



# Into the Garden

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## Spring Plant Sale & Swap

Thurs., May 11th, 7:00 p.m.

Aptos Grange Hall  
2555 Mar Vista Dr.

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. See you there!

**LET PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT OUR EVENT BY POSTING ON YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FACEBOOK PAGE! BRING FRIENDS—NEW MEMBERS WHO SIGN UP WILL GET A FREE PLANT!**

(see inside back cover for more details)

If you missed Golden Love's presentation on Water Neutral Gardening at our March meeting, you can see the PowerPoint presentation on his website, and other resources he mentioned in his talk (<https://lovesgardens.com/resources/>). Golden has moved and embarked on a new botanical adventure at 1955 Encina Drive, Santa Cruz. "We will be removing a lot of concrete and asphalt and are waiting on permits from the County to do this. It will be a demonstration garden with many fruiting trees, shrubs, perennials and vines; raised beds made with broken concrete; a cob studio; infiltration galleries and basins to store water in the ground and so much more. Our first free on-site workshop "Residential Rainwater Harvesting" will be Sunday, May 7, 1- 5 pm. We will be installing rain barrels in series along the side of our house."

## RESIDENTIAL RAINWATER HARVESTING WORKSHOP



**SUNDAY, MAY 7 · 1 - 5PM**  
**1955 ENCINO DR., SANTA CRUZ**



**WANT TO LEARN HOW TO HARVEST RAINWATER? THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BUILD RESILIENCE IN THEIR GARDENS WITH WATER STORED AROUND THEIR HOME**

We will start with a short talk at 1 pm. Then Golden Love will lead the group in assembling a series of rain barrels along the side of the house.



The installation will include the latest techniques for easily installing hose bibs, intake, over flow, and equalizer tubes. Golden will share about the process of routing the overflow from the system in-

to infiltration basins and galleries for in-ground water storage. He will also cover how to plumb the rain barrels into a gravity fed irrigation system to water plants.



Join in the fun of conserving water, saving money, and engaging in protecting our aquifers. Handouts will be available.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/residential-rainwater-harvesting->

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Golden says, later in the year, we will have "Building Dry Stack Raised Beds" using broken concrete from the patio we will be removing, "Building Infiltration Galleries and Basins", and "Food Forest Planning and Building" workshops.



**May is National Salad Month: Lettuce Celebrate!**



Spring produce abounds, so try tossing together some sugar snap peas, some greens (lettuce, arugula or spinach) and some quartered or halved strawberries. Dress with equal parts extra-virgin olive oil, balsamic vinegar and fresh-squeezed lemon juice, a little water, grated lemon zest, a bit of salt and black pepper. Garnish with thinly sliced fresh basil and fresh torn mint. Aaahhh!

# Instructions & Tally Sheet for Plant Swap and Sale

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You can take plants home by either by paying cash with 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.

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!

**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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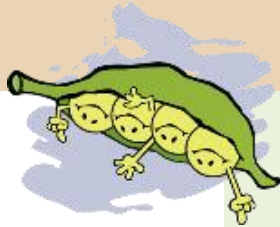


All I want for Mother's Day is Lego Flower Sets. Happy Mother's Day to all who nurture!

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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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