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Mountain Greenery Newsletter

Idyllwild Garden Club

Fall 2020



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello fellow members! We had another successful outdoor meeting at the amphitheater, with Bob Greenamyer speaking about the Community Garden and answering all our questions. He was super interesting!

We also voted in your executive board for next year. At our next meeting we will install them and the extended board as well.

In October, we will have our general meeting on Tuesday, the 6th, then our Discover Mountain Gardening event on October 18th and the 25th at Town Hall's Farmers Market event.

We will be selling bulbs, native plants, lilac bushes, books, notecards and succulent planters. We're planning on having some local "experts" sitting at the tables too. They can answer all your questions about our sale items. Remember, the fall is when you plant all these items, when the chance of rain is upon us and the weather cools down.

Hope to see you there.

I am back to "teaching" if that is what we are calling it! Teaching from home on a computer is really different. But we will get through it, as well as this Covid crisis and hopefully come out stronger and more appreciative of not only our teachers but the freedoms we are missing right now.

Take care and know that you are all in my thoughts.
Wendy

RAKE WITH CAUTION

As we experience what will likely be summer's last sizzling hurrah, we can look forward to getting our outdoor fix by raking and doing a little yard clean-up.

The leaves that will be falling for the next couple of months are the best for mulch. They break down much faster than pine needles and are less likely to create mildew. Therefore, don't get too ambitious and end up putting them all in the trash. Rake them around your trees (Not right up against the trunk though.) and let them feed the soil and slow down water run-off.

Be sure to add as much as you can to the compost heap too.

JUST ANOTHER MENTION OF:

Our Discover Mountain Gardening event will be at the Town Hall on Cedar St. from 9 to 2. This will be especially important since we have not had fund-raising, or raffles this year, yet our various club expenses go on. We know you'll enjoy getting out and enjoying the fall weather on the Sundays of October 18th and the 25th.

It will be good to see each other, see what we have available for you for your gardening plans and to pick up little gifts for the holidays. We haven't decided yet, but I'll bet we can come up with a good raffle too!

After this long-long-long summer, it should almost be a carnival atmosphere. (If the weather becomes an issue, we'll just mosey on into the Town Hall.)

LET'S GO NATIVE

Thank you for the excellent responses and suggestions to my inquiry about our Newsletter. Bronwyn suggested articles on native plants with photos. Love it! Let me introduce you to the Matilija Poppy: (Article by Liz Baessler)

The Matilija poppy (*Romneya coulteri*) is also frequently called the 'fried egg poppy', and one look at it will tell you why. The flowers are 6 to 8 inches across with 5 to 6 petals. The petals are

wide, pure white, and look to be made of delicate crepe paper. The stamens in the center form a perfect circle of vivid yellow. The plant came very close to being named the state flower of California, narrowly losing to the California poppy.



Matilija poppy plants are native to California and are, therefore, a good choice if you're looking for a local flower that can weather a drought or two. That being said, Matilija poppies are far from a sure thing in the garden. They are famous for being both hard to grow and invasive, and care of Matilija poppies can be tricky to figure out at first. They need full sun and prefer well-draining soil, but they will tolerate some clay. It's hard to know just what a Matilija poppy will deem a suitable spot, but once it finds a place it likes, it will take hold. Because of this, Matilija poppy planting should be reserved for large gardens where they'll have room to spread out. Because of their extensive root system, they're good at preventing soil erosion and are ideal on a sunny bank prone to runoff.

How to Grow Matilija Poppies:

They do not transplant well from one spot to another. The best way to add them to your garden is to start with a small plant in a nursery pot that's no bigger than a gallon. When ready to re-plant, dig a hole as deep as the pot and twice as wide. Fill it with water and let it drain. Water the plant in its pot as well. Carefully, cut the pot away (Matilija poppy roots are delicate and may not survive being pulled out of the pot.) and plant it in its new home.

OUR MEMBER BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Don't forget to check out these back pages for our Member's Business Directory. Let's support each other by checking to see if one of our members offers a service we need.

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, and/or provide a service, you can be listed.

Send your information to Toni Berthelotte at 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 92561.

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