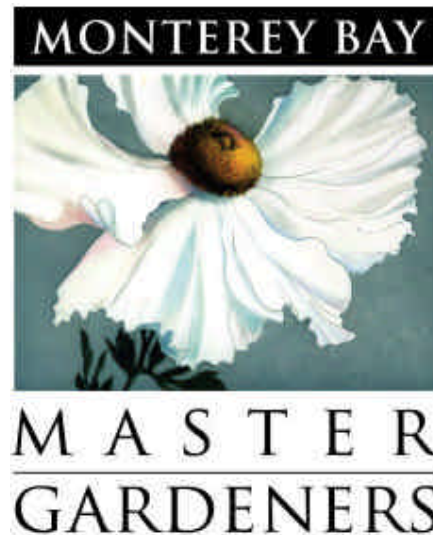


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Simon Stapleton Receives

Al Derrick, Jr. Award

Advisory Board has awarded Simon the Al Derrick Jr. Award for his countless contributions to the MBMGs. Congratulations also to the 2008 MG President's Award recipients: Tom Karwin, Sheryl McEwen, Christina Kriedt, Alicia Molina, Betsy Shea, Martye Lumpkin, Melita Israel and Leora Worthington.

***About Al Derrick** — Al was the do it all person . No matter what we needed, he came up with the fix. He taught classes on propagation; he propagated plants for the plant sales; he made up the plan for the youth garden water system and helped install it. He was there when we built the YG, a major player in making sure everything was being done correctly. He was a member of our first class and brought in copious amounts of plants for our raffle; in the beginning, this was our only means of funds.*

He has written articles for the newsletters for so many years - probably from the beginning and posted photos of his plants and told us how to grow them on our email group. And you may not realize, Al only had dialup email and internet until last week!

Al has given so much time to our group - far beyond what I'm remembering now. And he is now 80 years old.

Robin Sanders, MG95

Pruning with Peter Quintanilla MG03

Saturday, Jan 31 from 10:00 to noon we will meet at 12-Acre Farm in Corralitos for a hands-on pruning class. Peter Quintanilla will demonstrate proper methods. Attendees will be able to "pick their own" trees and practice, practice, practice.

Peter will also illustrate how to sharpen pruning tools.

Bring gloves, dress in layers, bring your pruning tools, and something to munch for lunch. Light rain is a go. Heavy rain cancels. Look for an email message 1-31-09 to confirm that the class is on or off due to weather. 115 Browns Valley Rd., Corralitos.

School Garden Grants

Claudia Boulton, MG99

Due to the small earnings from the Garden Tour this year, school garden grants have been reduced. However, applications have been reduced even further! We have received only three applications, each of which has been funded at \$500.

Schools receiving grants for the 2008 funding cycle include:

Redwood Mountain Preschool - May 2008

Glen Arbor School - May 2008

Main Street Elementary - September 2008

If you know a school that needs funding for their garden, please encourage them to apply. We may not have as much as before, but we are committed to promoting learning through school gardens. Help restore the Pipevine Swallowtail Butterfly - and gather your 2009 volunteer hours.

Butterfly Restoration Project

Randa Solick and Rina Weingold, MGs06

The butterfly restoration project asks your participation for the 2009 year! Join us in helping to bring back the pipevine swallowtail butterfly, which has been extinct around these parts for a hundred years. Our grant money will cover another year of asking Cabrillo to plant starts of the pipevine plants next month, which will be ready for planting this coming summer or fall. We need to tell Cabrillo Horticulture Department how many to plant - and to that end, we're asking each of you if you'd like to join this sparkling project. Reply by email or phone: Randa Solick, 831 662 3349 or rsolick@hotmail.com. We hope you'll join us in this thoroughly enjoyable and wonderful effort!

Equipment Available to MGs

The following items are available to MG's for presentations, etc. Contact Simon, sistapleto@comcast.net, for information.

- Gas weed-whacker for use in YG or other MG projects
- Portable PA system with wireless microphone
- 11x17 format laminator w/ pouches
- Multimedia projector (no portable screen yet)
- 10 x 10 white canopy w/sidewalls
- MBMG banner - vertical
- 2 booth kits - 1 in SC County & 1 in Monterey County (items for display & handouts for MG-sponsored booths)
- Multimedia laptop with appropriate software

MG08 Grad Goes to State Conference

Cindy Lloyd, MG08

As a new MG08 grad, attending our Statewide Conference in September seemed mandatory, especially as it was being held in my backyard, Asilomar. The site was appropriate; the buildings were designed by Julia Morgan to integrate with the natural beauty of the coastal dunes.

January Hotline

To sign up for a shift, contact Martye 831-633-6435 or martysel@prodigy.net

See www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=martysel@prodigy.net for up-to-date calendar.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 Carol Kaplan Judith Hillman	30	31 CLOSED	1 HOLIDAY	2 HOLIDAY	3
4	5 Joy Hickey	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Peter Quintanilla	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Amazingly, the weather was picture perfect, sunny and warm, with clear views to the Pacific's horizon. I tried to imagine myself one of the attendees who hailed from the flat interior valleys or tree clad mountain ranges, walking the beach at sunset, smelling the resinous pine scent at dawn, discovering delightful architectural details. I felt great pride that these wonders were "mine" to share.

After the previous day's retreat with Elizabeth Murray in her garden of delight, touring the historic home she has lovingly restored, and lunching on a long trestle table covered with brightly colored Tuscan cloths, it seemed almost sacrilegious to be going inside buildings to hear various speakers. Wrong! The interiors of Julia Morgan's buildings are detailed, the ambience conducive to learning, but what blew me away was the quality of the presenters. Firstly, I had no idea how many other people, MG'ers all, would be inside Merrill Hall. Wow! Over 400 plus those who worked so hard to put the conference together and kept it running smoothly. I couldn't keep from thinking how that workforce, with its knowledge and abilities, could change a derelict plot of earth into something of beauty in one day.

Then the speakers started. Their enthusiasm coupled with a depth of information dazzled me. First to speak was Brad Lancaster. As he spoke, I seemed to recall an article I'd read how he and his brother compete for water saving methods. His slides of lovely gardens flourishing on 12" of rain annually were astonishing. Brad's methods are innovative, his dedication, impressive, his creativity, beyond belief. I left Asilomar with a new respect for those who practiced what they preached in sustainability gardening. And, I promised myself to employ those practices in my own garden whenever possible.

The following day was comprised of break-out sessions. My first was presented by Betsy Clebsch, a wise woman whose illustrated talk demonstrated the beauty of salvias and the loveliness of native plants for our gardens. What a dynamo she is! I secretly wished I lived next door to her so that I could glean information from her daily, and visit her wonderful garden.

Next, Pam Berstler implored us to just say "NO" to mow, blow and go gardening practices. I sure was with her on that. I know what day of the week it is by the irritating sound of those damnable contraptions sprinkled throughout my neighborhood. I know that labor is not cheap, and time is of the essence, but a good old fashioned rake, broom and scoop shovel are good for the

one who uses them, good for the environment, and good for the neighbors.

Renee Shepherd's rainbow gardening had me drooling, and I don't like to cook. Maybe I needed her to be my other neighbor, so that I could taste her concoctions while sitting in Betsy's salvia garden.

Nan Sterman demonstrated how a garden needn't be barren when drought threatens to dampen gardening dreams. Her message was loud and clear, go Mediterranean with imagination and preservation of natural resources.

Robert Boro's quick re-design of dull landscapes by using simple rearrangements of paths, driveways, beds and borders were fascinating...and funny. Who wouldn't enjoy a new garden designed with whimsical wit?

During a break, I spied a blond curly haired woman autographing books. When I realized she was the famous Amy Stewart, I couldn't contain myself. "You're Amy Stewart? Oh, my, gosh," I gushed. "I found your first book at a garage sale, read it, loved it and have given it as a gift to many friends. It was wonderful! I almost tried to find your house in Santa Cruz." I sounded pitiful. She was gracious and kind. She even spelled my name right in the two books of hers I bought. Her first book, From the Ground Up, is a must for every gardener to read.

For my last session I had chosen Permaculture, but defected to listen to Amy speak about Sustainable Cut Flowers. I was torn between the two, but having just found an admired author, I was compelled to hear her speak. I was not disappointed. Amy is so very intelligent, articulate and quick witted. She seems to be curious about the world, how it works, and does something to find out. Her sharing of what she's found is delightful!

With my head full to the brim with new ideas, concepts, techniques and images, I returned to my home and the welcoming wiggly licks of the dogs.

The following morning, Merrill Hall was again filled with gardeners. To our delight, Amy Stewart gave the closing keynote address on the secret life of worms, her latest investigation and subject of yet another book.

The posters, organized registration process, opportunities to meet new people, renew friendships with classmates, bump shoulders with outstanding leaders in their respective fields, meet authors,

learn lessons, become inspired and lunch in Elizabeth Murray's sacred Monterey garden are fodder to sustain me until the next great MG event.

Thank you to those who were instrumental in all stages of the conference from inception to completion. I hope you rest on your laurels and take well-deserved holidays in your own gardens, native, sustainable, colorful, drought resistant, productive, well-designed and full of worms.

Garden Series at Quail Hollow Ranch

Simon Stapleton, MG06

We are firming up a Garden Series at Quail Hollow Ranch which will provide an excellent opportunity for advanced training. We will probably have 9-12 presentations throughout the year; final schedule available in Jan or early Feb. I'll keep you informed of speakers as the schedule evolves. If any of you is interested in presenting, contact sistapleto@comcast.net

Important: Be sure to call or email in advance. Many charge fees and/or require registration.

ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES					
	date	day	time	class	contact
Jan	10	Sat	10:00 - 2:00	Fruit Trees "101": Basic Fruit Tree Care	UCSC Farm Santa Cruz
	10	Sat	10:00 -12:00	Fruit Tree Q & A Session	ProBuild (formerly Lumbermans) Santa Cruz, 831-423-0223
	10	Sat	10:30 - 1:30	Rose Pruning and Care	Common Ground Palo Alto, 650-493-6072
	14	Wed		The UC Davis Arboretum: New Programs, Gardens, and Plants	Western Hort Palo Alto
	17	Sat	10:00 -12:00	Fruit Trees "101": Basic Fruit Tree Care	Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens Watsonville
	21-24	Wed-Sat		Ecological Farming Conference	Eco-Farm conference Asilomar
	24	Sat	10:30 - 12:00	Intro to Grow Biointensive	Common Ground Palo Alto, 650-493-6072
	24	Sat	2:00 - 4:00	Grow Biointensive Seed Propagation	Common Ground Palo Alto, 650-493-6072
	24	Sat	10:00 - 2:00	In-Depth Winter Pruning, Pome Fruit Trees	UCSC Farm Santa Cruz
	31	Sat	1:00 - 3:00	Wormshop at Grey Bears Recycling, SCruz Registration required—	Karin Grobe, 427-3452, kgrobe@wormdoctor.org
	31	Sat	2:00 - 4:00	Herb Gardening and Transplants	Love Apple Farm Ben Lomond
	31	Sat	10:30 -12:30	Amaranth to Wheat	Common Ground Palo Alto, 650-493-6072
	31	Sat	2:00 - 4:00	Grow Biointensive Composting	Common Ground Palo Alto, 650-493-6072
	31	Sat	10:00 - noon	Pruning Class with MG Peter Quintanilla	12-Acre Farm—see article pg 1
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 bobnma2003@yahoo.com Barbara Schilling (831) 643-0177 barbara.schilling@hp.com	
School Garden Consulting				Alicia Molina (831) 763-0201 nmnalesia@sbcglobal.net	

ORGANIZATIONS			
	monthly meeting days	time	location & contact
Carmel Orchid Society	first Monday except May, Sept and Dec	8:00 PM	First Presbyterian Church of Monterey, 501 El Dorado Street, Monterey www.carmelorchidsociety.org/
Monterey Bay Dahlia Society	second Friday	7:00 PM potluck dinner, 7:30 PM meeting	Simpkins Swim Center, Community Room 979, 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz www.mbdahlias.org/
Monterey Bay Rose Society	last Friday		Grange Hall, 2555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos www.montereybayrosesociety.org/
Santa Cruz Orchid Society	first Friday Orchid show and sale early Feb	8:00 PM	Live Oak Grange 1900 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz http://dir.gardenweb.com/directory/scos1/
Santa Cruz Garden Club	first Thursday		site varies Joy Hickey 831-722-2300

WEBSITES

UC Farm and Garden	http://casfs.ucsc.edu/community/
UCSC Arboretum	http://www2.ucsc.edu/arboretum/calendar.html
Native Revival Nursery	http://www.nativerivival.com/about_us.html
UC Davis	UC ANR January Calendar of Events http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/calendar/calbox.cfm?month=1&year=2009&keyword=&calcat=0&group=&calowner=all&waste=yes
Southern Nevada MGs	http://www.extension.iastate.edu/story/news/09mgconf.htm
Love Apple Farm	http://loveapplefarm.typepad.com/growbetterveggies/upcoming-eventsclasses.html
Western Horticultural Society	http://www.westernhort.org/
Common Ground	http://www.commongroundinpaloalto.org/upcomingclasses.htm
CNPS	http://www.cruzcnps.org/events2.html

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Water-Smart Masters Garden Tour	Cynthia Jordan (831) 426 9673 cynjord@pacbell.net
Advisory Board	Cynthia Jordan (831) 426 9673 cynjord@pacbell.net
“Gardening on the Edge “ journal	Christina Kriedt (831) 427-1381 christinakriedt@yahoo.com
“What’s Happening” newsletter	Christina Kriedt (831) 427-1381 christinakriedt@yahoo.com
Smart Gardening Faire	Tom Karwin (831) 760-6727 tom@karwin.com Sheryl McEwan (831) 212-5861 sherylmcewan@pacbell.net Simon Stapleton (831) 335-4947 sistapleto@comcast.net
Website montereybaymastergardeners.org	Christina Kriedt (831) 427-1381 christinakriedt@yahoo.com

HOURS PER YEAR

V = volunteer hours AT = advanced training hours
To become certified, Class of 2008 (Trainees): Any combination of V and AT hours to include no fewer than 30 V with a combined total of 50 hours.
Future classes (next class 2010): 50 V to become certified
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>

Happy New Year!