

Garden Clippings

Orange County Independent Master Gardeners' Newsletter

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June Meeting

Saturday, June 3, 2017

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 & Election
9:45 – 10:00 a.m. Refreshments/Plants 'N Things
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Graduation & Plant Exchange

Everyone, 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.

June Elections

Our final slate of officers was updated at the May meeting. We will vote at the June meeting.

President: Bill McMurrin

1st Vice-President: Jerry Danker

2nd Vice-President: Nick Latimer

Treasurer: Nancy Shaw

Corresponding Secretary: Anne Porter

Recording Secretary: Mary McMurrin

Reminder! Dues are due!

Please pay \$20 at the June meeting
or mail by mid-July to:

Nancy Shaw at
9701 Holder St., Cypress, 90630

Volunteer Hours are Due!

Send your hours to Bill McMurrin

Use volunteer hours form and mail or email.

Only members in good standing can vote!

REMEMBER: No July meeting or newsletter!

Gardening Events

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

Sat. June 17: "Designing with Succulents", 9 -
10am. Free.

Author Debra Lee Baldwin will share tips and
design secrets for landscape and containers.

Sat. June 24: "How to Grow a Salsa Garden",
9 - 10am. Free.

David Rizzo will share his favorite selections of
peppers and herbs, plus ideas on how to grow
fresh vegetables to make the best salsa.

Armstrong Nurseries: Free classes are provided
at most locations. All day June 3, stop by for a
free "nectar" beverage and sweet snack while
supplies last. Learn to grow plumerias June 17
and cacti & succulents June 24, both at 9am.

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

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>

Through August 6: "Butterfly Pavilion"

Tickets: \$3 per person in addition to standard
Garden admission. Wednesday nights at 8pm,
only in June, enjoy a beer, music, and light
snacks for \$15, which includes admission to the
gardens and the Butterfly Pavilion.

Tree of Life Nursery 33201 Ortega Hwy, San Juan
Capistrano, Tel: 949/728-0685

**Sat. June 10, "Frogs are Friends: Ponds and
Puddles in the Garden"**. 9:30 – 10:30am

Dr. Leon Baginski will discuss how to build and
keep a pond, including care and maintenance of
its resident flora and fauna.

Leaves from the President



Gardening Safely In Summer Heat

This time of year, it is starting to feel like summer even though it is still only May and summer is almost a month away. At times the heat and humidity can seem almost unbearable. Despite the heat your garden still requires your help, but let's work smart.

1. First, take of yourself. To prevent dehydration drink lots of cool water, before, during and after you work outside.
2. Wear a hat that shades your face, ears, back of your neck, and your eyes. Wear loose comfortable clothing.
3. Try to work in your garden early in the morning and late in the afternoon after it starts to cool off. However, it is not OK to start mowing your yard at 5 a.m. while your neighbors are still trying to sleep.
4. Use sunblock on areas of skin that could be exposed to the sun. Also, you may want to apply mosquito repellent if needed. Remember, early morning and evening are when mosquitoes are most active. West Nile virus is still a concern.
5. If possible, work in the "sunny" parts of the garden during coolest part of the day and work in the shady area as it warms up. If possible, move your work to shady areas, for example repotting plants.
6. Pace yourself, work for a while and take frequent breaks. Pay attention to your body, if you start to feel too warm, take a break, drink some cold water, and move indoors or at least to a cooler area and out of the sun.
7. Check your local weather forecast, it will give hourly temp forecasts, excessive heat warnings, and let you know if there will be a change in the weather soon.

8. Try to stay on top of things, sometimes spending 10 to 15 minutes a day to take care of small problems will keep you from spending hours weeks later after the weeds have gone to seed.

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Congratulations to Our Graduates!

3 June - Graduation & Elections @ POP

mid June - California Friendly by Reggie Durant field trip. Date not yet scheduled.

June Plant Exchange

We will have our annual plant exchange at our June meeting. 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. Members may take a plant for every plant they bring. Leftovers will be saved for La Habra's How To U in two weeks.

Looking for Garden Design Ideas?

Along with their quarterly \$45/annually subscription magazine, a free weekly newsletter is available. Signing up for the newsletter entitles you to their free "How to Design Your Dream Garden" guide. Sign up at:
<https://www.gardendesign.com/ideas/>

“How-To U” at La Habra Library June 17

221 E. La Habra Blvd.

La Habra 90631

The La Habra Library’s “How To U” will be held Saturday, June 17. We will give away plants at our workshops in the garden track. Edibles, herbs, and succulents are especially needed. Cuttings are also welcome. The workshop schedule is:

11am: How to raise chickens (4H club)

12pm: Tillandsias by Nancy Bird

1pm. Succulents by OCIMG, Nancy Shaw

2pm. KISS Roses by OCIMG, Marilyn Carne-Smith

3pm: Edible gardening by OCIMG, Diane Wilkinson

If you’d like to co-lead one of the workshops, contact Nancy S, Marilyn, or Diane.

Top Six Botanical Gardens in Orange County

1. Noguchi Garden 611 Anton Blvd, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Compact, minimalist sculpture garden intended as a representation of the state of California. Free, open 8 AM to midnight.

2. Sherman Library and Gardens 2647 E Coast Hwy, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625 Phone (949) 673-2264, 10:30am – 4pm daily website: <http://www.slgardens.org>

Reopens June 5, admission \$5. The Gardens provide a museum of living plants, displayed amidst a setting of immaculate gardens, patios and conservatories linked together by wide brick walkways, beds blooming with seasonal flowers and bubbling tile fountains.

3. Fullerton Arboretum 1900 Associated Rd, Fullerton, CA 92831 Phone (657) 278-3407 8am – 4:30pm, closed June 17. website: <http://fullertonarboretum.org>

4. Coastkeeper Garden 8045 E Chapman, Orange, CA 92869 Phone (714) 850-1965 Wed. – Sat. 9am – 4pm. Closed on hot, rainy, or windy days. website:

<http://www.coastkeeper.org/coastkeeper-garden>

This unique, sustainable garden hosts plants from six southern California native habitats as well as drought-tolerant plants. The Garden incorporates six California Friendly ® vignettes (garden rooms) into “backyard” landscapes that harmonize with the native plant habitat throughout the Garden.

5. UCI Arboretum Campus Dr. & Jamboree Rd., Irvine, CA 92660 Phone (949) 824-5833 Free, pay for parking, call for open hours. website: <http://arboretum.bio.uci.edu/>

The Arboretum features plants and communities from the California Floristic Province and also has an extensive collection of South African species. May only be open for quarterly tours.

Top Trends for 2017 (according to HGTV)

Mainstream Sustainability: Low-maintenance gardens, drought-tolerant plants and less turf have become the norm in landscape design.

Homeowners now assume sustainable design will be a major part of the plan — both for economic and environmental reasons. Going green and being eco-conscious are part of this concept.

Edibles, Right Up Front: Blended gardens that incorporate edibles and ornamentals do double duty, giving gardeners a bountiful harvest of fruit, vegetables and herbs and an alternative to turf. Edible gardens also create community as urban farmers share their bounty around the neighborhood. Raising chickens and beekeeping are part of this trend.

Better Quality, Use of Natural Materials: Over-the-top, showy landscapes are out. Now, homeowners prefer to invest in quality and natural materials.

Indoors Goes Outside: Thanks to new outdoor fabrics, which are made from acrylic fibers and are fade-resistant and waterproof, homeowners can create permanent living spaces outdoors with comfortable fabrics and furniture.