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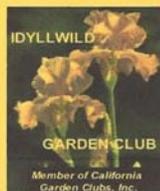
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# Mountain Greenery Newsletter

Idyllwild Garden Club

May-June 2019



## Idyllwild Garden Club Annual Garden Tour

**Saturday, MAY 18th**

**Find the hideaways in our Village by visiting nine Unique &  
Beautiful gardens throughout the Idyllwild Area**

**Gardens will be open for guests to tour at  
their leisure from 10 am to 3 pm**

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**Tour gardens from 10 am to 3 pm**

**Mapped Ticket sales from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**at the Monument on Village Center Drive, or at the Historical  
Society Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr.**

**\$15 each, or 2 for \$25**

**(Children under 12 are free)**

**Free Refreshments, Items for Sale AND there will be a Lilac Plant  
Raffle at 3:30 pm at the Museum Village Garden**

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Please call, or text Wendy Read at 951-206-0459 to volunteer as a docent, traffic control, or at the sales tables during the Garden Tour this Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>. We really need you, it's fun and the more we have, the easier the task!

### 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.

### APRIL AND MAY MEETINGS HUGE SUCCESS

I believe our April meeting was one of the best attended in at least the last ten years. There was plenty of hot dishes, breads and desserts to go around thanks to our generous board members. You could feel the energy in the room as we all started getting excited about our gardens and the upcoming meetings.

Debbie Geisinger gave an excellent presentation on apple trees and quit a few attendees went to the Village Garden at the Historical Society to watch a demonstration.

The May meeting was also well attended and Julie Koppel did not disappoint with a fact filled power point presentation on raised bed and container gardens. So much excellent information!

### WATERWISE, COLORFUL AND THE HUMMINGBIRD'S CHOICE

If humming-birds could vote on a state flower, it would be Chuparosa (*Justicia californica*). A mainstay of most wildlife gardens, this long-suffering desert beauty asks little and gives much. It can be grown long and lanky, spindly branches vining into trees, or pruned to take on a more civilized appearance. Hummingbirds, highly endorse the profuse



blossoms that fit the textbook description of a hummingbird flower: tubular and red. They also love the yellow and orange plants with built-in drinking tubes

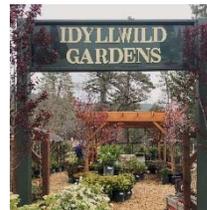
to provide nectar.

These and similar plants are tolerant of poor soils, drought conditions, and even the blazing sun. Although difficult to propagate from cuttings, it will readily self-seed. The seed pods themselves are delightful, tiny boxing-glove-shaped affairs that will bust apart with force upon ripening. Although Chuparosa can get frost nipped below 32 degrees, they are hearty to the mid-20s and will spring back to life from the roots when the temperature warms, just prune back the damaged areas.

Besides the Chuparosa, there are many other plants that will attract hummingbirds. Here are a few suggestions: Penstemons, Flame Anisacanthus, Yellow Bells and Fairy Dusters

### MORE YEARBOOKS COMING

Our membership has grown so quickly, we ran out of yearbooks. We hope to have plenty at the next meeting in June. They will also contain membership cards. Don't forget to show your card and request a 10% discount at the nursery!



### A NEW NURSERY IN TOWN

Idyllwild Gardens is a family owned nursery offering plants, trees, and more for zone 8. It is really fantastic and they would love for you to come and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere. Idyllwild Gardens has a large assortment of house plants, trees, shrubs, succulents and more. They are also available to talk to you about landscaping and they offer our club members a 10% discount on purchases. 54385 N. Circle, just west of Cedar.

## 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)  
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. [tonestar@verizon.net](mailto:tonestar@verizon.net) 659-2907*

## THE BIRTHDAY CLUB:



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

5/3 Carol Scanny  
5/12 Beverlee McCullough  
5/21 Don Roy  
6/2 Becky Ray  
6/17 Pamela Mayfield  
6/17 Cal McIntosh  
6/23 Molly C Cozens  
6/26 Deborah Geisinger  
6/26 Leslie J Mouriquand

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 4<sup>th</sup>- Light refreshments at 12, meeting at 12:30, program at 1:00 - Hostess Helpers: April Palmer, Bronwyn Jones - Program – Best plants as pollinators! Presented by Julia from Idyllwild Garden Nursery

July 2<sup>nd</sup>- Our Annual picnic at Riverside-Location - County Park – 54000 Riverside County Playground Rd. (Entrance fee covered by the club) Pot luck, bring a side dish to share (hotdogs, burgers & bottled water provided by the club). Please feel free to bring any other beverages of choice. Arrive by 12:00, lunch at

12:30 - Hostess Helpers: Ed Hansen and Joy Woodman

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST

The year has started out with exceptional results in our membership drive. At the April 2 meeting we gave away a donated lilac by Gary Parton to a member that renewed between Oct 2018 and March 28, 2019. Congratulations to Pamela Mayfield whose name was drawn.

On May 7, we also had a drawing for a Gary Parton lilac for our new members that joined the Garden Club between Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and May 6. We had 24 eligible new members and the winner was Doris Lombard. By the end of the meeting we added two more new members. Our total membership of honorary lifetime, renewed and new members stands at **ninety-nine!**

Thank you all for spreading the word by inviting your friends to join our Garden Club.

## GARDEN GIGGLES



## CALLING ALL GARDENERS

You can enjoy the satisfaction of seeing a place transformed while being with friends. We meet periodically at the Idyllwild Historical Museum, usually on Wednesdays, for light gardening. The garden has our club's name on it and we want to make it

**BEAUTIFUL!** Volunteers often bring a kneeling pad, gloves, and small hand tools. If you would be interested in the future let Molly know. ( 206-755-7671. Looking forward to having you join us. Molly Cozens, Beautification