



Into the Garden

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A Visit With Linda Beatham

Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m.
Aptos Grange, 255 Mar Vista Dr.

Linda is an educator, landscape designer, horticulturist, sculptor, painter and Santa Cruz resident for over 40 years. Both her art and her gardening reflect her long standing passion for working in the soil and manifesting new life through earth, water and inspiration. Some of you have been to her art and garden sales at her property and business, Earthly Delights. At her open

gardens she has succulents, many of which she has propagated, begonias and other rare beauties. Her art includes cards, painting, sculptures, wall planks with air plant and succulent arrangements, some in her handmade ceramic pots.

Linda will talk about the many facets of her current business. She will show what and how she makes her plant creations and art for her home shows. She will be having a raffle of three items - a topiary, a succulents arrangement and art cards. A little bit of everything—this will be a lot of fun!



One of
Linda's greeting cards, from an
original watercolor painting.

Arboretum Gift and Wreath Sale

Saturday, November 19



9am-10am Members Hour
10am-4pm General Public

Looking for the perfect gifts and decorations for Thanksgiving and the holiday season? Come to the **Arboretum's Annual Gift & Wreath Sale** for a great selection of locally hand-made gifts and more!

Local artists join forces with talented Arboretum volunteers to produce one-of-kind living succulent wreaths, dried floral wreaths, floral centerpieces and woodcrafts. These beautiful botanic decorations will make the perfect seasonal accent for your home, or holiday gift for loved ones!

Please park in the Visitor Parking Lot and walk to the sale in the Hort 2 Meeting Hall. Regardless of the weather, we'll have doors and windows open to let in plenty of fresh air.



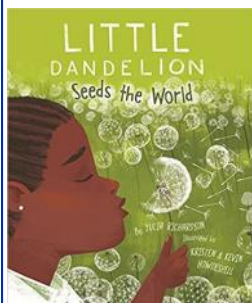
GROWING GOOD KIDS — EXCELLENCE IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE BOOK AWARDS PROGRAM



The Junior Master Gardener Program and the American Horticultural Society honor

engaging, inspiring works of plant, garden and ecology-themed children's literature through the "Growing Good Kids – Excellence in Children's Literature Awards" Program. Here are the 2022 winners. Thinking about gifts for the children in your lives? Think books!

Little Dandelion Seeds the World



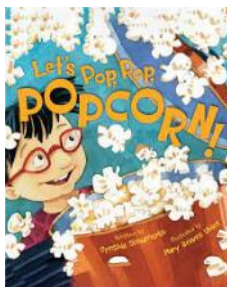
By Julia Richardson
Illustrated by
Kristen & Kevin
Howdeshell
Did you know
dandelions thrive
on all seven
continents? The
cheery blooms are

among the most resilient and adaptable in the world. In this lyrical book, learn how the crafty plant travels on the wind and hitchhikes rides in all manner of ways in order to spread far and wide. Includes a map and backmatter on dandelions.

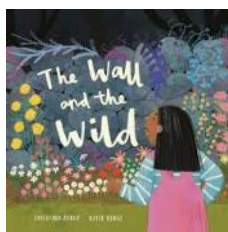
Let's Pop, Pop, Popcorn!

By Cynthia Schumerth
illustrated by Mary Reaves Uhles

Told through exuberant rhyme, a group of children shows the step-by-step process of how America's favorite snack comes about. Beginning with the planting of seeds, the cycle moves through the caretaking of the plant (watering and weeding), all the way to its harvest. Finally, it's time to shuck, then pop the kernels, and enjoy the finished product!



The Wall and the Wild

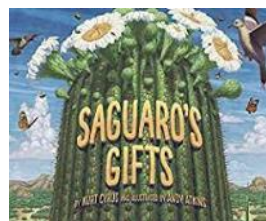


By Christina Dendy,
Katie Rewse
In a plot of land at the edge of town, Ana grows only perfectly sized plants and perfect-looking flowers; she

throws all the irregular shoots and uneven seeds over the wall into the disorderly Wild. But as her garden gets tidier, neater and more constrained, the Wild begins to grow...

Saguaro's Gifts

By Kurt Cyrus
illustrated by
Andy Atkins
Celebrating a birthday is always a happy occasion but never more so in this desert community than when it's a centenary for a grand Saguaro cactus! For one hundred years, the majestic cactus has anchored this vibrant neighborhood, providing food, shelter, and shade to the local wildlife inhabitants. In beautiful rhyming text, the creatures that depend on Saguaro's gifts come to pay homage, including the tiny bat that sips nectar from the plant's flower, the finches looking for a place to build their nest, and the grateful tortoise that enjoys its fruit. Magnificent artwork brings the desert landscape and creatures to life, showing the interdependence between plants and animals.



Winter Tree care

We can help our trees prepare for the colder months ahead. Consider the following tips.

Rely on mulch. Put composted organic mulch under your tree in the fall or early winter to help retain water and reduce temperature extremes in the soil. A thin layer of mulch will act like a blanket and give the tree's roots a little extra protection.

Give your trees a drink. Winter droughts require watering as much as summer droughts. If temperatures permit, an occasional watering during the winter on young trees can be a lifesaver.

Prune your trees. Late fall is a good time to prune your trees. Not only are trees dormant in the colder months, but it is also easier to see a tree's structure when there are no leaves on the branches. Proper pruning is vital to the health of trees and plants, in part because it helps relieve stress on trees and keeps them growing. But be aware that each tree is different, and pruning at the wrong time or the wrong way can injure a tree.

Plant more! Since autumn is the time of year for colorful, falling leaves, many people do not realize that it is also a prime time to plant new trees. Conditions are perfect now for stimulating root growth in new trees. Once roots are established throughout the fall and dormancy of winter, spring showers and summer warmth encourage new top growth. Fall is the optimum time to plant balled and burlapped trees and shrubs. All bare-root plants should be planted later in the season, when they are completely dormant. —Content provided by the International Society of Arboriculture, a non-profit organization dedicated to tree-care research and education.

GARDENING TOOL TLC— ONLINE HELP!

Nov. 10, 5:00 - 6:30 PM online



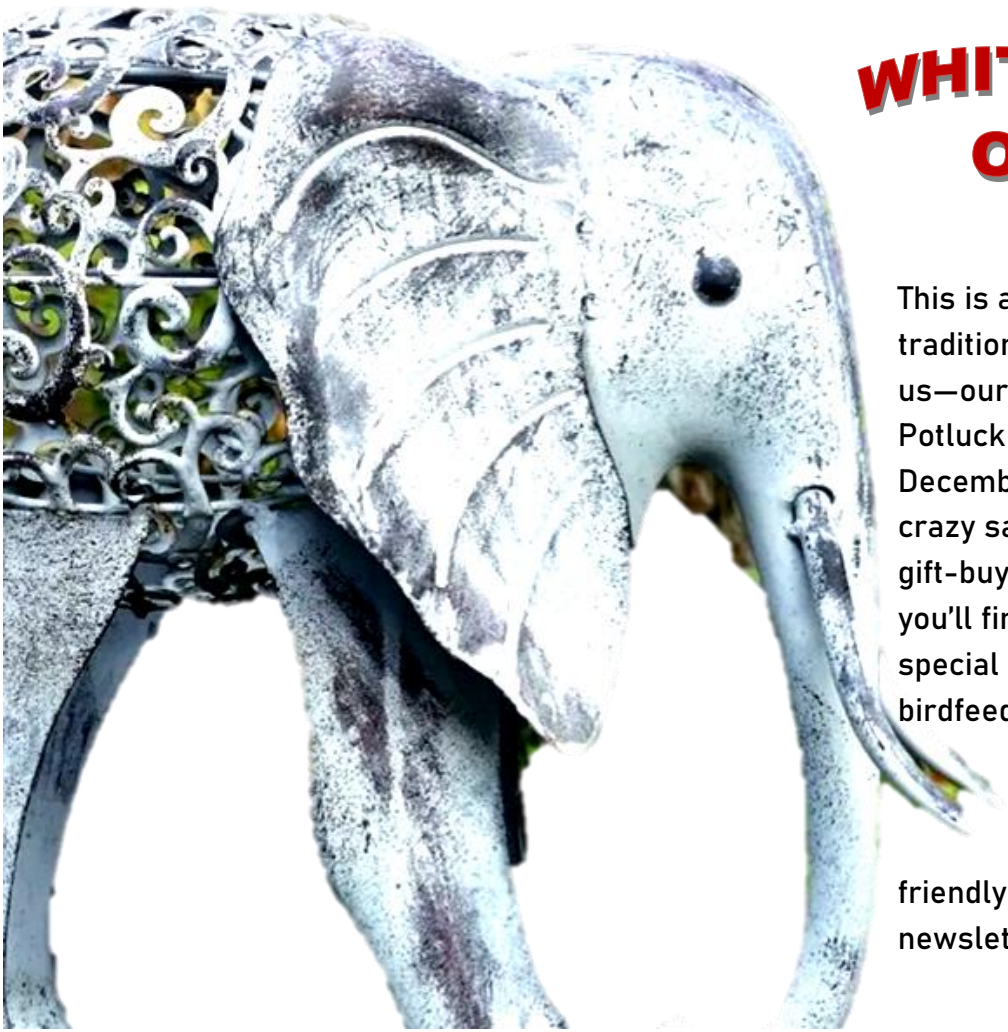
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Are your Felco clippers failing to make clean cuts? Do your hori-hori knives need their "teeth" cleaned? Have your spades lost their edges? Help is on the way!

We'll review good cleaning, sharpening and storage habits for your garden tools. Learn how to easily maintain your tools and keep them organized for every task

Contact: Joy Agcongay, mbmgjoy@gmail.com

Class is free. Register at <https://toolcare.bpt.me/>.



WHITE ELEPHANT ON ITS WAY

This is a reminder that another of our traditional annual events is nearly upon us—our wildly enjoyable White Elephant Potluck Party and Silent Auction in December. Gather your treasures for this crazy sale. Set aside pennies from your gift-buying budget—who knows what you'll find? Bring jewelry, dishes, pottery, special plants, clothing, gourmet goodies, birdfeeders, tools, chotzkes, bricabrac, vases, books, objets d'art and objets d'junk. The bidding competition will be fierce but friendly! More details to come in the next newsletter.

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Dues are \$15 per calendar year. Make check

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