



# Into the Garden

The Gardeners' Club  
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Whoopee! It is National Ice Cream month, which means it is time for our annual super-creative over-the-top Ice Cream Social! Over the years our Social has grown from a simple time to socialize over a scoop of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry to an extravaganza. It's time to bring your favorite toppings—homemade or store bought, fresh from the garden, farmer's market, your oven, your favorite gourmet haunt or the nearest grocery store.

We love toppings from the garden—fresh fruit or herbs or flowers, cooked syrups, compotes, fruit salads, etc. We love decadence—how many ways are there to serve chocolate? We love the unusual—wasabi peas, potato chips, Fruitios? We love to make "dirt sundaes" in honor of our gardens—crushed oreo cookies, crumbled brownies, toasted coconut "mulch", gummy worms, etc. Wafers, cookies, minicones, etc. enable us to build architectural sundae wonders.

Bring a friend or a family member to the Social. We'll provide basic ice cream flavors, including a dairy-free option, whipped cream, and maraschino cherries. You are in- bring your favorite toppings—chopped nuts, edible flowers, berries, fruit, herbs, preserves, syrups, crumbles—we encourage



## Ice cream Social!

Thurs., July 9th  
7:00 p.m

2555 Mar Vista Dr., APTOS

### CELEBRATE National Ice Cream Month



your creativity. Ice cream is very forgiving—try something new! Whether traditional or wild, our creative gardeners always bring the yummiest ice cream toppings.



We'll have !!!  
Succulent sundaes !!!

**Help! It's time for the Ice Cream Social and I didn't make anything! What to bring???**

Crumbled anything (donuts, grahams, cookies, ice cream cones); pretzels; cereal (granola, fruit loops, cocoa puffs); a jar of supermarket or gourmet hot fudge; marshmallow fluff; chocolate chips; caramel; sprinkles; candy (M&M's, peanut butter cups); black sesame seeds; candied or roasted nuts; caramel corn or olive-oil popcorn; wafers; dates; cookies; candied citrus peel; lemon curd; fresh fruit; toasted pepitas; balsamic vinegar; cocoa nibs; coffee syrup, maple syrup. Surprise us!

# Plant a Seed, Read at the Santa Cruz Public Library this summer!

Reading is an art form that transports us to magical worlds and sparks our imagination and creativity. This year's Summer Reading Program theme is: Plant a Seed, Read.

Plant a Seed, Read is rooted in the concept of farm-to-table. A farm grows food that nourishes our bodies; a library grows ideas that nourish our minds. Both food and stories connect us to our family, culture, economy, and ecology.

This summer we encourage you to read for fun, learn a new skill, create art, and Plant a Seed, Read! Library programs and events are FREE and focused on maintaining and improving reading skills, exploring inside and out, and building up our community.



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### It's easy-peasy to join our club!

Dues are \$20 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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