



The Gardeners' Club  
Santa Cruz County,  
California

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## Scholarship Awards Night! & "Great Soil, Great Plants!"

Our April Meeting is always an exciting, two-part event: our annual scholarship awards, and then our engaging and informative speaker, who this year will be Terry Lyngso of Lyngso Garden Materials.

This year we will be awarding three scholarships of \$500 each at our meeting to deserving college and high school students who excel in horticulture studies.

Heather Bloom, Cabrillo Collegel Nursery and Garden Curator, will present awards to Cabrillo students. They will briefly share their experiences and goals in horticultural education. The recipients are Dan Sleeper, student assistant organic farmer and Cassandra Winju, nursery studeht assistant. Dan is currently growing veggie starts and Cassandra is preparing flowering plants for the Cabrillo Mother's Day Plant Sale. We thank Bill Patterson for again initiating and coordinating the scholarship process with Cabrillo.

We are again able to award a high school student as well. Marcia Meyer will present the award to this year's recipient, Chloe Anderson, who is graduating from Watsonville High School and planning on continuing her horticulture studies at Cabrillo.

Thank you, Marcia, for your persistent work to make our high school giving program a success.

Thanks to the generosity of our club members, who make possible our continuing support for these deserving young people. They will remember our support and recognition as they influence and practice sustainable horticulture and related fields.



Our speaker, Terry Lyngso, is President of Lyngso Garden Materials, a 64 year old family business. In 2018 Lyngso Garden

Materials became an Employee Stock Ownership Plan and will eventually be a 100% employee owned business.

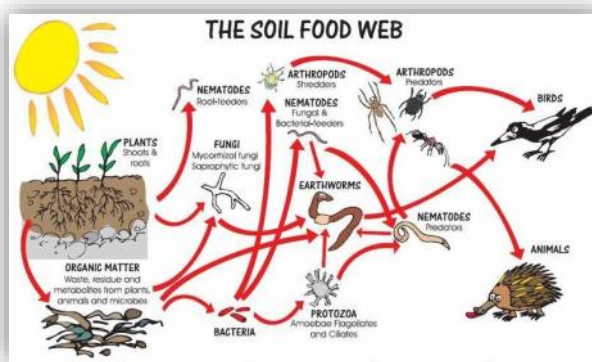
Terry's talk will be about developing a flourishing relationship between plants and the life in the soil. She will talk about ways you can encourage and grow a diversity of beneficial life in your garden soil. She will bring some samples of Lynso's soil mixes to share.

Terry says, "I have always been interested in soil

and compost. The big moment in my understanding came when I heard Dr Elaine Ingham speak at UC Santa Cruz in 2001 For those of you who might not be familiar with her, Dr. Ingham is a microbiologist and soil biology researcher. She is known as a leader in soil microbiology and through her research her name become synonymous with the Soil Food Web.

The Lyngso company says "Soil is life! The ideal soil is made up of a balance between clay, sand, loam, organic matter, minerals, water and air...we believe in the soil food web with a healthy balance of microorganisms that help the soil be alive, organic and full of life."

The relationship between plants and soil biology and the water cycle and climate are all linked, and our future depends upon that relationship. Come to the meeting and learn more.



Meeting: Thursday, April 11th, 7 p.m., Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr.  
Refreshments will be served. Thanks to Dena Gonsalvez for snacks, Allen Neymark for dessert & Jan Olafsson for beverages.

## Invitation from Cherry



Club President Cherry Thompson says, "The Gardeners' Club begins its fifth annual Open Gardens program this April. Opening our gardens to our fellow members offers an opportunity to express our appreciation to our club and its supportive

members. It also provides a chance to share our personal approach to our beloved gardening.

Visiting our friends' special places is a way to acknowledge their endeavors, providing well-deserved pats on their backs, while gaining insight into new ways of gardening. Gardeners get to share 'this is how I do it!' In fact the motivating inspiration usually reunites us directly to our own garden with a new idea. For 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 challenges like soil conditioning, plant location, potted plants, hardscape, water conservation, fertilizing, organic efforts, pest control, hill scaping, tool storage, shed building, promoting visiting birds, butterflies, bees, methods used to convert grass to drought tolerant areas, pruning techniques, ponds, water falls and garden sculpture, even egg production. What a treat!



Reserve a date and time by emailing me at [cherrylea@comcast.net](mailto:cherrylea@comcast.net)."

*Member Bill Patterson's garden last spring*

## CONTAINER GARDENING: BASICS AND BEYOND

**Sunday, April 7th , 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Contact: Sue Proctor, [sprocter@cruzio.com](mailto:sprocter@cruzio.com), 831 566-3382**

**Sponsor: UC Master Gardeners of Monterey & Santa Cruz**

**Location: Quail Hollow Ranch**

Growing plants in containers is for everyone! This free class will cover how to pair the right pot with the right plants and where to place it for optimal growth and vigor.

Home gardeners with small spaces, balconies or large yards can enjoy growing plants in a variety of vessels. UC Master Gardeners Sue Procter and Anastatia Foster will explore container types and sizes, potting soils and amendments, light and water requirements, pruning and integrated pest management techniques to support a thriving container garden. Whether you are growing food or ornamental plants, singular specimens, mass plantings or trees, this class will cover the keys to keep your potted plants flourishing.

This class will explore plant size, color and texture combinations within a container planting. Have you ever found a pot you would love to plant but could not because there was no drainage hole? Join us for a hole drilling demo to see how easily

a drainage hole can be added to almost any pot.

Please arrive 15 min early to register or sign in. Instruction is free but Quail Hollow collects \$3.00 for use of the facilities. Save your seat at [https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?](https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=24862)



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## GROWING ORGANIC HOPS— PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES AND TRELLIS DESIGN

**Saturday, April 13, 9:30 am-4:30 pm**

**Alan Chadwick Garden, UCSC**

Learn to grow hops! In this workshop led by hops grower Jon Sattler and Orin Martin, manager of the Chadwick Garden, we will discuss initial soil preparation, variety selection, planting rhizomes and annual fertility needs. You will also learn how to maximize your harvest using various trellis designs, and get hands on experience building a trellis system in the Chadwick Garden. Whether you are a home brewer interested in growing backyard hops, or you are considering farming hops for your local craft brewery, this workshop is for you! Space is limited: please pre-register using this link. <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3918636>.





Isn't it mind boggling how many excellent seed companies there are in the gardening universe? Here are a couple of them you may not know about.



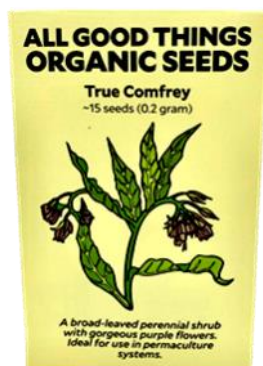
<https://www.plantgoodseed.com/>

The Plant Good Seed Company is the home of All Good Things Organic Seeds. We carry certified organic vegetable, flower, and herb seeds, including improved rare and heirloom varieties. Many of our varieties have been sourced directly from our home farm and a network of small scale seed growers. Our seed varieties are certified organic. Our mission is:

To propagate plant biodiversity. We have stewarded hundreds of plant species on our farms in Southern California and offer these seeds to our customers.

To improve existing open-pollinated and heirloom vegetable varieties for better performance in organic farming and gardening contexts. Discernment for gardening starts at the level of the seed and quality seed is paramount to gardening success. Plant variety improvement is a lifelong journey that frequently takes side quests. A number of farm original varieties have been generated from these detours.

We are motivated by a curiosity and for the sensuous world and its panoply of colors, textures and flavors. Sourcing seeds from us allows us to continue this engagement and supports the broader organic agriculture movement.



### Wild Garden Seed: Ecological Crop Improvement For and By Farmers

<https://www.wildgardenseed.com/>

We are an organic seed farm in the Pacific Northwest, established in 1994, owned and operated by Frank and Karen Morton. We are known for farm-original varieties of many salad greens, vegetables, herbs, and flowers.

All of our seed is organically grown by Shoulder to Shoulder Farm in cooperation with allies at Avoca and Gathering Together Farms, in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley, a world class place to grow specialty seeds.

Few places on Earth have the climate, latitude, soil, water, and intellectual resources found in this rare north-sloping river valley. Seed companies from every continent come to the Willamette Valley to contract quality seed production. We are fortunate enough to live and farm here.

Many of these varieties originated in our on-farm breeding program for organic conditions and fresh market quality, denoted by our farm-original mark. Other varieties have come to us over thirty-odd years of farming, either as heirlooms or good commercial standards, now with generations of selection on the farm. All seed at risk of GMO contamination has been tested and found free of genetic engineering components.

Our ecological approach to plant breeding and crop protection generates superior varieties for farmers who don't use chemical crop protectants and fertilizers. The small-scale care and authentic fertility of our farm fields yield fat seed with exceptional seedling vigor, a key trait for organic crop success. This seed is

organically bred to be organically grown, just like your crops.

We are partners in the Open Source Seed Initiative, and have dedicated all of our original varieties and breeding populations to the Open Source Seed Pledge:

"You have the right to use these OSSIPledged seeds in any way you choose. In return, you pledge not to restrict others' use of these seeds or their derivatives by patents or other means, and to include this Pledge with any transfer of these seeds or their derivatives."



<https://sowtrueseed.com>

Founded in 2008 by lifelong gardener and food activist Carol Koury, Sow True Seed provides open-pollinated, heirloom and organic vegetable, herb, and flower seeds to enthusiastic home gardeners and small market farmers.

Sow True Seed was created to preserve our shared botanical heritage and grow a new era of sustainable culture and ecological wisdom. We support independent, regional agricultural initiatives that foster a vibrant, sustainable economy, and true food sovereignty.

Based in the glorious mountains of Western North Carolina – home to a temperate rain forest and one of the most biologically diverse areas of North America - We are proud to work with farmers in our Katuah Bioregion who ensure the survival of heirloom varieties that would otherwise become extinct.







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## UCSC Arboretum & Botanic Garden



# SPRING PLANT SALE

SATURDAY APRIL 13TH

MEMBERS 10 AM - 12 PM  
PUBLIC 12 PM - 4 PM

with the California Native Plant Society



**Saturday, April 13, 2019**  
**10 am to noon - CNPS and**  
**Arboretum Members Presale**  
**Noon to 4 pm - Open to the Public**

**Run, don't walk, to the Arboretum's ever popular Spring Plant Sale!** Gardeners in the know can find hundreds of varieties of plants that are well-suited to the central California Coast. Featured plants are from California, Australia, and South Africa. Visit the Arboretum's website, one week prior to the sale for a list of available plants. Curators and knowledgeable volunteers will help you choose extraordinary plants during the sale. Valet Wheelbarrow Service volunteers assist shoppers in transporting their purchased plants to the parking area.

Discover great plants at great prices. **The California Native Plant Society** is also on hand with their plant selections. Yes, **two giant sales in one!** New this year, a Rare Plant Silent Auction

Come early for the best selection. Not yet a member of the Arboretum or CNPS and want to get in early? Memberships to both organizations are available at the entry on the day of the sale

The UC Santa Cruz Arboretum and Botanic Garden is a favorite destination for those who love plants, birds and natural beauty. The Arboretum inspires stewardship of the world's biodiversity through research, education, and the conservation of rare and extraordinary plants.

**Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai**  
**2019 Bonsai Show**  
31<sup>st</sup> Annual Exhibit



60 year old Atlantic Cedar

Saturday & Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**The Museum of Art & History**  
705 Front Street, Santa Cruz  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Admission: \$5 per person for both the Museum and Bonsai Show, this weekend only!  
(Half off the regular \$10 entrance fee)

[www.santacruzbonsaikai.com](http://www.santacruzbonsaikai.com)

Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai 31th Annual Exhibit  
April 6 – 7, 2019 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
both days MAH – Museum of Art and History, 705 Front Street, Santa Cruz  
The highlight of each day's show will be at 2:00 p.m. when Bonsai Masters, Mike Pistello (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 trees can begin enjoying this art form immediately.

Other activities: On Saturday: Watsonville Taiko performance, 11:00 a.m. at the corner of Pacific and Cooper. On Sunday: The Nori Project performance, 11:00 a.m. Carolyn Fitz, calligraphy and Sumi-e ink painting artist, and Lesley Hasegawa, origami artist, will demonstrate Sumi-e ink painting and origami throughout both days. Additionally, there will be sales of bonsai and pre-bonsai trees. Sales area will have new trees each day. Also featured are door prizes as well as free tea, coffee, and cookies.

Entrance to the Museum and the bonsai show is \$5.00 per person – HALF OFF the normal Museum entrance fee.



# Monterey Bay Dahlia Society Sale



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.

## 2019: The Year of the Dahlia

The [National Garden Bureau](http://www.nationalgardenbureau.org) has announced that they have selected the *dahlia* as the bulb crop of the year for 2019. The NGB "Year of the" program chooses flowers and/or plants specifically for the North American market that are easy to grow, genetically diverse, and with a lot of new cultivars to showcase.

## Tips for Growing Better Dahlias

When choosing tubers, remember each crown or individual tuber needs to have a piece of stem and at least one "eye" or growing bud. This eye will be on the lower main stem, not on the tuber itself. Handle carefully so this source of new growth stays attached and unbruised.

Tubers can go directly into the ground in the spring when the ground is warm. One good guideline is to plant at the same time as you would a tomato.

For best results choose a full sun location where the soil is rich and well-drained. Dahlias can grow in a half day of sun, but fewer blooms will result. Work the soil to a depth of about 9 inches, then make an 8-9 inch diameter hole. When planting a dahlia variety that will grow to 36 inches or more, place a stake in the hole before planting. Place the tuber or crown with the eye(s) closest to the stake. This way

the stem will grow closest to the stake for support when the plant is fully grown.

Add a handful of bone meal, a layer of soil and, at a depth of about 6 inches, place the tuber or crown in an almost upright position. The eyes or buds should point upwards. If you feel uncertain when planting, try imagining a clock with the eye at 12 o'clock (top) and the tuber(s) at 5 o'clock. Cover with about 2 inches of soil. Unless it is a very dry season, you won't need to water until shoots appear above ground.

Tomato cages can also be a simple approach to staking.

Dahlia plants are susceptible to slug damage. It is a good idea to manually remove slugs or to protect them with a commercial slug killer. Japanese beetles seem to enjoy dahlia blooms just when they are ready for a bouquet. One of the best methods of control is to manually remove the beetles and drop them into a bucket of soapy water. If other insects become a problem you can consider using a commercial soap or pesticide. Dahlias are low on the deer's list of favorite foods and are deer resistant.



Dinnerplate dahlias (Baker Creek & [www.famflowerfarm.com](http://www.famflowerfarm.com))



When the plants have produced about 4 pairs of leaves, some people recommend pinching the snipping or pinching out the topmost tip (avoid crushing the stem). Side shoots will develop to form the main body of the plant. Others say that is not necessary and will actually reduce the size of the mature plant. Instead, you can remove only the first flower bud. That will be enough for the plant to branch out.

But if you want optimum bloom size and plant growth, many gardeners "disbud" their dahlias. Disbudding means removing buds from side shoots but retaining the main center bud. Side buds appearing very early can be removed. From planting time to bloom will be about 2 1/2 months.

Fertilize carefully. Overfeeding can result in small blooms and/or weak stems. Avoid fertilizing for about 6 weeks after planting. A granular bloom boosting organic fertilizer can be used as directed on the package. Water soluble fertilizers can be used (after buds appear) every 3 to 4 weeks. Fish fertilizers are not recommended.

Finally, keep cutting your dahlias. Even if you don't want them for arrangements, be sure to deadhead them or blooming will diminish.



# Monterey Bay Iris Society 2019 Iris Show



**Saturday May 4th Noon-6:00 pm**  
**Sunday May 4th 11:00 am-6:00 pm**

**Louden Nelson Community Center**  
301 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA  
Admission Is Free

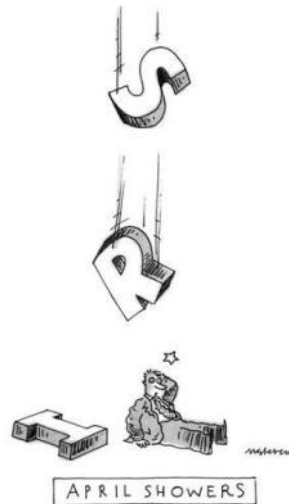
Message from the Monterey Bay Iris Society: We have two main purposes for our annual show. First, we wish to introduce the interested members of the public to irises. Second, we wish to provide an occasion to judge irises, both unnamed seedlings and established cultivars.

In this show, irises are not judged against other irises of different colors, but are judged for the best possible form, color and size of that particular cultivar. We also judge the skill of the exhibitor in terms of how well the plant has been grown, and how skillfully the stalk has been staged at the show.

Unnamed, unregistered seedlings are judged separately from the named cultivars. Seedlings are new varieties grown from seeds collected from carefully planned crosses between two parent irises. Seedlings are judged differently from the named cultivars. What we are looking for in a seedling is something new that is not found in any other named iris, along with good form, vitality, strong stems, and a high bud count.

Anyone can enter irises in the MBIS show. We especially encourage interested youth to enter the irises that they grow. We have a special category for youth entries along with ribbons and trophies.

If you would like to enter irises from your garden, contact our Show Chairperson Charley Kearns, at 408 315-1520, kcf@verizon.com or c/o Monterey Bay Iris Society, Post Office Box 2361, Los Gatos, California 95031.



Article by iris grower Joe Ghio from March Monterey Bay Iris Society Newsletter:

This year we have been having a “different” rainy season—every season seems to have been having unusual winter patterns in the last few years. This season the first significant rains did not occur until early December. We’ve had short breaks between the onslaught of rain spells. This pattern has been continuing right up to into March as this is being written. What we have been

having is shower deluges with a short break until another deluges hits. These deluges are dumps of rain that last a short time like 10 minutes and move on. But the amount of rainfall can be as much as a quarter of an inch at a time. The result of this much rain at one time is the soil can’t absorb it and it runs off—causing erosion—and nutrients you added are washed or leached away as well. The question is what to do about it. With these shower deluges we were unable to get the fertilizing done at the normal max impact time—early February. In frustration I fertilized the ranch in midFebruary and sure enough in a couple of days more deluges came, the fertilizer disappeared. Some probably got into the soil, but most probably was washed away. Later in late February I fertilized the home garden but the same weather followed in a few days. Here we have clay soil which is very subject to erosion, hence not only were the nutrients washed away but also soil again (for the fifth time) trenches of erosion redeveloped in the beds. Now we are in early March and growth is well underway and the question is, is it too late to fertilize again. The answer is it will probably not do much good to improve the quality of spring bloom but the increase rhizomes will get some benefit from it. If we get deluges again, as predicted, it will be of minimum benefit. All that can be said is that it will be an interesting year. These deluges are demolishing fruit bloom. The apricots have had their blossoms destroyed and no bees are around to pollinate in any event. We will see what happens to other fruit trees coming into bloom now like plums and peaches.

Visit Joe Ghio’s Facebook page to see some of his amazing iris introductions <https://www.facebook.com/Bay-View-Gardens-291485554485/>. You can order a catalog of his

offerings by sending \$3 to Bay View Gardens, 1201 Bay St.; Santa Cruz, CA 95060. This is the last year Ghio will be selling his irises through his business. Starting next year Schreiner’s Gardens will be the introducer of Ghio bearded irises.







## REDWOOD ROSE EDIBLE GARDENS

SALE DATES:  
APRIL 6 (Saturday)  
APRIL 14 (Sunday)

9am to 4pm

13191 REDWOOD AVENUE,  
BOULDER CREEK (at the corner  
of Big Basin Way & Redwood  
Ave.)

Marianne Booth of Redwood Rose Edible Gardens says: This year, 2019, I am offering 156 varieties of heirloom tomato seedlings; 54 varieties of peppers; and 17 types of eggplants. These varieties have been carefully selected for the different micro-climates found in San Lorenzo Valley. I test grow them for several years in my garden in Boulder Creek. This ensures that only those varieties that do exceptionally well in our area are offered for sale. I look for excellent taste; productivity; and ripening dates that should provide you a continuous harvest before the Fall frosts kill your plants. I purchase seeds from four highly respected U.S. Organic Seed Companies. The seedlings are propagated by me in rich organic soil, and given rain water only. Once the seedlings are about two inches tall they are transplanted into larger pots and moved from my greenhouse outside and undercover. The seedlings acclimate to our temperature and weather conditions as they continue to grow. I harden the seedlings off two weeks before the first sale date. This is my 8th year successfully growing Organic Heirloom Vegetable seedlings for sale to this community.

I will be selling dahlia tubers and water lily plants later in the season (probably in May.)

Website:

<https://sites.google.com/v.../redwood-rose-edible-gardens/home>



Wife and husband Sarah and Basil have been growing and distributing organic seedlings since 1989, which is when they purchased the business from original owner Suzanne Richards who founded the nursery in 1987 in Santa Cruz. The Machados relocated the business to Watsonville and have two large greenhouses near the Monterey Bay.

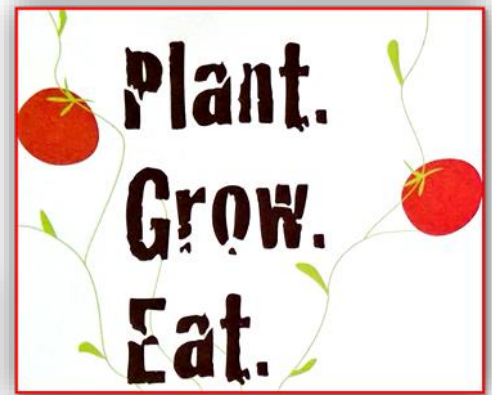
The nursery's primary focus is supplying seedlings to wholesale buyers at nurseries in the San Francisco, Napa Valley and Monterey Bay areas. You can find their seedlings at many local nurseries. But you can also get them at the Aptos Farmers Market on Saturdays.

The business joined the MBCFM in 1996. One of the first bedding growers to be certified organic in the state of California, Upstarts has been certified by the California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) since 1991.



The varieties that Upstarts carries are either heirloom or hybrid and are selected for their flavor and high quality. Consideration of the local growing conditions, as well as the vigor and disease resistance of the seedlings — often called starter plants, also play a part in their selection. The Machados keep an eye out for trends in both the nursery and culinary industries and add new plant varieties accordingly, enjoying opportunities to bring hard-to-find plants to the farmers market.

Started from seeds or cuttings, the seedlings may be transplanted when their



growing needs require it. They are available for purchase in 6-pack containers and 4-inch pots, ready to be taken home and planted in either containers or prepared beds.

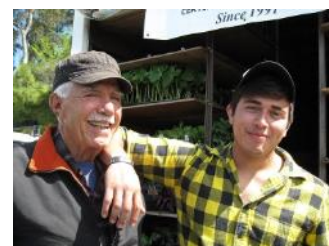
The Upstarts farmers market crew welcomes the opportunity to educate customers on the variety of young plants best suited for their growing conditions as well as sharing the importance of heirloom varieties and organic gardening, as a whole.

Products sold at the Aptos Farmers Market include:

A variety of organic herb and vegetable seedlings — heirloom and hybrid. Herbs: hot and spicy oregano; holy basil; African blue basil; rosemary; chervil; sweet marjoram; shiso; tarragon; thyme; sage; chives; parsley — curly and Italian; lemongrass and mint (only available in containers). Vegetables: tomatoes; lettuce; heirloom squash — Tromboncino and Costata Romanesco; cucumbers — Persian, lemon and English; dinosaur kale; rainbow chard; arugula; mizuna; spinach; eggplant; onions and Padron peppers.

Go to the Upstarts website for more information about their philosophy and growing methods, articles and garden guides, recipes, links to other resources, and to sign up for their newsletter.

<https://www.upstartsorganicseedlings.com/>





County, from Santa Cruz to Aptos. Life Lab at Gault Elementary is also included to showcase a demonstration garden, inspiring future gardeners. Your day will be filled with relaxation, recreation, and a little bit of adventure along the way.

All proceeds are tax deductible and support the operations of the Arboretum & Botanic Garden. The Arboretum's mission is connecting people with plants and does this through affordable community education, conservation research, and preparing future leaders for careers in the horticultural industry.

Purchase a ticket today and you will support preservation of plant diversity for future generations. You can purchase your tickets online at <https://arboretum.ucsc.edu/news-events/events/homegardentour.html> (directions will be mailed to you when you order online). You can also purchase your tickets directly from Norrie's Gift Shop, The Garden Company, and San Lorenzo Garden Center.

Don't miss the Arboretum's first annual Home Garden Tour. You, your friends and your family are cordially invited!

Eight local gardeners showcase their delightful landscapes for you to explore and enjoy. Each garden is unique and is sure to inspire you for your own garden. Directions to private gardens will be released once registration is confirmed. Gardens are located throughout Santa Cruz

## Strawberry & Grilled Asparagus Salad

### Ingredients

1 bunch asparagus, woody stems trimmed  
10 strawberries, thinly sliced  
1/4 cup toasted hazelnuts, lightly chopped

Zest of 1 lemon  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil  
1 teaspoon dijon mustard  
40 turns of fresh cracked

black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt (note kosher salt does not measure the same as normal table salt)



## Directions

Preheat grill or cast iron grill pan on stove over high heat. Toss trimmed asparagus with 1/4 cup olive oil, and a heavy pinch of salt and pepper. Grill asparagus stalks until charred and slightly tender, but still a bit crunchy. Remove asparagus from the grill and slice each stalk into 4 pieces on a bias. Remove the stems from the strawberries and place stem end down on a cutting board. Thinly slice strawberries so that you get to see the natural shape of the strawberry! Lightly toss both the strawberries and cut asparagus in the lemon and black pepper vinaigrette and top with chopped hazelnuts.

**409**  
Calories  
per serving



Prep Time  
20 Minutes



Total Time  
50 Minutes

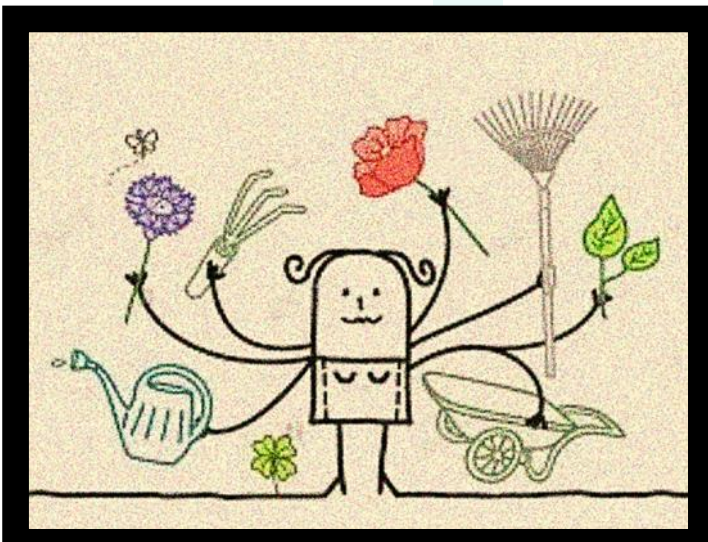


Recipe Yield  
2 Servings





## Plant Swap & Sale Next Month!



Are you getting ready for one of our most exciting events of the year? May 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!



### Earth Day Santa Cruz 2019

April 20th, 11 am – 4 pm in San Lorenzo Park



More information and a full schedule is available at

<https://searthday.org>.



The County of Santa Cruz Public Works Department will be offering **free composting workshops** hourly at the event. To pre-register to reserve your space call 824-6484 or go online at [goo.gl/Fw6BaK](http://goo.gl/Fw6BaK).

### Annie's Spring Party Schedule of Events:

**ALL DAY:** Grown-ups in costume win a free plant! Kids in costume get a free prize!

**10-2: Face Painting, Glitter Tattoos and Balloon Twisting** with our pal Budderball The Clown!

#### 11:00: Speaker

**Saturday**—Join Don Mahoney, curator emeritus for the San Francisco Botanical Garden for a fun and info-packed talk on his favorite subject: bird, bee and butterfly gardening! Don explores the best nectar and host plants – both native and non-native – to plant for habitat resources throughout the year. A fantastic opportunity to learn from one of the Bay Area's BEST!

**Sunday**—Gardening 101 with Annie! Want to plant a garden from scratch but don't know where to start? Every gardener has to start somewhere – and the road to gardening enlightenment can be overwhelming, confusing and intimidating! Prepare to get the straight dope on how to garden like a pro from our own gardener-in-chief – Annie herself!

**11-3: Giant Puppets Save The World!** Come meet the enormous handcrafted silk and bamboo menagerie of Monarchs, Hummingbirds and more with artist, puppeteer and stilt-walker, Toni Tone! So fun!

**1:30: Supermarket Sweep!** Enter our FREE RAFFLE - two lucky winners will get 15 minutes of FREE SHOPPING! We will also raffle off lots of goodies for the garden

Top Dog will be vending their delicious kosher franks, hot links, chicken apple sausages and veggie dogs both days!

**740 Market Ave. in Richmond** . Directions and more information

at: <http://www.anniesannuals.com/events>

Don't have room to go into detail here, but another event is Annie's third annual Butterfly Summit" on April 27. Find out what you can do to garden for butterflies, create butterfly corridors and preserve habitat! Free and open to all ages! . On her site click on "talks" for more info. Featured presenters are Tim Wong, Aquatic Biologist at Cal Academy of Sciences & Pipevine Swallowtail whisperer; Andy Liu – Landscape Architect and garden designer specializing in butterfly habitat for Swallowtails and Gulf Fritillaries; and Sal Levinson – author, entomologist and gifted speaker on butterfly habitats.





MONTEREY BAY AREA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

## SPRING 2019 CACTUS & SUCCULENT SHOW & SALE



Saturday, April 13  
9 AM - 5 PM  
&  
Sunday, April 14  
9 AM - 4 PM

San Juan Bautista  
Community Hall  
10 San Jose St

FREE Admission

FREE Parking

## HAPPENINGS



SHOW  
May  
4th & 5th  
2019

CARMEL VALLEY  
GARDEN  
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## 50 YEARS of FLOWER POWER! Come Join Us!

Cut Flowers Containers  
Arrangements  
Entries Open to the Public

Silent Auction Live Music Plant Sales  
Vendors Photography Contest  
Children's Garden Garden Café  
Saturday Evening Gala

10 am to 4 pm  
Hidden Valley Music Seminars  
Carmel Valley Village

Proceeds benefit  
Carmel Valley Nonprofits

Rules and info on [cvgardenclub.org](http://cvgardenclub.org)

## UC Master Gardeners of Monterey & Santa Cruz Counties



# smart garden fair

April 13, 2019, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Jewell Park, Pacific Grove

The Smart Gardening Fair is a free educational event presented by the UC Master Gardeners of Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties. It is a colorful marketplace of "all things gardening" with a special focus on sustainable and water-wise practices! Come enjoy:

Speakers and demonstrations on a variety of timely gardening topics including:

- Edible Landscaping
- All About Bees
- Understanding Orchids
- Pruning Basics and Beyond
- Succulents
- Water wise strategies for every Garden
- Tool Sharpening
- Organic Weed Control and Integrated Pest Management for the home gardener
- UC Master Gardeners' Plant Sale featuring a wide variety of vegetables, herbs, succulents and drought tolerant plants.
- Gardening related Marketplace offering lots of information, goods and services.
- Information booths and children's activities to make it a fun and memorable day.

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## The Proven Winners Garden Book: Simple Plans, Picture-Perfect Plants, and Expert Advice for Creating a Gorgeous Garden

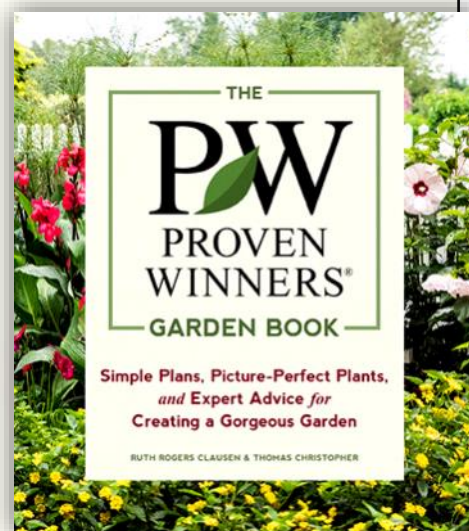
By Ruth Rogers Clausen and Thomas Christopher

Proven Winners is America's #1 plant brand. And now they are sharing their expert plant knowledge and creative design ideas in their first book, *The Proven Winners Garden Book*. This definitive guide starts with lessons on how to prepare a space, tips on choosing the right design, and a primer on buying the right plants.

Twelve garden plans provide simple design ideas that will add curb appeal to your home garden. They include: a welcoming entryway, a butterfly and pollinator garden, a fragrant flower garden, a shady summertime retreat, and a deer-resistant garden. There are an additional twenty-five container recipes that add color and pizzazz to gardens of all sizes—even on balconies and patios. The creative combinations include holiday themes, solutions for shade and other concerns, poolside ideas, and much more.

NEW

“If gardening feels overwhelming to you, then *The Proven Winners Garden Book* is for you.”  
*Garden Design*



Just because this idea is featured as a kid craft (<https://happyhooligans.ca/homemade-wind-chimes/>) doesn't mean we grown-ups can't make something similar for our outdoor spaces. Two coats of acrylic paint, one coat of varnish and a small screw eye at the top.

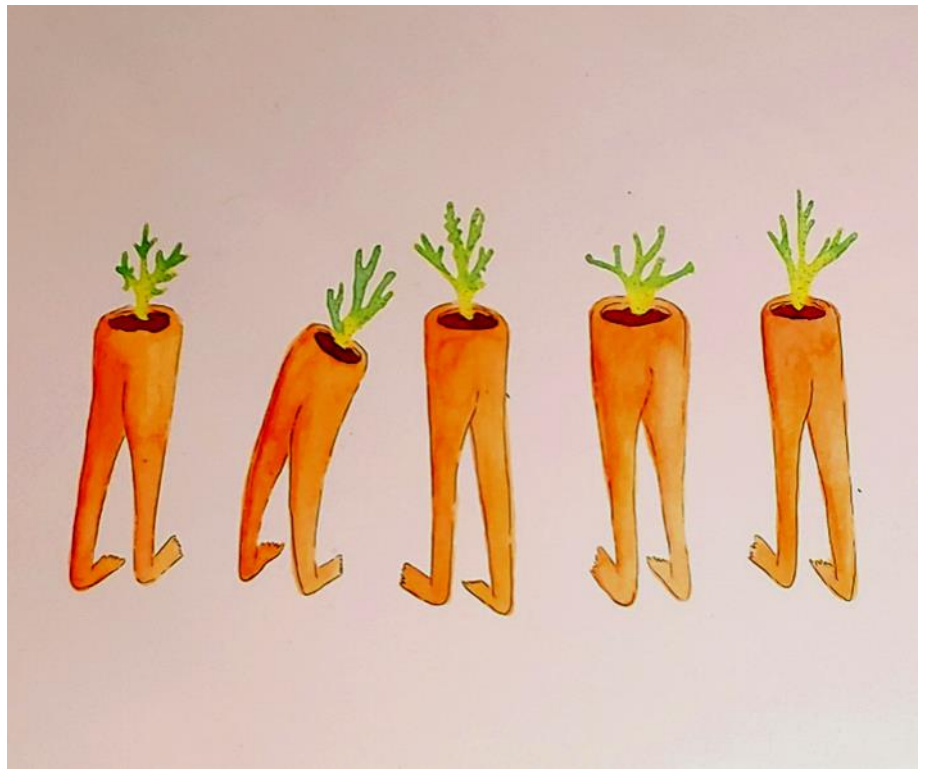
**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

We'll be meeting at the home of Joanna Hall on April 22nd. We'll start at 6:00 p.m. with a tour of Joanna's grand garden. Her address is 2200 Cox Road, Aptos. You don't have to be a Board member to attend—join us!

Consider subscribing to Heirloom Gardener, described as your complete guide to the rich past and traditional uses of time-tested edible, medicinal, and ornamental plant varieties. Delight your taste buds, mind, and eyes with beautiful photos and inspirational techniques on everything you need to know to grow, preserve, and cook your own heirloom fruits and vegetables. Each issue features beautifully illustrated botany lessons, step-by-step seed-saving tutorials, the legends surrounding seed varieties and plant breeders, seasonal recipes, and DIY projects inspired by homegrown materials. Includes garden-fresh recipes for both the table and the medicine chest; organic growing methods; food-preservation techniques; historical accounts of seed varieties; the "Family Heirlooms" section, the history behind readers' beloved plants; and much more.

<http://www.heirloomgardener.com>





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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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