

# Garden Clippings

Orange County Independent Master Gardeners' Newsletter

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## May: NO Meeting

Saturday, April 3, 2010

### Mary Lou Heard Memorial Garden Tour

In lieu of our regular meeting, we are encouraging all members to take part in the Mary Lou Heard Memorial Garden Tour. The website, which now has the addresses to the gardens on the tour, is: <http://heardsgardentour.com/>. Hours are from 10 am to 5 pm. While no fees are charged, donations are requested to help support two charities dear to Mary Lou Heard's heart: Sheepfold, a refuge for women and children fleeing an abusive home, and the Orange County Foundation for Oncology Children and Families, an organization that helps children with cancer and their families. Checks or cash can be left in the donation buckets at each garden.

#### Tips for Garden Tours:

1. Check to see which gardens are open which days—some are only open on Saturday or Sunday. This is a self-guided tour and you will need to plan your day to maximize the number of gardens you'll be able to visit.
2. Wear comfortable shoes suitable for lots of stairs and lots of walking. Also, bring a hat, wear sun block, and carry water. Be prepared for the weather.
3. Carpooling is recommended--especially with someone who can act as a navigator and who can read maps. Use Google, Mapquest, or Yahoo maps to preplan your trip. Double-check all directions against a map!
4. Be at your first stop at the starting time—it takes longer than you think to see each garden.
5. Bring paper/pencil/camera

**Board Meeting:** 6:30 pm the Tuesday before general meeting at the home of Robert Shaw.

## Gardening Events

**Fullerton Arboretum.** Pre-register for all classes by calling 657/278-3407

### Sat - Sun. May 1 - 2 " Goin' Wild Over

**Violets"** 10:00 am– 4:00 pm.

African Violets and supplies for sale. Be there at 10 am to buy—they sell out quickly.

### Sat - Sun. May 15 - 16 " Herb Weekend

**Sale"** 10:00 am– 4:00 pm.

Annual "Herb Weekend" at the Potting Shed. A large variety of herbs will be for sale.

**Fullerton College Horticulture Dept.**, 321 E. Chapman, Fullerton 92832, 714-992-7135

**Sat. – Sun. May 1—2 and Sat. May 8:** Spring Plant Sale, Sat., 9 am - 4 pm; Sun., noon. – 3 pm, Sat., May 8, 10am – 3pm.

California natives, drought tolerant plants, succulents, flowers, and vegetables for sale. More details on website:

<http://horticulture.fullcoll.edu>

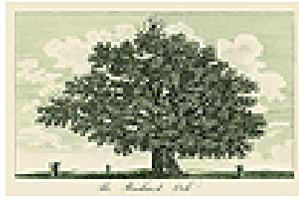
For many other gardening events, check <http://www.orangecountygardeners.org>

## Looking Forward: Plant Exchange in June

Virginia Carlson will bring seed of the miniature pomegranate and of the Heart and Honey Vine. Jill Patterson is bringing 2 plumeria and some

tillandsia plants. Anyone bringing sweet basil plants or seeds?

# Leaves from the President



Looking forward to this year's Green Scenes at the Fullerton Arboretum on 17-18 April, come rain or shine. As I sit writing this, the forecast is for rain - I wonder how it will turn out. We will be at booth #88 for anyone wanting to stop by to say HI.

As decided at the April meeting, we will be attending the Mary Lou Heard home tour for the May group meeting. Normally, nominations would be announced at the May meeting for a vote in June, but since we will only see each other wandering in the gardens, please find the nominations in this newsletter.

Looking forward to our June group meeting - we will have our plant exchange (including the seed exchange for the first time). Now is the time to decide which of your plants will be "transplanted" to a fellow member at the exchange. Same rule applies - bring one take one. We will be inviting all of the prospective trainees to the June meeting, so everyone please bring the snacks.

Robert Shaw, President, Orange County  
Independent Master Gardeners

## Nominations for 2010-2011

Many thanks to the nominating committee-- Anne Porter, Jill O'Neill, and Lois Daybell, plus Robert Shaw and Sharon Neely, who have been working hard to find officers for next year.

President: Jill O'Neill

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Ann Porter

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Robert Shaw

Treasurer: Diane Wilkinson

Correspondence Secretary: Cheryl Borden

Recording Secretary: Barbara Eaves.

Others stepping forward are Sharon Neely as Hospitality Chair and Virginia Carlson as Speaker Chair for the Saturday monthly meeting.

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## Greenhouses in So Cal?

Bob Borden asks: I would like to have a greenhouse, but am having trouble figuring out what I would use it for. Our weather is so nice year around that it seems that I would have limited use and what books I've seen are oriented towards the northern states. Does anyone in the club have a greenhouse that I can get some more information from or who can share information on what to do with a greenhouse in this area? Contact Bob at bob.borden@ngc.com.

## The New Low-Maintenance Garden by Valerie Easton

review by Jill Patterson

This book is the reason you have library cards— check it out instead of buying it. After the author makes the point that we may not want to spend every free minute working in the garden, she repeatedly states the same mantra: choose plants wisely and put them where they'll be happy. Duh.