

BURBANK-VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

OVER THE GARDEN WALL

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April, 2025—Agenda

9:30 a.m. Doors Open
10:00 a.m. Business Meeting
11:00 a.m. "Otto and Son's Roses in Fillmore"
Speaker: Scott from Otto and Son's Roses



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President's Message

Hello Gardeners,

Hard to believe we are already into April. As with many gardens this time of year, new green growth is everywhere you look. Some old familiar blooms along with some new blooms offering new energy and promise. Such is the case with our club membership. We have new members bringing new energy and ideas. This month we will be voting on a new slate of 2025-2027 Board Officers. Board Officers serve for 2 years offering fresh new ideas and energy. This last year we implemented some of the new ideas suggested by club members, the 2025 Garden Calendar and the Garden Basket Raffle, to name a few. We appreciate everyone's input and energy in making our club the best we can be in service to our garden community.

Over the last several months we have been working hard to inform high school seniors and students at 2 and 4 year colleges about our Scholarship. We have 8 potential scholarship recipients. Unfortunately, we are only able to give out one scholarship this year. We are however working to increase our fundraising efforts to give out more scholarships in the coming years. One of the ways we will increase our scholarship funds is through monthly local restaurant fundraisers. Last month members enjoyed lunch with margaritas at Barragan's while laughing and sharing gardening stories. These restaurant fundraisers are not only fun but provide us with the scholarship funds to support aspiring environmental or horticulture students. This month, Panda Express in the Empire Center will support our fundraising efforts scheduled for April 11 from 10am-10pm. Please present the flyer when you order. Flyers will be available at our April meeting.

In May we will be taking our annual Field Trip leaving the Little White Chapel at 9:30-arriving back at 3:30. This year we are going to the South Coast Botanical Garden in Palos Verdes. The original plan was to enjoy the expansive garden as well as schedule a tour of their Butterfly Exhibit. Unfortunately, the butterfly exhibit has been postponed until June. We will continue to make our trip to the botanical gardens having lunch and enjoying the special exhibit on Bamboo art. There will be a tram available for those who would like to forgo the garden walk. You can either bring your own lunch or order your own Box Lunch from Corner Bakery. The Bus ride is free and tickets for the trip are \$20. We look forward to having all club members join us for this field trip.

This month our Speaker will be Scott Klittich from Otto and Son's Roses in Fillmore. Scott will speak with us about all of the different varieties of roses, rose care, and which roses are consistent producers. I hope you will join us on Thursday April 3, 2025 at the Little White Chapel at 10am. The address is 1711 North Avon Ave Burbank, CA 91505.

Robin

April 3, 2025 Meeting “Otto and Son’s Roses”

Speaker: Scott from Otto and Son’s Roses

Scott Klittich will try to clarify some of the myths of growing roses in our gardens.

Otto’s Roses specializes in growing container roses and fruit trees for retail garden centers and landscapers throughout Southern California.



March 6, 2025 Meeting



Yvonne Savio was the last minute substitute for the scheduled speaker.

Yvonne Savio has been “playing” in home gardens, community gardens, and school gardens for some 60 years in both Southern and Northern California. She retired in 2015 as Master Gardener.

Yvonne Savio grew up and still lives on a 3/4-acre hillside city lot in Pasadena, growing fruits, vegetables, and flowers year-round in manure- and compost-amended gardens. From years of gardening, she knows what “harvested at the perfect moment of ripeness” means and is passionate about enabling others to enjoy the benefits of “growing your own.”

She specializes in drought-tolerant techniques for growing vegetables, fruits, perennials, roses, and succulents. At our meeting, Yvonne advised us about spring and summer planting of vegetables and flowers, both seeds and transplants. She showed us pictures of many, many vegetables and flowers she has planted in her garden and talked about the different personalities of each plant. There was much to learn.

Earth Day 2025

Burbank Valley Garden Club will join with other community sponsors during the upcoming City of Burbank Earth Day. The event scheduled for Saturday April 26, 2025 starting at 10am going till 2pm at Ralph Foy Park located at 3211 W Victory Blvd Burbank.

We will host a table sharing information about our club’s mission and activities. Anyone interested in participating in this opportunity please contact Laura Duran.



Hollywood Way Community Garden Grand Opening myBurbank.com



Ribbon Cutting at New Community Garden

A once-vacant dirt lot, used for storage and the occasional Christmas tree sale, has been transformed into a thriving community asset. City officials, elected representatives, and local residents gathered Saturday morning to celebrate the grand opening of the Hollywood Way/Clark Community Garden, marking a new chapter in Burbank’s sustainability efforts.

Located at 3705 West Clark Avenue, the garden will provide residents with space to grow fresh produce, build community connections, and support urban agriculture. The project is a collaboration between the City of Burbank, the Los Angeles Community Garden Council (LACGC), and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

February 22, 2025 the City of Burbank and the Burbank Community Garden Steering Committee celebrated the grand opening of the Hollywood Way/Clark community garden. Mayor Nikki Perez, Assemblyman Nick Schultz, and State Senator Caroline Menjivar all recognized and thanked you for your tireless work in helping to establish this community garden.

This has been a long time coming. We are very grateful to all club members who have been working tirelessly to establish this community garden. Mayor Perez, in the coming month, will have a presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation for all community members who worked tirelessly to establish our Community Gardens.

Assemblymember Nick Schultz, holding his young daughter as he spoke, emphasized the garden’s role in urban agriculture, environmental education, and community bonding. “This garden is more than just a place to grow food—it’s a haven for birds, bees, pollinators, and butterflies. It’s a home for the living, breathing world,” Schultz said.

Schultz gave special thanks to the volunteers, who collectively dedicated nearly 2,000 hours to building and maintaining the garden. Volunteer groups included members from South Hills Church, Marriott, Starbucks, UMe Credit Union, Burbank-Valley Garden Club, the John Burroughs High School football team, numerous students, and Girl Scout troops.

Mrs. Chipmunk Speaks

Nestled in from the cold weather the snow is deep, wet and still coming down. My little family and the mister have decided to settle in for the day. Plenty of stored food, so we are doing fine.

After the hot summer and the fires, we like the snow and the cold. Our fur is nice and thick and warms us nicely.

It was a terrible summer. We lost so many friends in the fires...so many trees and bushes that offered shelter and food. We try to forget and move on...but when we do get out and about, their absence is sadly noted.

There isn't much more to burn in our area. Perhaps we will have a safer time ahead. The moisture from the snow and the rain should help the tree seedlings to grow.

I am now designated by my forest friends as the official "forest snoop". I have to start keeping watch on activities in the forest. Note the dry spots that could cause trouble, and head a group of other forest members to keep watch for fires and sound the alarm. We were caught off guard this last time.

Usually, our senses are acute and we can anticipate danger. Won't happen again! We lost so much.

The fear of another season of fires still stays with us.

We hope that the visitors to the forest this summer will realize what fire can do to our beautiful and peaceful area. Maybe together we can help to be good to "Mother Nature".



April Fundraiser

When: Friday, April 11—
10:00 am to 10:00 pm

Where: Panda Express
1541 N Victory Pl
Burbank
818 841-4337

How to Order

On Line

PandaExpress.com
Enter 3836756 on
fund raiser Code box

In Person

Bring paper flyer or show
it on your smartphone



Flyers will be available at our meeting



SAVE THE DATE

Happy April Birthday!

April 3 Noella Ballenger

April 7 Vonda Neundorf

April 12 Sandy Keaton



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Happenings

April 6 @8:00 am - 10:00 am

First Sunday Family Friendly Bird Walks
hosted by the Pomona Valley Audubon Society

California Botanic Garden

1500 N. College Ave, Claremont

These free family-friendly walks will lead you through the beautiful, winding trails of California Botanic Garden showing how you can spot and identify your local bird life. Free admission

April 15 @ 8:30 am - 2:30 pm —\$25

Southern California Garden Club Bus Trip

Depart from Balboa Sports Complex in Encino (on Balboa Blvd north of Burbank Blvd.). Visit Placerita Canyon State Park in Santa Clarita, and Green Thumb Nursery in Newhall.

For information contact GregPokorski@earthlink.net

For reservations by April 11 contact 4Rita.Desilets@gmail.com

April 17 @ 10:00 am

Burbank African Violet Society

Little White Chapel Social Hall

1711 North Avon Ave Burbank, CA 91505

General meeting. Everyone welcome.

April 24–27, 2025

Southern California Spring Garden Show

South Coast Plaza

3333 Bristol Street

Costa Mesa, CA, 92626

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