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New Board Nominations

Laurel Owen



Julie Roy, President



Steve Perez

Notes from the President...

2022 meetings off to a great start!

President Julie Roy greeted a full house at our first two meetings and we had a lot to share. We had wonderful presentations at our April and May meetings. Laurel Owen gave us an in-depth look at roses and information about selecting and growing them for our mountain environment. The slide presentation let us look at these varieties up close. She made the enthusiastic Q&A session fun and informative.

Steve Perez, Nature Center Ranger, gave a great talk about the Center's upcoming Wildflower Show May 21 & 22nd, and more plans for the reintroduction of the Lemon Lily Festival. President Julie Roy announced that we have achieved a membership of 100! (Which is now 104!)

Five lucky attendee names were drawn, and they went home with a five-gallon Lilac plant, thanks to the generosity of Gary Parton, AlpenGlow Gardens, Fern Valley.

Don't forget our June 1st meeting! Eben Longfellow, Riverside County Master Gardener will give a presentation of Soils, Amendments and Nutrients for our mountain gardens.

Members were reminded to ask for their **10% discount** on any purchases at either of the Garden Shops in town.



Announcements



Docents and parking attendants: BJ Brix, Edith Brix, Celia Bonney, Dennie Ohrazda and Tree Lafo, at Ken and Sandy Browning's Fern Creek location.



Art Alliance and Garden Club member, Jolene Paige also did some Pleinaire painting while enjoying the scenery



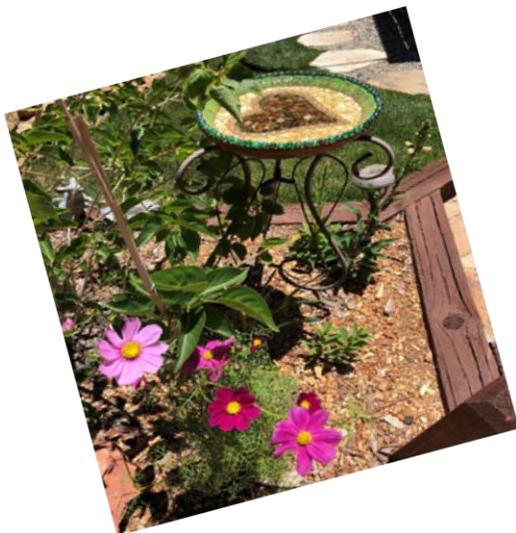
GARDEN TOUR WAS A SMASH HIT!

After a two-year Covid hiatus, the ever-popular Garden Tour was back. The weather couldn't have been better, and the attendance was impressive. Kudos to the homeowners who offered their gardens and worked so hard to get them in tip-top shape. Each garden was unique and reflected a pride of ownership and the love of our mountain homes. Thank you to: Rich and Sandi Austin, Jonathan Sharp, Sandy and Craig Ohman, Lori and Dave Montgomery, Ken and Sandy Browning and the Board of the Idyllwild Area Historical Society. Julie (Pres.) thanks all who helped to make this a premier event!

We also couldn't have done it without our illustrious Fund-Raising Chair, Wendy Read and her army of volunteers. Between sales, advertising, printing, docents, parking attendants, refreshment helpers, and staff at the gardens, Wendy reported we had about 40 volunteers! Apparently, the consensus of all of them was that it was FUN!



Paula King, harpist, at the home of Sandi and Rich Austin.



Sandi Austin's Ceramic with Cosmo Flowers and water feature with Foxglove.



ANNOUNCEMENTS cont.

BRIDGE ANYONE?

We are looking for players who know the game of bridge and would like to play in Idyllwild. We currently play on Thursday and Friday afternoons. However, we are willing to add a night game for those who work during the day. If you, or someone you know are interested, please contact **Dave at 619-507-3162**.

DIRT ISN'T JUST DIRT!

Don't miss our June 1st meeting (Wednesday at the Nature Center 12:30)

Back by popular demand is Eben Longfellow, Riverside County Master Gardener, to do a presentation on Soils, Amendments and Nutrition. With just a little help, our less-than-ideal soil can support lovely gardens and bountiful vegetable gardens. (Very important with the current cost of produce.) Come to learn and ask questions. Light refreshments and beverages will be served.



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND JULY MEETING

Idyllwild always holds its 4th of July Parade **ON the 4th**, which will be Monday this year. Wait until you hear what the Garden Club is doing! We'll be traveling in style in the parade in a hot little classic convertible. Also let Julie know if you would like to be selected to help carry our vintage GC sign. (julie@alpacasnextdoor.com)

Our **July meeting**, however, will be on **Wednesday the 6th, at 12:30** and, it's a **potluck picnic at the Nature Center**. The Board will provide bottled water, lemonade, and iced tea. You may also bring your beverage of choice.

Our members are asked to bring a dish to share. This can be a main dish, salad, side dish, or dessert. Be sure to come early so the food is there in time to be enjoyed.

There are picnic tables, but feel free to bring your favorite camping chair too. Our speaker will be Elizabeth Butterfield with some terrific ideas about Gardens on a Budget.



IGC July Meeting on July 6th

CHEATING THE HEAT

When you live at this elevation, with thinner air, the sun can be very intense, even though it doesn't reach the temperatures down below. Therefore, you want to protect your plants and utilize your water wisely. Three easy ways to do this are:

1. When you rake up those pine needles use them to make a 1" deep apron around your plants. Don't mix the needles in with the soil since pine needles will usually mold before they break down. Just use them to shade the soil and to retain whatever moisture your plants get.
2. Avoid watering the tops of the plants. If possible, water the base of the plants. More water will get to root system faster where it will do the most good. Plus, water on the leaves will mostly evaporate or may well burn tender leaves
3. If you have a grassy area, or one with low groundcover, you don't need to run your water for long periods of time since the roots are shallow. Soaking the area will just waste water once it gets past the root system. Also don't use sprinklers that throw the water high into the air (i.e., Rainbirds.) at least a third of that water will evaporate before it has a chance to soak into the ground. Of course, don't water during the hot part of the day for the same reason.



Idyllwild Parade July 4th.

2023 BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE BEING FORMED



Even though we don't have our election until September, and the new board takes over in January, now is the time we reach out to our members.

You'll be contacted to be asked what role you would like to play in supporting your club. No matter what you might select, be assured that the experienced board members will always be there to guide and assist you. We do have a large membership, however a percentage of them are part-timers, or are unable to assist due to health issues etc. therefore, we need everyone who can, to step up. Some of the jobs are short-term, and most of them are not overly time-consuming.

Here is a list of possible positions, or tasks:

President: (Basically facilitates the monthly Board meetings.)

1st VP: Takes over a meeting if the President cannot and may take on other tasks as needed.

2nd VP: Takes over a meeting if the 1st VP cannot and may take on other tasks as needed.

Secretary: Takes the minutes and emails them to the Board in a timely manner.

Treasurer: In charge of usual treasurer duties and keeps good records.

Programs: Arranges for speakers/programs for our 7 meetings.

Fund-raising: Works with the Board to select fund-raising events, such as Garden Tours, and/or Fall Gardening Events. These have guidelines and plenty of help from the board and volunteers

Hospitality: Works with volunteers to set-up room for our 7 meetings and verifies there are the supplies needed to do so.

Membership: Reaches out to attract new members and keeps those records.

Communications: Works with others on Newsletter, Emails, Publicity, website etc.



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