

Garden Clippings

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March Meeting

Saturday March 5, 2016

Field trip to Robinson Gardens!

1008 Elden Way, Beverly Hills, CA 90210



Tour begins promptly at 10am.

Carpool point: 1000 E. Lambert Rd. in Brea.
North side of Lambert, east of State College and
east of the church, just west of the 57 freeway.
Meet at 8:30 am.

The tour is limited to 20 people. **Please RSVP to Anne Porter at 714-393-7069** with the following information:

1. How many people in your party
2. If you're willing to drive or need a ride
3. If driving, how many people you can take in your car

Every driver must have at least one, preferably two passengers, as parking is extremely limited.

Tour cost is: \$11.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children (5-12), \$6.00 for students and for seniors (62+).

Gardening Events

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

Fri-Sun. March 4-6: "Tomatomania". 9am – 5pm. Free.

Tomato seedling sale with 200+ varieties of tomatoes. Talk by Steve Goto on Sat. at 9am.

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

Sat.-Sun. March 19-20: "Veggiepalooza". 9am -4pm.

Vegetable plant sale offering 350 diverse varieties of seedlings grown at the Arboretum.

Tues. March 29: "Growing Disneyland: the history of Disneyland, the Jungle Cruise, and Orange County" 7-8:30pm

How the park came to Orange County.

Fullerton College Horticulture Dept.

Fri-Sun. March 4-6: "Annual Tomato Sale". 10am-4pm, ends 3pm Sunday. 714/992-7135

Plants will not be held back for Sat/Sun sales, so come on Friday for best selection. See website for plant list:

<http://horticulture.fullcoll.edu/TomatoListMain.shtml>

Tree of Life Nursery 33201 Ortega Highway,
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675, tel. 949/728-0685

Sat. March 19: "Water Education Day—O.C. Friendly Gardening Fair" 9:30am - 1:00pm.

Meet organizations and companies with programs available to assist you in saving water. Speaker David Bainbridge will begin with a talk on "Gardening with Less Water" at 9:30 am followed by additional short talks.

Leaves from the President



110 Years Old

Did you know Ball Seed is 110 years old? It was started in 1905 in Chicago. But let's start from the beginning. In 1904, a man named George J. Ball leased some greenhouses (they call a row of greenhouses a range) from Harms Park Floral Range. He was growing asters. He found the business and the marketing a challenge. By September 1905, he had sold the greenhouses to a man named Faith and took a job with another grower. By December 4, he wrote: "After a lot of dickering that has been tiresome, have bought back my old place at Berteau and Oakley Avenue from Ern. Faith, papers being signed today, the price being \$300. So I make a clear profit of \$200 by the deal." Mr. Faith fixed up the greenhouses by installing an additional heating pipe to each greenhouse and December 4, 1905 was the relaunch and birth of Geo. J. Ball, later to be known as Ball Horticultural Company.

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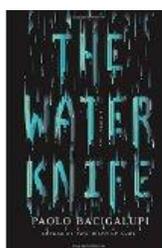
Getting Ready for June 4

Not only is June 4 our annual meeting, but it will also be our first community cutting exchange as part of La Habra Library's Do-It-Yourself Festival. We already have people signed up to teach short workshops on vegetable gardening, native plants, miniature or fairy gardens, and Ochids. If you'd like to sign up to teach a workshop, please contact Jill Patterson at 562-694-0078 (library telephone number). This is also a good time to start your cuttings and seeds now. Succulents, vegetables, and herbs are especially needed.

Greywater and Landscape Programs at La Habra Library

Laura Allen is a founding member of Greywater Action. She will answer all your questions about the use of greywater on Sunday, March 20 at 2pm. Return the following Sunday on April 3 at 2pm to learn how to build your own greywater "laundry to landscape" system. Programs are free, no registration necessary.

On Saturday, April 9, Stephanie Shermoen will talk about landscaping with water intelligence. Shermoen is President, Landscape Architect at Terrain Integration, Inc.



Both programs are part of a Book-to-Action grant the library was awarded. To really immerse yourself in the subject, join us on March 30 for our discussion of the book *The Water Knife*

by Paolo Bacigalupi, a near future thriller as Arizona, Nevada and California fight over water that is more precious than anyone's life. Books can be checked out from the library.

Do you need an OCIMG badge?

We have ordered our badges from Make It Personal, a Brea company for years. The owners sold the business last year and the new owners do not have our badge design. Does anyone have a jpeg of the graphic design? If not, we'll have to create a new design. If you have the jpeg or if you have the skills to create a graphic, please contact Jill Patterson.