

UC Davis Häagen-Dazs® Honey Bee Haven Spring 2013 Newsletter

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Although it's based in the Entomology Department, the Haven represents a collaboration between many campus programs and centers. These include:

California Center for Urban Horticulture, whose mission is enhancing urban living through horticulture. They accomplish this through educational programs, outreach, and partnerships like the Haven. One example is last spring's Pollinator Gardening [workshop](#).

Robert Mondavi Institute Honey and Pollination Center, which promotes the use of high quality honey in the marketplace, helps ensure the sustainability of honey production in California, and showcases the importance of honey and pollination to the well-being of Californians.

Arboretum All-Stars, a designation from the UC Davis Arboretum that highlights 100 tough, reliable plants with outstanding garden qualities that have been tested on campus, are easy to grow, don't need a lot of water, and have few pests or diseases. Most All-Star plants can be grown anywhere in California, and many are natives.

Bohart Museum of Entomology, which is dedicated to teaching, research and service and is home to the seventh largest insect collection in North America. Their collection has nearly eight million specimens of terrestrial and fresh water arthropods.

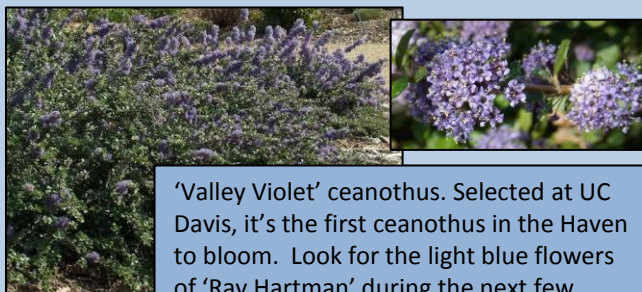
Harry H. Laidlaw, Jr. Honey Bee Research Facility, which is the only state-supported apiculture facility in California. Expertise includes honey bee breeding and genetics, and native bee biology.

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UC Davis Art/Science Fusion is a collaboration among artists, scientists, students, and community members. The program uses a teaching model in which students learn to express scientific concepts using various artistic media.

What's Blooming

It's starting to look like spring at the Haven. Here's a sampling of what's in bloom:



'Valley Violet' ceanothus. Selected at UC Davis, it's the first ceanothus in the Haven to bloom. Look for the light blue flowers of 'Ray Hartman' during the next few weeks, followed by the deep purple flowers of 'Concha'. Bees love them all!



Almonds. The California almond industry's need for pollination services drives much of the US beekeeping industry. Come to the Haven to learn more.

Volunteer at the Haven

If you like to visit, please consider becoming a garden volunteer. Visit our [web page](#) for more information.

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Click [here](#) and scroll to "Honeybee Research Fund" to support pollinator research at UC Davis.