



LAKE SIDE GARDEN CLUB

APRIL 2025



Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at noon at the Olde Community Church, 9906 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, CA 92040 (unless otherwise noted from) August through June.

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WESTERN DAYS

THIS COULD BE YOU!

Next Meetings:

April 21st, 12pm - 2pm

Kyle Icke (San Diego Bonsai Club)
Bonsai

May 19th, 12pm - 2pm

Gopher Dan
Gophers

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*Getting ready for the
March meeting.*



April is a very **busy time** for us! We do a great deal of our getting ready for our plant sale this month and early next month.

- On **April 4th and April 11th** (both on Fridays from 9:30am - 12:30pm) we will be repotting, doing plant cleanup, ID, & pricing at Jennie Guillory's yard.
- We will be planting pony pack flowers into larger containers with Betty Corvey on Tuesday, **April 8th** from 9am - 12pm at Laura Whitten's yard.
- The last propagation date is Wednesday, **April 30th**, where we will ID and price all the plants at Laura's. **For the work at Laura's, please RSVP to bettycorvey@gmail.com**
- We will have lots to do in May, beginning with the clean-up for the Olde Church yard area where our sale will be on **May 3rd**. We will start at 9am and go to 2pm, or until we are done.

For other May dates, please attend the April meeting so you can see the sign-up sheets.



The garden is a love song, a duet between a human being and Mother Nature.

We need **CLEAN plastic pots** (4-inch, 6-inch, half gallon, one-gallon, and larger sizes) for planting up our plants to sell. Please bring your or bring directly to Laura Whitten's yard.

For any of the plant propagations on our schedule, please wear comfortable shoes (yard areas are fairly level, but closed-toe, sturdy shoes are recommended). Remember to bring your own (all marked with your name):

- hand clippers - hand shovel - garden gloves - hat - water bottle

Also, please note that members need to volunteer 5 hours before the end of June. The plant sale preparation is a great way to do it. If you have plants that you have propagated and bring for the sale, you can earn your 5 hours that way (5 plants). Don't forget to sign up to make baked goods for the sale at our April meeting.



Around Town

April 5th, 9:00am

Armstrong Garden Center, El Cajon
The Wellness Garden: Growing Herbs and Flowers
For FREE tickets, visit: tinyurl.com/4p3h7vmn

April 5th, 9:00am

Walter Andersen Nursery, San Diego
Call store for details

April 5th, 9:30am

Walter Andersen Nursery, Poway
Common Tree Pests and Treatment with Pedro

April 5th, 1:30pm

VFW Post, 8516 N. Magnolia Ste. 203, Santee
East County Succulent Swap

April 12th, 9am (members only) 10am - 1pm (public)

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park
San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society

April 12th, 9am - 10am

Armstrong Garden Center, El Cajon
Organized Gardening with Companion Planting
For FREE tickets, visit: tinyurl.com/y6p2mdd4

April 12th, 9am - 10am

Walter Andersen Nursery, San Diego
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April 12th, 9:30am - 10:30am

Walter Andersen Nursery, Poway
Citrus Care, Culture, and Varieties with John Clements

April 19th, 9:00am - 10am

Armstrong Garden Center, El Cajon
Nothing scheduled

April 19th, 9am - 10am

Walter Andersen Nursery, San Diego
Call nursery for details

April 19th, 9:30am - 10:30am

Walter Andersen Nursery, Poway
All About Strawberries with Richard Wright

April 20th, 8:30am - 12:30pm

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101
San Diego Bonsai Club

April 26th, 9am - 10am

Armstrong Garden Center, El Cajon
No class scheduled

April 26th, 9am

Walter Andersen Nursery, San Diego
Real Organic Garden with Randy from Malibu Compost

April 26th, 9:30am

Walter Andersen Nursery, Poway
All About Herbs with Kat

Things to Do in the Garden in April:

- Continue planting drought resistant plants like trees, shrubs, vines, and ground covers
- Plant azaleas chosen with the most buds
- Finish all spring planting this month
- Plant Wisteria, Epiphyllums, Dahlias, warm season flowers, tubs, and hanging baskets
- Continue planting summer vegetables
- Start perennials from seed
- Plant and transplant cacti and succulents
- Plant geraniums, erodium, and pelargoniums
- Remove suckers from tomatoes and tie up
- Take cuttings from Epiphyllums and root to make new plants
- Trim hedges and screens like pittosporum, myoporum, and photinia
- Thin out fruit on deciduous fruit trees
- Prune roses by picking, deadheading, and disbudding
- Mow lawns
- Thin veggies planted last month
- Stop pinching fuchsias when plants are filled out
- Propagate daylilies
- Divide and plant dahlias tubers pulled in December
- Fertilize citrus, avocado, fuchsias, tuberous begonias, irises, roses, and lawns
- Water plants to individual needs including veggies, roses, and lawns
- Keep an eye on all pests in the garden and treat
- Harvest young veggies



Our March Speaker was ill, but Betty Corvey pitched in and gave us information on landscaping.



Veggies to Plant in April:

Beans, beets, cantaloupe, carrots, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, jicama, kale, lettuce, lima beans, spinach, okra, parsley, peas, peppers, potatoes, pumpkin, radishes, squash, strawberries, sunflowers, Swiss chard, tomatoes, watermelon

Most info from 'Pat Welsh's Southern California Gardening: A Month-By-Month Guide.' Her book, "Pat Welsh's Southern California Organic Gardening, Month-by-Month" Chronicle Books is also now available and provides more detailed info.



Happy BIRTHDAY

Patty Andrews Tim Nunemacher
Cheryl Bulat Tina Rakowski
Annie Crane Rose Shupe
Barb Ferreira Mark Vettel
Maria Long

Welcome New Members!

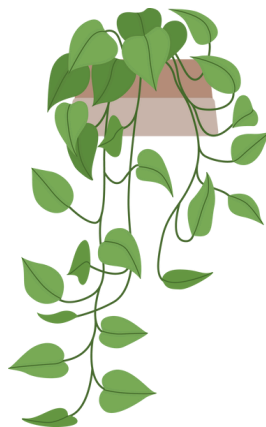
No new members in March



Gardening Tips

Repotting and Fresh Soil

These next few months are the best time to repot into a larger decorative container if necessary. Should your plant already be in a super large pot, add some fresh houseplant soil to the top and water that in gently. All those fresh nutrients in the new soil will go right into the roots and give you a happy, healthier plant in 3 to 6 weeks. Our larger potted plants lose soil over time and the soil level can drop down into the pot. That is why spring is a great opportunity to add some fresh soil and for you and your plant to enjoy the results.



Happy Spring, Houseplant Lovers!

Hopefully your little green friends made it through the winter months with a bit less water than usual. For those of you who received a flowering plant over the holidays, congratulations to you. As we move into our 12 hour spring days, our houseplants are waking up, so now is the time to start adding plant food to your plant watering routine. This also goes for your potted plants on patios and porches. My favorite is Miracle Gro; I just think they have a balanced product for plants that you can find anywhere. If there is a plant food product that you love, defiantly stay with that. Adding plant food does not mean increasing the watering amount, unless you have plants in high light areas, like the southwest or facing the direct south. We will not be increasing the water amounts until July. Remember, May gray and June gloom. These are the best times to overwater our indoor friends.

Tips by **Abby Moldenhauer**

If you have a gardening tip or find one you would like to share, please bring them to the garden club meetings and give them to Cathie Robertson. She will share in the newsletter and some will be included in our cookbook!

April Recipe Corner

If you have a recipe to contribute to the newsletter, please send to cathie.robertson@gcccd.edu

This was served at the March potluck and people really liked it and wanted the recipe. Recipe from **Debbie Salazar** for the cookbook:

Strawberry Icebox Dessert

- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 2/3 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cellophane pkgs. whole graham crackers
- 1 pound fresh strawberries, sliced



In a large bowl, beat cream until it begins to thicken
Add sugar and vanilla; beat until soft peaks form
Spread 1/2 cup cream mixture in the bottom of a 9-in square pan.
Top with a single layer of graham crackers
Spread with 1 cup whipped cream and 1 cup strawberries
Repeat layers twice with remaining cream, graham crackers and strawberries, starting with graham cracker layer
Refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight

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Some Reflections



Garden of Dreams

In every garden, hopes are sown,
As seeds of thought begin to grow,
With careful hands, we tend the soil,
Where dreams arise and hearts recoil.
A tapestry of colors bright,
With buzzing bees that take to flight,
In springtime's care, our hopes entwine,
In gardens rich, our stories shine.

- Anonymous

Tapestry of Green

A canvas of green, the garden unfolds,
As tiny hands nurture the dreams that it holds.
Sprouts break the soil with a brave, tender thrust,
In harmony's rhythm, each leaf turns to dust.
From seedlings to blooms, a wondrous array,
Woven together with love's gentle sway.
In every petal, a tale sings so close,
Of spring's sweet promise, forever engrossed.

- Anonymous

Loveliest of Trees

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.

- A. E. Houseman

