

# Garden Clippings

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## May Meeting

**Saturday May 7, 2016**  
**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
**1421 W. Ball Rd.**  
**Anaheim, CA.**

### 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.	Program
11:00	Clean-up

Members with last names starting with **R-Z**, 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.

## Enrichment Program: Tree Care from Gruett Tree Company



Sarah Taylor, botanist, accompanied by an irrigation specialist, are our speakers this month. Both are affiliated with the Gruett Tree Company. Bring

your questions about tree care and trimming and learn how to save your trees during the drought. Sarah is a member of the Botanist Society of America and can answer other plant-related questions. Gruett Tree Company is a family-owned business serving Orange County since 1982. Based in Santa Ana, the company is comprised of certified arborists.

## Gardening Events

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

**Thurs. May 5: "Cinco de Mayo Give Away"**. 9am – 6pm.

Receive a complimentary organic spicy pepper when you visit Roger's Gardens. First come/first serve, so come early for best selection.

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

**Thurs. May 5: "Amazing Butterflies: Nature's Gift To Us"**. 7 - 8:30pm.

Naturalist Richard James will discuss the adaptations of Orange County butterflies that allow them to reproduce, migrate, escape predation and find food.

**Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens** 1500 N. College Ave., Claremont, CA 91711, just off Foothill Blvd. Pre-register for all classes online at <http://www.rsabg.org>.

**Sun. May 8:** Free admission to the garden AND the butterfly pavilion for all moms! Children do NOT need to be present. 8am – 4:30pm.

**Sat., May 21: "Designing Native Gardens"**. 10 a.m. – noon. RSABG members \$20, public \$25

Carol Bornstein will discuss how to use inspirations from nature, historical garden precedents, fundamental principles of composition, and thoughtful plant selection to create successful gardens.

**Armstrong Nurseries:** Free classes are provided at each location. Grow Colorful Waterwise Plants at 9am on May 14; and learn about plants that attract birds and butterflies on May 28 at 9am. Website is:

<http://www.armstronggarden.com/pages/classes>

# Leaves from the President



RRD (Red Rosette Disease) or

RRV (Red Rosette Virus)

The rose is one of the most-loved flowers in the world both as cut flowers as well as for the garden. It's a \$400 million a year business . so it's no surprise when a deadly disease like rose disease, aka RRD strikes. The disease has been around since the 1940s, but it wasn't until 2011 that researchers in Arkansas identified the causal agent--a negative sense r.n.a virus, a new member of the genus .According to the University of Tennessee, there were widespread losses due to RRD in Arkansas, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Tennessee. Over the last 10 years, the estimated loss of roses to RRD were in the tens of thousands. At one location, there was loss of more than 2000 roses to RRD. However in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi where there have been outbreaks of RRD, there are also large portions of those states where there have been none or few reports of RRD. In Louisiana during 2015, reports of limited outbreaks were found to be due to infected material.

p.s. The symptoms: RRD can mimic other problems, such as damage from herbicides, which can result in proliferation of lateral shoots causing something called a witch's broom appearance. This is common with RRD. Also RRD can vary between cultivars.

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*Note from the editor: More information can be found at <http://www.rosegeek.com/index.htm>, some of which is excerpted below:*

The disease is carried by a very specific spider mite, 'Phyllocoptes fructiphilus'. An infected mite drifts on the wind, lands on a rose and then injects the disease into the rose when it starts to feed. A non-infected mite can land on a rose that already has it, pick it up and when the wind blows it to another rose, it infects that one.

This contagious, incurable, fatal rose disease is spreading unchecked through the wild rose population of the Midwest, South, East and parts of Canada. From infected wild roses, it spreads to cultivated roses. So far, it has not entered California.

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## Volunteer at WAND!

The West Anaheim Neighborhood Development Council (WAND), a non-profit group of dedicated residents working to improve the West Anaheim area, is hosting its 20th Annual Anaheim Western BBQ at Twila Reid Park on May 14, 2016 from 10am – 4pm. This is the group that also sponsors a community garden. Glenn Vodhanel and Don Martin have volunteered to staff an OCIMG table there. Contact Glenn if you can help that day!

## June Plant Exchange

This is another reminder that we will have our annual plant exchange in June. This year, the exchange will continue with giveaways to the community during the garden workshops we're providing. All plants need to be labeled with the botanical and common names and include care instructions. Vegetables, perennials, succulents, herbs, trees and annuals are all welcome.

## “How To U.”

Our June meeting, held at the La Habra Library, will segue into a “how to do it” series of programs with our members leading the workshops in the garden track. The “How To U.” is from 11am – 4pm. Below are the workshops people signed up to lead. If you’re interested in teaching another class or if you’ve signed up for a particular class and have a specific time you want to hold it, please contact Jill Patterson by email:

([jillpatterson@yahoo.com](mailto:jillpatterson@yahoo.com)) or at the May meeting. Each workshop is 50 minutes long. If you’re leading two workshops, then we will run them consecutively unless you’d like a break in-between (that’s you, Diane!).

This is the library’s first time to host this event and it’s a great way to showcase our organization and hopefully get new members and trainees.

Miniature/Fairy Gardens (Anne & Linda)
Bonsai (Don)
Orchids (Glenn & Judy)
Spring Vegetables (Diane)
Succulents & Native Plants (Mary, Cerise & Diane)

## M & M Nursery Fairy Garden Contest

M & M Nursery will host a Fairy Garden Contest featuring top prizes of \$75 to \$300 in M & M gift certificates. Entry forms are available at the nursery, with separate categories for adults and children.

Bring your entries on Sunday, June 5th and share tips and learn some new ones while munching on fabulous gourmet fairy cookies.

The Fairy Garden Class is now available online as videos on their website at: [www.fairygardenexpert.net](http://www.fairygardenexpert.net).

## More Garden Happenings in May

Friday, May 6 is the Laguna Beach Garden Club Gate and Garden Tour from 11am – 3pm. This 1-mile walking tour of nine private gardens in the Village neighborhood is \$45 in advance or \$50 that day, Purchase tickets online at:

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

On Saturday, May 14, stroll the neighborhoods of West Floral Park and Jack Fisher Park in north Santa Ana to view gardens, a water-wise sidewalk tour, garden expert talks, vendors and food trucks from 10am – 4pm. More information at [opengardenday.com](http://opengardenday.com), buy \$15 tickets that day.

On Sunday, May 15, you can enjoy the self-guided Rossmoor Woman’s Club Annual Outdoor Living and Garden Tour, which includes vendors and food trucks. Purchase \$10 tickets online at [rossmoorwomansclub.com](http://rossmoorwomansclub.com).

Finally, on May 22, the Arts Colony of La Mirada will display their art in home environments in their “Art in the Garden Tour”. It’s held at Biola University, off the 13700 block of La Mirada Blvd. in La Mirada, enter at University Drive and follow the signs. From 1-4pm; purchase tickets that day for \$10.

*Editor’s Note: It’s been several years since we’ve held a garden tour of our own members’ homes. Time to think about it for 2017?*

## Fun Facts about Gardening & Fitness

Heavy yard work (landscaping, moving rocks, hauling dirt): burns 400-600 **calories** per hour. Raking and bagging leaves: burns 350-450 **calories** per hour. **Gardening**: pulling weeds, planting flowers, etc.: burns 200-400 **calories** per hour. Mowing the lawn: burns 250-350 **calories** per hour. From WebMD.com

Our congratulations to the California Native Plant Society! This year is the 50th anniversary for CNPS and the 35th anniversary for the Orange County Chapter.