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Into the Garden



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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 again be awarding four scholarships of \$500 each at our meeting to deserving college and high school students who excel in horticulture studies. Marcia will introduce our high school recipient, Julie Avila from Watsonville High School, selected by a collaborative effort by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Career Technical Education Partnership and the Farm Bureau. Bill will introduce the 2018 college recipients, Mary Vogel, Sarah Stephens and Jerry Liggins, who have been chosen by the Cabrillo College Horticulture Department Faculty as outstanding in their studies, their work ethic and their potential future in the field.

The four students will will share their learning experiences following the celebration of their achievements. Come and enjoy their stories and future aspirations.

All of us in The Gardeners' Club should be proud of our support for these deserving young people in their educational pursuits. They will remember our support and recognition as they influence and practice sustainable horticulture and related fields. Three of our recurring awards are in memory of Virginia Saso, Pat Williams and Patty Connoles; one is in the name of Ernie Wasson.



Feeling Dull? Keep your tools razor-sharp with cutting-edge demos and keen sharpening and maintenance tips

Maintaining garden tools is a key to successful gardening, and can make our work in the garden much



easier. At our April meeting, Board Member Allan Neymark will bring and demonstrate his portable tool sharpener, and Board Member Jan Olafsson will bring whetstones



and demonstrate taking apart, cleaning and sharpening tools.

Other Board members will bring favorite tools, and all members are invited to share best practices in

tool maintenance. Bring a tool or equipment to share!

This should be a fun, informative and participatory meeting.

Meeting: Thursday, April 12th, 7 p.m., Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr.
Refreshments will be served. Thanks to Sim Gilbert for snacks, Julie
Williams & Jean Favre for desserts & Claire Crum for beverages.



April brings us National Garden Month (which we will only mention in passing since we celebrate it all year), National Poetry Month, National

Daffodil Day (see next page) and National Humor Month. Let's start with the last one, presenting the most groan-worthy jokes and cartoons we could find.



What do you call a cabbage with a body? Head and shoulders above the rest.



Meanwhile, at the end of the garden, the security situation had deteriorated. A breakaway group of radical pixies had started making enriched geranium.

Although their music was cutting hedge and highly sod after, it was unfortunately only a topiary gig.

A very special rock band



National Dandelion Day

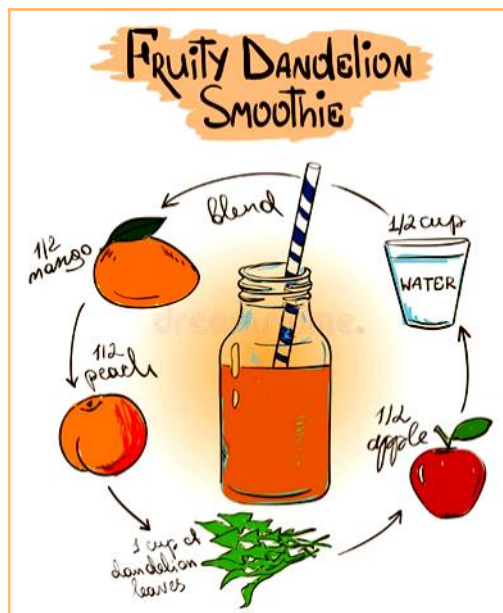
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Any plant as versatile and durable as the dandelion, certainly deserves a special day set aside to honor it. We all know of dandelions as weeds in lawns. To kids, the dandelion is a flower to gather and bring home to mom.

The ecologists definition of "weed" is a pioneer species, one adapted to growing on disturbed ground. As such, native "weeds" are an essential part of ecological succession. It's only the invasives that shove out natives that are a problem, and if they're edible, we can enjoy eating them. Dandelions are oh so much more than just a weed. Dandelion leaves and flowers are edible, and are savored in soups and salads. Dandelions are rich in vitamins A, B, C, and D. Dandelions are used in making wine and for tea, too. Native Americans used them for medicinal purposes.

You might start your day with a dandelion smoothie.



Some people remember their grandmothers making dandelion fritters. Here's a recipe you could try for lunch or a mid-day snack.

Fried Dandelion Flowers

Remove as much green material from the flower head as possible, while keeping the flower head intact. The green parts lend bitterness, so you want to minimize that, while the yellow flowers are mild-tasting and faintly sweet.



Ingredients:

Approx. 20 dandelion flower heads, stalks and extraneous green parts removed
Olive oil for frying
2 T. polenta (cornmeal)
Pinch of salt; freshly ground black pepper
Pinch each of dried thyme and oregano
1 egg, beaten

Directions:

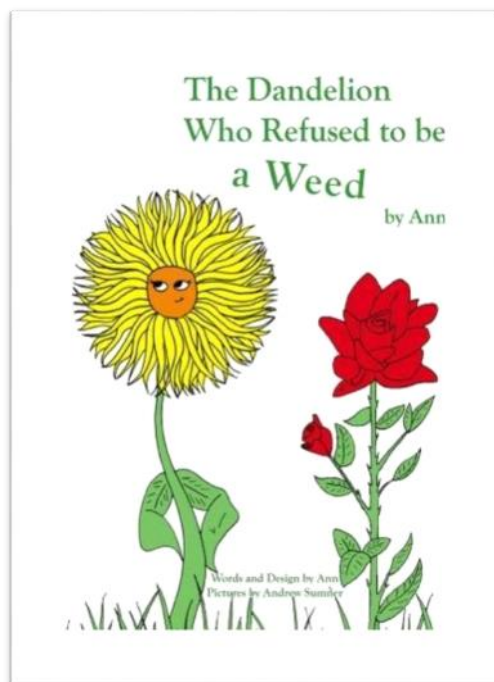
Rinse your dandelion flowers and gently pat dry using some kitchen paper. Place a frying pan over a medium heat and, when hot, add a thin layer of oil to the pan. Mix the polenta with the salt, black pepper, dried thyme and dried oregano. Dip the flowers first in the beaten egg and then in the seasoned polenta. Fry in batches, stalk side up, for around 3 minutes or until golden. Remove and drain on kitchen paper. You can vary the herbs to suit your taste or go all out by dipping the flowers in an eggy batter and deep frying them. (Recipe from <http://www.thedailyspud.com>.)

Because it is Poetry Month, we musn't forget to recite some light verse.

A Dandelion Ditty

Roses are red,
Violets are blue
But they don't get round
Like the dandelions do!

As Dandelion Day draws to a close, how about a bedtime story? The Dandelion Who Refused to be a Weed is a story about a dandelion called Dolores, who can't understand why she is called a weed when she is just as beautiful as the other flowers. One day, however, when a storm blows in, it's Dolores who keeps her head while the other flowers lose theirs! This is a good tale for helping children. And adults who are still growing up, think about their own qualities, how they are similar or different than others and learning to see that does not make them of more or less worth than others, just a person with different qualities. We all need inspiring stories to remind us that we all have our own strengths and weaknesses, and don't need to think less of ourselves. Goodnight, sleep tight.



read!



Color Me Floral: Stunning Monochromatic Arrangements for Every Season

Learn the secrets to designing show stopping monochromatic arrangements in this spectacular guide from floral artist Kiana Underwood of Tulipina Design. In this stunning book, Underwood shares her techniques for creating dazzling single-color displays using inspired ingredients, dramatic textures and vibrant colors. Organized by season, the book includes how-tos for 40 arrangements, including:

- A lush green display for spring
- An astonishing black bouquet for summer
- A striking magenta design for fall
- An unexpected, oh-so-pretty pink arrangement for winter

Featuring hundreds of eye-catching images and easy-to-follow tips throughout, such as suggestions for substituting flowers and options for both the beginner and advanced designer – this book is as useful as it is gorgeous. The ultimate resource, Color Me Floral has an extraordinary arrangement to enhance every occasion.



The Less Is More Garden—Big Ideas for Designing Your Small Yard

I used to have big-garden envy. I'd visit a multi-acre landscape and gaze with longing at the abundance of flowerbeds, shrubberies, water features, croquet lawns, and Lord only knows what else, and think how wonderful it would be to be master of all that.

I was an idiot. I'm happy to report, however, that I've come to my senses. (Perhaps it had something to do with arriving at (cough) late middle age.) I now know, with the fervor of a convert, that small is good. Small is manageable. Small is affordable. And nowadays, small has become increasingly unavoidable. Many of us live in city dwellings with postage-stamp yards. Even in the suburbs, the size of the average home lot has shrunk.

But here's the thing: creating an attractive home landscape in a small space comes with a unique set of challenges. How do you configure the space to suit your needs? What features should it include? What are the best plants for small gardens?

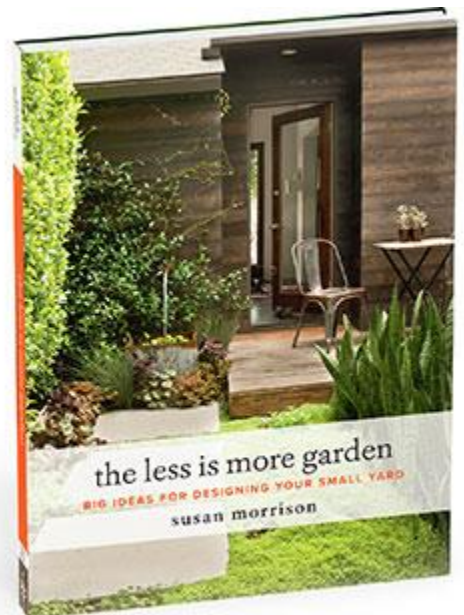
The answers to these questions, and to many more, are in Susan Morrison's new book, The Less Is More Garden: Big Ideas for Designing Your Small Yard. Susan is a professional landscape designer with an expertise in small spaces.

To get started, you simply need to figure out what you'll be doing in your garden; when you'll be using it most often; and who will be with you when you're out there. Then you can

peruse the scores of design templates, features, and plant lists included in the book and choose those that jibe with your vision. Easy, huh? You'll also find options for just about every climate, site, and level of maintenance.

As Susan so aptly puts it, the result will be more enjoyment, more beauty, more relaxation,

Tom Fischer



Pickleberry Farm Plant Sale

SAT., APRIL Seventh, 9 'til 1

Featuringring Plants for Pollinators

Location: Alta Organic Coffee and Tea Company, 2712 Mission Street St Extension (Between Swift St and Western Drive, across from r. blitzer gallery, next door to the Westside Farmers Market)



Green sweat bee on Gaillardia flower -
a great plant for both native bees and honey bees

Our focus is on growing plants for pollinators that are well suited to grow in central coastal California. All plants are organically grown using sustainable nursery practices. Most are in 3-4" pots. We have information about the plants we grow and team Pickelberry will help you make your plant selections.

Bring you friends along and stop by and check out Alta's selection of delicious coffee beans and teas. Enjoy a cup of coffee while you shop for plants. Take home some beans so you can enjoy the best coffee in Santa Cruz!

Here is a plant list for this sale:

Annuals

California Poppy 'White Linen'
California Poppy 'Mission Bells'
Clarkia amoena
Clarkis rubicunda
Clarkia unguiculata
Cerinthe major var
purpurescens Honeywort
Collinsia heterophylla Chinese Houses
Larkspur 'Earl Grey'
Larkspur 'Singing the Blues'
Layia platyglossa Tidy Tips
Lobelia 'Crystal Palace'
Madia elegans
Phacelia campanularia
Rudbeckia 'Irish Eyes'

Snapdragon 'Black Prince'

Perennials and biennials

Achillea filapendulina
Achillea millefolium 'Colorado Mix'
Achillea millefolium 'Summer Pastels'
Agastache 'Apricot Sprite'
Agastache 'Arcado Pink'
Anchusa capensis
Aquilegia formosa
Bidens 'Majesty'
Calamintha nepeta 'Marvellete Blue'
Catananche caerulea 'Cupid's Dart'
Cirsium occidentale
Encelia californica
Eriogonum fasciculatum
Eriogonum giganteum
Eriogonum grande var rubescens
Gaillardia aristata
Gaillardia 'Goblin'
Helenium puberulum
Helianthus maximiliana
Ipomopsis rubra
Lavandula angustifolia
Lavandula 'Goodwin Creek Grey'
"Lepechinia hastata
Lobelia x cardinalis 'Queen Victoria'
Monardella villosa
Penstemon digitalis
Phacelia bolandri
Phacelia californica
Ratibida columnifera Mexican Hat
Rosmarinus officionalis
Salvia apiana
Salvia barrelieri
Salvia coccinea 'Brenthurst'
Salvia farinacea
Salvia pratensis 'Haemotodes'
Thymus vulgaris
Verbascum 'Banana Custurd'

Thank you for supporting our plants for pollinators project!

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Spruce Up Your Garden with Rhododendrons



Starting at 7:30 AM on Saturday April 28, 2018 the Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will have a rhododendron plant sale at the Aptos Farmers Market at Cabrillo College, located at 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos,

Besides obtaining choice rhododendrons from Bay Laurel Nursery in Scotts Valley, as in past plant sales there will very likely be deciduous azalea series, rhododendrons that were hybridized by Jerry Harris, who lives in Ben Lomond. At the California Chapter ARS rhododendron shows, Jerry Harris usually wins trophies with his deciduous azalea hybrids.

During the last few plant sales at the Aptos Farmers Market, they almost sold out, so please come early. Information on the Monterey Bay Chapter, and the rest of the American Rhododendron Society can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/>

Monterey Bay Dahlia Society Annual Tuber Sale in Aptos

The Monterey Bay Dahlia Society will be holding its annual tuber and plant sale Saturday, April 7th 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 run until 11am. There will be hundreds of types of dahlias for sale. Come early for best selection. \$4.00 and \$6.00.



The Onion

The onion loves the onion.
It has its many layers,
saying O,O,O,
each vowel smaller
than the last.

Some say it has no heart.
It doesn't need one.
It surrounds itself,
feels whole. Primordial.
First among vegetables.

If Eve had bitten it
instead of the apple,



Join us for a *Free Talk*
Thursday, April 12th at 4:30 to 5:30 pm



Growing Dahlias

Want to have dazzling blooms
right out of your own yard?

The Monterey Bay Dahlia Society will be here to give expert advice on selecting and planting Dahlia tubers. Plus, learn how to organically feed and control common pests and diseases that often deter people from growing Dahlias. The Dahlia Society will also be bringing their own selection of tubers for sale during the talk.

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Evolution of Organic - Santa Cruz Premiere

Apr 13, 2018 6:30 PM

Veterans Memorial Building, 846 Front Street, Santa Cruz

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3225522>

Evolution of Organic brings us the story of organic agriculture, told by those who built the movement. A motley crew of back-to-the-landers, spiritual seekers and farmers' sons and daughters rejected chemical industrial farming and set out to discover organic alternatives. Help celebrate the major role Santa Cruz continues to play in the organic food and farming movement. Following the film, guest speakers as well as filmmaker Mark Kitchell, will bring us up to date on food justice initiatives and agriculture's

potential role in cooling the planet. This event benefits local food justice nonprofits The Homeless Garden Project, Community Agroecology Network (CAN) and Mesa Verde Gardens.



**SPRING
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**SATURDAY
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**MEMBERS
10AM-NOON
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Spring has sprung so it's the perfect time to brighten up your garden with spectacular native, Mediterranean, and rare plants. At this annual sale, you'll see your favorites and new varieties you can't resist. Knowledgeable staff are on hand to give advice on plants, and the Valet Wheelbarrow Service can deliver to your car as many plants as you wish to buy. Memberships for both organizations can be purchased at the gate. A week prior to the sale, a list of available plants will be on the Arboretum website under Spring Plant Sale.

Spring Sale & Swap is Next Month— Are You Getting 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 books, gee-gaw and tool collections, nurture seedlings, 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!



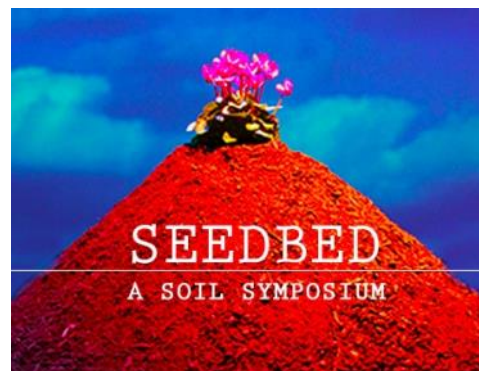
Calling All Iris Lovers



The Annual Show of the Monterey Bay Iris Society will be held at the Loudon Nelson Community Center, 301 Center Street, Santa Cruz on Saturday and Sunday, April 28th and 29th. The show hours for the public are 1- 6 pm on Saturday and Sunday, 11 am until 5 pm.

If you are interested in purchasing irises later in the year, the Society has three sales.

They sell iris at the Smart Garden Faire in Scotts Valley every June, at Rio Del Mar Shopping Center the first Saturday in August and at the Cabrillo Farmer's Market the third Saturday in August.



from microbes to waste management, labor and farming; the magic of composting and soil science.

Seedbed will explore how climate change and human industry have endangered our top-

soils – rendering it deadly- as well as the amazing life sustaining potential of what we call “dirt.”

April 26-27, 2018

Co-hosted by the E.A.R.T.H. Lab and the UCSC Farm & Garden and the Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS). This FREE interdisciplinary symposium on the state of soil will feature performances, interactive activities and pop up exhibitions of visual artworks in the glass cases at the Art Department and in the Barn.

Panels will take place in the Cowell Ranch Hay Barn exploring a diverse range of topics

Overview:

Thursday April 26th, Performance Art at the Farm, with spoken word, a lecture and film screenings during the evening at the Cowell Hay Barn.

Friday April 27th, Welcome by Beth Stephens and Annie Sprinkle, Keynote by Fred Kirschenmann, Panels on Soil, Farming and Labor, Waste, Compost will follow lunch.

More details coming soon!
<https://earthlab.ucsc.edu/soil-symposium/>

Spring Is Here- "Open Gardens" Begins!

By Bill Patterson

The Gardeners' Club begins it's fourth annual "Open Gardens" program this April. Opening our gardens allows us to share our style of gardening with the supportive members of our club.

When we visit our friends' gardens we acknowledge their endeavors, educate ourselves about new ways of gardening, and share tips and tricks. Each visit is like attending a conference on gardening, minus the costs, crowds and sales persons.

A quiet, reflective walk in another's garden offers many unique approaches to gardening challenge, like soil

conditioning, location of plants and potted plants, incorporating hardscape, watering techniques for conservation, fertilizing, organic efforts, pest control, hill landscaping, tool storage, shed building, promoting garden visiting birds, butterflies, bees, methods used to convert grass to draught tolerant areas, pruning techniques, ponds, water falls and garden sculpture, even to egg production! What a treat.

Reserve a date and time by emailing Cherry Thompson,
cherrylea@comcast.net.



OPEN GARDENS SCHEDULED:

Sat, April 7 10-1 Bill Patterson, 444 Baker St, Santa Cruz

Sat, May 19 10-1 Dottie Lechtenberg, 275 W. Phillips Rd, Watsonville

Sat, May 19 10-1 Rita Ramirez, 255 Bollinger Place, Watsonville

EVERYTHING You Need to Know About Raised Bed Gardening

I thought I knew a lot about raised bed gardening, including opinions for and against it. But after watching and reading Joe Lamp'l's 3-part podcast series and free complete guide, I'm boggled by all the information available to succeed in this type of gardening. He answers questions I didn't even think to ask!

Highlights of the first episode, with detailed information and great photographs and even plans, include why raised beds can make such a difference,

the 5 non-negotiables when setting up your raised bed garden, best size for height and width of a productive raised bed and safety issues with using pressure treated wood or cinder blocks. Episode 2 focuses on recipes and advice on building the best soil, and Episode 3 answers a slew of relevant follow-up questions from viewers. The free written guide is a

compilation of all of the information and illustrative information from the whole series. To watch Episode 1, go to <https://joegardener.com/podcast/raised-bed-gardening-pt-1/>.



Go to <https://growingagreenerworld.lpages.co/raisedbedguide/> for this incredibly comprehensive 101-page guide .

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The Complete Guide To Raised Bed Gardening

Everything You Should Know to Create Your Most Productive & Bountiful Raised Beds Ever!

JOE LAMP'L

Gardening Hacks for People Low on Time

Excerpted from an article written by Jenny Peterson
(www.fix.com/blog/gardening-hacks-for-busy-people)



With some ordinary materials and supplies, your hand tools can be cleaned and stored simultaneously. Take a 5-gallon plastic bucket (available at home improvement stores) and fill it $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way with sand. Then take a quart of motor oil, mineral oil, or even vegetable oil and pour it into the bucket so that the sand is damp – it should not be moist or have a wet appearance. Now take a tool (pruners, shovel, loppers, knife, etc.) and plunge it into the mixture. The blade of the tool will cut repeatedly into the sand, which will remove

grime, dirt and rust, while also conditioning the blade. After using a tool, plunge it several times into the mixture and leave it there until you need it again. This cuts down on your overall tool maintenance, saving you time.



This tip works best if you typically use the same size pots in a particular place in your garden every season. Most annuals come in 4" pots, quarts, or 1-gallon containers. Dig all the holes for your plants, but dig them the exact size of your plastic nursery container (same width and depth). Now simply drop the planted nursery container into the hole and finish by mulching around it to disguise the plastic planter. At the end of the season, lift out the spent plants in their containers, and drop new containers with fresh plants into the holes.

If you are worried about drainage, nursery pots always have about four drainage holes along the bottom of the container – but if you'd like a little more drainage for the particular plant you are using, simply cut off and dispose of the bottom of the pot. Now your plant's roots can spread out, allowing water to pass through.

Editor's Note: I drill additional holes on the sides of plastic pots for additional room for roots to grow. And I plant the pots a little higher to keep gophers from climbing over the lip and into the pot.

Tour An Outstanding Aptos Rhododendron Garden



On Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 1 PM, the Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will feature a tour of the

Monte Toyon Garden of Maury and Fran Sumner, located at the Monte Toyon Camp and Conference Center, 220 Cloister Lane, Aptos.

From the parking lot located in the area of 36° 59'46.7"N 121°53'51.5"W, please walk up the trail to the Observation Platform of the Rhododendron Garden, which is located at the top of the hill.

The tour will be led by Mike McCullough, who knew the Sumners from 1975 until they died. The Sumners lived in San Francisco, but in order to test and display their hybrids such as the Maddenii Series rhododendrons My Lady, My Guy, Mi Amor, Saffron Prince, Martha Wright and Owen Pierce; and to grow other rhododendrons, in the 1950s they established the three acre Monte Toyon Rhododendron Garden in Aptos.



Earth Day Santa Cruz is an annual event to raise environmental awareness; address concerns; showcase solutions; and present balanced modes of living for the wellbeing of each individual, the community, and the planet. It is a day to celebrate our natural resources and to network with the community for profit and nonprofit organizations, schools, and government agencies who come to share their environmental message, cause, or product. This day is to educate, motivate and activate everyone that attends. Earth Day Santa Cruz is an exciting community event offering educational information, activities for kids including an arts and crafts tent, live music, composting workshops and a focus on green businesses. Come and enjoy this fun environmental celebration for the whole family.



SHALL WE RESERVE A TABLE FOR TEN? LIFE LAB Benefit Brunch on May 20th

Life Lab has the most innovative and relevant organization in the field of best practices in food and garden education. Each year they have a remarkable Spring Benefit Brunch, free to attendees, with a wonderful farm-to-table meal, speakers, children's presentations, garden tours and more. I went last year, and it was incredibly enjoyable, informative and inspiring. This year, there is something new and different –it won't be held at the UCSC Barn.

"Holding our brunch at MacQuiddy Elementary in Watsonville is a big change from the past seven years of having our brunch at or near our Garden Classroom on the UCSC campus—and we're excited about it! Life Lab programs are growing across Santa Cruz County, and now serve more than 5,000 children each year. In 2018, more than half—over 2,500 PVUSD students—will be part of our Pajaro Valley programs. Our broader impacts continue to grow nationally, too, as we provide training and curriculum for more and more teachers across the U.S. Last year, this work supported educators who reported serving more than 500,000 children. Having our annual fundraising event in Watsonville allows us to more deeply share our growing work in the Pajaro

Valley, including the stellar school garden at MacQuiddy."

Emily Mastellone-Snyder, Life Lab's Associate Director for Development, has offered to reserve us a table for 10 if members of The Gardeners' Club would like to go as a group. If anyone is interested in going, please let me know (Lise Bixler, lisebixler@sbcglobal.net).

SOIL PREP FOR YOUR BACKYARD GARDEN (WATSONVILLE)



April 29, 2018

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

UC Master Gardener Delise Weir will discuss the importance of soil as the starting point for your seasonal garden in the Monterey Bay region. We'll begin with a little soil science to explain why organic matter, pH and soil structure are important to soil health. Then we'll talk about fertility and soil nutrition. We'll end with practical techniques for converting hard or sandy untouched dirt into fertile, rich garden beds. Then, we'll move out the demo garden and put our skills and knowledge into action.

Please plan on arriving 15 minutes early for check-in or registration.

Things to bring: A sample of your soil ~1 cup in a mason jar with a lid.

Bring garden gloves if you plan to help with preparing beds in the demo garden. Hat, sunscreen, layered clothing for the outdoor portion

Sponsored by UC Master Gardeners of Monterey & Santa Cruz. Contact: Tina at tina.heitzman@gmail.com. Register at <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=22435>

Location: UCCE Cooperative Extension, 1430 Freedom Blvd, Suite E, Watsonville,

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PLANT A GREAT GARDEN FROM SEED (QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH)



Date: April 29, 2018

Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Instructor Renee Shepherd is widely regarded as a pioneering innovator in introducing international vegetables, flowers and herbs to home gardeners and gourmet restaurants. What a treat to have her teach this class.

Contact: sprocter@cruzio.com

Sponsor: UC Master Gardeners of Monterey & Santa Cruz Learn all about easy care vegetables, herbs and flowers that you can plant now for enjoyment all summer long! Ages 18 and up. 800 Quail Hollow Rd. Felton. The class will be outdoors, so dress for the weather.

Note: Master Gardener instruction is free but Quail Hollow must charge \$3 for use of the facilities.

UCSC FARM & GARDEN SPRING PLANT SALE 4/28/2018 and 4/29/2018

Join us for the annual Spring Plant Sale! All plants are organically grown and include a wide selection of annual vegetables and flowers, along with wonderful perennials for the landscape. Plants are selected for their proven performance in the Monterey Bay region. Proceeds benefit the Apprenticeship in Ecological Horticulture training program.

Please note that Friends of the UCSC Farm & Garden members are invited to attend a special "members' hour" starting at 9 am on Saturday. Membership renewals and new memberships are available starting at 8:30 am that morning. The sale also takes place on Sunday, April 29 from 10 am to 2 pm (no early entry on Sunday).



SINGULAR EFFECTS OF THE UNIVERSAL VEGETABLE PILLS ON A GREEN CROCKER! A FACT!

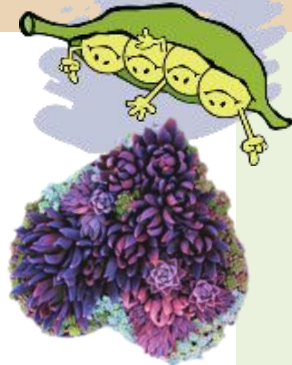
Who Green'un Like was order'd to live for the space of one Month upon Vegetable Diet & to Take during that time 132 Boxes of Vegetable Pills for the Cure of a Gangreen. & Being caught in a Shower of Rain in the Green Fields in the evening of the 1st of April last: was put to Bed 'midst Shooting pains. & in the Morning presented the above Phenomenon of a Moving Kitchen Garden !!!

April Fool "Fact" presented in 1841 by Charles Jameson Grant. The unfortunate fate of a man who got caught in the rain after taking too many vegetable pills and became A Moving Kitchen Garden. A cautionary tale for those of us who take many dietary supplements?



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.

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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