



Into the Garden

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Meet our Cabrillo Scholarship Recipients, and Learn What's New at Cabrillo Horticulture!

Years ago Club Member Bill Patterson envisioned and started our scholarship program for Cabrillo horticulture students, and thanks to his and the Club's persistence, and, this year, an anonymous donation of \$500 for the scholarship fund (thank you, generous person, for your gift!), we are able to award three scholarships. We will present them at our April meeting. Come meet the awardees, as well as Sarah Patiño Hulick, the new chair of the Cabrillo Horticulture Program.

Here are the brief but exciting bios of our 2024 awardees:

"My name is Evelyn Avalos Quiroz I am 19th years old, and I'm a first-generation college student of my family. I am attending Cabrillo College taking Horticulture classes and I am also in a 2+2 program hopefully transferring to CSUMB in 2 years. For my future, I hope to open my flower shop as well as grow my flowers to sell in farmers' markets and stores as well. At the moment I am studying how to grow plants and how to care for them and their names as well. I am also a small business owner where I make flower bouquets for all types of occasions."

"My name is Ali Hofer and I'm almost done with my A.S degree in General Horticulture with an Ornamental Crop Production emphasis at Cabrillo College. I currently work as a student assistant/intern in the Horticulture Department. I am pleased with how much I have learned in my short time at Cabrillo and am still excited to come back everyday and learn some more! My favorite classes have been the plant ID courses because I love getting to know the plants around us and their needs. I've been accepted for a year-long internship at the US National Arboretum in Washington DC starting a few weeks after graduation, where I'll be focusing on their Conifer, Dogwood, and Azalea collections. These aren't plants I'm used to working with, so I'm happy to expand my knowledge in a new place, and see what it's like growing plants in another USDA zone. I'm excited about this opportunity because I want to see if botanical gardens/ conservatories are what I'd like to focus

on as a career path; working with the ornamental plants I love so much."

"My name is Paloma Garcia. I am in my last semester at Cabrillo College getting my AS in Landscape Horticulture. Currently I work in the Cabrillo Horticulture Department managing the Farmers Market on Saturdays in Aptos. I love medicinal plants and taking care of the earth and people. My dream is to weave my interest in plant medicine, earth care and tending to people to support overall ecological wellness. Further connecting people to themselves and the earth in deeper, more conscious ways "



"I grow people and plants." —Sarah

We are excited to get to meet Sarah Patiño Hulick and hear about what's happening nowadays at Cabrillo. Sarah, the newly appointed Department Chair for the Horticulture Department, is an M.Sc. trained plant biologist now driving change, equity, and economic

empowerment for all in California Community Colleges. Some of her former projects:

On-Farm Food Loss, food waste prevention, environmental benefits, and new product development with Upcycled ingredients; reduced tillage annual vegetable cropping systems applied research; Irrigation and nutrient management in field veg and berry systems; Effects of light quality and quantity in hydroponic and substrate production systems in Controlled Environment Agriculture. She will tell us about the new Re-Entry Student Success Program, Ganas, hosting the recent Center for Land-Based Learning conference for high school students, new partnerships, such as working with the California Native Plant Society, and much more.

**Join us! Thursday
April 11th, 7 p.m.
Aptos Grange Hall
2555 Mar Vista Dr.**



<https://www.growbetterveggies.com/growbetterveggies/instructions-on-how-to-grow-better-tomatoes.html>



"Homegrown tomatoes, homegrown tomatoes.

What'd life be without homegrown tomatoes?

Only two things that money can't buy

April 21, 2024 (Sunday) 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$69
loveapplefarm@gmail.com)
May 18, 2024 (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$69

TOMATO MASTERS CLASS

Last year we were very fortunate to have farmer and queen-of-all-things-tomato Cynthia Sandberg speak at a meeting about how to grow tomatoes. Cynthia, co-founder of the World Tomato Society (<https://worldtomatosociety.com/about-page-tomato-people/>) and owner of Love Apple Farms and nursery. She is teaching two of her amazing Tomato Masters workshops, one in April and one in May. You'll want to sign up early, because her classes fill up fast.

Cynthia says, "Learn how to master the art and science of the world's most popular fruit. Follow the growing techniques learned in this workshop to grow 7 foot tall plants that yield 100 pounds of fruit per plant! This is a hands-on seminar on backyard tomato growing. Get the latest techniques for fertilizing, pruning, and soil amending for maximum production, health and taste. Yes, you CAN help your tomatoes taste better. Yes, you CAN achieve results to make even your most doubting relatives and neighbors envious. We'll also talk staking, proper garden siting, mulching, watering, disease and pest control,

harvesting, heirloom vs. hybrid, and seed saving." These classes are held at 5311 Scotts Valley Drive, Scotts Valley. Register at <https://www.growbetterveggies.com/growbetterveggies/classes/>. And check out Cynthia's free handout, [Instructions on How to Grow Better Tomatoes](#), at



CNPS Santa Cruz County Chapter and Cabrillo College Horticulture Collaborate!

Spring Plant Sale

Saturday April 13, 10 am to 1 pm

Cabrillo College Horticulture Center

Last summer's relocation of our propagation program from its longtime home at Suncrest Nurseries to its new venue at the Cabrillo Horticulture Center involved significant changes and challenges for both the Propagation Team members and plant sale planners. Many hands pitched in to pull together the Fall 2023 Plant Sale, including longtime chapter leadership and several unsuspecting "draftees" conscripted to handle the logistics of moving the plants from Cabrillo to the Arboretum. While the fall sale brought record sales – thank you loyal plant sale shoppers – that model proved unsustainable, so the team began considering alternative venue options.

Fortunately for us the Cabrillo College Horticulture Department is no stranger to hosting plant sales; many fondly recall their legendary Mother's Day weekend sales which ran for decades. Thanks to the great partnership with our hosts, we are pleased to announce the Chapter's 2024 Spring Plant Sale will be held at the Cabrillo College Horticulture Center located at the top of campus. Our thanks go out to the Horticulture Department leadership, instructors, and team members involved.

Our Spring Plant Sale will feature a wide range of springtime bloomers including a great selection of annual wildflowers and spring flowering bulbs (*Allium*, *Brodiaea*,



Allium unifolium, one-leaf onion.
Photo: Kari Olsen

Dichelostemma, *Dipterostemon* and *Triteleia* spp.) which provide instant garden color and diversity for pollinators. Many of these annuals and bulbs have been grown from locally sourced seed; look for "We're Local!" signs.

As usual, we will have lots of plants in our most popular genera: *Iris*, *Sisyrinchium*, *Achillea*, *Diplacus*, and *Symphoricarpos*. Please check the chapter's website (cruz.cnps.org) and Facebook group page for additional information including directions to the Cabrillo Horticulture Center and the plant sale availability list



which will be posted one week prior to the sale date.

As always, getting there early is key to the best plant selection! —Kari Olsen

Plant Sale Bonus!

Two sales in one! The Cabrillo Horticulture Department will be selling plants the morning of our sale. Be sure to check out their great selection of succulents, cacti, organic veggie starts and pollinator-friendly seasonal color.

...and yet another sale the same day!



MONTEREY BAY DAHLIA SOCIETY ANNUAL SALE

783 Rio Del Mar Blvd, Aptos

The Monterey Bay Dahlia Society will be holding its annual tuber and plant sale Saturday, April 13th at the Deer Park Shopping Center in Aptos. The sale is located behind the shopping center in front of the Red Apple Cafe. Doors will open at 9am, and sale ends at 11am. Hundreds of types of tubers and plants for sale. Come early for best selection.

ROSES IN THE GARDEN APRIL 13, 2024, 9AM-12:30PM AT THE ALAN CHADWICK GARDEN \$40.00

April is rose month in Santa Cruz, so please join us for a springtime class on getting started with and growing roses. This class will be a lively discussion on growing roses in the home garden, appropriate whether you intend to grow one, 10, or 100 roses. For while scale matters, the basics are the same. Visualize yourself in your future spring/summer garden, picking and choosing color combinations from a plethora of blooms - it all starts now.



This workshop will cover a discussion on the almanac or calendar of the rose year, specifically looking at the following topics:

The run up to planting; looking at site, sun, and soil factors; Harnessing the "3C's": cultivation/tillage, cover crops, and compost to ensure success; Sourcing quality rose plants; Planting container roses; The yearly growth and care cycle of roses.

We will also go on a "gallery walk" where we tour the Chadwick Garden and look at the principal classes of roses; hybrid teas, grandifloras, floribundas, David Austin roses, and a myriad of other varieties being grown

Led by our own experienced rose grower and organic gardening instructor Orin Martin, this workshop takes place in the historic Alan Chadwick Garden at UC Santa Cruz. Admission to the workshop includes a free digital copy of the 40-page Rose Primer - An Organic Approach to Rose Selection & Care by Orin Martin.

Pre-registration is required for this

workshop. This workshop is part of our Backyard Series for home gardeners. Friends of the UCSC Farm & Garden members receive a 10% discount on workshop cost. Learn more about becoming a member and sign up at <https://agroecology.ucsc.edu/get-involved/join-the-friends/index.html>.

Presented by the Friends of the UCSC Farm & Garden.

Email agroecology@ucsc.edu with accommodation requests. Photo: Jim Clark. https://center-for-agroecology.com/company.site/products/Roses-in-the-Garden-p626168423?fbclid=IwAR3jtW5Z4IDEaF3uKXf0DA0FXkvmw_CNFCBuB-n9sGmDEHsg1i7PbOGy7NM

THE CENTER FOR AGROECOLOGY'S UC SANTA CRUZ CAMPUS FARM ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE

11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
APRIL 27 AND APRIL 28
AT THE HAY BARN, 1008 RANCH
ROAD, SANTA CRUZ



Planning your spring garden? Support your campus farm by shopping for your seedlings at the Center for Agroecology's annual Spring Plant Sale, happening April 27 and 28, 2024 at the Hay Barn!

Our high quality organic vegetable, flower, and herb seedlings are grown by staff, students, and volunteers in the UCSC Farm greenhouses. Plants for sale will include tomatoes, peppers,

strawberries, cucumbers, greens, lettuces, squash, basil, eggplant, tomatillo, chois, collards, kale, chard, leeks, shallots, scallions, pumpkins, flowers, and more. View the full plant list (subject to change).

Friends of the UCSC Farm & Garden members gain early admission to the plant sale on April 27 (beginning at 10am) and receive 10% off all purchases with a current membership card. Become a member or renew your membership to receive these benefits. Students with a valid student ID receive 25% off all purchases.

Cash and checks preferred! We will accept credit card payments as well.

10 Garden Tasks You Need to Do Right Now!



In [this week's episode](#) Ben's growing plant food, planting some highly productive summer crops, installing supports, hardening off seedlings, and much more. What are you waiting for? Let's get gardening



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1zg3xUeh4g&feature=youtu.be>

SANTA CRUZ BONSAI KAI ANNUAL EXHIBIT & SALES

Saturday, April 13, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

APTOS GRANGE HALL
2555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos. CA

Demonstration at 1:00 p.m.

Come see how this tree will transform into a bonsai
by Bonsai Artist, Mike Pistello



Live Auction of the demo tree at 3:30 p.m.

Entry is free.

Throughout the day: Donations accepted

Sale of plant & bonsai related items,

Raffle tree every hour,

Experienced help with trees purchased,

Tea & cookies, and Off the Hook Sustainable Sushi Trailer

Felton Library: Basic
Composting Workshop set for
April 13

Attend a two-hour basic composting workshop from 1-3 p.m. April 13 at the Felton Branch Library patio, 6121 Gushie Lane, Felton. The workshop will cover general principles of composting and provide sufficient detail about backyard and worm composting to help someone get started. There is plenty of time for participant questions to be answered by the presenters who are master composters.

Registration is limited to 25 participants.

To sign up or for Information, go to

santacruzpl.libcal.com or call 831-824-6484.

2024 EARTH DAY!

Saturday, April 20



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SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 AT 11:30 AM – 4 PM

2024 Earth Day Event: Abbott Square & Downtown Santa Cruz

Abbott Square, Downtown Santa Cruz

MONTEREY BAY AREA CACTUS AND
SUCCULENT SOCIETY PRESENTS:

Spring Show and Sale 2024

Portuguese
Community Hall
124 Atkinson Lane
Watsonville, CA

Friday, April 12 • 3PM - 6PM
(Club Members Only)
Saturday, April 13 • 9AM - 5PM
Sunday, April 14 • 9AM - 3PM

- Learn from seasoned plant experts
- Hundreds of cacti and succulents as well as pottery and supplies
- Marvel at Exotic Showplants
- Plant Care Demonstrations
- Free Admission
- Free Parking

See our website for more
information:
mbsucculent.org



This class will include classroom time and hands-on activity to find gopher runs and set gopher traps. Since a portion of the class will be outside, a hat, sunscreen and layered clothing are advised.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG: LET'S GROW VEGGIES!



April 13, 2024 10:00
AM - 12:00 PM

UC Master Gardener
Demo Garden - Pinto
Lake County Park, 757
Green Valley Rd.,

Watsonville, CA

Contact: Bridget Matz,
ballatoreb@gmail.com, 619-254-6474.
Sponsor: UC Master Gardeners of
Monterey & Santa Cruz

April is here and it's time to find out how to prepare your garden beds for high productivity, learn what to plant when, know what to plant from seed versus starts, and discover tips to keep your plants thriving through the summer months.

Our class will be taught by a group of fabulous Master Gardeners that are ready and willing to share their expertise with you by offering fun, interactive

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GOPHERS, BIRDS AND DEER, OH MY! SPRING VERTEBRATE IPM

Sunday, April 7, 2024
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

800 Quail Hollow Rd, Felton Integrated pest management, or IPM, is a process you can use to solve pest problems in your garden while minimizing risks to people and the environment. Early spring is a time to focus on the most active vertebrate pests - gophers, birds and deer - who can do significant damage in a short period of time.

Join UC Master Gardeners Delise Weir and Trink Praxel to learn how IPM strategies can be used to control these specific pests. We will cover the basic steps of IPM which help you identify the pest and its impact, learn various control options available, and find the least toxic approach that will work.



demonstrations and answering all your "growing" questions. This class is intended for novice gardeners and those folks interested in a refresher on one or more of the subjects that we'll be exploring.

Our Spring Plant Sale starts on April 15th and this class is perfectly timed to ensure that the veggie starts you purchase from the Master Gardeners will grow into a flourishing summer bounty.

We will meet in our new demo garden at Pinto Lake. We're so excited for you to enjoy our beautiful site. Please be prepared for all weather conditions, bring a hat, water bottle and an outdoor chair if you like.



WILL THIS BE YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER? IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP, SADLY IT WILL BE. IT IS NOT TOO LATE— RENEW TODAY OR AT THE APRIL MEETING!

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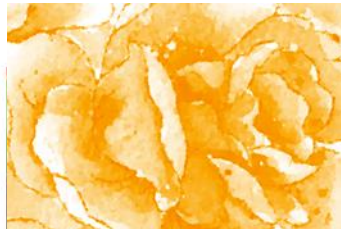
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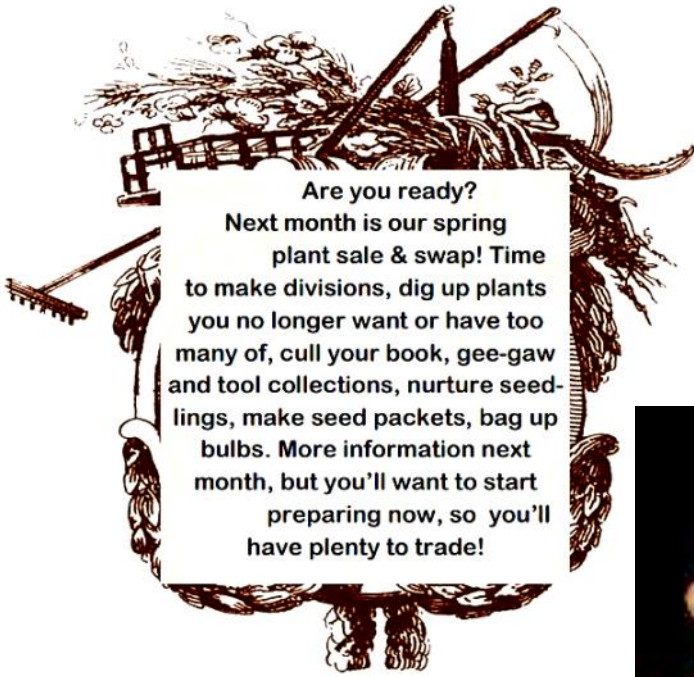
Enclose check for \$15 per member, plus any additional contribution to our scholarship fund, made out to *The Gardeners' Club*. Mail to:

The Gardeners' Club % Suzanne Caron
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Ben Lomond CA 95005



PLEASE CONSIDER AN ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!

Membership amount	\$ _____
I would like to make an additional gift	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____



Are you ready?
 Next month is our spring
 plant sale & swap! Time
 to make divisions, dig up plants
 you no longer want or have too
 many of, cull your book, gee-gaw
 and tool collections, nurture seed-
 lings, make seed packets, bag up
 bulbs. More information next
 month, but you'll want to start
 preparing now, so you'll
 have plenty to trade!

"I stuck my head out the window this morning and
 spring kissed me bang in the face. "

- Langston Hughes

"Poor, dear, silly Spring, preparing her annual
 surprise!"

- Wallace Stevens

"In California in the early Spring,
 There are pale yellow mornings, when the mist burns slowly into
 day,
 The air stings like Autumn, clarifies like pain -
 Well, I have dreamed this coast myself."
 - Robert Hass

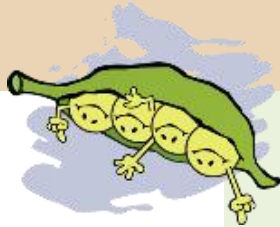
"Winter's done, and April's in the skies,
 Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes!"
 - Charles G. D. Roberts, An April Adoration, 1896

<https://www.sfgardenshow.com/the-show>

**San Francisco Bay
 Flower & Garden Show**
 April 4-7th
 Alameda County Fairground
 Pleasanton, CA

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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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