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**Holiday Party: OPEN**

# Mountain Greenery Newsletter

Idyllwild Garden Club

Late Winter 2021



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Welcome everyone to a new year of gardening!*

*We, your board, are SO ready for a 'normal' year, and I am so proud of how we got creative last year to bring you some awesome programs! I want to personally thank you for sticking with us and renewing your memberships.*

*Our board and program chairs have got a great line-up of meetings and field trips planned for the coming year. Although we may have to use a lot of TBA (**to be announced**) and TBD (**to be determined**), on locations and times, we will do our darnedest to make meetings and field trips happen.*

*Toni is busy working on our yearbook, and we will fill the months as if there were no virus and wait and see if we can start meeting in April **as we hope** to. Check for emails about changes of time, venue, or even subject. Also, you can check our website which will be updated as things change.*

*Have you been bored this last year and been wondering what you could do with your extra time and pent-up energy? We have two board positions still open that can fill this void! We are looking for someone to be our fundraising chair and someone to be the hospitality chair.*

*For fundraising, we have a garden tour planned for May 22nd, but we need a leader to organize all of us in making the tour a success. As for hospitality, we need someone to set up and break down our meetings once we are back in the church room. If you are interested in, or have questions about, either of these positions, PLEASE let me know! My contact info is on this front page, so reach out to me and I will gladly talk to you more about what is involved. And think of all the free time I can take off your hands!*

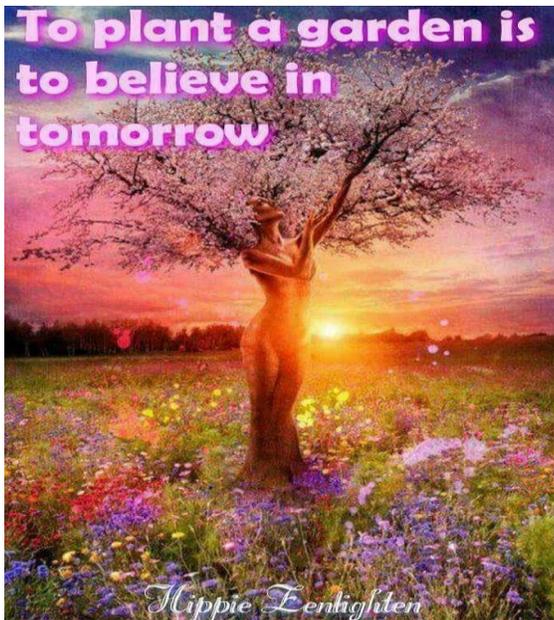
*I truly hope to be seeing you all soon. But in the meantime, stay safe, stay distant, wash those hands, and get that lovely shot in the arm. We are SO close to being back!*

*Wendy Read, President*

## HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL!

If there's one thing gardeners understand, it's hope. We dutifully prepare our soil and plant very tiny seeds during the chilly, darker days before the promised warm spring is even close. We do this in hope. Hope born from eons of proof that no matter how bad the winter, a crop will appear, and we hope it is in abundance.

And this is just what our garden club is going to do. Even during the worst last year, we were able to get together outdoors and enjoy some great programs. Our Board continued to meet and despite everything, our club grew. We are now making plans by using the efficient, "If we can't do it this way, we'll do it this other way." IGC people are flexible can-do people and members who support us during the tough times as well as the good.



## DON'T FORGET TO USE OUR WEBSITE

In checking statistics on our website usage, we were surprised to see more traffic from non-members, than members. That's great, but it means many of you are not using the site to look up information, update yours, or, most importantly, getting updates! That's more

important than ever during this current upheaval. Our meetings, locations, and programs will be flexible again this year, so please go to [idyllwildgardenclub.net](http://idyllwildgardenclub.net) to check on the latest. I will be more diligent in maintaining our site if I know it's being used! Most of the information is available without you having to log-in, but if you want to and can't remember how, just call, or email me.

[tonestar@verizon.net](mailto:tonestar@verizon.net), 951-659-2907.

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you are aware of any GC member who needs some cheering up, or there is a concern, please contact Patti Morgan (760-636-2567) our Sunshine Chair.

## CHRISTMAS FAMILY UPDATE

Your generosity, again, has made a Help Center family have a Merry Christmas! Your donations came to \$329 and we were able to buy the two boys' educational toys, books, boots, warm jackets, and warm outfits. Love and hugs to all of Santa's helpers. *The Head Elf*

## YES! A GARDEN TOUR IS IN THE WORKS

We have tentatively selected Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will check with those who offered to volunteer their gardens and time last year, but couldn't, due to the Covid restrictions.

After this wonderfully wet winter, those gardens and others should be quite impressive. Of course, we would love to have yours on our list too.

The organizing and job assignments are done by the board and headed up by our Fund-Raising Chair. Guess what? We need a Fund-Raising chair! Their main function is to oversee planning the event, using the tried-and-true step-by-step Guides that we provide, and then use that to work with the board and our volunteers as helpers. For example, they'll work with the

publicity person who is the one who will get ads placed and flyers printed for them.

Please contact Wendy at 951-206-0459 to see how you can help. Maybe you and a friend could co-chair?

**THE MAGIC MANZANITA:** based on the Waconiah magazine article, 2/21

Hoyt's Arboretum's December website by MJ Jackson was of particular interest. She writes about some species of plants that require fire to germinate. One is the Manzanita, of which we're familiar. This plant is found throughout coastal and mountainous areas all through the west coast. Jackson writes that manzanitas survive through a forest fire and many varieties can lie dormant for years, only germinating when the correct mixture of heat and ash residue has been achieved.

Due to our changing climate and recent fires, Curator Martin Nicholson of Hoyt has made trips to California to collect plants that may be more tolerant of Oregon's new reality. His proposal is to also study *Quercus sadleriana*, (Sadler's Oak), a shrubby oak native to southern Oregon and northern California. This species of oak in its native habitat is increasingly threatened by fires. It has a poor survival rate in heavily burned areas. It is considered a "relic species," which means it now inhabits a much smaller geographic region than previously. Less than 50% of its genetic range is represented in gardens, arboreta, and other protected locations. Martin is busy collecting genetic material from the Sadler's Oak and distributing it to conservation partners in the region. These efforts preserve more of this living fossil's genetic material.

Meanwhile, we in California will benefit as more is learned about oaks in general and what will live in what seems to be our continuing climate challenges.

## **DON'T MISS BEING IN THE YEARBOOK**

If you haven't renewed on-line, or sent your dues in, please do so right away! I need that information to compile our yearbook and directory. Also, please check that your information is correct and complete. If not, call or email me with updates. 951-659-2907, tonestar@verizon.net, IGC P.O. Box 681, Idyllwild CA 92549  
Single members: \$20, or Couples only \$30

## **PROGRAMS, PROGRAMS, PROGRAMS**

Our program chair, Lynne Eodice, has really been hard at work. We have some tentative Programs and Field trips. All are planned to go forward whether we meet at the church, or the Amphitheater. These will be verified as we go forward, so use a pencil on your 'dance card'!

### ***Programs:***

4/6/21- Tuesday, General Mtg: High Altitude Trees, by Arborist, Debbie Geisinger

5/4/21- Tuesday, General Mtg: Bring your camera of choice to attend one of the following Nature Photography workshops They will begin about 1:00 p.m. at Gary Parton's Lilac Gardens. Erin O'Neill will show digital techniques, Lynne Eodice will give us insights on smart-phone photography and Dave Pelham will explain mirrorless digital camera photography.

6/1/21- Tuesday, General Mtg: Fairy Gardening by Elizabeth Butterfield

7/6/21- Tuesday, General Mtg: Picnic in the park, Natives plants and their usage, by Margie Valdez

8/3/21- Tuesday, General Mtg: Native Plants, by Leslie Mouriquand

9/7/21- Tuesday, General Mtg: Water Mgmt. by Eben Longfellow from the Riverside Master Gardeners

10/6/21- Tuesday, General Mtg: program: TBA

### ***Field Trips:***

April: The Living Desert in Palm Desert: Date TBA

June: The Botanical gardens at the Huntington, which features sixteen themed gardens. Date, TBA

October: Sunnylands Estates and Gardens, with a landscape that was inspired by the Annenberg collection of Impressionist painting. Date TBA



### LET'S GO NATIVE

The Hummingbird Sage: This darling of California is ideally suited for hummingbirds, and, in fact, the two share an amazing symbiotic relationship. Known by its Latin name *Salvia spathacea*, this sage is most recognized by its deep burgundy-colored, elongated tubular flowers which serve as a natural drinking glass for hummingbirds.

This tubular shape also explains its other common name, pitcher sage. While most native sages produce blossoms in blues, whites, and purples, *Salvia spathacea* is the only one that produces red blossoms which may be chocked up to evolution. Hummingbirds love red and this sage counts on their long narrow beaks for pollination.

Native *Salvia spathacea* can be found in shady areas and on grassy slopes, but it is also a favorite border-planting in butterfly and rock gardens or as a ground cover under shady oak trees and other dense foliage. A member of the mint family, it appeals not only to the eye, but to the nose as well with bright, green, oblong-shaped, downy-textured leaves that produce an aromatic, fruity scent.

Flowers grow on tall, often 30-inch spikes, and their natural colors run from deep rose to deep burgundy. However, several cultivars have been developed in shades of magenta, crimson, apricot and even sunny yellow. A bonus is that this pest and disease-free plant is also rabbit and deer resistant!

### ***KEEP, OR ADD, YOUR BUSINESS LISTING IN OUR BUSINESS DIRECTORY***

Don't forget to check out the back pages for our Member's Business Directory. Let's support each other by using the services they provide.

These listings will be in our newsletter, yearbook, and on the public and private portions of our website. If you, or a family member, have a business, or service, add your listing.

**Renew**, or send your business information to Toni Berthelotte at [tonestar@verizon.net](mailto:tonestar@verizon.net), or call 951-659-2907)

Include any information you would normally have on a business card and a brief explanation of services. To support the additional labor and time, we are only asking for \$25, which will cover the full year of the listing. Send your payment and information to IGC, at P.O. Box 681, Idyllwild, CA 92549.



" WE USED TO TIPTOE THROUGH THE  
TULIPS...NOW WE JUST WADDLE  
THROUGH THE WEEDS!"

## **BUSINESSES & SERVICES**

### **provided by our members:**

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#### **APPAREL/CLOTHING:**

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#### **ART & CRAFTS**

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#### **AUTO DETAILING**

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[westside45p@gmail.com](mailto:westside45p@gmail.com). Selling a used car? Get more for it by making it look new again. Been a long winter, dusty summer? Renew your ride. Specializing in making dull, yellowed headlights shine bright & clear again.

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*Basic Guide to Mountain Gardening* \$10  
*Finding Mr., or Ms. Right and deciding if you want to keep them!*

#### **GARDENS/NURSERIES**

ALPENGLow LILAC GARDENS:  
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