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**“A GROWING PASSION” PREPARES TO LAUNCH FOURTH SEASON ON KPBS**

*Season Four Premier Airs on Thursday, April 7*

SAN DIEGO (April 6, 2016) – Emmy Award®-winning lifestyle and garden TV series, “A Growing Passion,” kicks off its fourth season on Thursday, April 7, at 8:30 pm, followed by an encore airing on Saturday, April 9, at 3:30 pm. “A Growing Passion” is hosted by Nan Sterman, one of the West’s leading garden experts.

In the first episode of the series, Nan takes viewers behind the scenes of Pasadena’s iconic Rose Parade. She follows a float as it is designed by college students, starting months before the parade; visits one of several California growers who supply more than 50,000 flowers for the project; then joins hundreds of volunteers in the week before New Year’s day, scrambling to put the finishing touches on Rose Parade floats. Nan takes a close-up view of the details and intricate work that goes into these floral masterpieces.

Subsequent episodes focus on citrus, California’s second gold rush, which made Riverside County the wealthiest county in the nation in the late 1800s, and the State’s unsung but increasingly vital algae industry, which is used in products from biofuel to cosmetics, to plastics and surfboards.

Other Season Four highlights include waterwise gardening, starting with a primer on lawn removal; designing low-water gardens with native and climate-appropriate plants; and beneficial insects.

The new season is a must-see for anyone interested in the way things grow- home gardeners, nature lovers, and the curious. Episodes air on San Diego PBS affiliate station, KPBS, at 8:30 pm on Thursdays, followed by encore airings on Saturdays at 3:30 pm, beginning April 7. Episodes are all posted online at [www.AGrowingPassion.com](http://www.AGrowingPassion.com) after their initial airing.

**About “A Growing Passion”**

“A Growing Passion” is an award-winning television program produced by San Diego-based AGP Productions, LLC. “A Growing Passion” is aimed at regional and national markets. It is the only “green” lifestyle TV show produced in the West that explores the ways California and the Southwest grow. The show gives its viewers a fresh perspective by visiting farms, backyard gardens, vineyards, native habitats to green rooftops, community gardens, nurseries, and beyond. Host Nan Sterman is an award-winning author, botanist, and one of the region’s leading garden experts. For more information, visit [www.AGrowingPassion.com](http://www.AGrowingPassion.com).

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