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LOCAL AUTHORS GIVE FREE TALKS ON DESIGNING WATER-SAVING LANDSCAPES

Glendale, Ariz. —Glendale’s Conservation and Sustainable Living Office is offering two free classes in the “Green Living” series in February to assist homeowners with landscape designs and renovations. Both classes will be held at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., in the auditorium.

Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. to noon

Jo Miller, co-author of *Earth-Friendly Desert Gardening*, will present “The Nature of Design” providing practical tips and techniques for designing or renovating your yard to create a beautiful landscape that is both water and energy efficient. This course will provide instruction on how to assess your specific property, as well as how to draw a conceptual map. Ideas and techniques will also be provided for the homeowner with an existing landscape.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6 to 8 p.m.

Brad Lancaster, author of *Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond*, will present “Integrated Local Harvests” offering simple and effective ways to enhance the abundance of your home and community. Lancaster’s goal is to help others “by harvesting and enhancing free on-site resources such as water, sun, wind, shade and more.” His books explain what water harvesting is, how to do it appropriately and how to tailor water-harvesting strategies to unique conditions. After the class, Lancaster will be available to sign his books. Lancaster’s presentation is made possible through a partnership with the Watershed Management group and the city of Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living office.

For a complete listing of the “Green Living” class series, go to www.glendaleaz.com/green. The classes are free, but advance registration is required by calling 623-930-3760 or e-mailing bpatrick@glendaleaz.com. You do not have to be a Glendale resident to attend.

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