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# Mountain Greenery Newsletter

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## A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR MEMBERS

We know that all that is going on is stressful and faces us with new challenges. However, we also know that America has faced numerous challenges before, many of them appearing to be insurmountable. Since our beginning we've dealt with: The Revolution, The Civil War, WWI, The Spanish Flu of 1918, WWII, Polio, the Vietnamese War..... I know I've missed many more, yet here we are!

This is a test! We need to learn that none of us are immune. None of us can ignore the wisdom of self-isolation, none of us can say "It's okay if I get it because I'm young and healthy." Because anyone who has been exposed, now exposes everyone around them." We will miss meetings, events, graduations, weddings, etc., but only temporarily. Can you think back, say two years ago, and recall which meetings, or events you missed?

The positive news, and lessons are that we can also see and do good. Those who are healthy can help those who are at risk, or ill, by shopping for and you can leave the food and household goods outside their door without risking contamination. We can write letters, text, email, facetime, marco polo. We do not have to be mentally isolated. Some people are going to be amazed at how much more money they have in their account because they're not eating out, they're not drinking in bars, they're not going to events, or theme parks, they're not filling up with gas every four days.

So, wash your hands often. If you must go to a store, or medical appointment. Don't touch the arms on chairs. Don't read the office magazines. Bring sanitary wipes so your hands never have to touch a doorknob, or toilet handle. When you get home, wipe down everything you brought in from outdoors and wash your hands again!

This is one for the history books. Let the story reflect that we survived by using the common sense with which God blessed us.

Stay well, smart and faithful, Toni

## ARE YOU GETTING OUR INFO?

If you are not getting updates, notices, or this newsletter by email, (*in living color*) we must not have your email, or we don't have a correct one. Please go on-line to add, or correct, or simply email Toni at [tonestar@verizon.net](mailto:tonestar@verizon.net) and ask to have the email added, or edited.

## TIME CHANGE FOR MEETINGS

All our meetings will now start at 12:30, instead of 12:00, with light refreshments, unless a potluck indicated. The general meeting will then start at 1:00 and the program at 1:30.

## USING WATER WISELY

Spring is in the air; in the beauty of early bulbs and in the warmth against your skin. Time to put on your garden gloves and get your shovel to get your landscaping on par with the rest of Mother Nature. What you plant affects more than your yard. It helps create a more sustainable future. By selecting low-water-use plants, you help conserve our precious water supply for generations to come.

[Dig into the benefits of low-water-use plants.](#) Want more hummingbirds and buzzing bees? Fragrant flowers? Shady trees? Conservation becomes poetic in its beauty when your yard balances plant aesthetics and dry climate mindfulness. The sheer number of heat and drought resistant species native to our area may surprise you. Native flora doesn't require much water to thrive and adds a variety of colors, sizes, functions and yes, even a lush greenery to your landscaping. You will love how your yard looks and how your water bills look. With each low-water-use plant you place in your landscape, you can save up to 550 gallons a year. Considering that up to 70% of water use can be outdoors, you can brag to your neighbors that your beautiful landscape is not only conserving water but is easy to take care of, too.

[Quick facts on the benefits of low-water-use landscapes.](#)

Uses up to 75% less water than grass or traditional landscapes

Saves water, and provides many functions (shade, attracting birds, color)  
Easier to maintain requiring less fertilizer, pesticides, and care

## OUR MEMBER BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Don't forget to check out the back pages for our Member's Business Directory. These listings will be in our newsletter and on the public and private portions of our website. If you want to be added you'll be in the future newsletters and website. So, if you, or a family member, have a business, and/or provide services, you can be listed. Send your information to Toni Berthelotte, ([tonestar@verizon.net](mailto:tonestar@verizon.net), 659-2907) Give her any information you would normally include on a business card and a brief explanation of services. To support the additional work 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.

## APRIL 7th MEETING IS CANCELED

To all of our beautiful Garden Club members: In an abundance of caution, and following the recommended state guidelines, it is with a heavy heart that I inform you that we are canceling our kick-off April meeting on April 7th.

We feel it is important to take this virus seriously and want to keep all of you healthy and safe. We will miss you, but will hopefully see you at our May meeting on the 5th. Also we have decided to postpone our May Garden Tour until the fall, so watch for updates on that.

Stay safe, keep your distance from others, and hopefully in May we can resume our normal lives and schedules and bring you fabulous programs about gardening.

Your President, Wendy Read

## GARDEN TOUR

The garden tour we planned in May will now have to be rescheduled as a Fall Garden Tour. We have some amazingly beautiful gardens that embrace the wonderful colors of fall. This

seems like a good time to bring them to the attention to the locals and visitors alike. The board and Chic Fojtik, fundraising chair, will be working on this and we will advise as the event comes together.

**WEBSITE UPDATES**

We recommend you check our website before meetings, events, or trips as we update it as needed. [www.idyllwildgardenclub.net](http://www.idyllwildgardenclub.net) This is especially important during the current upheaval.

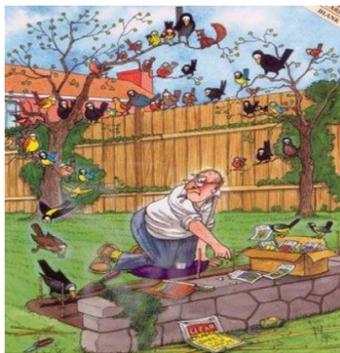
**THE BIRTHDAY CLUB:**



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

- 3/1 Dennie Ohrazda, 3/8 Tom Sepko, 3/9 Bronwyn E Jones
- 3/14 Mary Loeser, 3/15 Roger Carrillo, 3/15 Glenda B Ackley
- 3/17 Suzie Bennett, 3/17 Bob Greenamyer
- 3/18 Pamela Walton, 3/21 Sarah Oates, 3/22 Catherine Bailey
- 3/23 Erin O'Neill, 3/24 Joanna Hill, 3/26 Judy Laverty
- 3/28 Harold M Voorheis, 3/31 Becky Koskinen
- 4/14 Stewart Klair, 4/21 Celia Bonney
- 5/3 Carol Scanny, 5/11 Thomas Higgins, 5/12 Bev McCullough,
- 5/15 Karen Chemlir Miller, 5/21 Don Roy

**GARDEN GIGGLES:**



**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.

**1.** Looking after plants gives us a sense of responsibility.  
Caring for plants is a good way to learn responsibility for other living things, and helps develop an appreciation for the magic of nature.

**2.** Gardening allows us all to be nurturers.  
No matter if we are eight or eighty, male, female or transgender, gardening underlines that we are all nurturers.

**3.** Gardening keeps us connected to other living things.  
Focusing on the great outdoors – even in a small outdoor space – can encourage us to be less insular.

**4.** Gardening helps us relax and let go.  
For many the peacefulness associated with gardening doesn't come from its social aspect, but the opposite. It lets us escape from other people. 'Flowers are restful to look at. They have no emotions or conflict,' said Freud.

**5.** Working in nature releases happy hormones.  
Gardening encourages us to exercise and spend time outdoors. What's good for the body is also good for the soul.

**6.** Being amongst plants and flowers reminds us to live in the present moment.  
One of the best ways to calm our mind and lift our mood is to become more 'present'. When in a garden, pause and allow yourself to be aware of your senses. Listen. Touch. Smell. See.

**7.** Gardening reminds us of the cycle of life.  
Gardening is a form of ritual involving both the giving of life and acknowledgement of its end. As such it works within our minds as a symbolic act.

**8.** Some aspects of gardening allow us to vent anger and aggression...  
Gardening allows us to unleash our anger and aggression. Why beat pillows or yell at the cat when you have a hedge to hack?

**9.** ...whilst others allow us to feel in control.  
Trying to control other people can be a fruitless exercise; you're more likely to succeed in controlling your beds and borders, which can make gardening a particularly satisfying experience.

**10.** Gardening is easy.  
If you're new to gardening, don't feel anxious you won't have 'green fingers'. As with all new ventures: starting small is key.

## **BUSINESSES & SERVICES**

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

*Please contact Toni at [tonestar@verizon.net](mailto:tonestar@verizon.net), or call 951-659-2907 if you wish to list a business, or service, you or your family provides.*

### **APPAREL/CLOTHING:**

JULIE ROY: Alpaca Fiber Products  
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### **ART & CRAFTS**

MOUNTAIN POTTERY STUDIO & GALLERY:  
Gifts, Classes, Workshops Private Parties,  
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[MountainPotteryIdy.com](http://MountainPotteryIdy.com) / Helen Hixon

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Want to sell a used car? Get more for it by making it look new again. Been a long winter? Renew your ride.  
Specializing in making dull, yellowed headlamps shine bright and clear again.

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Fiona of Kinsale: Historical Romance \$15  
Basic Mountain Gardening \$10

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ALPENGLow LILAC GARDENS:  
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