



The Gardeners' Club
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PLANT SALE AND *Swap*



Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to get free and bargain-priced plants and paraphernalia for your garden. Our members have been industriously dividing their perennials, potting up seedlings and extra plants, collecting seeds, bagging bulbs, gleaning surplus harvest, thinning tool and décor collections—all to make our trade and sale event a rich and rewarding experience. Come choose from a limitless variety of plants, bulbs, perennials, shrubs, seeds, small trees, tools, pots, vases, planters, books, magazines, knick-knacks and anything/everything garden. If you don't have plants to trade, you can buy stuff

at ridiculously low prices. You are sure to discover something new to try.

You may want to come a little earlier to put your stuff on the tables. We are now separating succulents, veggies, etc. to make finding what you want easier, but set-up takes a bit longer. See you there!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 7 p.m.
Apptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr.

(see inside back cover for more details)

Andrew Wall of Suncrest Nursery gave a presentation last month of some of the plants he used for his amazing Star Wars project at Disneyland. It is an understatement to say we were WOWED.

Overwhelmed with plant lust, Club members wanted more information on how to get the plants, and asked Andrew for a plant list. He was gracious enough to email me a copy of his entire slide show. From that, I've compiled the list of plants he recommended for our gardens.

But wait, there's more! Members Evelyn and George Zhovreboff have offered to purchase the plants that people want (that is, the ones that are currently available at the nursery) at Suncrest and bring them to our next meeting. What a wonderful offer! I've underlined the ones on the list that Suncrest currently has. Contact George and Evelyn by email (zhovreboff@aol.com) to order what you'd like to have.

I'll bring my laptop with the slide show on it to the next meeting so those of you who missed the show can see it. It has more information about the requirements and characteristics of each plant, and stunning photos. Bring cash or check to reimburse the Zhovreboffs.



FOLLOW-UP TO SEPTEMBER MEETING AUDIENCE OVERCOME WITH PLANT LUST

Adenanthos cuneatus 'Coral Drift'

Agave attenuata 'Ray of Light'

Calothamnus quadrifidus 'Seaside'

Casuarina glauca (Acacia cognate)
'Cousin Itt'

Cordyline x 'Renegade'

Craspedia globosa

Dasyliirion longissimum

Erica verticillata

Grevillea x 'Peaches and Cream'

Grevillea x 'Red Hooks'

Leucadendron x 'Jester'

Kalanchoe orgyalis

Leucodendron argenteum

Melianthus major 'Purple Haze'

Metrosideros collina 'Springfire'

Puya coerulea var. coerulea

Russellia equisetiformis

Rubus calcynoides 'Emerald Carpet'

Sanseveria trifasciata 'Moonshine'

Senecio anteuphorbium

Setaria palmifolia

Yucca 'Blue Boy'



Acacia
cognata
Cousin Itt
\$9.00/gal



Craspedia
globosa
(everybody's
favorite
yellow ball
\$5.00/gal



Melianthus
major
'Purple
Haze"
\$22.00/5 gal



Rubus
calcynoides
'Emerald
Carpet'
\$6.00/gal.



**“Autumn is the season
to find contentment
at home by paying
attention to what
we already have.”**

—UNKNOWN

**“What went well in
your garden this year?
What didn’t?
What did your garden
teach you?”**

Knowing that we Gardeners’ Club members are the best resources of gardening knowledge and advice for all of us, and that we can learn so much from each other by sharing our stories, I posed the questions above at our last meeting. And what grand responses I am receiving!

Have you taken a walk through your fall garden to reflect? What was wonderful? What did you do that you will never do again? What will you try again?

Taking pictures and jotting down a few notes is useful as you think about next year. What might you change – move a plant, divide it, give it away, get more, get something different? What colors worked well together, which plants thrived (or didn’t)? Take inventory, relish your memories, think of things you might try next year. And then—share your experiences with us!

I am sharing only a few responses in this first part of October’s newsletter. This is Part 1; Part 2 will be out next week, with more of your stories (and more gardening events, info, etc.) **Email more to me at lisebixler@sbcglobal.net.**

**“Winter is an etching,
spring a watercolor,
summer an oil painting
and autumn a mosaic
of them all.”**

—STANLEY HOROWITZ

Conversation With My Garden (Bill Patterson)

I had a final parent-to-child talk with my garden in the early spring, a year ago.

I explained that it was now a mature adult garden and must become independent of my daily care.

I explained that I will serve from now on as a grandparent, enjoying my visits without laboring.

You're on your own from now on, kids.

Bloom early with enthusiasm and don't expect blooms and growth beyond your native cycle. Arbitrate your own spaces, sharing sunlight while deciding who will be your neighbors without my declarations as to who is a weed and who is a plant.

Enjoy your natural shape as no pruning will be provided. Deadhead yourself.

Abide your thirst as you will not receive city drinking water. When the dry season comes, root deeper, for the moisture is just a few feet down in the clay subsoil.

Your soil will be invigorated by your moles, voles and gophers with the help of squirrels and neighboring cats.

Leaves will remain on the surface to break down enriching next years soil.

Expect this grandparent to enjoy your luxuriant gifts, not as an indentured servant, rather as one of you.

(Ed.Note: Bill also shared a great



Bill's garden

description of a major project he finished this year, which I'll either put in Part 2 or in the November newsletter.)

Success With 50-year old Trees; Trying to Use Less Water (Shirley Smith)

The one thing that I had to do different this year was reduce my water use in the garden since I have very expensive water. I did not irrigate my fruit trees. They are planted at the bottom of my lot which is where all the water drains to the street. Since we had a very wet winter, I was counting on a lot of water in my clay soil. Anyway, I managed to produce a wonderful harvest of plums, apples and pears this year from trees that are over fifty years old.

MY lemon tree has done well but the persimmon did not fair as well with small fruit. This last year when we pruned trees we really pruned the apple very hard so I am thinking we need to so the same with the persimmon to help with the production of edible fruit. I'm not sure about this—does anyone have advice?

I will continue to add more plants that do not need much water.



Shirley with her 50-year-old Golden Delicious apple tree. She says it produced a bumper crop, good for baking and apple sauce.



Open Farm Tours

Sat & Sun, October 12 & 13
from 10am - 4pm

Connecting Food, Farms & Families

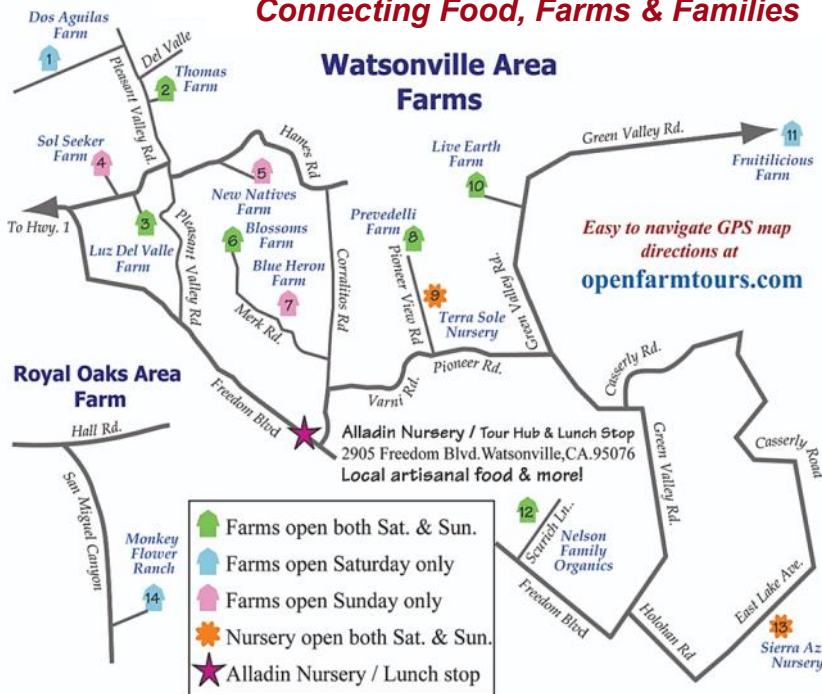


Alladin Nursery Lunch & Raffle!

Stop by Alladin Nursery for a fantastic BBQ lunch of Corralitos Sausages, plus an array of vegetarian options, side dishes and desserts

made with ingredients sourced from our participating farms and sponsors. Fired Up Fresh will be serving their wood fired pizza. Listen to live music by Taki-Runa while enjoying "fresh from the farm" food, beer, wine and artisan beverages all in the beautiful garden surroundings of Alladin.

Google Maps makes it easy to navigate your way from wherever you are to the farm you want to visit. Just go to their website Maps page and click on the farm you want to visit. A map and directions will instantly appear leading the way to the farms location. It's that easy!



Know Your Farmer., Know Your Food!

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

Last year over 2000 people attended this event. Every year the venue expands with new farms and activities, but one factor remains the same—all farms implement sustainable agriculture practices that are good for the earth and our health. Tour the farms at your own pace and learn what is involved in growing healthy, nutrient-rich food and how important sustainable farming methods are. Go to the website to see a complete list of all of the workshops (including plein air painting, cooking, preserving, flower and succulent arranging and more) and activities available.

- FREE Self-guided tour of sustainable family-run farms.
- Farm fresh lunch at Alladin Nursery showcasing local food, beer & wine + live music.
- Engaging kid-friendly activities, farm animals and more!

You can register online, which automatically enters you into a drawing with chances to win free lunches and gifts donated by supporting sponsors. Making a suggested donation of \$10.00 or more will get you a FREE artisan beverage of choice from the lunch area at Alladin Nursery. Donations allow tours to remain free for all to attend and support the local farming community.



Watsonville Wetlands Watch Native Plant Sale Saturday, October 5th 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Great prices, great people, and a great cause! This unique event features over 60 species of plants that are native to the Pajaro Valley and the Monterey Bay region. Many are lovingly grown and propagated in their on site greenhouse.

Expert staff members and volunteers will aid in plant selection—get plants to create a beautiful drought tolerant garden that attracts birds, bees and butterflies. All proceeds directly support Watsonville Wetlands Watch.

Located at 500 Harkins Slough Road at the top of Pajaro Valley High School. More information at

www.watsonvillewetlandswatch.org/



Succulent Pumpkin Design Workshop October Fifth @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Go to Alladin Nursery to learn how to create, care for and display your very own long-lasting Succulent Pumpkin!

Your instructor will be Tamara Cucchiara, aka "The Succulent Diva." She will teach how to use drought friendly succulents to design a succulent garden on top of a pumpkin. Tamara will teach you all the necessary steps on how to design, care for and how to reuse and replant your succulents after the holidays.

Cost: \$50 per person. Includes all the resources (pumpkin, moss, floral pins, wire, succulents, etc.) necessary to create and properly maintain a Succulent Pumpkin!

Space is limited. Please call to reserve your seat.

For more information, or to RSVP, please call 724 7517.

Alladin Nursery & Gift Shop
2905 Freedom Boulevard
Watsonville



Reception:

4:00pm

Dinner:

5:00pm

Tickets:

\$135



Join Life Lab for an unforgettable evening of celebration while honoring its founding pioneers, reflecting on 40 years of being a local and national leader in bringing learning to life in gardens and looking forward to what's possible together over the next 40 years. The night will begin with hors d'oeuvres and drinks in Hotel Paradox's poolside patio, followed by an elegant dinner. You will hear from leaders in our community, stories from the children we serve, immerse yourself in 40 years of memorable photos and videos, and reminisce with founding pioneers. Finish off the night with a drink and a chance to connect with founders, past and current board and staff, garden educators, community partners, and many others.

Sip wine, connect with friends old and new, and be inspired by keynote speakers. Take part in this monumental celebration and say YES with us to cultivating children's love of learning, healthy food and nature through garden-based education.

You won't want to miss this special event!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Future Proof Your Garden: Improve Soil Health for Drought Resiliency

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Cost: \$5

Quail Hollow County Park | Felton
800 Quail Hollow Ranch Road
Felton, CA 95018



Healthy soil is the foundation of a productive, thriving garden. Fall is the perfect time to improve soil fertility for next year's harvest! Well-planned soil management increases drought resiliency, reduces weeds and sequesters carbon.

In this low-cost class, you'll learn how to improve soil health in your vegetable beds to absorb and maintain water while improving drainage. Learn how low-till and no-till gardening techniques provide optimal conditions for enhancing and sustaining biotic life in the soil, making essential nutrients more biologically available. We'll take a deep dive into cover crops: why they are important, which to use for your particular needs and how to deal with them once they're grown.

Each student will receive cover crop seed suitable for planting now.



NATIVE PLANT SALE

Saturday, October 12, 2019

**California Native Plant Society
 Fall Sale
 at the
 UC Santa Cruz Arboretum &
 Botanic Garden**

 The CNPS plant list will
 be available at cruzcnps.org
 a week before the sale

**UC Master Gardeners
 of Monterey and
 Santa Cruz Counties**

www.mbmng.org



OCTOBER 12, 2019
NORRIE'S GIFT & GARDEN SHOP
AT UC SANTA CRUZ ARBORETUM
10AM-4PM

NORRIE'S NURSERY GRAND OPENING

MORE SUCCULENTS, AUSTRALIAN, SOUTH AFRICAN, NEW ZEALAND, CALIFORNIAN PLANTS FOR SALE YEAR-ROUND IN OUR NEW NURSERY AREA! CNPS SALE HELD IN PARKING LOT NEXT TO NZ GARDEN.
ARBORETUM.UCSC.EDU

Instructions & Tally Sheet for Plant Sale and Swap

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Label your plants with their common or botanical names, and put your name on them in case purchasers have questions.



Please don't bring loose, dirty plants that would make a mess, or plants you wouldn't be proud to put your name on.

We appreciate all of you who come early to help set up – it's a lot of work! And if you can, plan on staying to help with clean-up.

We'll start accepting plants at

6:40 p.m. The purchase prices are:

- 2", 3", or 4" pots: 2 tickets or \$1 each
- 6" pot or 6-pack: 3 tickets, or \$1.50 each
- 1 gallon pot: 4 tickets or \$2.00 each
- 2 gallon pot: 6 ticket or \$3.00 each

When there are multiples of the same plant available, please take only one until other members have had a chance to buy one. If there are multiples left over, then you can grab them! Plants that don't get sold or given away go home with the person who brought them.

Good luck, and have fun!

You can take plants home by either by paying cash or check, or by bringing plants and other items for trade tickets to use instead of cash. Fill out this form before the meeting if you are going to trade. This is what you'll get for what you bring:

- 2", 3" & 4" pots: 1 ticket each
- 6" pot or 6-pack: 1.5 ticket each
- 1 gallon pot: 2 tickets each
- 2 gallon pot: 3 tickets each

Miscellaneous items are priced at the meeting.

Please complete this form at home and bring it with you to the meeting.

Number of 2, 3 or 4" pots: _____ X 1 = _____ tickets

Number of 6" pots or 6-packs: _____ X 1.5 = _____ tickets (round up to whole number)

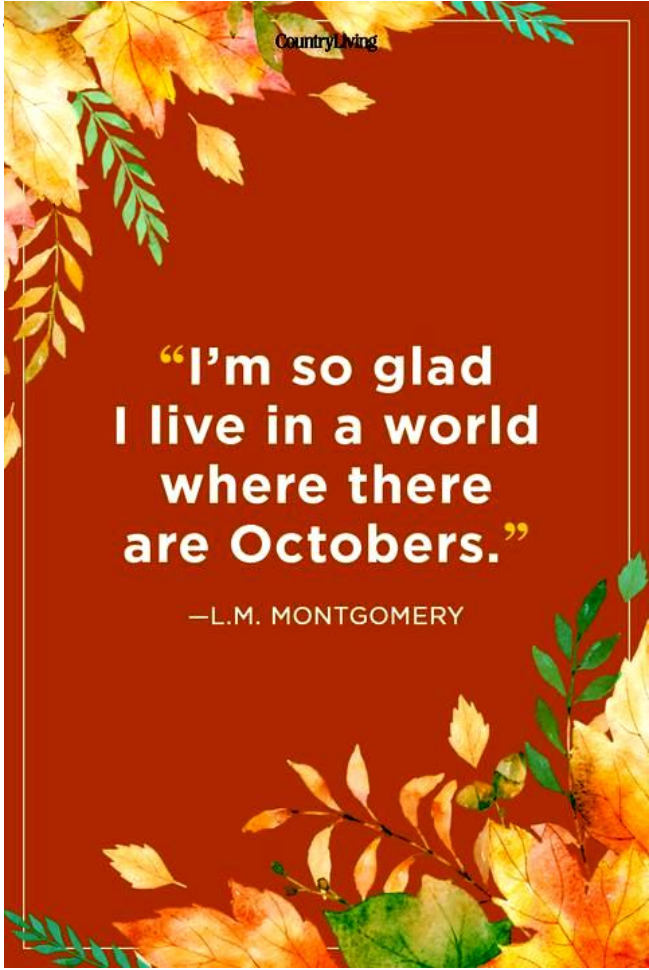
Number of 1-gal. pots: _____ X 2 = _____ tickets

Number of 2-gal. pots: _____ X 3 = _____ tickets

Miscellaneous items (to be priced at meeting): _____ tickets

TOTAL TICKETS: _____





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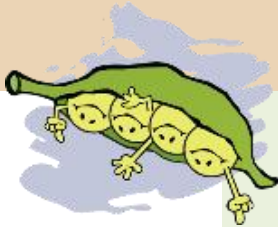
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It's easy-peasy to join our club!

Dues are \$15 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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