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The FANTASTIC Smart Gardening Faire!

In my opinion this was one of the best. Lotsa exhibitors, weather was overall cooperative but a bit warm & windy, very good attendance (I'm gonna guess around 3000), seminars & talks very well attended. We did a survey of all the exhibitors and they were extremely satisfied and glad they came. I think the vendors did well. Lotsa plants & merchandise left the park. The MBMG info table was packed all day long and MBMG 2nd Chance table just about sold out of everything (even my favorite watering can of all time, which was not even for sale). We had lotsa MG volunteers who did an outstanding job of keeping everything running smoothly throughout the day. To sum it up, I think we had a very successful Faire. We got lotsa feedback and ideas that should help us, if we ever decide to do this again.

And I just counted the money from the 2nd chance sale & we netted \$541.65. No bad. Christina, maybe you can thank all the MGs that donated (and bought) items.

~Simon Stapleton, MG06

The 4th Annual Faire seemed to be a big success-- many visitors, more exhibitors than ever before. The vendors were happy; the crowds seemed to be having a good time; the MG volunteers were very busy. Thanks to all the MGs who generously gave up part of the weekend to contribute to the Faire's success. Special kudos to Patty Nicely, who ran the MG Info Booth, and to Liz Hill who stayed busy all day with art-focused activities for kids of all ages at the MG Children's Activity booth.

~Denise Weatherwax, MG08

The attendance (high), the enthusiasm for the speakers (standing room only), and the demographics of the faire-goers (all ages and levels of gardening knowledge) confirms that the objective of the MG Smart Gardening Faire is right on target. Well-worn and

novice gardeners, many expanding their horizons to include food production, heard "cream of the crop" experts share their knowledge of gardening.

Another segment of the population was also reached. These are the folks responding to the economics of food and the need to grow some of their own. They learned how to grow nutritious food in a safe and sustainable manner.

Finally, people are understanding that it not only takes a village to raise a child, the village has to raise the food, too. At the Smart Gardening Faire, the Village came together to learn to do just that.

~Cynthia Jordan, MG94

First, several MGs made key contributions to the success of the Faire~

Faire Manager: Simon Stapleton

Volunteer Coordinator: Denise Weatherwax

Co-chair & Speaker Coordinator: Sheryl McEwan

Information Booth Coordinator: Patty Nicely

Marketing Communications: Betsy Shea

Guerrilla Publicity: Darcy Horton

Speaker Tent Support: Richard Wallstrom

--and many additional MGs who joined in the MBMG's gift to the community for the day!

Second, we "discovered" a few policy issues that we will discuss soon, in preparation for the 5th Annual Faire

Finally, as soon as we all can catch our breath, we need to start planning for the next Faire, to recruit major sponsors and exhibitors.

~Tom Karwin, MG99

Advanced Training with Bonnie Pond

Sunday, July 12 at Quail Hollow, 3:00 pm. Free. Come help us make stepping stones that will be put in gardens and pathways of Quail Hollow.

Heritage Tree Walk

Downtown Santa Cruz

July 18, 2009, Saturday

Meet at City Hall Courtyard at 9:00 AM

Walking tour lasts 1.5-2 hours

More information: 831-420-5270

Come see some of the most unique horticultural tree species growing in downtown Santa Cruz on a walking tour hosted by the City of Santa Cruz Arborist Leslie Keedy.

Approximately 25 trees are featured on the walking tour ranging from semi-tropical to our local native tree species. Learn horticultural information on tree family, place or origin, growing characteristic as well as interesting facts about each tree along the tour.

Bring walking shoes, and be prepared to walk about one mile up minor hills and along city side streets.

Heritage Garden Tour

Evergreen Cemetery, Harvey West Park

Saturday, August 1, 2009 at 11am

The act of planting symbolizes the continuation of life in the future. Join City of Santa Cruz arborist Leslie Keedy and learn about the charming combination of plants and trees at Evergreen Cemetery.

For further information, call (831) 429-1964 x20

The Museum of Art & History @ the McPherson Center

705 Front Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

www.santacruzmah.org (831) 429-1964

Garden Wiki—Plants.am

http://www.plants.am/wiki/Main_Page

Check out this gardener's version of Wikipedia; it's a plant encyclopedia that focuses on how to grow any plant in the world (or will eventually). Like Wikipedia, it is open to editing by visitors, so you can click and edit or add pages. We encourage gardeners to add/edit pages about new plants, school gardening, organic pest/weed control, natives, or any other gardening topic. As a Master Gardener, your input would be very helpful. This site, like Wikipedia, will grow much faster if the gardening community embraces it and creates a free, comprehensive, worldwide resource on gardening. So far we have 6,958 plant entries and other articles written and edited by gardeners from around the globe, with 10,031 photos. Check out the Help page to see how you can edit any page

~Raffi Kojian

To contact him about this site, visit his talk page here:

http://www.plants.am/wiki/User_talk:Raffi

Hotline July (current as of June 29)

To sign up for a shift, contact Martye 831-633-6435 or martyel@prodigy.net
See www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=martyel@prodigy.net for the most up-to-date calendar.

		1 Donna Merriman	2	3 CLOSED
6 Peter Quintanilla	7	8	9	10 Melita Israel
13	14	15	16	17 Dianne Yost
20 Joy Hickey	21	22	23	24 CLOSED
27	28	29 Phyllis Hilton	30	31

ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES – JoAnn Schaper, MG08 and Karen Rieger, MG08

	date	day	time	class	contact
July	3	Fri	7-8:30pm	Easy Plants for California Gardens, Master Gardeners at the Library, Community Room	Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Rd, San Jose, 408-808-3060
July	10	Fri	8:30-5:30	The Austrailians-Pt 2 Mem\$75/Non \$95 Civic Arts Education Center, Shadelands Campus, Walnut Creek	The Garden Conservancy To register: 415-441-4300 or wcp9@gardenconservancy.org
July	11	Sat	7:30-7:30	The Austrailians-Pt 2 Santa Cruz area Garden Tour \$70 Only avail if signed up for lecture series	The Garden Conservancy To register: 415-441-4300 or wcp9@gardenconservancy.org
July	11	Sat	10:30-3:30	Intro to Garden Based Herbalism, \$67	Common Ground, Palo Alto 650-493-6072
July	12	Sun	10:00-1:00	Tomato Masters \$45 Tuition	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor Rd, Ben Lomond, www.growbetterveggies.com
July	18	Sat	9AM	Santa Cruz Downtown Tree Walk, Leslie Keedy, SC City Arborist, FREE	City Hall Courtyard
July	18	Sat	10:00-2:00	Jam Making \$65 Tuition + \$30 Material	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor Rd, Ben Lomond, www.growbetterveggies.com
July	18	Sat	12:00-2:00	Solar Cooking \$29 Don Larson	Common Ground, Palo Alto 650-493-6072
July	21	Tues	9:00-3:00	Winter Vegetable Gardening \$55 Tuition + \$20 Materials	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor Rd, Ben Lomond, www.growbetterveggies.com
July	25	Sat	10:00-1:00	Bee-Keeping \$45 Tuition	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor Rd, Ben Lomond, www.growbetterveggies.com
July	25	Sat	10:30-12:30	Edible Landscaping, \$29 Deva Luna	Common Ground, Palo Alto 650-493-6072
July	26	Sat	9:00-3:00	Winter Vegetable Gardening \$55 Tuition + \$20 Materials	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor Rd, Ben Lomond, www.growbetterveggies.com
Aug	1	Sat	11AM	Evergreen Cemetary, Leslie Keedy, SC City Arborist, FREE	
Aug	2	Sun	TBA	Preserving Your Summer Harvest	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor Rd, Ben Lomond, www.growbetterveggies.com
Aug	4	Tues	10:00-1:00	Tomato Masters \$45 Tuition	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor Rd, Ben Lomond, www.growbetterveggies.com
Aug	8	Sun	9:00-3:00	Winter Vegetable Gardening \$55 Tuition + \$20 Materials	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor Rd, Ben Lomond, www.growbetterveggies.com

UPCOMING COURSES AND EVENTS

Aug	1	Sat	11:00-4:00	Edible Landscaping Tour	Common Ground, Palo Alto 650-493-6072 www.conexions.org/greenfork/gardentour
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Common Ground Palo Alto, 650-493-6072

Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz 831-459-3240

Elizabeth F Gamble Garden 1431 Waverly St. Palo Alto (650) 329-1356

Evergreen Branch Library 2635 Aborn Rd. San Jose (408) 808-3060

Filoli, Woodside, CA <http://www.filoli.org/education/adult-programs/horticulture.html>

The Garden Conservancy <http://www.gardenconservancy.org>

Live Oak Grange, 1900 17th Ave, Santa Cruz (831)459-3240

Love Apple Farm 9299 Glen Arbor Rd., Ben Lomond(831)1 588-3801

McShane's Nursery 115 Monterey Salinas Hwy (831) 455-8376

UC Santa Cruz Arboretum 115h High St., Santa Cruz, CA (831) 427-2998

COMMUNITY GARDENS			
	location	days & hours	contact
Quail Hollow Ranch	800 Quail Hollow Rd., Felton	As arranged	Simon Stapleton sistapleto@comcast.net
Homeless Garden Project	Natural Bridges Farm Shaffer & Delaware, S. Cruz	10:00-2:00 Thurs & Fri; Saturdays upon request	Paul (831) 423-1020 paulg@homelessgardenproject.org
Beach Garden	Monterey Bay Dunes		Mary Wilson (831) 393 0193 bluespud@pacbell.net
La Mirada	720 Via Mirada, Monterey	Every Thurs 9:00 to 3:00	Carl Voss (831) 442 0964 CarlFVoss@aol.com
Cooper-Molera Adobe Garden	525 Polk St Monterey	9:00-12:00 Tues	Bonnie Gillooly (831) 624-4678 gillooly@mbay.net
Anzar High School Garden	2000 San Juan Hwy. San Juan Bautista	Call for times	Maryann McCormick (831) 333-9579 mmfuschia@gmail.com Barbara Schilling (831) 643-0177 barbara.schilling@hp.com
School Garden Consulting			Alicia Molina (831) 763-0201 nmnalicia@sbcglobal.net

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Masters Garden Tour

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Advisory Board

Cynthia Jordan (831) 426 9673 cynjord@pacbell.net

“Gardening on the Edge” quarterly journal

Christina Kriedt (831) 427-1381 christinakriedt@hotmail.com

“What’s Happening” monthly newsletter

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Smart Gardening Faire

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HOURS PER YEAR

V = volunteer hours AT = advanced training hours

Future classes (next class 2010): 50 V for certification.

Certified Master Gardeners: 30 V and 20 AT;

MG Gold Badge: 25 V and 12 AT

BADGES

To order a replacement badge contact Martye Lumpkin: martyel@prodigy.net or (831) 633-6435. All other badges will be ordered automatically each quarter as they are earned.

Link to 2008 Volunteer Brochure

<http://www.montereybaymastergardeners.org/mbmg/projects/Volunteer%20Opportunities%202008.pdf>

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