

The Gardeners' Club

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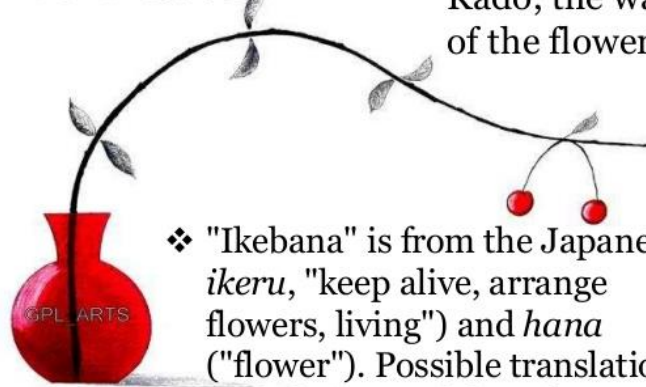
Our speaker for the March meeting, meeting, Club Member Lydia Johnson, was too ill to present, so we rescheduled her talk for this month. She will introduce us to the concepts of ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement. While living in Japan, where her husband was stationed, she was always looking for activities which had to do with the local culture. So she started studying ikebana, flower arranging. She studied for two years and attained a master certification in ikebana. Although she intended to teach when they returned, having a family intervened.

Over the year she has used her skills to make arrangements for her home and friends. Now we get to benefit from her expertise!

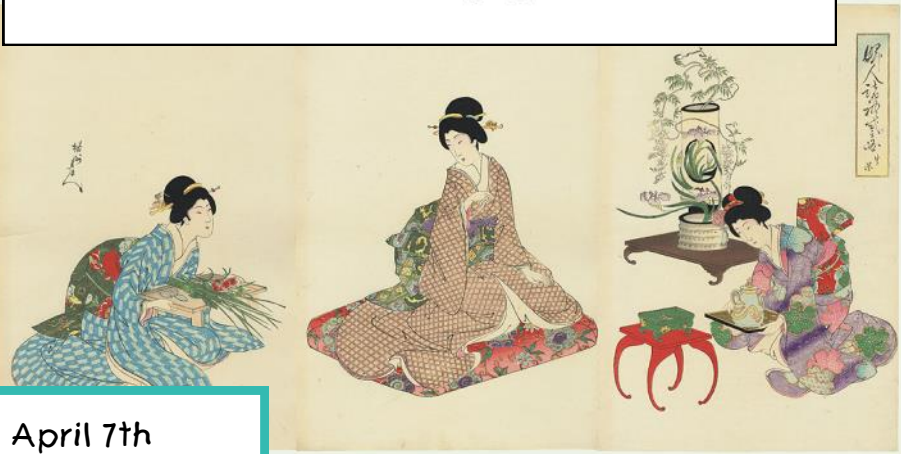


Ikebana

❖ is also known as Kado, the way of the flower



❖ "Ikebana" is from the Japanese *ikeru*, "keep alive, arrange flowers, living") and *hana* ("flower"). Possible translations include "giving life to flowers" and "arranging flowers".



Meeting, Thursday, April 7th
7:00 p.m

Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr.

Tomatoes Galore

Every year Dee Weybright brings extra tomato seedlings started by her husband Art to the May Plant Sale, as do I, Lise Bixler, but it is too late! Most of you have your tomatoes planted by May, so this year we are bringing them earlier, to the April Meeting. The Weybrights have sowed Juliet (grape style), Carmello, Rainbow, Porterhouse, Beefsteak, Cherokee Purple, Brandywine Pink, Black Krim and San Marzone (Paste tomato). In addition, I will bring Black, Chocolate and Gold Cherry, Sasha Altai, Bloody Butcher, Fireworks, Sasha Altai, Anna Russian and others.



April Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, April 24th, at the home of Sim Gilbert, 3999 Glen Haven Road, Soquel. We'll meet at 6 p.m. for a tour of her gardens. You don't have to be a Board Member to attend—join us for lively conversation, food and Garden Club brainstorming.

Learn About Bee Keeping and How to Make Your Garden Bee Friendly



Honeybees and wild bees are key players in the ecology of our gardens and landscape. Learn how to make your yard or garden more “bee friendly” at “Gardening for Our Bees: Bee Biology, Beekeeping Basics, and Bee-Friendly Plants” on Saturday, April 2, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Alan Chadwick Garden at UC Santa Cruz.

Taught by UCSC graduate student Hamutahl Cohen, this workshop will cover the basics of bee biology and beekeeping, and how to incorporate bee-friendly plants into your garden.

The morning includes a walk around UC Santa Cruz’s 3-acre Alan Chadwick Garden, and observations of the garden’s beehives and wild bees on flowers. Cost of the workshop: \$10 for the general public; \$5 for members of the Friends of the UCSC Farm and Garden and limited income participants; free for UCSC students.

Pre-register at: bees2016.bpt.me. Note: cash or check only at the door.

The Alan Chadwick Garden is located at the corner of Merrill Road and McLaughlin Drive at UC Santa Cruz. Free public parking is available in the Merrill College parking lot.

For more information, call (831) 459-3240 or email casfs@ucsc.edu. Workshops are cosponsored by the Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems and the Friends of the UCSC Farm & Garden; UCSC student entry is supported by UCSC’s Measure 43.

Smart Gardening Fair

UC MASTER GARDENERS OF MONTEREY BAY

Saturday
April 2, 2016
9:00 to 3:00



EXPERT SPEAKERS:

- Aaron Dillon
Fruit Trees in a Drought
- Ron Herman
Art of Restraint - Concepts of Japanese Garden Design
- Tom Snyder
Peppers - Eating a Rainbow
- Margot Grych, Leta Messenger
Medicinal Herbs
- Kristine Albrecht
The Wonder of Dahlias

LIVE DEMOS:

- Peter Quintanilla
Summer Fruit Tree Pruning
- Sara Steiner
Tea—Growing Herbal infusions
- Candice McLaren
Chickens in the Garden
- Ron Morgan, Richard Carr
Beekeeping
- Otis Johnson
Composting

FREE event

All gardeners welcome!

Ideas, tips &
information

Purchase plants,
services, supplies,
books & more

Enjoy food, live music,
activities for kids!

MORE INFO:
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2016 Bonsai Show

28th Anniversary



A 450 Yr. Old CA Juniper Owned by Don White

The Museum of Art & History
705 Front Street, Santa Cruz

Saturday & Sunday, April 2nd & 3rd, 2016

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Admission: \$5.00 for Museum and Show

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NORRIE'S NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The UC Santa Cruz Arboretum is looking for volunteers with expertise in gardening and horticulture to help out in our gift and garden shop (Norrie's). People who work at Norrie's are often asked questions about the collections, gardening and plants, interest and expertise in these areas is very beneficial to providing excellent customer service in the shop.

Would any Garden Club members be interested in using their expertise and interest in plants to support the Arboretum by volunteering with Admissions and sales in our gift and garden shop? We offer training in the store and about our collections, a wonderful community, and many other benefits. Our requirements are friendliness, ease with computers, ability to stand, knowledge of gardening/plants, and a commitment of one 3-hour shift a week.

IF you or others are interested you can contact volunteer coordinator, Katie Cordes, at 502-2300 or at cscordes@ucsc.edu, or go to the volunteer application link at <http://arboretum.ucsc.edu/support/volunteer/index.html>.



This Old House's site <http://www.thisoldhouse.com/> recommends using wax paper as a cleaner for garden tools. The rough texture of the paper will loosen grime and the wax will coat exposed metal surfaces to help prevent rust.

GARDEN PLANTING AND WOOL DAY

April 16, 2016



Imagine yourself at Wilder Ranch in the early part of the 20th century and help plant the heirloom vegetable garden as it would have been circa 1900. Also learn from composting demonstrations, gardening information and participate in garden crafts. If good weather, arrive early (10am to noon) to see a sheep shearing demonstration and find out how wool is processed from "sheep to shawl". The event is held on the grounds of the Wilder Ranch Cultural Preserve.

A Pruning Primer

Early spring is a good time to prune many trees and shrubs because they're dormant. Here's how:

1. Cut out dead, damaged and diseased wood.

When trees and shrubs are leafless, it's easier to see damage from winter.

2. Avoid spring-bloomers.

Do not prune shrubs like forsythia, lilac and others that bloom in spring. Wait until after they've bloomed.

3. Look for the dormant bud.

Make cuts just above a swelling bud, if visible.

7. Perennials need pruning, too.

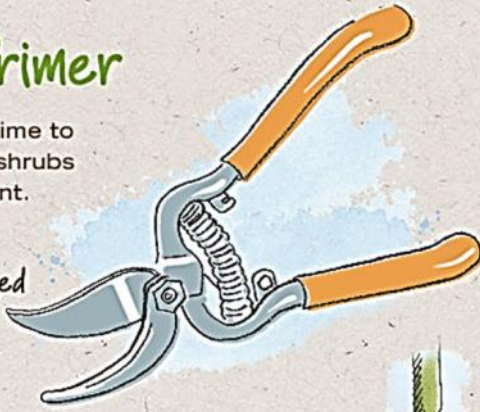
Shear ornamental grasses left up for winter interest. On perennials, remove clumps of last year's foliage, being careful not to disturb the crown. Shred the debris for the compost pile.

4. Trim winter kill on twigs. Many trees and shrubs suffer from die-back over the winter. Prune twigs back to living wood.

5. Thin and rejuvenate fast-growing shrubs. Cut out old wood right to the ground; leave younger branches to fill in.

6. Trim suckers.

Use pruners or loppers to cut out suckers that emerge around the trunks of trees.



The tips above are from The Gardener's Supply Company. If you have more questions about pruning, or any other gardening subject, go to their "Ask an Expert" feature. You'll have an answer within 24 hours! (<http://www.gardeners.com/on-demandware.store/Sites-Gardeners-Site/default/Customerservice-AskAnExpert>)

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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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