

Garden Clippings

Orange County Independent Master Gardeners' Newsletter

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August 2014

August Meeting

Saturday August 2, 2014
La Habra Branch Library
221 E. La Habra Blvd. La Habra

Schedule

8:30 – 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 – 11:30 a.m. Clean up

Members with last names starting with **A - G**, 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.

Parking information: The first weekend of August is the Corn Festival in La Habra. And Saturday morning feature the Corn Festival parade. La Habra Blvd. will be closed between Euclid and Cypress. If you are driving west on La Habra Blvd., turn right on Cypress, go two blocks and turn left on the north side of El Centro Park. Cross Orange Street and park in the lot behind City Hall. If you are driving east, turn left on Walnut, go to Whittier, turn right on Orange St. and then right on Florence, parking in the lot. After the meeting, feel free to walk across the street and enjoy the fair and especially enjoy the corn on the cob—you can even buy it “to go”.

Enrichment Program: Hydroponics

We'll discuss and view a video presentation of hydroponic gardening.

Gardening Events

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

Sat. Aug. 9: “What’s Bugging You?” 9am – noon.

Valerie Loew (yes, our own Phil Loew's daughter) will teach strategies to deal with pest problems without turning to harsh chemicals.

Sat. Aug. 30: “History of Botanical Illustration” 9am – 3pm.

No other information provided.

Roger's Gardens, 2301 San Joaquin Hills Rd., Corona Del Mar, CA 92625, tel.949/640-5800

One-hour seminars are offered each weekend. Learn about plumeria care on August 9 and patio and balcony herb gardens on August 16, both at 9am.

Armstrong Nurseries: Free classes are provided at each location. The August classes are all at 9am and include attracting pollinators on August 9 and small space gardening on August 23. Website is: <http://www.armstronggarden.com/pages/classes>

Reminder! Dues are due!

Please pay \$20 at the August meeting
or mail to:
Nancy Shaw

Volunteer Hours are Due!

Send your hours to Jean Rice

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

Leaves from the President



Tempus Fugit

Looks like I will need to sharpen my pencil for this column and try not to put my foot in my mouth.

A new set of officers was elected during our June 2014 meeting.

For those not in attendance at our June meeting, your new president for fiscal year 2014-2015 is—, Glenn Vodhanel, from Brea.

I wish to thank the other officers for their willingness to be nominated, elected and to assume their duties. They are:

1st Vice-President: Mark Gotts
2nd Vice-President: Judith Wright
Treasurer: Nancy Shaw
Corresponding Secretary: Cerise Outhier
Recording Secretary: Mary McMurrin

Please provide them with all the support you can in their efforts.

Circle of Life

Many of us were surprised to hear of the death of former schoolteacher, Rita Corpin, on June 10th as she sat on her porch.

Rita had a heart of gold and was very knowledgeable in gardening.

Some organizations regularly pay for their meeting places. Rita (*a life member of the OCIMG*) found us a free meeting place at the Rancho Santiago School District for which we are still grateful.

The board approved sending a gift of flowers paid for by the OCIMG to her service and several members attended those services.

The link below tells of Rita's impression on generations of schoolchildren.

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/neighborhood-618225-remembered-corpin.html>

Immediate Tasks

As your new president, my personal goals are:

- Ensure that we have no fewer than 3 months of quality scheduled speakers/events on calendar (*perhaps by booking up to 6 months in advance*).
- Continue and support our philanthropic efforts
- To work with the management team to assume their duties.
- To help with member recruitment (*Ensure that all class candidates are contacted so we may begin a new class in September*).
- Follow-up on paperwork so the club remains in compliance with essential requirements

I look forward to build on the work of those before us so that our club and gardens may be fruitful and multiply.

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service!

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn Vodhanel,
OCIMG President

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Rita Corpin

August 1, 1941 - June 10, 2014

Rita Corpin, one of our founding members, was found on her porch in a wheelchair holding a cat carrier with a kitten inside, dead of natural causes on Tuesday June 10, 2014.

Rita taught world history for 46 years at La Quinta High School in the Garden Grove School District and retired on June 16, 2011. She made an impression on generations of student for her kindness and interest in world cultures and animals. Many students came back to tell her of the positive impact she had on their lives.

In the 1980s and 1990s, Rita became a leader in a growing movement of neighborhood associations. She served as chairwomen of the Eastside Neighborhood Association and worked with a local neighborhood watch and a neighborhood association called Communication Linkage Forum. She also became a member of the city's historic resources commission and served as a Planning Commissioner.

Rita was an active member of the California Rare Fruit Growers' Society, Bee Keeper Society, Herb Society and both UC Master Gardeners and OCIMG. She was our featured speaker at more than one of our meetings. I once volunteered with her at a table during the Orange County Fair and was very impressed with her extensive knowledge of plants and her enthusiastic encouragement to everyone who came to us with a question. She incorporated cultural elements in her history class; we all saved holiday cards for her so she could teach her students how to create kirigami boxes from them. I still have those instructions.

She is survived by her three brothers, John, David and Larry Corpin; her niece, and nephews. Cards can be sent to her brother:

David Corpin
2029 S Garnsey St.
Santa Ana, CA 92707-2610

--Jill Patterson

Please complete the information sheet below and send it in with your renewal registration. If you have already renewed, thank you! And please fill out the form as well and send it to Nancy Shaw. We need to update our address information, especially for the newsletter. All members will receive the newsletter via email unless they contact the editor to request a paper newsletter. Keep in mind that postage continues to go up and the emailed newsletter arrives faster than snail mail!

ORANGE COUNTY INDEPENDENT MASTER GARDENERS

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Circle one: Cash Check # _____ Member since _____