

CIVIC GARDEN CLUB OF SAN CARLOS

Member of Bay Ocean District California Garden Clubs, Inc.(CGCI)

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September 18, 2015

Members' Meeting Time

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Served

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Program

12:45 p.m.

Meeting adjourns

1:45 p.m.

Next Board Meeting

Aug 17 at 10:30 a.m.

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Casa de Flores

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

The summer is upon us and we are all thinking of activities we can do in the hot weather, as well as reminiscing about summers past.

The drought we are experiencing is having an immense impact on our gardens. Gone are the beautiful lush green lawns and the reduced water rationing has caused a lot of gardeners to refrain from planting water-thirsty annuals and just try to keep their perennials, bushes and trees alive. There has been a prediction of an El Nino for this fall and winter, and hopefully we will get some relief soon.

I am looking forward to our September Members Meeting to hear about all of the new money-making ideas you have thought of for our Club this coming year. Working on events is a lot of fun, and yes, work putting the events together, but well worth it. It also gives you an opportunity to get to know your fellow Club Members a little better. Make the most of the last days of summer, as our September Club Meeting will be here before we know it.

See you in September.

Your President,

Joyce L. Sanns



Our New Casa Rental Website!

We need more rental activity for August, September and October!

Please direct members to our new rental web site:

<http://www.sancarlosgardenclub.org/casa-de-flores-rentals/>

Thanks to Treasurer L. David Waterbury this website is now a part of our regular club website in order to streamline operations, and insure that rental inquiries are promptly answered.

Prospective renters now may contact the club directly by several means including the website, by E mail (casadefloressc@gmail.com), by phone (650) 241-9976, or by mail Civic Garden Club, P.O. Box 954, San Carlos, CA 94070.



Book Sales



Save your good interesting books for the fall book Sales. Proceeds go to save the Blue Butterfly and it's habitat. Save the habitat and we save the butterfly.

NOTICE

The Club now has a black & white laser printer donated by David Waterbury which is located in our kitchen.

It is available for use by Club members.

In addition, our microwave has been replaced and we have new GFI outlets.

Walking Stick Cabbage

I have been working on my walking stick cabbage project, building my inventory for our autumn plant sale and holiday boutique sales and started a search for information on this very interesting and useful plant. Here is a summary of information found in various online sources.

The Jersey Cabbage (*Brassica oleracea longata*), is also known as Jersey kale or cow cabbage and a variety of local names including giant cabbage, long jacks and tree cabbage.

It is a variety of cabbage native to the Channel Islands. It grows to a great height and was commonly used as livestock fodder and for making walking sticks.

At one point, Jersey exported up to 30,000 walking stick cabbages annually – but not for their leaves.

Their dense, fibrous stalks take to sanding and varnishing well after they dry and they make sturdy walking sticks.

The Jersey cabbage develops a long stalk reaching 6 to 10 feet in height, and with ideal conditions can grow as tall as 1 to 20 feet.

The lower leaves were fed to livestock and were reportedly of great value. The Farmers Magazine reported in 1836 that five plants would support 100 sheep or 10 cows (hard to believe, but I'm just the reporter) and that sheep fed them were rumored to produce silky wool up to 25 inches in length.

The plant is now rarely grown in the Channel Islands but is still cultivated for walking sticks.

Tom Davids



Landscape During a Severe Drought

Do not introduce new plants to your landscape during a severe drought. Even California native plants aren't drought-resistant until they become well established. When water restrictions allow for new plants to be introduced into your landscape, select drought tolerant varieties appropriate for your climate zone. Introduce new plants during the fall, allowing them to become established by winter rain.

Water-saving Plant Tips:

- Remove plants in crowded beds or low-priority plants competing for soil moisture
 - Mulch, mulch, mulch!
 - 3 to 4" layer reduces water evaporation and weeds
 - Protects roots from heat
 - Reduces weeds who compete for water
 - Avoid heavy pruning
 - Do not overuse fertilizers, which increase growth and water demands
 - Infrequent deep watering encourages deeper root growth, and results in plants with greater drought tolerance
 - Use a drip irrigation system, grouping plants with similar water needs together on one drip irrigation line.
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Ornamental Trees:

- One or two deep irrigations with a garden hose several weeks apart in spring and summer will often keep trees alive through summer, especially if roots are relatively deep.
- They will drop leaves or wilt under severe water shortage, but with appropriate care will survive.

Fruit and Nut Trees:

- Early-season water applications will keep trees alive, but reduces fruit production
- To produce a good harvest, deciduous fruit and nut trees need adequate water in their root zones continuously from bloom until harvest.

Recycled Water:

Using recycled water, or graywater, to irrigate landscape plants helps conserve water, electricity and reduces water bills. An estimated 30 to 50 percent of home water consumption results in graywater, which can be recycled into the landscape. Most homes can supply one-half to 3/4 of water-efficient landscape needs using graywater.



Congratulations to the following celebrants
with birthdays in July and August

John Edmonds.....July 8

Carol Wegenast.....July 24

Judy Langstrom.....July 25

Alice Story.....Aug. 6

Barry Daniels.....Aug. 8

Dorothy Gould....Aug. 21

Theresa Cook.....Aug. 28

Mary Carnevale.....Aug. 29

Officers and Directors for 2015-2016

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Flowers that even Darwin can't explain



**Angel Orchid
(Habenaria Grandifloriformis)**



Parrot Flower (Impatiens Psittacina)



Orchid that looks like a Ballerina



Flying Duck Orchid (Caleana Major)



Dancing Girls (Impatiens Bequaertii)



**Laughing Bumble Bee
(Ophrys Bbomyblifora)**