

Garden Clippings

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September Meeting

Saturday, September 8, 2007

510 E. Memory Lane/2615 Valencia, Santa Ana

Schedule

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Setup, snacks
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	General meeting, new badges
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Enrichment program
10:30 – 10:50 a.m.	Plants 'n Things & tomato tasting
11:00 – 11:30	Door prize raffle & clean up

Members with last names starting with **A – G**, please bring a breakfast snack. Other members are also welcome to bring goodies. Also, remember to bring along any items you wish to contribute to our Plants 'n Things raffle.

This meeting will also include a tomato tasting, so please bring three tomatoes for each variety you'd like to contribute to our tasting.

Remember that dues are overdue!

And please note the attached survey.

Enrichment Program: Plumeria!

At this meeting you are cordially invited to hear Curtis Hayes, President of the South Coast Plumeria Society (SCPS) discuss all you wanted to know about the wonderful, fragrant Hawaiian lei flower we are so fond of. As a grower for 30 plus years, Curtis is in high demand as a speaker at local horticultural organizations, Rogers Gardens and the Orange County Fair. The SCPS is some 400 + members strong and meets in Huntington Beach. Besides guest lecturers, the society has a retail store, sells cuttings and plants at each meeting and has an annual flower show.

Gardening Events

Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens Pre-register for all classes by calling (909) 625-8767 x224

Sat. Aug. 18: Container Gardening with Native Plants 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. \$50. Learn how to design container gardens using appropriate native plants with eye-catching foliage, flowers, and fruits alive with the colors and textures of California.

Fullerton Arboretum. Pre-register for all classes by calling 714/278-3579 ext. 0.

Sat. Sep. 8: Composting 1 10:00 – 11:30 am, Bleachers,

Sat. Sep. 8: Tomato Tasting and Sizzlin' Salsa Contest- Annual Tomato Tasting and Sizzlin' Salsa Contest starts at 10:00 a.m. and runs through 2:00 p.m. Bring your best tomatoes for judging or make up the hottest batch of salsa you can imagine and enter in the contest. Prizes!

Sat. & Sun. Sep. 8-9: Salvia Spectacular Plant Sale "Salvia Spectacular" plant sale 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and admission is free.

Sat., Sep. 22: Plant Spring Bulbs Now! - Have Spectacular Color in the Spring! 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Bleachers. Produce a beautiful spring bulb garden the natural way with expert organic gardener, Geri Cibellis, Master Gardener & member of the O.C. Organic Gardening Club.

Sat., Sep. 29: Streptocarpus - How to Grow and Propagate 10:00 am – Noon, Pavilion
Learn to grow and propagate Streptocarpus, a cousin to the African violet, beautiful flowering plants that bloom all year.

Leaves from the President



Dedicated to Sharing Horticultural Knowledge...

A hearty thanks to those of you who were able to attend the August meeting; much was accomplished, and the Board appreciates your support.

Nancy Smith gave a brief report on the upcoming class with 24 signed up so far.

Our meeting started with a mixer hosted by Gayle and Nancy and included finding other club members who lived in each other's city. Once that was accomplished, everyone received a spiral bound booklet concerning care of natives, and a DVD from the Metropolitan Water District. A few copies will be available at the September meeting.

Robin presented information concerning a member survey which was filled out at the meeting. The Board will review the inputs and continue to tailor the programs with the regard to the survey.

We have established three committees to provide the Board and membership with information on the following: By-laws update--Chair Co Wilkins; Scholarship Policy establishment --Chair Jeannine Lawrie, and Liability Recommendations--Chair Yovonne Smith. The members who have volunteered on these committees are dedicated to making this club great and the Board is looking to the committees for salient recommendations.

The balance of the agenda contained the following items of discussion: 501(c)3 applications have been received by the IRS; and the club-approved scholarship monies have been received by Fullerton College for the Geoff Smith Scholarship.

The Plants n Things were hosted by Jo Wilson, with four attendance door prizes given out at the end of the meeting.

Announcements by members are encouraged from their venues or organizations. Two announcements were made regarding the Begonia Society National Convention (Bob Shaw) and the Plumeria Society Second Annual Flower Show (Mike M.)

A request for updating members' personal information was discussed. Every member **MUST** keep their information current. At the September meeting we will have one last chance to update our data, please go to the membership listing on the back table and initial off your line or make any corrections. When the bylaws need to be reviewed by the members, they will be sent via email. We also need to use email to contact you to pass out important information, so please keep your data updated.

For those of you needing volunteer hour forms, please go to the website and download a form to use. Forms are also available at the meeting.

As you read this newsletter PLEASE be reminded that the September meeting is on the **second** Saturday of September (8th of September). **Also, please bring two varieties of tomatoes, 3 each, to share for tasting.**

-- Mike Maertzweiler

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You Know You're A Master Gardener When:

Submitted by Jan Brider

10. You rejoice in rain...even after 10 straight days of it.
9. You have pride in how bad your hands look.
8. You have a decorative compost container on your kitchen counter.
7. You can give away plants easily, but compost is another thing.
6. Soil test results actually mean something.
5. IPM rules!
4. You'd rather go to a nursery to shop than a clothes store.
3. You look for gardens open to the public whenever you go on vacation.
2. Your non-gardening spouse is actually getting involved with your garden endeavors...digging ponds, building bird houses, watering, pruning, turning compost piles, planting...

And you definitely know you're a Master Gardener when...

1. You are surrounded by terrific people who share your passion!

Created by Audrey, Emmitsburg, Md.,
<http://www.emmitsburg.net/landscaping/index.htm>

From Jackie Brooks:

A round watermelon can take up a lot of room in a refrigerator. Japanese farmers have created square-shaped watermelons by inserting the young fruit into square, tempered glass cases while still growing on the vine.



A short note from past president Cindy Polera Burch who moved to Texas:

I do miss you all very much. The MG group here is nice but not my bunch in OC. I have although been elected to 1st VP. Hummm, seems I've been there before!!! Wish I could send you all some of this rain, I am pretty sick of it. I think this summer there has been or maybe two or three weeks total of no rain. It didn't rain yesterday so maybe it is going to stop for awhile. One day I got 8 inches!! Thought I was going to need an ark!

Editor's note: wish we had some of that rain here!

Geoff Smith Memorials

For those who want to donate in memory of Geoff Smith, there are two options. One is a scholarship fund for his two sons. One is an honor student at UC Irvine and the younger is taking AP classes in high school. Go to any Washington Mutual Bank and deposit to the following account:

439-633165-8 *Care of Geoff Smith*. The account is in his wife's name, Judy Smith.

The other option is a memorial account at Fullerton College Foundation Office. Indicate it is in memory of Geoff Smith on the donation form, available online at:

http://www.fullcollfoundation.org/static_forms/Donation%20Form.pdf

Cards may be sent to:

Judy Smith
28209 Vista del Valle
Hemet CA 92544

Member address updates:

Rita Mangus, new email:
ritamrn@roadrunner.com

Bob Shaw, new email: Nancy01@dslextreme.com

Artie Thomas, new email: artiecracker@ca.rr.com

Martha Murphy, new email:
mystic01@aceweb.com

OCMG Member Survey (Meeting Attendees Only)

August 4, 2007

Subjects(Speakers)	Destinations	Where you volunteer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Backyard Orchards-1 ▪ Pruning-1 ▪ Container Gardening-1 ▪ Organic Gardening-1 ▪ Full. Arboretum future plans-1 ▪ (Steve Williams)-1 ▪ Pests & Diseases^-1 ▪ Birds/hummingbirds-1 ▪ Butterflies-1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Huntington Garden/Library-5 ▪ L.A. Arboretum-4 ▪ Descanso Gardens-4 ▪ Casa Romentico-3 ▪ Quail Gardens-2 ▪ Roger Gardens-2 ▪ Sherman Gardens-2 ▪ Tree of Life-2 ▪ Flower Farms/Fields-2 ▪ Japanese Gardens-2 ▪ Rancho Santa Ana-2 ▪ Tours(Behind the scenes dif greenhouses)-2 ▪ U.C.R. Botanical Gardens-1 ▪ Cambria or San Diego-1 ▪ Garden Tours (San Clemente...)-1 ▪ Nature Hikes (Laguna Canyon...)-1 ▪ Santa Ana Botanical-1 ▪ Long Beach Gardens-1 ▪ Santa Ana Zoo-1 ▪ Shipley Nature Walk-1 ▪ Fullerton Arboretum-1 ▪ Tanaka Farms-1 ▪ Laguna Beach (Tide Pools)-1 ▪ Palm Nursery-1 ▪ Monrovia Nursery-1 ▪ Hortense Miller Gardens-1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fullerton Arboretum-18* ▪ Shows-8** ▪ U.C.I. Arboretum-3 ▪ School Gardens-4 ▪ Sherman Gardens-3 ▪ Fullerton College-2 ▪ Braille-2 ▪ Help Line-1 ▪ Plant Clinic-1 ▪ Individual Help on weekends-1 ▪ C.S.U. Fullerton-1 ▪ Cy Coumb-1 ▪ Children's Garden-1 ▪ O.C. Fair (Centennial Farms)-1 ▪ Special Sales-1 ▪ Back to Natives-1 ▪ Sia ? & Sage Audubon-1 ▪ George Key Ranch-1 ▪ Santiago Oaks Regional Park-1 ▪ Santa Ana Zoo-1 ▪ E.N.C.-1

*2- Jack of all trades, 1-museum, 1-potter, 1- Nature Guides

**1-Home show,2-SCoast Plaza Garden Show, 2-Crystal Court, 1-Anaheim Show,1- in the past
(All not shown did not specify specific jobs or events)

Best Presentation Length in Minutes	Handouts?	When to Ask Questions?	Can Hear the speaker?	Recommendations for Better Presentations:
15 min - 4	Yes- 28	During-10	Always-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Variety and topics ▪ Give web links ▪ Offer “free stuff” ▪ Formal setup ▪ Keep in the allotted time ▪ Handout instead of visuals ▪ Require board members to wear their badges ▪ Have more interaction ▪ Mobile Sound System ▪ Guest Speakers or enrichment
30 min - 15	No- 0	After-23	Most-15	
45 min -11	DC- 2	DC-3	Some-3	
60 min -4			No-2	

Want to Learn(gardening)	Related topics	Speakers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Natural pest management-7 ▪ Propagation-4 ▪ Product search-4 ▪ Container plant designs(growing)-3 ▪ Grafting(hands on)-3 ▪ Natives-3 ▪ Growing 101-2 ▪ Shade garden-2 ▪ Indoor plant help-2 ▪ Veggie growing-2 ▪ Seasonal gardening to-do list-1 ▪ History of production-1 ▪ Organic gardening-1 ▪ Wildlife & garden compatability-1 ▪ Fertilizing-1 ▪ Crafts-1 ▪ Varieties-1 ▪ Ponds-1 ▪ Tissue culture-1 ▪ What grows in each type of soil-1 ▪ Greenhouse gardening-1 ▪ Compost-1 ▪ Plant identification-1 ▪ Problems typical to certain communities-1 ▪ Special gardens-1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “How to” for garden projects-18 ▪ Landscape design-16 ▪ Butterfly gardens-14 ▪ Water conservation-13 ▪ Irrigation options-10 ▪ Outdoor lighting-9 ▪ Low water lawn options-7 ▪ Lawn care-7 ▪ Drought tolerant plants-1 ▪ Native plants-1 ▪ Hummingbird plants/ habitat-1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paula Amel-composting Call Paula (714) 992-1036 ▪ Richard Durant-Butterfly Garden

