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Mountain Greenery Newsletter

Idyllwild Garden Club

Jan-Feb 2019



A message from your president...

Winter appears to have arrived. It's hard to look at our gardens and remember that they were so beautiful over the summer! The snow cover helps to hide the dormant gardens, but I just can't wait for summer and all the beauty that comes with it.

Our garden tour is scheduled for May this year, so we will have a different type of garden to see at that time of year. Bulbs, flowering fruit trees, lilacs, dogwoods and irises (our club tree and flower). Chic is making his final selection of gardens to be seen.

Toni, our faithful communications "goddess", is hard at work getting the year book together. If you wish to appear in the directory, PLEASE renew your membership. You can do this on-line or mail a check to box 681. \$20 for single, \$30 for couples.

Emily, our hospitality chair, is getting ready for our first meeting in April. She has a great list of helpers for each meeting starting to fill up. If you would like to help at ONE meeting this year, please contact Emily at 714-813-4252. Your job would be to help decorate and set up and clean up that one meeting that you sign up for.

Celia, Junior Garden Club chair, is excited about getting the Junior Garden Club active again. She will be starting general clean up at the school soon. If you are interested in helping, once or on a regular basis, contact Celia at 858-750-5616.

Well, that's it for now. I look forward to seeing you at our April meeting. Your board will be providing lunch for you, and for any friends you bring with you. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday April 2nd at 12:00 (lunch), 12:30 meeting, and 1:00 program, pruning fruit trees with Debbie Geisinger.

Happy winter,
Wendy Read, President

A SAD GOODBYE



We will miss our dear friend and loyal club member, Marsha Freed. Marsha passed away on December 28th. She peacefully left the bosom of her family and is now spending her time in the

Garden Eternal. We will miss her smile. Just saying “Hello” to her brightened one’s day. Marsha was always there to help. She came early to meetings and stayed late to help. She was always positive with no complaints, despite some physical challenges. Our condolences to her family, especially her daughter, Susan Freed who was always there for her Mom. She will advise us when they have finished planning a memorial service. If you wish to send a card, please do so to: Susan Freed, P.O. Box 2044, Idyllwild.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Yes! We are planning a Mountain Garden Tour this year. It is tentatively planned for Saturday May 18th and guess what we need? *Gardens*. If you, a friend or a neighbor have an interesting, or just lovely garden, or yard, we would like to check it out. Another good addition is any garden, or landscaping that overcame a unique challenge! Since this will be earlier in the year than usual, we have no time to waste. Please get in touch with our Fund-raising chair, Chic Fojtik at 951-659-0359, or chic.fojtik@pepperdine.edu. **as soon as possible.**

RENEW NOW TO GET IN YEARBOOK

It’s that time of year that Toni works on our Yearbook and Directory. Please pay your dues as soon as possible.

You may renew for 2019 anytime by going on-line www.idyllwildgardenclub.net. and paying by credit car or mail a check to IGC. Be sure to let us know if there are any changes in how you are now listed, or just say, ‘no changes’. Mail your renewal to P.O. Box 681, Idyllwild CA 92549. You may win a prize just for a prompt renewal or sign-up! (See article on page 4) Any questions? Contact Julie Roy 858-361-6321.

FROZEN GARDENING



Xmas Rose in Idyllwild-Photo by Thomas Pierce: My Rose is called “Gold Struck”, and I had it growing in a large pot on our deck at home. I am not sure why it had a budding flower for Christmas!

WEBSITE UPDATES

We recommend you check our web site before meetings, events, or trips as we update it as needed. www.idyllwildgardenclub.net The yearbook you received has this information, but it is a good idea to check the site for changes and current updates, including contact information for new members as they are added.

Note: If you have anything to contribute to the newsletter, a concern, or a question, please let me know. Toni B.

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HOLIDAY IN THE PINES PARTY

You came through again! Our Adopted Family and their four children had a wonderful visit from Santa, thanks to your generosity. All got a new pair of shoes, jackets, warm clothes, books and toys! I am so proud of our Garden Club.

And, we had a wonderful party with entertainment by our faithful pianist, Ed Hansen and harpist Paula King. PLENTY of food, fun and an enthusiastic sing-a-long!



THE BIRTHDAY CLUB:



(Please let Toni know if you have been left out, or if your information is wrong!)

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| January BJ Brix | 3/1 Dennie Ohrazda |
| January Chuck Lumia | 3/1 Laurie Jewell |
| January David Wilder | 3/4 Chic Fojtik |
| January Jerry Beebe | 3/8 Tom Sepko |
| January Joseph Plunkett | 3/8 Steve Davison |
| January Tom Pierce | 3/9 Bronwyn Jones |
| 1/06 Sandi Wilkes | 3/14 Mary Loeser |
| 1/13 Sharilyn Miller | 3/17 Suzie Bennett |
| 1/14 Patricia Schnetzer | |
| 1/18 Gisela Stearns | |
| 1/23 Gigi Suiffet | |
| 1/27 Ed Hansen | |
| 1/30 Lynn Leake | |
| 2/11 Raphael H Plunkett | |
| 2/17 Elizabeth Ramstead | |
| 2/19 Lori "Maverick" Cornell | |
| 2/25 Marcia Harlan | |

SUNSHINE COMMITEE

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

HOSPITALITY PLANS

Our Hospitality Chair Emily Kelley and her stalwart assistants, Krystyna Morgan and Diane Polakoff, are the members who make sure we have coffee, tea, water, tableware etc. and that the meeting room is set up prior to, and cleaned up after, each meeting. However, she would like at least two volunteers for each of the meetings, to help with refreshment as needed, décor setup and cleanup. Expenses are reimbursed with a receipt. Here is our schedule. Please contact Emily right away to fill in as needed. ([714-813-252](tel:714-813-252) elkelley@sbcglobal.net)

April 2nd, Lunch provided: Guests welcome

(We need 2 or 3 people)

May 7th Light Refreshments

Sandy Tatich, Pat Schmetzer and Elizabeth Ramstead

June 4th Light Refreshments

April Palmer and Bronwyn Jones (one more would be nice)

July 2nd Picnic Potluck BBQ provided

Ed Hansen and Joy Woodman (We need one more)

August 6th Light Refreshments

Debbie Roeder and Molly Cozens

September 3rd Light Refreshments

Joy Allgeier and Sherry Edwards (We need one more)

October 1st Light Refreshments

Celia Bonney, Chic Fojtik and Dennie Ohrazda

December 3rd: Holiday in the Pines Potluck

Judy Laverty, Krystyna Morgan and Bev McCullough

We would also like someone the chair planning the party, ie: games, music, décor etc. Toni B has done it for 6 yrs. and would like to give someone else a chance. She is still willing to be in charge of the Help Center Holiday Family donations part, if that is acceptable.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST

Thank you to everybody that has already renewed for the new year. We are off to a great start. Renewal notices were emailed to those members who had not renewed as of Dec 31. Remember that we need your name, details and any changes, to us by mid-February to be

included in the new Directory of Members. We don't want you to be left out, so if you haven't renewed yet, read the article on page two for directions.

PLUS, we have a contest going on right now for our renewing members. Here are the details: Every **renewal** that we receive by Feb. 15th, will be included in our drawing at the April meeting. Gary Parton has generously donated a 5 gal. mature lilac plant for the winner. Every **new member** that joined between Oct and April will also be included in another drawing at our May meeting for a lilac plant.

We hope you will be present, however, the winner does not have to be present to win. They will just have to make arrangements to pick up the lilac from Gary.

Will you help us reach our goal of at least 100 members? Simply renew and don't forget to invite a friend to join you in the Garden Club! Let's fill the room with eager Idyllwild Gardeners! Till next newsletter... I'll let you know how close we are to our goal!

Julie Roy
IGC Membership Chair

GARDEN GIGGLES



Idyllwild's Demonstration Garden Group

By Julie Roy

Idyllwild Demonstration Garden News:

We had a successful 2018 focusing on infrastructure development for the Idyllwild Demonstration Garden located at the corner of North Circle Drive and Alderwood. We now have six raised beds, a 20'x20' greenhouse with four potting tables, a composting area and a 8'x10' toolshed. We planted about 15 fruit trees

and look forward to their growth and production next season. Next up is getting our irrigation lines installed to provide efficient water-wise use in the garden to supplement our 2500 gallons of rainwater storage. We are also looking into upgraded signage and possible fencing options.

We'll be taking the winter season to plan a number of garden education offerings for both children and adults beginning in April or May, depending on the weather. We hope to offer 3-4 classes a month on a variety of topics.

Toward that end, April Palmer and Bob Greenamyre met in December with the Garden Club board to outline our vision for the demonstration garden. We look forward to exploring partnerships with the Garden Club for teaching classes and co-sponsoring events. It seems like a natural fit. Finally, if you want to be more directly involved in the garden's development, we'd love your help!

You can email Bob Greenamyre at bgreenamyre@gmail.com or call him at 858-382-4638. Here's to an abundant new year to all Idyllwild gardeners!

2019 PROGRAMS PLANNED

Program Chair and 2nd VP Celia Bonney has worked hard to come up with this list of great programs for the year.

April 2nd

Apple Tree Care and Maintenance includes "how to prune" your tree and a visit to the Historical Society for a "hands on" demonstration by Debbie Geisinger after the meeting.

May 7th

Raised bed and container vegetable gardening: Julie Koppel will give us ideas on how to build raised beds, preparing the soil and how to maintain such a garden.

June 4th

Best plants for pollinators includes creating a "Butterfly Garden" Our speaker will be either Lisa or Ziggy from Four Season's Nursery.

July 2nd

4th of July picnic at the park and nature walk with Shelly Kibby...she is available either July 3rd or 4th.

August 6th

Natural remedies for "critter proofing": A Master Gardener from the Riverside County Master Gardeners will be the speaker for this presentation

September 3rd

Native plants and seeds and "how to" grow them in our decomposed granite soil: Presented by the Tree of Life Nursery in San Juan Capistrano They will bring plants to sell at our meeting.

October 1st

Whimsy in the Garden: How to make garden décor from recycled junk. Guest speaker, Dennis Cavanaugh. For those interested, there will be a trip to his garden after the meeting to see "his art" in the garden.

Oct. 19th: Special Saturday program

"Discover Mountain Gardening" at the Idyllwild Library with three expert gardeners to answer questions. There will be hand-outs, bulbs for sale and garden pamphlets. Gary Parton will speak on how to grow lilacs in Idyllwild, a Master Gardener from Riverside County will be there to answer general questions and we're just waiting for confirmation from our third speaker.