

# Garden Clippings

Orange County Independent Master Gardeners' Newsletter

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## June Meeting

**Saturday, June 2, 2013**

Rancho Santiago Community College Rm. 107  
2323 North Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92706

### Schedule

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Setup Plants 'n Things  
9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Business Meeting/Elections  
**9:45 - 10:00 a.m.** Plants 'n Things  
**10:00– 11:00 a.m.** Plant Exchange  
11:00 Clean-up

We're asking everyone to please bring a breakfast snack to our last meeting of our business year. 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.

### 2012-13 Slate of Officers

We will be voting on the slate of officers at this meeting. We thank these members who have accepted the nominations:

President: Anne Porter  
1<sup>st</sup> VP: Glenn Vodhanel  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP: OPEN  
Treasurer: Diane Wilkinson  
Corresponding Secretary: Judith Wright  
Recording Secretary: Mary McMurrin

### Enrichment Program: Plant Exchange

It's our annual plant exchange! See next page for more information about labeling and delivering plants. This is also our annual meeting, graduation for our trainees, and we will have elections.

**Board Meeting:** follows general meeting

## Gardening Events

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

**Sat. Jun. 22:** "Nature Photography: How to Tell a Story People Remember". 9am – noon. \$25/members/\$30/non-members. Pavilion classrooms.

Learn how to use space, light, and time to take memorable photos. Compare different situations to make wise choices leading to better photos. Appropriate for adults with a beginning to medium level of amateur photography experience.

**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.

**May 11 – July 28: "Butterfly Pavilion".** \$2 plus garden admission. Closes at 3pm each day.

An interactive exhibition allowing visitors to walk among native Southern California butterflies.

### Reminder! Dues are due!

Please pay \$20 at the June meeting or mail by mid-July to:  
Diane Wilkinson  
2612 Sherwood Ave.  
Fullerton, CA 92831

### Volunteer Hours are Due!

Send your hours to Jean Rice

Use volunteer hours form listed on website and information from the Contacts box

**REMEMBER:** No July meeting!

We'll meet again in August

# Leaves from the President



## 18 Reasons to Volunteer your Time



There are many reasons to be a *volunteer*. This article lists eighteen of them.

We know that volunteering a portion of our *time* is something we should do. There are reminders all around us that our *help* is needed. Other people will significantly benefit from any *time* we contribute. But that is not the only reason to *volunteer*.

Have you thought about the benefits you will get from *volunteering*? If you consider the many benefits you will receive, you will be asking yourself why you aren't more involved with *helping* a cause. Consider these 18 reasons to *volunteer* some of your *time*:

### Reasons For Volunteering

1. To make new friends
2. To build personal and professional contacts
3. To build your self-esteem and self-confidence
4. To develop new job *skills*
5. To make a difference in the world
6. To increase personal satisfaction
7. To add experience to your resume
8. To develop people skills
9. To develop communication skills
10. To do something as a family
11. To explore career possibilities
12. To feel needed and appreciated
13. To share your *skills* with others

14. To be challenged
15. To do something different
16. To earn academic credit
17. To improve your *health*
18. To have fun!

You will get more out of your *volunteer* experience than you put into it. Don't hesitate to identify and donate some of your *time* to a worthy *volunteer* opportunity. You will be glad you did.

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Website: [http:// www.ocmastergardeners.org](http://www.ocmastergardeners.org)

### Volunteer Intern Opportunity with Native Plant Nursery

Interns will propagate and transplant native plants at the Back to Natives Nursery at Santiago Park. Increase your knowledge of native plant propagation by learning which native plants propagate best by seed, cuttings, layering, and division. Use unique methods for mimicking nature's scarification process. Must be available Tuesdays and/or Thursday from 2 – 5pm in June, July, and August. Contact [education@backtonatives.org](mailto:education@backtonatives.org)

## Plant Exchange This Month!

For every plant you bring to exchange, you get to take one home. Bring 10-12 well-rooted plants of any kind or combination. Each plant must be labeled with the **botanical and common names** along with a note as to how to maintain the plant.

All plants will be staged outside at the back side of the building. Just drive around to the far side, facing the freeway. There is plenty of parking and it's an easy drop off and pick up.

Try and place plants in groups: annuals, perennials, vegetable, succulents, etc. Signs will be provided to help organize the space. Please, no plants are to be brought inside the meeting room (unless you're willing to stay and clean up!).

## Follow Up to Bolsa Chica Field Trip

Sharon Neely reports that it was very windy so they were unable to see any heron chicks. When she found out that docent Juliann Blake was able to get perfect photo of the new family a few days later, she passed it on for the newsletter.



Great Blue Heron Family Portrait

## Report from Ecuador

I just returned from a three week vacation in Ecuador. I'll report more in another newsletter, but one of the more interesting things was realizing what a global world we live in. Eucalyptus trees abound in Ecuador, though they are not natives. And bromeliads seem to thrive just as happily on these imports,

– Jill Patterson

## Seed Lending Libraries

Libraries are more than books! A growing number of libraries in California are in the process of starting a program of "lending" seeds. How can a library loan seeds? By requesting that a certain number of seeds be saved from the harvest and returned to the library. So far, the only southern California libraries offering this service are San Diego Public Library and the Boyle Heights branch of Los Angeles Public Library. I bet there are branches of OC Public Libraries that would be willing to start a similar program with help from some OCIMG volunteers! Do we have anyone who could teach a workshop on how to save seeds? Contact Jill Patterson and we can get the ball rolling.

## Congratulations to Our Grads!



The following trainees have completed the OCIMG training class! We are happy to welcome them and to help them get started on completing their 50 hours of volunteering.

Mark Gotts  
Mong-Tham Khuzad  
Martha Kirtond  
Nick Latimer  
Teresa Machado  
Marty Naftel  
Cerise Outhier  
Linda Peterson  
Linda Pope  
Susan Theron  
Connie Tibbitts  
Alicia Vargo  
Julie Walters