



Into the Garden

Monthly Newsletter
THE GARDENERS' CLUB
Santa Cruz County
CORRECTED
EDITION
April 2017

Scholarship Awards Night!

We are very pleased to announce that, thanks to the persistent efforts of Bill Patterson and Marcia Meyer, and the increased generosity of our members, we will be awarding a total of FOUR scholarships of \$500 each at our meeting to deserving college and high school students who excel in horticulture studies.

Marcia will introduce our two high school recipients at the meeting. She worked closely with the Farm Bureau who selected these students. One attends Costanoa High School (a charter school in Santa Cruz) and one attends Watsonville High School. Their teachers have also asked to attend to briefly tell us a little about their classes and students. These scholarships are an amazing way to support young people who work hard and have great ambitions, most of whom who will continue studies at Cabrillo College.

Bill will introduce our Cabrillo Horticulture students, Kristin Fleming and Jamie Bossioi, in recognition of their excellence academically and in plant production. They will share their learning experiences and they and their teachers will be available for personal conversations at our break time. Bill has taken many of the Cabrillo Horticulture classes himself, and hopes that their stories may inspire some of you to enroll in classes.

We love supporting the next generation who will be influencing and practicing sustainable horticulture and related fields. Two of our recurring awards are in memory of Virginia Saso and Pat Williams; one is in the name of Ernie Wasson. The fourth award this year was made possible by extra donations during our membership sign-up by members like you, many in memory of our dear departed Patty Connole.



Monterey Bay-Friendly Gardening with Ken Foster



Ken Foster— "Make America Rake Again"

We will also welcome Ken Foster as our speaker for our April meeting. In 1967, 10-year-old Ken read The Secret Garden by Frances Burnett. It took him a whole summer to read, but it inspired him to see gardening as a celebration of our coexistence with nature. In 1985, he took on an apprenticeship at the UCSC Farm & Garden, and there he discovered his passion. He

didn't want to do anything else but garden. He founded bicycle-powered Terra Nova Ecological Landscaping in 1988, and has dedicated his life to caring for the environment and community through sustainable landscaping.

Besides landscaping, Ken has also been involved in bringing a program called Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping to Santa Cruz. The program, which is funded by the State Water Resources Control Board, promotes conservation of our watershed through rainwater harvest, grey water reuse, energy saving, and water use reduction. He also teaches a permaculture class at Cabrillo College.

Ken believes that beautiful landscapes can be made without the use of gas powered equipment and toxic chemicals that many other landscaping businesses use today. He believes in the permaculture ethic "Care for the Earth" and the principle "Produce No Waste," and applies them to his business. Learn more at his wonderful website and blog, <http://www.terranovalandscaping.com>.

Thursday, April 13th, 7:00 PM—Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Drive

Refreshments will be served. Thank you to Denise Rossi for snack, Joanne Christensen for dessert and Betsy Stiefelmaier for beverages.

Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai
2017 Bonsai Show
29TH Annual Exhibit



Photograph by M. Romanini

90 year old Boxwood

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

Saturday & Sunday, April 8TH & 9TH, 2017

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

Admission: \$5.00 for Museum and Show

www.santacruzbonsaikai.com

The Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai is a local club devoted to promoting and teaching bonsai as an art form. The beautifully exhibited trees may be seen from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days and are the product of many years of horticultural development and artistic creativity. A bonsai is actually a living sculpture and an art form that dates back at least 3000 years.

The highlight of the show will be at 2:00 p.m. each day, when Bonsai Masters, Eric Schrader (Demonstrator for Saturday), and Sensei Katsumi Kinoshita (Demonstrator for Sunday) will demonstrate the techniques of creating an artistic tree from common nursery stock. The newly created bonsai tree will then be offered in a raffle drawing along with other trees and items donated by club members. These trees have been cared for, designed, wired, and potted in bonsai pots so individuals winning the tree/s can begin enjoying this art form immediately. Other activities: Watsonville Taiko performance, Saturday 11 a.m. and Carolyn Fitz, calligraphy and ink painting artist, will demonstrate Sumi-e Japanese Ink Painting on Saturday only at 12:30pm; Santa Cruz Todo Kai martial arts performance, Sunday 11 a.m. Origami crane demonstrations on both days at 1:00pm

Additionally, there will be sales of bonsai and pre-bonsai trees. Sales area will have new trees each day. Alan Jalkut, Owner of Tuklaj Productions, will create a DVD of this year's show and will have DVD of previous shows for sale. Door

prizes, as well as, free tea and cookies are also offered at the show. Entrance to the bonsai show and the Museum is \$5.00 per person but well worth the investment.

Regular meetings of the Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai are held at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the Live Oak Grange Hall, 1900 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz. Visitors are always welcome.

Stroll through gorgeous designer gardens, with artfully arranged plants, trees, and flowers in full bloom. See the designs and watch the demonstrations by world-class floral designers. Discover how to create your own remarkable garden with hands-on demonstrations and inspiring seminars. Meet professional gardeners and nursery owners who can answer all your questions ... and help solve those nagging problems. Browse a wide selection of specialty shops featuring unique flowers, plants, gifts, tools, and more. Learn how to grow and prepare fresh, home-grown food.



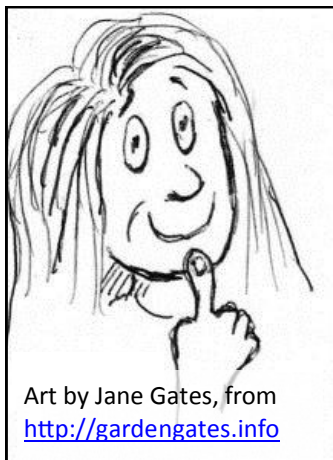
Where: San Mateo Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo, CA 94403

Hours: Weds., April 5 - Sat., April 8, 10am - 7pm; Sunday, April 9, 10am - 6 pm.

Tickets: \$22-\$40

Info: sfgardenshow.com

The Next 20 Years: Members Becoming Experts



Last month Nikolara Jansons told us about her first 20 years as a member of The Gardeners' Club. She has decided to contribute her thoughts occasionally to our newsletter. This month, what she has to say stimulates me to take a more deliberate approach to gardening:

"I encourage members to become experts. An expert? Doesn't that sound intimidating? But remember all experts were once novices. So pick a passion of yours: a particular grouping of plants (annuals, succulents, water plants etc.) or a particular genus or some gardening method and learn all you can about it. Do web searches, check out library books, visit arboretum libraries, look for specialized club meetings, ask other gardeners what they know. Challenge yourself. Say your passion is roses: have you ever grow them from seed? Or taken cuttings? Have you tried grafting them? Pruning them differently? Growing them in less optimal conditions, such as shade or in containers? Have you given a lecture at the Gardeners' Club or written an article for our newsletter about your expertise?

We're already an amazing group of passionate gardeners, let's share our knowledge and enthusiasms as we learn more."

—Nikolara



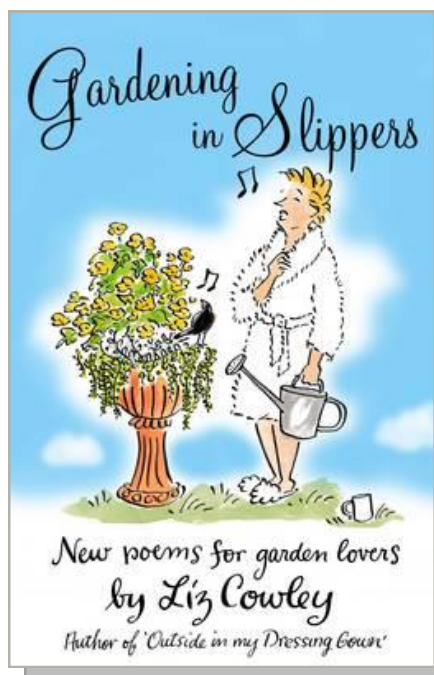
Slug Control:
Get a head-start before they take over!

If your garden is small, remove slugs by hand. Hunting them by flashlight after sundown can be an entertaining activity, for you and your neighbors. If you get slug slime on your hands, wash it off using white vinegar and warm water.

- **Beer:** You can trap slugs and snails by placing beer (any brand will do, they're not picky) in shallow pans or plastic food containers (such as yogurt or margarine tubs). Cut a few entrance holes around the rim, then fill halfway with beer, put the lid on top to keep out rain, and bury the trap so the entrances are at ground level. Place several containers throughout the garden near damaged plants. Beer is effective for about 3 days before it loses attractiveness to slugs and snails.
- **Natural Predators:** Encourage slug/snail predators such as beetles, chickens, and ducks.
- **Barriers:** Diatomaceous earth, crushed egg shells, and copper tape can make effective barriers. If damage is severe bait can be extremely effective.
- **Iron phosphate** is the active ingredient in products like Sluggo. It is not attractive to wildlife, pets, or children and it breaks down into iron and phosphorous which enrich your soil. It is OMRI listed so is safe for organic gardening.

Regardless of method/product used, ALWAYS read and follow package instructions. (Information courtesy of Portland Nursery (<http://portlandnursery.com/service/solutions/spring-pests.shtml>)).

Outside at Dawn Again



Best time to marvel at your flowers
before the busy coming hours –
the perfect time to be alone
without the stress or mobile phone.

The time to plan what you will do
with no one interrupting
you.

A quiet time to come on down
and wander in your dressing gown.

A peaceful time to stroll out there
or take the nearest garden chair,
and think about your space a bit
and wonder what might add to it.

Just pottering around the
lawn
can often make one feel reborn.

There's so much stress around
today,
but out there it can float away.

And once you're through the garden
door,
some things don't matter any
more,
or far less than they did before.
I think that's what a garden's for.

--Liz Cowley

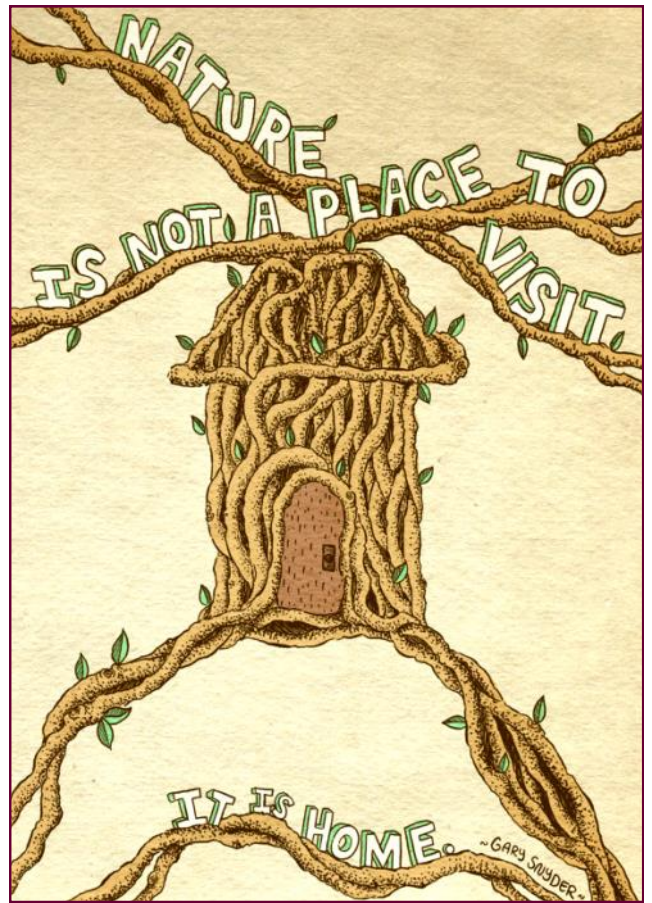


Saturday,
April 22
11am - 4pm
2017

San Lorenzo Park <http://scearthday.org/>

Board Meeting

Our next Board Meeting will be on Monday, April 24th at 6:00 pm at the home of Sim Gilbert, 3999 Glen Haven Road, Soquel. All are welcome to attend; you don't have to be a member of the Board. Sim's garden should be glorious, and we eagerly look forward to seeing what's new with her eclectic, highly-original décor.



Reminder - Next Month is the Plant Sale and Swap!

Spring Is Here- "Open Gardens" Begins!

CORRECTED VERSION

Last year many of our members opened their gardens for visits, and we enjoyed this so much we're doing it again. We've already got some gardens scheduled for your viewing pleasure. Unfortunately, in the version of this month's newsletter that you recently received, the dates were wrong. Here are the corrected Open Gardens you may visit:

Karin Grobe, Sun. April 2nd, 1-4, 236 Sheldon Ave., Santa Cruz CA 95060

Bill Patterson, Sat., April 8th, 10-1, 444 Baker St, Santa Cruz CA 95062

Dottie Lechtenberg, Sat., April 22nd, 10-2, 275 W. Phillips Rd., Watsonville CA 95076

Dr. Eurs, Sun., May 14th, Mother's Day at Creekhaven, 4851 Cherryvale Ave, Soquel CA 95073





Saturday, April 8th., at the UCSC Arboretum Eucalyptus Grove. Members only from 10:00 am to noon. General public from noon to 4:00 pm

In partnership with the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), the Arboretum's Spring 2016 Plant Sale will offer quality, regionally-friendly plants from both groups at great prices. The Eucalyptus Grove is located on High Street at the intersection with Western Drive. If you want to get in early and are not a member, memberships for both organizations will be available at the gate on the day of the sale. Knowledgeable Arboretum staff and gardening experts will be on hand to assist customers with their plant selections, to answer questions about the plants and offer advice to ensure they thrive.

The sale offers colorful, water-wise succulents and cacti, small trees, and plentiful other plants from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and California. Many of the featured plants attract birds, particularly hummingbirds, and most of these can't be found at local nurseries or elsewhere in the state. Food and beverages can be purchased as well.

You will find plenty of California natives and unique varieties found no other place. hand to help you find plants right for your gardens that will save water, attract wildlife and look beautiful in your garden. If you are considering replacing a lawn with an attractive low maintenance/low water usage landscape, come to the sale for plant suggestions and growing advice.



Time to Mulch! Which one?

Straw is a good choice to mulch a vegetable garden because as it breaks down it will add nitrogen to the soil. Straw is lightweight and easy

to rake, and stays put. Pine needles also will help create the acid-rich soil which veggies and berries like. For paths, stone, rock, and decomposed granite mulches make effective mulches for high-traffic because they are more stable. For flower beds, wood chips or bark will stay in place, break down slowly and create a unifying backdrop. Beneath trees, spreading large wood chips around a trunk can have a protective effect – just don't mulch right up to the trunk.

Homestead Survival shares a video and a great idea (hanging a whole cabbage from a rope in the chicken run so chickens can have a snack), while we can watch what appears to be a game of chicken tetherball). Go to <https://www.facebook.com/189287804456890/videos/1439106056141719/?pnref=story>.

Here are a few of the interesting Cabrillo Extension Classes coming up. There are many more, including classes in greywater systems and rainwater collection. Go to <https://www.cabrillo.edu/services/extension> to learn more and to register.

Feng Shui Landscape Design- Saturday, April 1, 10 am - 4 pm



Our gardens, patios and the landscape designs around our home reflect who we are, but we can enhance them to improve health, relationships, career and prosperity. In this workshop you will be introduced to the original wisdom of Feng Shui on which the Feng Shui principles are based including Taoism, Ying Yang Theory, Five Elements. The workshop weaves modern methods of landscaping with ancient awareness that the Earth is alive and sacred. It is designed to bring awareness of how you relate to nature and help you come to be in kinship with the land. This day long workshop is an introduction to the world of Feng Shui and how to use of the principles of Feng Shui in your environment.

Students are introduced to basic knowledge of the Ba Gua (Feng Shui Map). Define what's missing and what's not in your landscape's footprint and how that can influence your life. Learn ways to correct the areas that are creating an environment of imbalance. Students will work on designing their own yard/site to develop their landscaping plan and how to enhance it using Feng Shui principles. \$85 plus \$5 materials fee payable at registration. Instructor: Madhu Brodkey .

Creating an Edible Landscape - The New American Garden

Saturday, April 22, 10:30 am -1:30 pm

Spend Earth Day with Rosalind Creasy, a pioneer in the field of edible landscaping. We'll start off with a mouth-watering lecture and slide presentation, then take a field trip to Far West Nursery and Garden Center, where you'll use your new-found knowledge as you roam their two full acres of beautiful grounds. Learn about sustainable gardening, how to select the right plants for our climate, and the principles of landscape design particular to edibles. Rosalind shares her A to Z recommended edible plants for Santa Cruz area gardeners, and students get help finding edible selections available at Far West. Each student receives a starter kit of edible plants and seeds selected by Rosalind and the experts at Far West, as well as other gardening goodies. Far West supports less toxic solutions to garden challenges and they have carefully selected organic products to keep your family and the environment healthy.

Room: 435 & Far West Nursery. \$75 plus \$25 materials fee payable at registration.

Rosalind Creasy has a passion for beautiful vegetables and fruits, and a conviction that gardening should be an ecologically positive endeavor. She is the author of several award-winning books, including The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping, Cooking from the Garden, and a ten-book Edible Gardening series. She is on the board of the Seed Savers, and is working on a demonstration seed-saving garden at the LA County Arboretum



Macro Photography at Filoli Gardens: Capture Detail, Pattern & Texture in the Natural World - Saturday, May 13, 2-6 p.m.

Take a day trip with like-minded photographers to Filoli Gardens, a National Trust for Historic Preservation with a 16 acre formal garden, to advance your macro and nature photography skills. Your instructor, Jeffery Luhn, will help you sort out challenges of composition, lens choice, exposure, and camera handling. With the breathtaking subject matter that Filoli offers, the focus of this class will be on macro shooting, depth-of-field control, HDR (high dynamic range) and the use of polarizing filters. Wear comfortable shoes for hiking, a sun hat is advisable, and bring a polarizing filter. Your class fee includes admission to Filoli. **Offsite at Filoli Gardens - 86 Canada Rd., Woodside - \$76.**

NATIVE REVIVAL N U R S E R Y

Native Revival will be coming to the Westside
Farmer's Market in April!

Saturday, April 1, 2017

DESIGNING YOUR RESILIENT LANDSCAPE

11:00am 1:00pm

Golden Love, licensed landscape contractor and specialist in "water neutral" landscapes will be conducting a workshop to help you create your own sustainable garden using ecological principles. Please bring a scaled drawing, pictures, or sketches of your garden, your questions and ideas and learn how to apply design principles and actions on paper for your

Spring
planting.

Cost:

Registration
by March 25
- \$30; after
the 25th



\$35. Saturday, April 15, 2017—10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

SEED SAVERS HEIRLOOM SEED
SWAP & FESTIVAL. Details later.

Saturday, April 8th, 2017

Bee-Friendly Garden - How to

LIVING WITH COYOTES Sunday, April 23, 1-2
o.m. Melissa Van Ness will share her knowledge and
excitement about coexisting with coyotes, one of
America's most adaptable and resilient mammals.
Free—Donations welcome.

Create a Bee Sanctuary in Your Backyard

Would you like to create a beautiful garden and also do your part to save the bees, all in one? A huge part of keeping honey bees healthy is to ensure they have the plants they need to survive available to them year round. Join Emily for this one-day workshop on bee-friendly gardening by starting the day at Cabrillo for a discussion and presentation on native plants, drought tolerant plants, perennial and annual flowering plants and basic bee-friendly landscape design. We'll then break for lunch and make our way to Native Revival Nursery, just a few minutes from campus, where we will walk the grounds to see, smell and touch some recommended plants for your very own Bee Friendly Garden. This class helps us all save the bees and make our gardens more beautiful at the same time! Students go home with a small bee-friendly garden starter kit from Native Revival Nursery, a plant list that breaks down the best bee plants by size, annual blooming schedule, place of origin and water needs. This is a Cabrillo Extension Class, so register at <http://www.cabrillo.edu/services/extension/green.html#bees1>.

Cost is \$58 plus \$25
materials fee payable at
registration

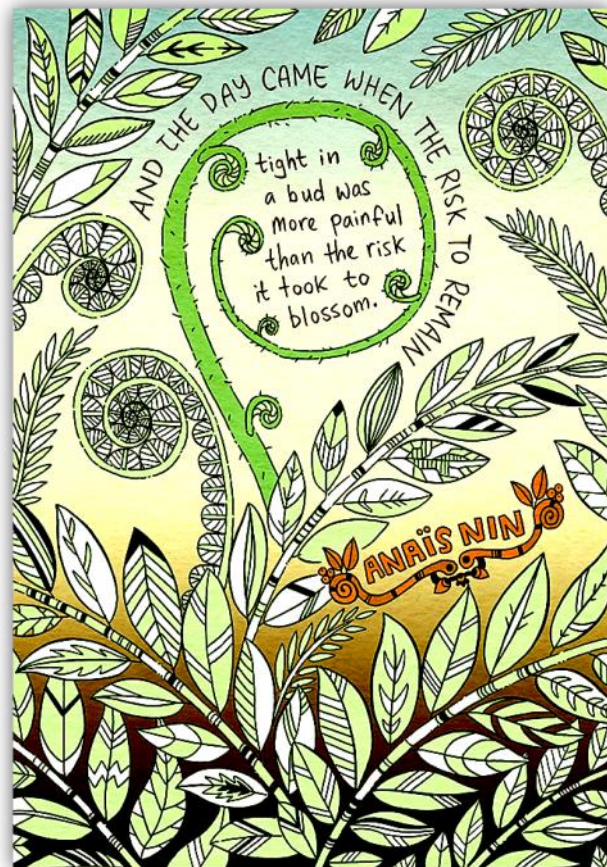
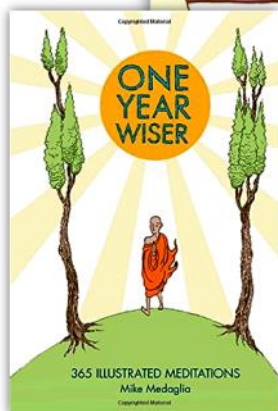
Contact us to sign up. Space is limited!

Call 831-684-1811 or email to nativerevival@sbcglobal.net



www.nativerevival.com • (831) 684-1811
2600 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos, CA 95003





Mike Medaglia, UK artist, Huffington Post blogger and Zen Buddhist practitioner, offers inspirational and stupendously beautiful prints at his Etsy store (www.etsy.com/shop/MikeMedaglia). He also has a book, *One Year Wiser: 365 Illustrated Meditations*, in which the wisdom of the world's great thinkers is brought to life in exquisite hand-drawn illustrations. He

says, "The aim of my art is to spread positive messages of love, equality and respect for the natural world."

The Gardeners' Club

P.O. Box 3025, Ben Lomond CA 95005

President

Cherry Thompson, 475-0991

Vice President & Publicity

cherrylea@comcast.net

Secretary

mygardensup@aol.com

April Barclay, 688-7656

Treasurer

ABBarclay@aol.com

Denise Rossi

475-3081

drossi3342@comcast.net

Membership

Suzanne Caron 609-6230

Suzanne.bottomline@gmail.com

Hospitality

Janine Canada359-5949

jcanada26@gmail.com

Newsletter Writer/Editor

Lise Bixler, 457-2089

www.thegardenersclub.org

Webmaster

Joe Thompson

regoryapalos@att.net

Refreshments

Marge Gregory

684-1529

humsme@aol.com

Jan Olafsson, 464-0554

aneymark@hotmail.com

457-2505

Allan Neymark

lupaea@ucsc.edu

Lupe Allen, 247-2705

Plant Table

poppy-54@live.com

Debbie Kindle, 462-6296

jhaveclock@sbcglobal.net

Joanna Hall, 662-8821

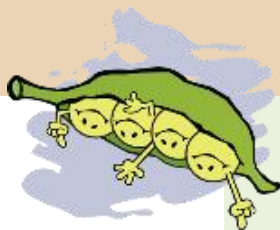
DEENART@aol.com

Dee Weybright, 426-3028

Members-at-Large

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

It's easy-peasy to join our club!



Our front page logo is graciously shared with us by artist Lisa Zador. Order a print or see more of her work at her Etsy shop

www.etsy.com/shop/curiousprintpattern.