

# Garden Clippings

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## December Meeting

Saturday, December 3, 2016

**New Location!**

**Patriot Hall**

**735 S. Brea Blvd.**

**Brea, CA 92821**

### 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. Meet, Greet & Eat

11:00 Clean-up

Our annual holiday get together! Everyone, please bring a dish to share, with serving implements. Type of dish is according to your last name (but feel free to trade with someone else if you're set on a certain food):

A-H: casseroles, main dish, or other hearty food

I-P: desserts or side dish

Q-Z: finger foods and appetizers

### Enrichment Program: Meet and Greet

No special program this month—we have invited former members to join us so that we can renew old friendships. However, we would like to create a list of people willing to go to other garden clubs and speak on a specific topic. Please be sure and sign up if you are willing to speak and list which topics you feel comfortable talking about. Two garden clubs in the Whittier area are actively looking for speakers.

We're almost at the end of the calendar year! Be sure and turn in your volunteer hours to Bill McMurran.

## Gardening Events

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

**Sat. Dec. 3 - 4: "Cactus & Succulent Sale".**  
10am – 4pm. Free

The annual sale hosting vendors selling rare and unique specimens.

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

**Sun. Dec. 4: "What to Do in December".** 10 - 11am. Free.

The emphasis will be on planting cool-season crops, including potatoes, garlic and onion varieties appropriate for Southern California.

**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>.

**Sat. Dec. 17: "How to Plant and How to Water Your Natives".** 10 - 11am. Free, but must preregister. (909) 625-8767 ext. 404

Learn the initial planting techniques and proper irrigation of your new plants. Held at Grow Native Nursery on the grounds of the Garden.

We wish you and your families the happiest and healthiest of holidays!



May your gardens always be in bloom.

# Leaves from the President



Master Gardens in action to help school kids learn about gardening at Prince of Peace Lutheran church and school.

We built the raised bed boxes out of donated 2 x 12 boards. The boxes are 10 feet long by 2 feet wide, rather the standard 4 feet wide so that little arms could reach center. Below, Nick and Bill are working with June, the teacher spearheading the effort to teach the kids about gardening.



We uncovered a nearby sprinkler, and Bob Shaw connected the irrigation to it. The top layer of “turf” was scraped off, the boxes put in place and lined with newspaper.



The boxes were then filled with layers of top soil and compost.



The boxes are ready and set for the classes to start planting in January.

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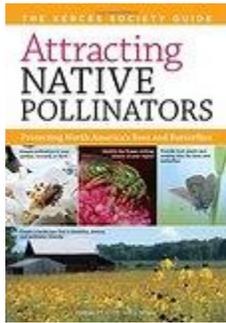
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## Knock Out Roses

This shrub rose set a new standard in disease resistance with little to no maintenance required. Black spot resistant, drought tolerant and self-cleaning, this rose suits every garden and every lifestyle. The Knock Out® Rose was selected as the [Best Low Maintenance Rose](#) by Birds & Blooms in 2014. Have you heard of this new variety and tried it? Let me know.

## Gifts for Gardeners

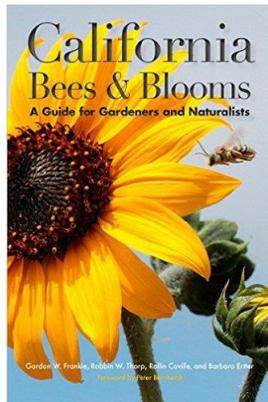
The holidays are coming fast! Below are some ideas for your favorite gardener.



*Attracting Native Pollinators: The Xerces Society Guide to Conserving North American Bees and Butterflies and Their Habitat.* This 2011 work details who the pollinators are, where they are, what they do, and how best to care for their well-being. Accessible

for the home gardener, this book also has a wealth of information for beekeepers, farmers, and environmentalists of all walks.

*California Bees and Blooms: A Guide for Gardeners and Naturalists* by Gordon W. Frankie and Robbin W. Thorp. Published in 2014, copies are already selling for high prices on Amazon, but you can still get a new one for under \$25. You'll be introduced to the over sixteen hundred species of California undomesticated bees--most of them native--that populate and pollinate our gardens, fields, and urban green spaces. Plus, there are suggestions for bee-friendly plants to add to the garden.



**Dramm Compact Pruner:** 15.95 at anniesannuals.com, these pruners are perfect for those with smaller hands. Can trim woody

stems and perennials (up to 1/4" in diameter). They're lightweight with a super comfortable non-slip grip and built to last out of corrosion resistant stainless steel. Perfect for pruning roses this January.

Also from anniesannuals.com is this set of 3 California Poppy ornaments, two with a clip and one with a loop. About 3.5 inches tall, the set is \$24.95.



From [www.fatandthemoon.com](http://www.fatandthemoon.com) is this \$12.00

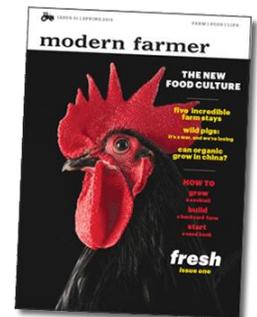


salve for muscles that have been overworked in the garden. Handmade in Pt. Arena, ingredients are: tobacco, st john's wort, cayenne infused sunflower oil, beeswax, clove & vetiver essential oil. Tobacco infused oil relieves muscle cramps and spasms. Cayenne makes muscles more pliable and easing aches. Clove essential oil adds even more warmth to the salve.

Subscribe to "Modern Farmer for \$24.00 at

[www.modernfarmer.com](http://www.modernfarmer.com)

Modern Farmer is a quarterly magazine devoted to the people, policy, issues, animals, plants, and technology of farming and food. Plus, their website has articles on all these subjects.



You've heard of "fruit of the month" and "cheese of the month" clubs, but there is also a "garden a month" subscription through My Garden Box, [www.mygardenbox.shop](http://www.mygardenbox.shop). You can do one, three, or twelve months for about \$29.00/month.

Included are up to three live plants or bulbs; as well as various care, maintenance, and/or decor items from their partners at

<http://www.SantaRosaGardens.com>.



Finally, in deference to our ongoing drought, Lowe's has rain barrels that can hold 40 gallons for just under \$100.00