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# Mountain Greenery Newsletter

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## Normal is Just a Word!

One thing we are all learning these days is to stay flexible. Those events that have long been a part of our lives are now off-limits; parties, proms, graduations, weddings, meetings and so much more. However, we can still call, write, e-mail and facebook. Despite what it feels like, we are only as emotionally isolated as we wish to be. I've noticed my calls to friends are more informative, longer and more meaningful. Just waving to a neighbor and sharing a smile has become significant.

Surprisingly, I'm not glued to the TV. I'm finding more things to do around the house that I didn't have time for before. Some are constructive, some are just fun! We dusted off a jigsaw puzzle. I baked my husband a birthday cake. I mended that shirt that had been lurking at the bottom of my laundry basket for months. I don't go to church physically, but find myself spending more meaningful time with God. My, oh so neglected, yard is getting some care. I spend more time admiring my daffodils.

I am writing this extra newsletter as a way to be with my Garden Club friends. I am saddened at the loss of life and the misery around the world. However, I am very grateful for my friends and family who are well. It is my fervent prayer that the human race learns some valuable lessons about values, preparedness and loving care.



## **APRIL MEETING CANCELLED**

To my wonderful members,  
We are so sorry to have to cancel our April meeting. We are hopeful of MAYBE doing the May meeting, but we will keep you informed of that as it gets closer. We are considering adding a November meeting so you all get your money's worth from us, your hard working board. Several of the spring events we planned will, hopefully be moved to the fall. Stay safe, stay apart, stay healthy. We so look forward to seeing you all SOON!  
*Wendy Read, your Garden Club President and her wonderful board*

## **EMBRACING HERBS**

Herbs are a precious commodity! From lavender and lemongrass to tarragon and thyme, the tastes and smells engage our senses. Europeans brought them with them and the Native Americans shared the knowledge of the new world's varieties.

What's especially important to us, is that herbs can be grown indoors during the winter months! Here are ten herbs you will want to add to your garden.

**BASIL:** Many different varieties exist. It's the key ingredient in Pesto. Annual

**CHIVES:** Regular onion chives have pink flowers and tubular leaves, garlic chives (aka Chinese chives) have white flowers and flat leaves. These are more pungent with a stronger flavor than the onion chives. Perennial

**LAVENDAR:** These fragrant plants are used in cooking, potpourri and sachets. Dried, they have long been a repellent in areas that are plagued by scorpions. An excellent plant to attract bees to your garden. Perennial

**MARJORAM:** a tender perennial that adds a delicate flavor to stews and soups. Perennial

**OREGANO:** Another tender perennial that gives many Italian foods that spicy richness.

**PARSLEY:** The Italian flat leaf is more flavorful than the curly-leafed variety. Biennial

**ROSEMARY:** A wonderful and elegant addition to fowl, lamb and flavored bread. Its

fragrance is said to improve memory. It can be used on the stem, leaves only or chopped fine. Rosemary oil is said to have stimulating properties. It grows into a lovely bush, can be trimmed and is a very sturdy perennial.

**SAGE:** Garden. Enhances stuffing, fowl and pork. Perennial

**TARRAGON, FRENCH:** This is propagated from cuttings and is much more flavorful than its Russian cousin, which is propagated from seed. Perennial

**THYME:** This is valued in culinary ornamental and medicinal use. Thymol is its essential oil and has antiseptic properties. Perennial

## **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.

## **MAY GARDEN TOUR IS CANCELED**

We feel it is important to take this virus seriously and want to keep all of you healthy and safe. Now you'll have more time to start prepping your gardens and weeding! We will hopefully see you at our May meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>, but will advise. What with all of our lives being put on hold, we have decided to postpone our May Garden Tour until the fall, so watch for updates on that.

## THE TOILET PAPER CAPER

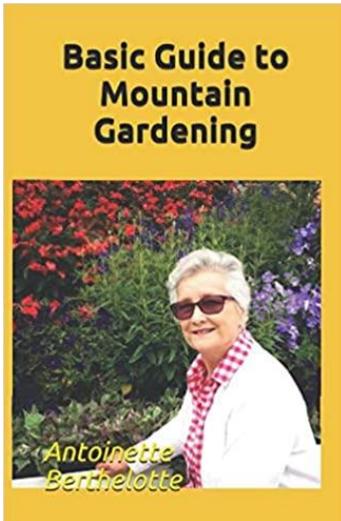
Most of us are wondering why in the world people are hoarding toilet paper. Most of it's made in the U.S., so it's not like we have to ship it from overseas. However, here's a blast from the past that just may come in handy.

(Abbreviated excerpts taken from an article in the Desert Sun. Thank you Carol Scanny)

*There is a plant that was much appreciated by our ancestors long before 'sanitary papers' and Sears Catalogs were used for a very personal function. Stachys Byzantina, commonly known as Lambs Ear was a great substitute! This low-growing plant is a pale green with large ultra-soft leaves. It makes a lovely ground cover with short purple colored spikes. You can find this plant in the mountains and is drought tolerant enough for the desert.*

Now would be a good time for you to go on a plant hunt...you know....before you need it!

## SPECIAL PRICE AND FREE DELIVERY



This might be a good time for you to get this book since you'll have time to read it and use it to plan your gardens. You can go to Amazon.com to check the reviews and order it on-line at, or directly from Toni, for \$7.

If you order from Toni, she will ship it for free, while her personal supply lasts. Send a \$7 check/cash to Toni Berthelotte, 35061 Barbara Lee Dr, Mt. Center Ca 92561. Questions, 951-659-2907

## 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 Greenamyre  
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

## 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.

## **BUSINESSES & SERVICES**

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

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