

## BURBANK-VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

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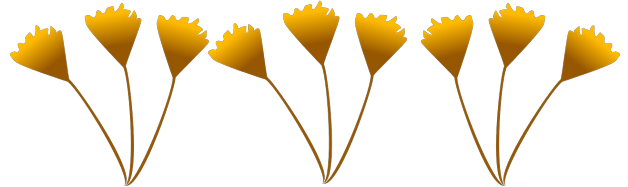
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### Agenda September 7, 2023 Meeting

9:30 a.m. Doors Open  
10:00 a.m. Business Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Caring for Trees and What to do in the Fall"  
Speaker, Mike Wronkowski



### President's Message

Welcome back, Members, and welcome to all new and interested visitors. We, the Burbank-Valley Garden Club Board and Chairpeople, are looking forward to visiting with all of you once again on September 7, 2023. We have a very exciting schedule of speakers and activities lined up for this garden year 2023-2024. Be sure to pick up your Yearbook available at the membership table.

As your new President, I look forward to once again reconnecting with all of you and meeting new members/visitors. I am excited to be representing the Club. As we begin this new season, I invite all members to share their thoughts and ideas with me and our Board Members for how we can build our membership and give back to our community,

I have always had a passion for gardening. I started at my grandmother's knee planting vegetables and tending exotic plants and fruit trees. There is nothing more gratifying than picking fruit or vegetables grown in the garden. Gardening offers us an opportunity to reconnect with nature, grow regenerative organic food, while nurturing others and our environment.

Our meeting begins at 10 am in the Little White Chapel Auditorium. We will start with a business meeting, followed by a short break and then a Raffle before our featured speaker. We will open the doors at 9:30 am for members who might want to take a little time browsing the Opportunity Table and Plant Table before our meeting. Proceeds from our Opportunity and Plant tables pay for club expenses, club activities and our Scholarship Fund. So if you have a gently used item you would like to donate to the Opportunity Table or a plant for the Plant table please feel free to bring them for donation. We will not be serving food or beverage, so do bring your own snack or beverage if you like.

We will also be hosting a Raffle at the meeting. You can purchase your Raffle tickets at \$1 for one ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets. The Raffle will be called at 10:45am. Our first speaker for the new season is Mike Wronkowski, Nursery Manager at the Green Thumb Nursery, Santa Clarita. Mike will be speaking about Tree Care. We look forward to gathering for our first meeting September 7, at 10 am in the Little White Chapel Auditorium, located at 1711 North Avon St, Burbank, CA.

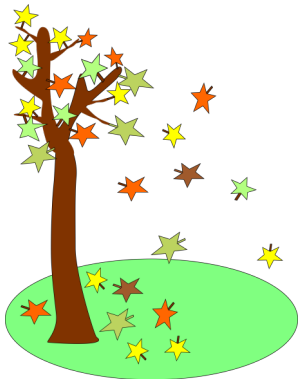
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## September 7, 2023 Meeting

"Caring for Trees and What to do in the Fall"

Speaker, Mike Wronkowski



Mike is the Nursery Manager at Green Thumb Nursery in Santa Clarita. He has been at Green Thumb/Green Arrow for 35 years and started his career at Boething Treeland when he was in high school.

In 1985 he became a Certified Nursery Professional and sits on the board of directors of the Plant California Alliance. He is also a committee chairperson for the California Certified Nursery Professionals.

We are so fortunate to have Mike as first presenter of the 2023-2024 Burbank-Valley Garden Club season as his seasonally appropriate talk about the trees in our gardens will help us care for and protect them as we go through severe weather cycles.

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### **Burbank-Valley Garden Club 2023-2024 Budget**

Every year our Garden Club Board proposes a new Budget for the upcoming garden year. During our September meeting we will ask for a vote of approval by all members present at the meeting. This year to ensure everyone has an opportunity to review our Budget before our September meeting, we will include the Budget in the USPS mail service Newsletter. For members who receive their Newsletter via internet mail, we will include the 2023-2024 Budget with the Newsletter. There will also be a few extra copies available at the meeting for review. We appreciate everyone taking time to review our Budget, up for discussion before the vote on the Budget during the September meeting.

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### **BVGC Financial Review**

Our Board arranged a financial review of our records for the fiscal year 2022-2023. The financial review was performed by Robin Pokorski, who found everything in good order and well-documented. All balances were traceable, balanced correctly, and fairly represent the assets and liabilities of Burbank-Valley Garden Club.

## Happy September Birthday!

September 8, Rosalia Gomez

September 19 Pradip Doshi



## **In My Garden**

By Charlene Gallagher  
Beez Pleasee

I planted a hedge of lavender that I purchased in Ojai at the "Lavender Festival", held every year until COVID. It separates my backyard shade garden under my 45 year-old avocado tree and small terrace from the rest of the yard. I like to sit there and contemplate. That happened over years, until the hedge started blooming and the honeybees visited. Now every year I am visited by my friends.

Then I planted, at the same time, a rosemary hedge in my front yard behind my wrought iron fence in front of the water fountain.

Now my neighborhood athletic walkers are greeted by my many bee friends. I love the bees and they don't sting...they are much too busy collecting "whatever" to make their honey. Think I should invest in bee hives. My neighbors would probably require a hazard discount as I would be selling my "CB" brand honey from my driveway. It's a thought!

Meanwhile, I am happy to see them feast on the blossoms. What energy they have! I feel, in a small way, I too am mother nature saving bees....and I get to selfishly enjoy them. It's a good thing....

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### **Sepulveda Garden Center's Rose Garden**

The Southern California Garden Club recently voted to undertake the restoration of the Sepulveda Garden Center public Rose Garden directly adjacent to the meeting hall. Meetings with Los Angeles City staff are underway, with the preliminary goal to replace the broken concrete borders around two of the four rose beds before January 2024, in time for the transplanting of existing roses as well as the planting of sixty new bare root shrub roses.



Natalie Bloxham

This is great news for all District garden clubs as the Sepulveda Garden Center's public Rose Garden is on view at every District meeting we attend together. Our next District meeting is Monday, October 16, so plan to attend and look at the Rose Garden while you are there. And if you are interested in helping with the Rose Garden, project manager Natalie Bloxham would

love help on Fridays deadheading the spent blooms. Contact Natalie at 818-974-8519.

## Maddy, My Rescued Monarch Butterfly

By Deborah Jerd

This past winter I joined the Burbank Garden Club. I had wanted to join for several years and was finally able to do so because of the time opportunity with having retired in June 2022 from 45 years of teaching in the public schools. On my first Thursday of going to the garden club, I mentioned having rescued a monarch butterfly from the spring of 2022. On that day several people showed an interest in the story. From the start of rescuing my little butterfly, I had taken videos on my phone, both for my sake, and with the thoughts of sometime later putting these videos on YouTube. At the point of going to the Garden club, I had not yet done anything with my videos. I am thankful for the people who gave me the encouragement on that day to get started on my YouTube channel. They showed enthusiasm for the topic and gave me the opportunity to talk about my little butterfly. That conversation to talk about my love for this little butterfly was all the impetus I needed to take action. On March 30 of this year, 2023, I created a YouTube channel and started uploading my videos. It gave me much pleasure to see the immediate response as I continued to add more each day. Within one month I had 12,000 views. It was fun to know that people all over the world were sharing in to watch my story about little "Maddy". Once I had a following, I no sooner uploaded a new video when several hundred people would view it right then. I had filmed 74 videos, and they have now all been uploaded, totaling 21,220 views. I have more videos to add with my most recent butterflies from this past springtime. I say that I have a monarch sanctuary on my front porch because of my milkweed plants, which the monarch butterflies and the caterpillars feast on.

I will be writing more in the next newsletter to describe my two months with my little butterfly, explaining all that I learned about these beautiful creatures. You can go on YouTube and just put my name in the search bar. My little butterfly was named, Maddy, which was a nickname for the French words, Mon petit mademoiselle Papillon, which means my Little Miss butterfly.

### Asclepias fascicularis

Milkweed, that is what they want. When the monarchs came looking for their favorite and only food in Janet's and Ingrid's gardens there was no milkweed. Where they had previously found plenty milkweed — it was gone, all gone. The milkweed plants had fizzled out. So Janet and Ingrid felt sorry for the disappointed monarchs who came looking regularly for milkweed in the customary spots. Janet and Ingrid planted replacements. We are now waiting for the milkweed to get big and tall so the monarchs will be happy again.



## How To Protect Your Garden From Heavy Rain

UC Master Gardeners of LA County

Heavy rain can damage gardens, but there are things you can do to help protect your plants and soil before and after periods of heavy rain.

Before heavy rain:

- Refrain from transplanting young, fragile seedlings
- Wait until after the rain to sow seeds
- Hold off on applying fertilizer until after heavy rains
- Cover soil with mulch to help cut down erosion.

After heavy rain:

- Move mulch away from plants for a few days so saturated soils can dry out a little
- Wait a few days for saturated soils to dry some before transplanting seedlings
- Remove any damaged leaves, branches and other debris
- Monitor plants for new diseases (warm, moist environments are great for fungi and bacterial growth)

## Happenings

### September 18—20, 2023

CGCI Fall Board Meeting  
Harris Ranch Resort  
24505 W. Dorris Ave.  
Coalinga, CA, 93210  
Hotel Phone Number 559-935-0717




### September 20—September 22, 2023

Landscape Design School Course 3-  
New Smyrna Beach, FL  
Zoom—Virtual Classroom  
Organizer: Sally Flanagan  
Phone: 386-428-3170  
Email: sfflan@aol.com

### 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



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**The Joys of Gardening**

Have you ever seen a happier gardener?

This is Janet Jack who grew this very tall, beautiful sunflower.