



B U D D I N G N E W S

The Garden Club of Santa Barbara

February, 2014

President's Message

We are deep into the heart of February! Whether blanketed with heavy snow or greeted with grateful rain, winter is the garden season of dormancy: pruned trees, patches of bare earth, tangled twigs. Such quiet time is an opportunity to observe, reflect, and prepare. New gopher mounds remind us there is life beneath the surface, and that means new growth, gifts of nature awaiting us.

Just as February's speaker, Landscape Architect Doug Hoerr, created colorfully aesthetic gardens from barren, unlikely places, so are we GCSB members inspired to dig beneath the surface and tap into our creative possibilities. Opportunities abound: flower design workshops, community project site visits, horticulture "how-to's", garden visits, conservation films. View the sites of our proposed Centennial projects at the S.B. Botanic Garden. Share your "secret" garden with a description and photos for our Member Garden Book. Join the creative momentum of our musical Fascinating Rhythms flower show with a floral or photographic design of your own. However you dig, it will be worth winter's preparation and spring's celebration!

See you March 3rd for our meeting and a delightful visit to the world of herbs with speaker, Katy Renner.

Fondly, Jane

General Meeting

Mon., March 3, 9:00 Coffee, 9:45 Meeting
Place: Music Academy of the West
Program: *Fabulous Herbs for Flavorful Food*
Speaker: Katy Renner

Board Meeting

Monday, February 24th
9 am Coffee—9:30 Meeting
Location: Mary Thomas', 118 Pomar Lane

Natalie Memorials

The following ladies have contributed to our Garden Club's Community Account as a memorial to Natalie: Betsy Coates, Shirley Ann Hurley, Susanne McEwen, Diane Scalapino, Carol Swift, and Susanne Tobey.

Announcements

GCA Founder's Fund Vote: Please remember to check the Founders Fund webpage in the Members Area of the GCA website (or the Feb/March GCA Bulletin) to review descriptions of the 3 proposals for this GCA award. We will vote by paper ballot at our March meeting. Every GCA member gets one vote for this prestigious award.

Roster Correction: Sharon Bradford's phone number is (415) 519-4828.

Conservation Committee Report:

The Conservation Committee has researched local environmental groups that are working to improve our community. To read more about these groups and what they are doing, visit our website: www.gardenclubofsantabarbara.org.

Announcements Continued

LadyBuds will meet Wednesday, March 5th, 9:00 at Nancy Read's. Please bring clippers and garden cuttings.

Budding News articles are DUE the Friday directly following the General Meeting. Please send all articles to buddingnews@gmail.com. Teri Taylor will be doing the *Budding News* next month and if your articles come to my regular email, she will not be able to retrieve them!

The April meeting is an open meeting, featuring author Debra Prinzing. Debra will be discussing the "Slow Flower Movement" which emphasizes the use of locally grown flowers as a sustainable practice. Lunch will be offered after the meeting to those staying for Debra's workshop on flower arranging with things from the garden, local flowers, and using simple containers. For the first time, your guests will be able to participate in this fun format. There will be a cost, and more details will be announced. It promises to be a good time, with lots of practical information. Line up your guests (or guests!) now!

Tuesday Afternoon Movie Matinees for Conservation Committee--1:30 p.m.

February 18 at Jane Buchanan's
 March 11 at Amy Mayfield's home
 Please rsvp Robin Martin or hostess

Visiting Gardens

Important update on the trip to Pasadena

The dates for the trip to Pasadena have changed...the bus will leave on the morning of Wednesday, June 4 and return to Santa Barbara in the late afternoon of Friday, June 6. The trip promises to be a fun, fascinating, and visually inspiring trip for all! Please let Betsy know if you would like to go on the trip to Pasadena or would like more information.

If you plan to travel this spring, remember that tours of other GCA members' gardens can be arranged with advance notice

REMINDER-REMINDER-REMINDER

Please RSVP by February 21 to Bobbie Kinnear, BEK300@aol.com if you would like to attend the fun Sullivan Goss Cocktail Party. A detailed copy of the invitation was emailed to you.

Cancer Center Flowers

The Cancer Center right off 101 on Pueblo. Arrangements to be placed on the table in the green container by the front door on Monday morning. If Monday is a holiday then Tuesday instead. An 8" plastic holder will fit into the green container. The plastic holders are at Francoise Park's house, 647 Park Lane, on the left. Enter the driveway, and the shed is to the right of the garage, the holders are on the shelf on the right. Please get your own sub or switch with a member on the list. If you want to use your own container just place the green ceramic holder on the floor in the corner. However, remember you will have to pick your container up on Friday afternoon. Any questions call Beth Leddy 969-8245 Please mark your calendars. Thank you so much for signing up!!!!

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| Feb 10 | Mary Adams | April 21 | Sharon Bradford |
| Feb 17 | Mimi deGruy | April 28 | Debbie Arnesen |
| Feb 24 | Jean Archer | May 5 | |
| Mar 3 | Diane Scalipino | May 12 | Jaime Pierce |
| Mar 10 | Susanne Mc Ewen | May 19 | Jane Roney |
| Mar 17 | Carole Halsted | May 26 | Beth Leddy |
| Mar 24 | Peggy Ittner | June 9 | |
| Mar 31 | Gail Kay | June 16 | |
| April 7 | Amy Mayfield | June 23 | |
| April 14 | Carol Newman | June 30 | Lida blue |

Volunteers are needed for the next Cancer Center flower arranging workshop Thu. Mar. 13. Email Susanne McEwen susmc@cox.net.