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# Spring Plant Sale & Swap

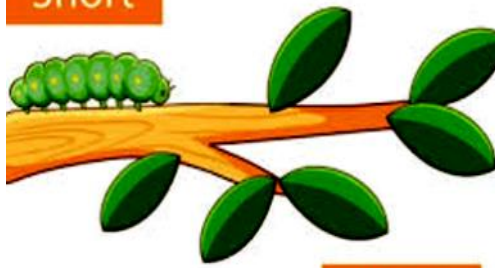
At last! Let's get together for our long-delayed famous and beloved spring plant sale and swap. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to see Gardeners' Club friends, and while reuniting get free and bargain-priced plants and paraphernalia for your garden. Our members have been industriously dividing their perennials, potting up seedlings and extra plants, collecting seeds, bagging bulbs, gleaned surplus harvest, thinning tool and décor collections—all to make our trade and sale event a rich and rewarding experience. Come choose from a limitless variety of plants, bulbs, perennials, shrubs, seeds, small trees, tools, pots, vases, planters, books, magazines, knick-knacks and anything/everything garden. If you don't have plants to trade, you can buy stuff at ridiculously low prices. You are sure to discover something new to try. See you there!

**THURSDAY, MAY 12th, 7 P.M.**  
**APTOS GRANGE, 2555 MAR VISTA DR.**

(see inside back cover for more details)



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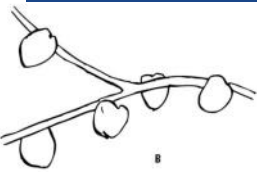


## Long

The newsletter this month is coming to you in two parts. The first one is SHORT, because we want to make sure you get the news about our upcoming plant sale and swap in time, and just a

few notes about upcoming garden-related events. More coming later in May!

## UC MASTER GARDENERS OF MONTEREY & SANTA CRUZ



### Spotlight: Fruit Thinning

You might be admiring all the fruit on fruit trees. It's tempting to keep them all, but thinning your fruit will give you a better yield, mitigate disease

and infestation, and larger fruit, not to mention preventing branches from breaking under too much fruit.

Resources: [Fruit thinning](#) (UCANR); [Why \(or How\) Do Fruit Trees Need to Be Thinned](#)

### Vermiculture: Composting with Worms

Wednesday, May 4  
5 - 6:30 pm (online)

**Cost:** Free. Donations accepted. Would you like natural, homemade compost for your seedlings, potted plants and vegetable gardens? Learn how to turn your food scraps into a valuable resource for your garden and expand your recycling efforts by signing up for the backyard worm composting workshop taught by UC Master Gardener/UC Master Composter, Bridget Matz.

  
**Backyard  
Worm  
Composting  
(Hands-on)**  
Saturday, May 7  
10 - noon  
Watsonville  
Cost: \$25  
Limited to 30.  
[mbmg.ucanr.edu](http://mbmg.ucanr.edu)



Hands-on class option in Watsonville: \$25.combines informal lecture and hands-on activities. You'll learn:how to source or build a worm bin, where to obtain starter worms, how to maintain a healthy worm bin, tips on harvesting and using your resulting compost.We will send a list of materials to bring if you would like to build

your own worm bin to take home.

To register, visit [mbmg.ucanr.edu](http://mbmg.ucanr.edu)

## Music in the Garden



May 8<sup>th</sup>,  
1-5 pm

Shelley Phillips, harp  
Robin Petrie, hammer dulcimer

In Artistic Director Linda  
Burman-Hall's garden

## Santa Cruz Baroque Festival

\$50

Join us as we visit the lush tropical-look garden of our Artistic Director on the banks of the San Lorenzo River. Enormous redwoods, exotic palms and dozens of colorful Japanese maples and other exotic Asian trees surround an enormous koi pond. Our 'Music in the Garden' is always held on Mother's Day to welcome those who want to honor their mothers, those who are mothers, as well as those who simply seek exquisite musical and culinary diversions on a pleasant weekend in a lovely setting that is safe and convenient. We promise traditional gourmet food-treats: omnivore, vegetarian, and vegan finger-foods served safely; local wines, sparkling and still mineral waters, soft drinks, and especially we promise an intriguing variety of memorable music in a changeable garden like no other.

Please visit [scbaroque.org/covid19](http://scbaroque.org/covid19) for our latest guidance and protocols for keeping our early music community safe! The address for this event will be emailed to ticket holders a few days in advance. Buy tickets at

<https://www.instantseats.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=buy.event&eventID=77958145-0E6A-6E08-801COBAE23B3B7D7>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=EOZ56o5A9eU>

### Want to Plant a tomato in a Large Container

Learn by watching UC Master Gardener Anastatia Foster plant an indeterminant tomato in a large pot. (13:21)

# Instructions & Tally Sheet for Plant Sale and Swap

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to get free and bargain-priced plants and paraphernalia for your garden. Come choose from a limitless variety of plants, bulbs, perennials, shrubs, seeds, small trees, tools, pots, vases, planters, books, magazines, surplus harvest, knick-knacks and anything/everything garden. If you don't have plants to trade, you can buy stuff at ridiculously low prices. You are sure to discover something new to try.

You can take plants home by either by paying cash or check, or by bringing plants and other items for trade tickets to use instead of cash. Fill out this form before the meeting if you are going to trade. This is what you'll get for what you bring:

- 2", 3" & 4" pots: 1 ticket each
- 6" pot or 6-pack: 1.5 ticket each
- 1 gallon pot: 2 tickets each
- 2 gallon pot: 3 tickets each

Miscellaneous items are priced at the meeting.

Label your plants with their common or botanical names, and put your name on them in case purchasers have questions.

Please don't bring loose, dirty plants that would make a mess, or plants you wouldn't be proud to put your name on.

We appreciate all of you who come early to help set up – it's a lot of work! And if you can, plan on staying to help with clean-up.

We'll start accepting plants at 6:40 p.m. The purchase prices are:

- 2", 3", or 4" pots: 2 tickets or \$1 each
- 6" pot or 6-pack: 3 tickets, or \$1.50 each
- 1 gallon pot: 4 tickets or \$2.00 each
- 2 gallon pot: 6 ticket or \$3.00 each

When there are multiples of the same plant available, please take only one until other members have had a chance to buy one. If there are multiples left over, then you can

grab them! Plants that don't get sold or given away go home with the person who brought them.

Good luck, and have fun!



**Please complete this form at home and bring it with you to the meeting.**

Number of 2, 3 or 4" pots: \_\_\_\_\_ X 1 = \_\_\_\_\_ tickets

Number of 6" pots or 6-packs: \_\_\_\_\_ X 1.5 = \_\_\_\_\_ tickets (round up to whole number)

Number of 1-gal. pots: \_\_\_\_\_ X 2 = \_\_\_\_\_ tickets

Number of 2-gal. pots: \_\_\_\_\_ X 3 = \_\_\_\_\_ tickets

Miscellaneous items (to be priced at meeting): \_\_\_\_\_ tickets

**TOTAL TICKETS:** \_\_\_\_\_





# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Love Apple Farms spring tomato plant sale (now with lots of other veggies and herbs) is on now until June 5 and is located at 5311 Scotts Valley Drive in Scotts Valley. Their gardening classes, taught by Cynthia Sandberg, are at the same address (see May lineup at right.) Gift certificates are also available –might be the perfect Mother's Day present for someone! Contact info: <http://loveapplefarm.typepad.com/>; [loveapplefarms@gmail.com](mailto:loveapplefarms@gmail.com) (831) 588-3801

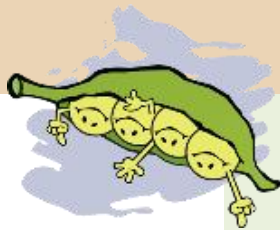


May 2022

- Garden Mosaics** - May 1, 2022 (\$99)
- Summer Vegetable Gardening** - May 14, 2022 (\$109)
- Tomato Masters** - May 15, 2022 (\$69) **SOLD OUT**
- Compost, Vermiculture & Soil Fertility** - May 21, 2022 (\$89)
- Drip Irrigation Simplified** - May 22, 2022 (\$69)
- Tomato Masters** - May 28, 2022 (\$69)
- Summer Vegetable Gardening** - May 29, 2022 (\$99)

Art By Linda Wood

**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



[www.etsy.com/shop/curiousprintpattern](http://www.etsy.com/shop/curiousprintpattern).

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