

OVER THE GARDEN WALL



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March 2, Meeting Agenda

10:00 a.m.	Business Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Speaker: Kathy Itomura
	Hosting Wildlife in My Garden

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH 2023

Welcome new members, Joan Chandler, Laura Duran, and Deborah Jerd! We are so glad you joined us and hope to see you at the March meeting. If you have questions or suggestions, I look forward to hearing them.

Our February meeting was most informative with James Hogue's interesting talk on Insects. Members kept him talking with their many questions long after his presentation was concluded.

As usual, you contributed generously to the Penny Pines and therefore we have enough money to make a donation to the Forest Service at our March meeting. Be thinking about whom you would like to honor or memorialize with a Penny Pines Plantation nomination.

The fundraisers in February contributed \$179.73 to our general budget – good eating, all you who went to The Ramp and had lunch or dinner for your Club! February's Opportunity and Plant Table earned \$19.50 and the February Raffle, 56.00. Thank you for helping our programs.

At our March meeting, I will be your speaker and I'll be talking about the importance of encouraging California's native insects and birds in your garden, along with some suggestions on how you can make your garden more welcoming to butterflies and birds.

Also at the March meeting we will start accepting checks and sign-ups for the May field trip to Getty Villa in Malibu. The cost of \$25 includes the bus trip, tour of the Villa gardens, time for gallery viewing, and snacks on the bus. Lunch will be either bring your own or for your purchase at the Villa. The Getty Villa is a reproduction of a villa in the resort town of Herculaneum, before the eruption of Mount Vesuvius destroyed it and neighboring Pompeii. Let's step back in time together!

See you soon!

Kathy



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March 2, 2023 Meeting

"Hosting Wildlife in My Garden"

Speaker: Kathy Itomura, President BVGC



Lucky BVGC members. Our president and landscape architect will be speaking about her efforts to make her garden more wildlife friendly.

Kathy will be showing pictures from her garden to encourage all who want to walk further into the wild side.

We are looking forward to Kathy's special presentation.



Emergency Preparedness Backpacks

March 15, 2023 at 10:00 am Joslyn Center, 1301 W Olive Ave Burbank, CA will be passing out free Emergency Preparedness Backpacks for residents. They will be providing these Backpacks for free on a first come first serve basis until all Backpacks are gone.



Newsletter Contributions Wanted

Share with members: information, pictures from your garden, maybe some pictures from latest trip, good stuff. Cut-off date for submission: 15th of every month. Contact newsletter editor. inonnast@charter.net

Penny Pines

By Mrs. Chipmunk

I am happy to report that we of the forest have not been flooded out. A little wet maybe, but our homes in the trees, and in the ground have survived. Snow on the ground makes us all happy, as it is a change. Perhaps this summer will not be so hot and the new plantings of trees from last season will thrive.

Northern California trees are perhaps going to have a more difficult time. Many areas suffer from what is called "burn scars"... the term generates fear in all forest life. Two massive wildfires have torn through the Sierra Nevada in the last 15 years, burning with such heat and in such a large area that the conifer forest, many of us fear, will not be able to regenerate on its own. Because of the massive forest fires during the last couple of years, the forests don't seem to have a chance to recover.

Although, thanks to reforestation efforts by Federal, State, and nonprofit organizations, supporting our forests, some trees are beginning to sprout again. Vegetation, though scraggy, is helping to hold the soil in place. My friends, the birds, are starting to reveal a slow-growing increase in diversity.

We can't be discouraged. We have to keep trying to bring back the mighty trees and brush. This is our home, and yours to visit. We welcome you. This year, perhaps when you visit the many forests, both in Northern and Southern California, you can proudly say, "these are my trees. Look at them grow." You will probably get a gentle nod from the leaves, or was that the breeze that comes through? The birds are singing, the animal life will be thriving. "Whoops, don't step on my tail. I just wanted to climb down and thank you for helping us thrive."

About the Angeles National Forest

The Angeles National Forest was established by Executive Order in December 1892. It covers nearly 700,000 acres and is the backyard playground to the huge metropolitan area of Los Angeles. The Angeles National Forest manages the watersheds within its boundaries to provide valuable water to southern California and to protect surrounding communities from catastrophic floods.

The land within the forest is as diverse in appearance and terrain as it is in the opportunities it provides for enjoyment. Elevations range from 1,200 to 10,064 feet. Much of the forest is covered with dense chaparral which changes to pine and fir-covered slopes as you reach the majestic peaks of the higher elevations. The Angeles National Forest offers natural environments, spectacular scenery, developed campgrounds and picnic areas, swimming, fishing, skiing and the solitude of quiet wilderness areas. Trails winding throughout the forest accommodate hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, and off-highway vehicle enthusiasts.

The Gardener's Calendar

By Robin Gemmill, Master Gardener

March is the last month during winter for planting a California Native Landscape. Perennial native shrubs will soon go into their dormancy for the warmer/hot months of the year. Planting now using small potted plants allows the plants to quickly adapt and get set for the warming spring and summers months. Because native plants adjust quickly they also grow faster and spread rapidly. So there is no need to purchase large potted native plants. Saving you time and money. Watering needs for natives initially is every other day moving to 2 times a week within the first month or so. Once established California natives require once a month watering and in some cases even less.

Here is a brief list of a few common California native perennial shrubs available locally that are well suited for our Mediterranean climate offering a range of color and pollinator opportunities throughout the year.



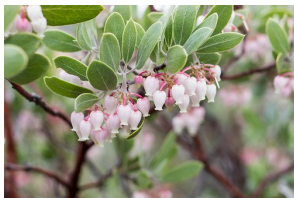
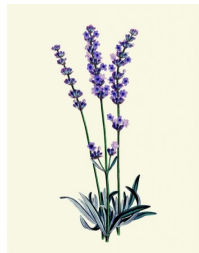
Achiella millefolium or Yarrow Pollinator for bees and butterflies. White/Yellow flowers in winter, spring, summer. Up to 2 ft tall and 1.5 ft wide. Plant full sun to partial shade

Verbena -Pollinator butterflies, bees, birds. Blue, white, pink or purple flowers in spring, summer and fall. 2 ft tall by 3 ft wide. Loves full sun or partial shade



Ceanothus or California Lilac Perennial Shrub Pollinator butterflies, bees, birds. Blue flowers in winter, spring. Can grow up to 30ft tall and 20ft wide. Fast growing

Lavender Perennial Shrub. Butterfly pollinator. Grows moderately fast. Purple flowers in winter, spring. Up to 12 ft tall and 8 ft wide.



Arctostaphylos or Manzanita Perennial Shrub Pollinator butterflies, bees, birds. Grows moderately fast 10 ft tall by 10 ft wide. White pink flowers winter spring. Low water requirements preferring the dry summer heat.



Eriogonum fasciculatum or California Buckwheat Perennial Shrub Pollinator bees, butterflies, birds. Fast growing. 6 ft tall by 3 ft wide. White cream pink flowers spring summer fall.

General Tips for Successful Planting

Since California Native Perennial shrubs are well adapted to our Southern California climate there is no need to amend the soil. When planting a mix of perennials with annuals consider the following tips:

1. Never plant less than 3 or 5 of anything
2. Let one color predominate
3. Vary the heights of the plants to give interest to your garden
4. Plant flowering plants that flower throughout the year so you always have color in the garden.

California natives, easy care, offer beauty, are climate-conscious and provide invaluable pollina-

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY!

March 13 Jean Hladilek

March 28 David Eberhardt



March 16, 2023 @ 10:00 A.M.

Burbank African Violet Society's club meeting The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 North Avon Street, Burbank.

African violet program and a learning lab.

www.burbankafrienviolets.weebly.com

or telephone (661) 940-3990.



March 21: Southern Cal Garden Club, "Take Me Out to the Ballpark" Bus Trip

9:30a.m. – 3:00p.m. \$30; Depart from Balboa Sports Center, 17015 Burbank Blvd., Encino 91316.

Private tour of Dodger Stadium's new botanical garden

Information: Carol Vallens, cvallens57@gmail.com, 818-378-1313.

March 25: Southern California Garden Club, "The Circus Comes to Town," a Standard Flower Show

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM, FREE, Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd, Encino

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First Day of Spring—March 20

Burbank-Valley Garden Club
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Monarch Mile — Chandler Boulevard near Pass Avenue

