

# Garden Clippings

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## January Meeting

**Saturday, January 8, 2011**

**At our new location:**

Rancho Santiago Community College  
2323 North Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92706

### Schedule

8:15 – 9:00 a.m.	Setup Plants 'n Things
9:00 – 9:45 a.m.	Business Meeting
9:45 - 10:00 a.m.	Plants 'n Things
10:00– 11:00 a.m.	Enrichment Program
11:00	Clean-up

Members with last names starting with **H – Q**, please bring a breakfast snack. Other members are also welcome to bring goodies. Also, please bring along any items you wish to contribute to our Plants 'n Things raffle and any gardening catalogs or magazines you'd like to share.

Remember to save your holiday cards for Rita Corpin..

### Program: **Roses with Virginia Carlson**

Rosarian Virginia Carlson will share her 40 years of rose growing in California. This is pruning time and she will talk about different types of roses, how to select, plant, and prune. Virginia has been a member of the American Rose Society for over 50 years. She has about 150 roses in her yard, including old garden roses, hybrid teas, floribundas, grandifloras, and miniatures. The main bed of hybrid teas and floribundas is on drip irrigation. She hasn't sprayed for over 10 years due to her allergies. She will bring samples of foliage if not a bloom or two.

**Board Meeting:** follows general meeting.

## Gardening Events

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

**Sat. Jan. 22: "Rose Garden Basics"** 10-11:30 am. \$12/members \$15/nonmembers.

Learn the basics of rose selection, planting, fertilization, pruning, pest and disease control, and companion planting.

**Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens** 1500 N. College Ave., Claremont, CA 91711, just off Foothill Blvd. and east of Indian Hill.

<http://www.rsabg.org>. Pre-register for all classes by calling (909) 625-8767 x224.

**Sat. Jan. 22: "Hypertufa Container Making"** 1 – 4pm. \$72, general public: \$90

Hypertufa is a mixture of cement, perlite and coir fiber and creates a strong, relatively lightweight material which can be used to create many different garden projects including planting troughs, birdbaths, fountains and even benches, walls and stepping stones. With all materials provided, you'll create your own container suitable for planting. Dress in grubbies and wear a hat; this is an indoor-outdoor program.

### Sharon Neely's welcome visitors

Look at the photograph below very closely and you'll see three monarch butterfly cocoons! Sharon says a tall milkweed plant is just a foot away.



# Leaves from the President



BULA! This is how they say hello in Fiji. The first 5 or 6 bulas were OK but after 3 days I was all bulaed out. It got real annoying. Speaking of annoying, we still are looking for a new, permanent meeting place. For the time being, we will continue having our meetings at Rancho Santiago in Santa Ana. Yes, the place is small and they have problems letting us in (which I have complained about), but rather than going back to La Habra Library, I think we should stick it out there until we find a new place. Our meeting will be held on January 8 and anybody who has any ideas about meeting places, please attend and let us know what you have found out. I hope everyone has a great holiday season and we will see you in 2011.

Jill O'Neill, President  
Orange County Independent Master Gardeners

## New Trainee Class schedule

Unless otherwise indicated, classes meet at La Habra Branch Library, normally from 9am – noon. Check with Robert Shaw if you'd like to help or attend a class and for specific information about assembly sites.

Jan. 8: Pruning at Fullerton Arboretum with Gary Matsuda

15 Jan: Plant ID and commercial operations at CSU Fullerton with Ed Read

22 Jan: California Friendly & Xeriscape plants at the Cleveland National Forest with Reggie Durant

29 Jan: no class scheduled, workday at St. Joseph Community Garden in Santa Ana

## Member News

A note from lifetime member and former president, Cindy Polera Burch: "Please give all my dear mg's the very best from me. I am doing well here in Texas, although I am not particularly happy with master gardeners here. I miss you all so.

Hopefully this next year I will come to visit and I will make it at time so I can attend the best meetings ever."

We miss you, too, Cindy, and hope to see you soon!

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## From Pattie McCarthy, class of 2011:



We attended a plant propagation class with Dave Lannon @ Mt. Sac. After the class, we were invited to tour the Horticultural grounds and see the new greenhouses that were filled with their holiday poinsettias (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*). I am learning that I hardly know anything about gardening and I have a lot to learn. The classes are the foundation and I plan on continuing my education for many years.

## December's Meeting redux

By Bob Shaw, Class coordinator

More than 50 attended our annual holiday potluck, including the OCIMG group, the OCIMG trainees, and representatives from many OC garden clubs. Main dish and salads were provided by the training class with all the extras brought by OCIMG and guests. There was a great selection and plenty of food for all. The focus was on mixing the garden community with OCIMG & trainees and everyone seemed to appreciate the opportunity to talk with others. Lots of phone number exchanges, questions asked and answered. We even had 4 of the original OCIMG group attend as well as a few we hadn't seen in a while. I want to express my thanks to the class for its support and to all others for the great day we all enjoyed.

This is a list of the garden clubs & representatives attending (from the more than 60 in the county!) as recorded by Barbara Eaves.

Manuel Martinez—Kofu Kai Bonsai. Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at United Methodist Church in Anaheim. Focus is teaching and introduction to bonsai. <http://www.kofukai.org/>

Santa Ana Peoples' Garden—located at 2555 Santiago St., Santa Ana. Near Santiago Park—rent garden plots. 714-262-5177.

Bobbie West—Begonia Society. Focus is begonias and other shade plants. 714-816-0717.

Leonard Re—OC African Violet and Gesneriad Society. Speakers available. 714-963-6837.

Kathy Hoffman—OC Rose Society. <http://www.orangecountyrss.org/titlepage.html>

*Sue Schairer*—Horticultural Society of OC meets at Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd, Anaheim, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Floral Arts Guild meets 10:00 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month at Women's Club of Orange, 121 So. Center St., Orange. [Sues915gard@hotmail.com](mailto:Sues915gard@hotmail.com)

Albert Chang—Mycological Society of Los Angeles—mushroom and fungi.

<http://www.lamushrooms.org/index.html>

Steve Mefford—OC Camellia Society.

<http://www.occamellias.org/>

Martha Haber—Chairman, OC Rare Fruit Growers. <http://ocfruit.com/>

Diane Wilkinson—OC chapter of Calif. Native Plant Society. <http://www.occnps.org/>

## Collecting Rain

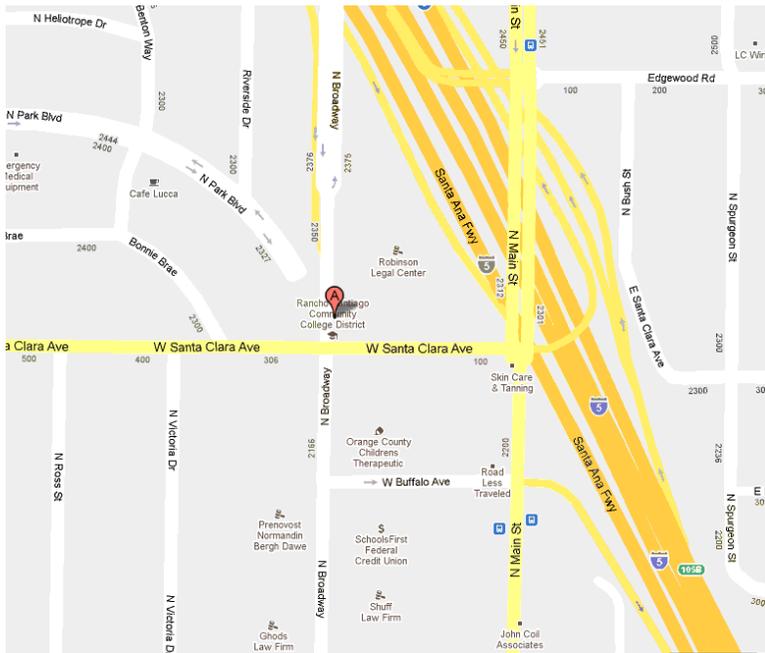
By Sharon Neely

I purchased one 50-gallon rain barrel earlier this year. It took awhile to set it up. It is not that difficult, I just could not decide where I wanted it to be. After installation, it rained and the barrel was half full. I was so excited I bought another one, set it up and of course it hasn't stopped raining--my barrels are overflowing. I am tempted to set up another barrel but I hesitate. I am not sure if they are worth the cost or what maintenance is involved when not in use. I have always collected rain water using buckets or empty trash cans, a very simple method. The only thing you need to watch out for is mosquitoes, and covering them with a plastic bag solved that problem. I wanted something nicer looking since I can see the barrels from my living room. I have read several articles about people who have barrels; for the most part it has been a positive experience. I will keep you updated; any feedback from others would be greatly appreciated.

\*Note: 1" of rain on a 1,000 square foot roof yields 623 gallons of water.



MAP to Rancho Santiago Community College  
2323 North Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92706



There is plenty of free parking at the Community College office building

The following routes are suggested:

**From the 5 heading north:** Take exit 105B for Main St/N Broadway. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Main St. N, and merge onto N. Main St. Make a U-turn. Turn right at the first street, W. Santa Clara Ave. Take the next right onto N. Broadway. Building will be on the right.

**From the 57 Freeway:** Take the 5 Freeway south. Keep **right** at the fork, follow signs for **Main St/N Broadway** and merge onto **N Broadway**. Building will be on the left, on the north east corner of Broadway and Santa Clara Ave. There are entrances from both streets, but you may need to make a U-turn at Santa Clara if you can't make a left turn.

This is very close to our former location at the Lawn Bowling Club.