

The Gardeners' Club

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Bonnie Linden is the founder of the Santa Cruz Reskilling Expo, a 501c3 public charity that offers sustainable living skills education to the public. Pop-up reskilling workshops are taught at

members' homes and other venues. The core membership are folks who are passionate about a shared sustainable future. Take a look at these photos of Bonnie's own home garden and water catchment system, made possible by learning new skills from other members of the community. In a Tech Beat interview (www.santacruztechbeat.com/2015/04/09/timebank-santa-cruz-drupal/) Bonnie said, "The Reskilling Expo emerged when I started keeping bees. Beekeepers are quirky people with niche expertise, kind of like techies. I got to know this reskilled community and I saw a valuable knowledge commons, a vast, informal network of skilled people committed to a sustainable future."

Four years ago the Expo began the TimeBank Santa Cruz project, for which Bonnie is executive and strategic director. The TimeBank is a system of reciprocal service exchange that allows community members to trade services hour for hour—a bank

where the currency is time, not money. Members can offer or request services through the website, <http://timebank.santacruz.org/>. You provide a service to earn TimeCredits. You spend your TimeCredits for any services in the network. Services can be any simple task that addresses an everyday need. Service categories include Arts and Culture, Business/Clerical/Tech, Care/Companionship, Home Repairs, Food Preparation, Health and Wellness, Transportation, Home and Garden, Sports/Leisure and more.

Those who want to join TimeBank Santa Cruz should live in Santa Cruz County, be at least 18 years old and be "willing to maintain a high level of trust," according to its website. Members should contribute at least three hours a month, and annual dues are from \$25 to \$50 on a sliding scale.

Classes are free to TimeBankers and low-cost to non-members. Examples of classes offered are Composting, Winter Wellness, Solar for the Home, Power Tools for Women, Lose Your Lawn, Greywater, Tool Sharpening, Fruit Tree Care, Zero Waste, Rain Barrel Installation and El Nino prep. Come to the November meeting to meet Bonnie and learn more!

Meeting—Thurs., Nov. 12th
7:00 p.m

Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr.

Refreshments will be served.
Thanks to Joanna Hall for snack,
Dorothy Kukla for dessert, and
Allan Neymark for beverages.



The next Board Meeting will be on November 23, starting at 6:00 pm, at Debbie Kindie's, 3320 Putter Dr., Soquel.

All are welcome to attend---you don't have to be a Board member.

Growing Great Garlic

Selecting & Cultivating Organic Garlic in the Home Garden



Saturday, November 7
9:30 am-12:30 pm
UCSC Farm & Garden



Workshop is at the Louise Cain Gatehouse at the farm and will be held rain or shine

Feel free to bring a bag lunch, relax and enjoy the farm and gardens following the workshop.

Garlic is a great crop to grow in the home garden, and there are many types of garlic to choose from. Join garlic farmer **Pete Rasmussen** of Eden, Utah's **Sandhill Farms** and **Orin Martin** of UCSC's Chadwick Garden to learn the ins and outs of selecting, growing, harvesting, and storing organic garlic.

Watch a planting demonstration and enjoy a taste test of roasted garlic varieties. You won't want to miss this new workshop!

COST – General \$30 (\$40 cash or check at the door); \$20 Friends of the Farm & Garden members (\$30 at the door); \$15 UCSC Students and limited income (\$20 at the door).

Register and pay online at: <http://garlic2015.bpt.me> or pay by check (payable to "UC Regents") and send to: **CASFS | UCSC Farm, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 Attn: Workshop. Please include contact information (phone & email) with payment.**



For more information and directions: call **831.459-3240**

email casfs@ucsc.edu

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I reviewed The Occidental Arts and Ecology Center Cookbook last month, and my review copy arrived recently, exceeding all expectations.

With dreams of Thanksgiving pies dancing in my head, their recipe for **ROSEMARY-INFUSED WHIPPED CREAM** leapt out at me. Actually, it should be titled Herb-Infused Whipped Cream, because you can substitute thyme, lemon thyme, lemon verbena or anise hyssop. My mother used to add a capful of almond extract to our whipped cream, which I still do. For this recipe, any fresh or dried herb can be infused into whipping cream to create interesting variations. Cold-infuse 1 cup of heavy whipping cream ahead of time by adding two 4-inch sprigs to the container of cream. Steep overnight in the refrigerator. For best results, chill the bowl of a stand-up mixer (or a ceramic bowl if you're using a handheld mixer) for 20 minutes before starting. Strain out the herbs, pouring cream into the chilled bowl. Add 1 tablespoon honey or maple syrup. Beat for 5 to 1– minutes on medium speed, keeping a close eye not to over whip. Serve immediately (serves 4-6).

More variations: infuse the cream with any herb—mint, basil, tarragon, rose geranium, culinary bay leaves (these impart a creamy vanilla flavor), lavender flowers, vanilla bean, grated ginger, dried crushed fig leaves (imparts a warm coconutty flavor) or fresh peach leaves (imparts an amaretto flavor.)

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The Gardeners' Club Membership

The time has come for membership renewal. Annual membership dues, which include all benefits, are still only \$12.00, due by January 1st. The membership year lasts through the end of December, 2016. Dues entitle members to all club educational programs, our special events, plant trades and our awesome monthly newsletter. The "green" option is to receive an electronic PDF **FULL-COLOR** version of the newsletter by checking the



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newsletter e-mail option below.

Ours is a club celebrating the joys of gardening, friendship, community, learning, nature and growth. Renew your membership now so you won't miss a thing...you'll be glad you did.

And...with gift-giving season almost here, consider sharing your passion for gardening, and supporting our club, by giving your favorite gardening enthusiast an opportunity to connect, share and learn with us. A gift membership is a gift nobody will want to return!

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Enclose check for \$12 per member made out to *The Gardeners' Club*. Mail to

The Gardeners' Club c/o Suzanne Mercado, P.O. Box 3025, Ben Lomond CA 95005

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Soquel High School
401 Soquel San Jose Rd.

Saturday, November 14
9am-5pm

Sunday, November 15
10am-4pm

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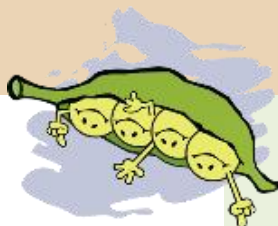
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It's easy-peasy to join our club!

Dues are \$12 per calendar year. Make check to "The Gardeners' Club" and mail to P.O. Box 3025, Ben Lomond, CA 95005. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

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