermore, CA which required the design and implementation of a ½ acre community based native garden built with volunteers

## ***Lectures and Seminars***

- Merritt College Horticulture Department – Designing with Natives, co-taught with Dr. Glenn Keaton 2004
- ASLA Educational Seminar- 'Opportunities to Design and Build Sustainable Eco-Learning Labs on School Campuses.'
- Landscape Expo- 'Sustainable Eco-learning Labs on School Campuses.'

## ***California Native Garden Foundation***

- CNGF became 501c3 in 2006
- 70 grants for school gardens and nonprofits since 2006
- 76 Race St. became a SITES pilot project in 2009- Certified in 2014
- ELSEE started Jan 2010
- Internship program began in 2010
- First started teaching St. Leo's Sept 2010
- St Andrew's ELSEE installed in 2011
- Karen Ross, CA Secretary of Agriculture, visited ELSEE Feb 2013

## ***Publications***

- Eating California – Self-published Cookbook 2004
- Green Heart Magazine – Self-published sustainable gardening magazine 2004
- Designing California Native Gardens – Keator & Middlebrook, UC Press 2007
- Presented over 100 Lectures, Designing California Native Gardens. sold over 20,000 copies 2007-present

## ***Awards***

- International Design Women in Paris, France.
- Winner – Open Space and Habitat Preservation/Restoration Category at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Acterra 2004 Business Environmental Awards
  - Sustainable Landscape Design Award, San Francisco Bay Area Sustainable Landscape Committee 2004

## ***Education***

- B.A. in Speech Education Minor in Music and English from Michigan State University 1966