

Mountain Greenery Newsletter

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AUGUST INDOOR MEETING A SUCCESS

Over 30 members joined us for our first indoor meeting in over a year, on August 3rd at the Community Church. Not only did all enjoy seeing friends and catching up, we also had a good business meeting to find out what our Board had been up to, plus a terrific program.

Leslie Mouriquand brought samples of some of our Creekside natives and explained ways in which these plants can be used medicinally, agriculturally and as edibles. (You can EAT stinging nettles? Who'd have thought?)

We had three new members sign up, which now brings us up to 110 members. Julie Roy, our membership chair, has been hard at work.

DISCOVER MOUNTAIN GARDENING EVENT

Be sure to save October 23rd and 24th for our terrific DMG event at the newly renovated Town Hall. We anticipate three local speakers, one per hour between 1:00 and 4:00, on the 23rd. We will have a booth at the Farmer's Mkt., all day on the 24th

Garden. We are currently working with the Theodore Payne Gardens to see if we can arrange a speaker from there.

We'll have a great selection of bulbs and members to give advice. We may also have the ever-popular lilac plants for sale.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our September 7th meeting will be held again at the Community Church, 54400 N. Circle Dr., The program is most timely considering the dry conditions in the west. Eben Longfellow, Master Gardener, will discuss water management, especially as it applies to mountain gardening. Arrive at 12:30 to settle in and have some social time before we start the business meeting at 1:00 and present the slate of officers up for election. Our program will start about 1:30. Light refreshments will be provided.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Following is our current slate of officers and information on available positions.

Elected Officers:

President **Julie Roy**

1st VP **OPEN**

2nd VP **Lynne Eodice**

Treasurer **Teresa Lafo**

Secretary **Mary Rider**

Governing Board:

Fundraising **OPEN**

(Garden Tour, Lilac Walk & Tea, Bulb Sales)

Membership **OPEN**

Hospitality **Bonnie Parlee**

Junior Garden **OPEN**

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Holiday Party Chic Fojtik

Photographer Lynne Eodice

Please note that we still need some members to fill in a few spots. Please contact Wendy with questions or to request a position. Keep in mind that there are always club members who have done these jobs who will be glad to help and give advice.

Fundraising: This may be one person or several people each selecting one event. We have guidelines in place to help get an event organized. Much of it being sure that publicity, treasurer, hospitality, etc. will know what they are supposed to do.

Membership: Works with the Treasurer and Yearbook Chair to ensure all members are notified when dues should be paid, and that renewals and new members are

noted. May want to come up with some ideas to keep existing and to increase new members joining. Busiest period will be the 1st three months of the year.

Junior Garden When spring is around the corner and various restrictions are finally lifted; we will want to work with the young students in Idyllwild again to reinstate the Junior gardeners and the garden at the school. It's a wonderful program and the kids are enthusiastic gardeners.

COMMUNITY GARDEN GIFT

Our Garden Club recently donated \$250.00 to the Idyllwild Community Garden and Education Center (ICG) to help fund their Garden Education programs. This donation will be matched by a generous donor, so the grant really equals \$500 for the Community Garden. In all, the ICG has been promised up to \$1500 in matching funds.

During the pandemic, ICG has donated over 175 pounds of produce to the Help Center. They have begun classes again for both children and adults. Course offerings can be found at ICG's website, idyllwildgarden.org, by going to their Calendar section and RSVPing to any classes that interest you. They offer many growing opportunities to community members.

Besides education, additional funds will pay for irrigation improvements, plants, a solar fan system for the greenhouse to extend growing periods and building more raised beds for community gardens.

Bob has reminded us that Garden Club members can donate to the ICG as well by visiting youngidyllwild.org and clicking on the DONATE button. You will be directed to a PayPal page where you can select the Idyllwild Demonstration Garden as your donation target. Then continue on, using PayPal or donating by debit or credit card. Your donation will go to ICG and be matched by their donor. Thank you in advance for your support and helping them grow.

DON'T BELITTLE THE LOCAL NATIVE PLANTS

People used to more formal gardens with a plethora of huge blooms have a tendency to think of our mountain natives as glorified weeds. Not so!

Look at a manzanita in bloom, golden yarrows, lupines, various penstemons, bluebells, etc. Give these plants a special setting to strut their stuff and you will be well rewarded.

If you give them a little bit more water than nature would in the heat of the summer, they'll continue to blossom for you. This then attracts our winged friends to your garden to do what they were meant to do, pollinate. You'll welcome those bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies. These plants are hardy, and self-propagate, keeping your yard bright, attractive, easy to maintain and a joy to the eye. Plant your seeds now and see what delights come up in the spring.

THIS 'N THAT

Did you know that we can now boast a membership of one-hundred and eleven? Julie Roy, our Johnny Appleseed of membership chairs, and a fair number of our active members have done a wonderful job inviting guests to see what

we're all about. It also helps that we are an active, can-do kind of group that mixes friendship and fun into the mix.

The late August road trip to Oak Glen/Apple Orchards has been postponed to a more appropriate date to be selected in September.

Molly Cozens has done a great clean-up at the garden at the Historical Society and our new member, Laurel Owen, is using her wonderful expertise to care for our memorial rose garden.



DIRECTORY OF BUSINESSES AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY OUR MEMBERS

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