



B U D D I N G N E W S

The Garden Club of Santa Barbara

March 2014

President's Message

THREE CHEERS for our COMMITTEES! Their behind-the-scenes work brings special qualities to the life of our Club.

For Conservation moments and Horticulture workshops.....

Garden documentation and gracious Hospitality.

For creative Flower Arranging and vibrant Visiting Gardens.....

Bountiful Fall Fundraising, Lady Buds and Cancer Center volunteering.

For Project discernment, Membership and Long Range Planning.....

Club Admin, Budding News, Web-site, and Parliamentary procedure.

For Executive Board oversight and thoughtful discussions.....

Teamwork and friendship and fun while we're at it!

Our exuberant 2016 Centennial Committee invites you to share their presentation video, site visits, and conversations. (See details below.)

Our Program Team has a terrific speaker with plans for a luncheon and workshop after the April meeting. (See details below.)

Our Effervescent Flower Show Chairs are preparing for a May in full bloom! (Check dates and tips below.)

Special thanks to Teri Taylor: Videographer, Web-site Designer and today's Budding News Editor.

See you soon, Jane

General Meeting

Mon., April 7, 9:00 Coffee, 9:45 Meeting

Place: Montecito Covenant Church Gym

671 Cold Springs Road, Montecito

Program: **Slow Flowers**

Speaker: Debra Prinzing- Lunch and Workshop

Board Meeting

Monday, March 31, 9 am Coffee, 9:30 Meeting

Location: Jocelyne Meeker 368 Lambert Rd.

Carpinteria.

Donations: A Donation to our community account was made in memory of Natalie McFadden by Sarah Sewall. Two donations were made in honor of Betsy Coates and Visiting Gardens by admiring guests to our gardens.

Announcements

GCA Founder's Fund Vote: All members, please remember to check the Founders Fund webpage in the Members Area of the GCA or the Members Only page at gardenclubofsantabarbara.org (or the Feb/March GCA Bulletin) to review descriptions of the 3 proposals for this GCA award. Send your vote to Jocelyne Meeker <mailto:jocelynem@cox.net> NOW!

Conservation Committee Matinee for this month is cancelled.

Members' Garden Book

If your garden is not yet in our Members' Garden Book, it is not too late to be included. Gardens are about ready to "burst into bloom" again, and you will have the perfect opportunity take

photographs. Please send us, by April 21st, up to 5 pictures and a description of your garden (it does not have to be long).

For any questions, contact: Anne Rhett Merrill

Dani Hahn was honored on Sat., Feb. 1st at the Huntington Botanical Garden as the 2014 Great Rosarian of the world.



Dorothy Gardner's daughter, Dede Gardner, recently won an Oscar as co-producer of the film, "12 Years a Slave". Congratulations, Proud Mom and Daughter!

The April meeting is OPEN and includes lunch and a workshop. Our speaker, Debra Prinzing, award-winning author and outdoor living expert will share the "Big Picture" story about the resurgence of American floral farms and the emerging eco-floral design movement. Most cut flowers for market are laden with chemicals and imported thousands of miles. A healthier alternative calls for living seasonally and locally, using a sustainable approach to flower consumption and design. Debra's presentation explores the "slow flower" concept featured in her book *The 50 Mile Bouquet*.

Her presentation will feature the personal projects from Debra's book, *Slow Flowers: Four Seasons of Locally Grown Bouquets from the Garden, Meadow and Farm*. She will share the best ideas from her one-year floral design project, during which she sourced bouquet ingredients from only local and seasonal sources. Highlights include season-by-season bouquets and "green design" tips for the DIY floral designer.

Enjoy a Box Lunch and Afternoon Workshop:

Using California grown flowers, foliage and botanical ingredients participants will create a thoroughly local and seasonal arrangement using their own container. Each student will express her personal style and employ eco-techniques that avoid chemically-laden products like Oasis@. Instead, using natural or easy to recycle materials like twigs, excelsior and chicken wire, we'll create a lavish (and healthy) arrangement to bring home!

- We welcome as many guests as you would like to bring (we have plenty of space)!
 - \$35 per person for lunch and workshop
 - Sign up with Susanne Tobey or Dani Hahn by mailing your check, payable to GCSB
- See you there!

2016 Centennial Committee

Plans are underway for our Club's 2016 Centennial! If you missed our presentation at the March 3rd meeting, you can view a video recording on the Club's Website:

www.gardenclubofsantabarbara.org.

Click "More" on the Home Page to "Members Only" or click on the Button at the top of the page after the floral banner. Password: "compost."

Questions, suggestions, comments about our Centennial plans? Feel free to contact any of our 12 Committee members to learn more:

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Join us for a site visit to the S.B. Botanic Garden:
Thurs., Mar. 20th 11am--RSVP to Sharon Bradford
Fri., March 28th 10am --RSVP to Monica Tucker
Thurs., April 10th 10am --RSVP to Sharon Bradford
"Flower Show Moment" from Laura & Bobbie

1. Thank you Sally Fairbanks for setting up the Flower Show 2008 CD for all those to view during our coffee time at the general meeting. Very exciting to see all our members with their gorgeous, pristine floral designs, plants and photography entries.

2. All Flower Show Chairs & Division Chairs. Very important meeting on Monday, March 24 at 9:30 am, the Music Academy. We need to share our reports; to be sure no details are missed.

3. CORRECTIONS - FD Consultant Changes: Class 2 - Betsy Coates, Class 3 - April Riessen, Class 5 - Lou Frost

4. Pat Tenney will provide a workshop on Monday, April 14 at 10:00 am at the All Saints Parish Hall. Pat will "Show and Tell" Floral Design, describing mechanics, class requirements and lots of other exciting insights on floral arranging.

5. Dana Kent will provide a workshop, "Be Prepared" during our April 7 General Meeting. She will give advice on preparing your entry so you will show with confidence.

6. Monday, March 24 is the last day for Marianne Sprague to receive your wonderful Patron donations. So many thanks for your generous support for "Fascinating Rhythms, The Music of flowers."

7. Please let Bobbie K. know if you plan on bringing a Par Class plant. We want to have the proper staging for each plant. Even if you have to cancel at the last moment, please let us know your intentions.

Notes from Katy Renner

A list of all the herbs she brought to our last meeting is at gardenclubofsantabarbara.org on the Members Only page. Her "Where to Find Herbs" list is there as well.

Centennial Presentation on March 3

