



# Into the Garden

The Gardeners' Club  
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Hope  
you will  
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AT OUR

## Spring Plant Sale & Swap

Our members offer a limitless variety of bulbs, annuals, perennials, shrubs, seeds, small trees, tools, planters, knick-knacks, books, watering equipment and anything/ everything "garden". You'll find plants you've never heard of and plants you've always wanted to try.



Got plants ready to divide, or ones you are replacing? Been so enthusiastically sowing that you've got seedlings to share? Pots you don't need any more? Garden art that needs a new home? Looking for free or low-cost treasures for your garden?

Clean out your tool shed, thin your perennial beds, make space on your bookshelf, finish your garden crafts...and bring your goodies to our amazing annual spring event.

See the inside back cover for more information. If you don't have plants to trade, come with cash or check to buy at bargain prices. Don't miss out – see you there!

Join us! Thursday  
May 9, 7:00 pm  
Aptos Grange Hall  
2555 Mar Vista Dr.



# Welcome to open Days!

Fueling America's passion for gardens, the Garden Conservancy's Open Days program annually celebrates the country's most exciting, creative, and innovative private gardens. Open Days is made up of a nationwide community of gardeners and garden enthusiasts teaching and inspiring each other and the public. From expert to novice, there is no better way to improve as a gardener than by experiencing a diverse range of gardens, and gardening traditions, firsthand.

Registration is now open for all Open Days through the end of May! There are some stupendous gardens open to visit in the East Bay, and I've signed up for several, including that of artist Keeyla Meadows in Albany. They are \$5 for Conservancy members and \$15 for non-members. Check them out at <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/alameda-county-ca-open-day-2>.



## SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAIN MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

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May 4 - 5, 2024  
Felton, CA

cultivation talks | cooking demos | diy booths  
kids zone | nature walks | live music  
food | wine | beer | art

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW  
[WWW.CALIFORNIAMUSHROOMFESTIVAL.COM](http://WWW.CALIFORNIAMUSHROOMFESTIVAL.COM)



Due to rain, the Master Gardeners Let's Grow Veggies workshop was rescheduled for this week! [mbmg.ucanr.edu](http://mbmg.ucanr.edu)



## IN-PERSON WORKSHOP let's grow veggies!

You're invited to learn how to grow vegetables from a team of Master Gardeners in our new demonstration garden!

**WHEN**  
Sat, May 5, 9-11 am

**WHERE**  
UC Master Gardeners  
Demo Garden, Watsonville

**COST**  
Free. Donations appreciated.

[mbmg.ucanr.edu](http://mbmg.ucanr.edu)





## PLANT TABLE PRICES

Some Club members have mentioned concerns about the prices on the Plant Table. The Board has been struggling with how to deal with the cost of the monthly fee at the Grange going from \$35 to \$88. We will likely ask for \$20 membership next year, instead of \$15. In the meantime, it has been brought up several times that we need to increase the prices at the Plant Table. We have remained firm that we need to keep prices low and not wholesale increase the prices according to size. As a compromise, we've authorized the people working at the Plant Table to price some/many plants **INDIVIDUALLY** and to have more **FLEXIBILITY ACCORDING TO VALUE**. This is, of course, subjective! Our hope is that we still give people good value compared to nurseries and garden centers. Good grief, Annie's Annuals have priced themselves out of my means! Anyway, I wanted to let you know you've been heard and that we're trying for that middle ground. We really appreciate your contributions to the Plant Table.

—President Cherry Thompson

## OUR BOARD—WE NEED YOU!

Board meetings are a great pleasure. We get to tour our gardens, share wonderful food, share the latest community gardening news and exchange tips, and in general enjoy what has been described as a "club within the club".

### The Treasurer position is now open.

We thank Dena Gonsalves for two years of service She and Rob will be moving to Sonora. Here are the duties::

- Pay all bills including but not limited to monthly rent, annual insurance, Calif. Garden Club dues & Santa Clara District dues
- Reimburse for miscellaneous expenses, e.g., newsletter, refreshments, raffle plants, meeting expenses.
- Make bank deposits

- Reconcile bank statement
- Prepare and give treasurer's report for Club meetings
- Perform or supervise cashier duties at fundraisers
- Deposit membership dues after Membership Chairperson adds information
- Write checks for donations or other expenses approved by Club Board.
- Provide box with cash change for Plant sales and fundraisers.
- Helpful, but not required experience with spreadsheets.

Contact Cherry or any Board member if interested.

Board Members have been absorbing the duties of the vacant **Vice President** position for a very long time, choosing and arranging speakers and activities for our meetings. Please consider helping us with these duties.



The Annual Iris Show will be held this year at the London Nelson Center, 301 Center St, Santa Cruz, on May 11 and May 12. The show is open to the public from one until 6 on Saturday and 11 am until 5 pm on Sunday. Admission is free. It is scheduled this time of year when irises are in peak bloom.



The Society says, "We have two main purposes for this show. First, we wish to introduce the interested members of the public to irises. Second, we wish to provide an occasion to judge irises, both unnamed seedlings and established cultivars."

In this show, irises are not judged against other irises of different colors, but are judged for the best possible form, color and size of that particular cultivar. We also judge the skill of the exhibitor in terms of how well the plant has been grown, and how skillfully the stalk has been staged at the show."

The show provides opportunities for growers to display the results of their careful cultivation, to promote interest in the irises, and for gardeners to both observe high-quality specimens and identify varieties to add to their own gardens. With upcoming rhizome sales coming later in summer, this can be a study session in preparation for the gardener's visit to the related plant sales.



The Society's sales this year are scheduled for August 3, 10 and 17.





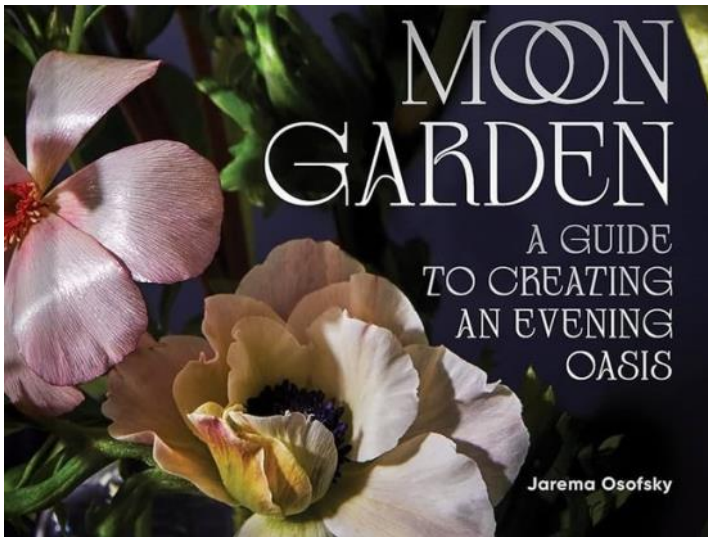
# Aromas Country Garden Tour

*Featuring Artists in the Gardens*

**Saturday, 10-4  
May 11, 2024**

Tickets: \$25 per person, \$20 Seniors (65 and up)  
Available day of event at  
**Aromas Community Grange**  
Corner of Rose & Bardue, Aromas

Stroll through extraordinary gardens throughout the Aromas countryside, learn from gardeners and be inspired! Artists will be in the gardens demonstrating and sharing their work. This popular annual fundraiser supports the Aromas Hills Artisans. Starts at the Aromas Community Grange.



Thu, May 16, 2024  
2:00 PM- 3:00 PM EST

<https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/virtual-talk-moon-garden>

## Zoom Event: The Garden Conservancy

Moon Garden is a guide to creating a garden that comes alive at night, with night-blooming plants and night-fragrant flowers. The book is full of design and horticultural wisdom, planting tips for outdoor, indoor, and container gardens, and soothing rituals such as journaling and meditations. With beautiful botanical illustrations, Moon Garden encourages readers to approach gardening as a grounding, spiritual practice. REGISTRATION: \$5 for members of the Garden Conservancy; \$15 for General Admission. A recording of this webinar will be sent to all registrants a few days after the event. We encourage you to register,

The speaker, Jarema Osofsky is a Brooklyn-based landscape designer with roots in Hong Kong. Jarema's design studio, Dirt Queen NYC, works closely with clients to create verdant gardens that offer meaningful and ecologically sustainable connections to the natural world. If you cannot attend the live webinar.



**Saturday and Sunday,  
May 18th and 19th — 10am-4pm**  
**At the home and garden of Linda  
Beatham, artist and horticulturist: 3175  
Scriver St, Santa Cruz, 95062**



# Instructions & Tally Sheet for Plant Swap and Sale

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to get free and bargain-priced plants and paraphernalia for your garden. Come choose from a limitless variety of plants, bulbs, perennials, shrubs, seeds, small trees, tools, pots, vases, planters, books, magazines, surplus harvest, knick-knacks and anything/everything garden. If you don't have plants to trade, you can buy stuff at ridiculously low prices. You are sure to discover something new to try.

You can take plants home by either by paying cash with cash or check, or by bringing plants and other items for trade tickets to use instead of cash. Fill out this form before the meeting if you are going to trade. This is what you'll get for what you bring:

- 2", 3" & 4" pots: 1 ticket each
- 6" pot or 6-pack: 1.5 ticket each
- 1 gallon pot: 2 tickets each
- 2 gallon pot: 3 tickets each

Miscellaneous items are priced at the meeting.

Label your plants with their common or botanical names, and put your name

on them in case purchasers have questions.

Please don't bring loose, dirty plants that would make a mess, or plants you wouldn't be proud to put your name on.

We appreciate all of you who come early to help set up – it's a lot of work! And if you can, plan on staying to help with clean-up.

We'll start accepting plants at 6:40 p.m. The purchase prices are:

- 2", 3", or 4" pots: 2 tickets or \$1 each
- 6" pot or 6-pack: 3 tickets, or \$1.50 each
- 1 gallon pot: 4 tickets or \$2.00 each
- 2 gallon pot: 6 ticket or \$3.00 each

When there are multiples of the same plant available, please take only one until other members have had a chance to buy one. If there are multiples left over, then you can grab them! Plants that don't get sold or given away go home with the person who brought them.

Good luck, and have fun!



**Please complete this form at home and bring it with you to the meeting.**

Number of 2, 3 or 4" pots: \_\_\_\_\_ X 1 = \_\_\_\_\_ tickets

Number of 6" pots or 6-packs: \_\_\_\_\_ X 1.5 = \_\_\_\_\_ tickets (round up to whole number)

Number of 1-gal. pots: \_\_\_\_\_ X 2 = \_\_\_\_\_ tickets

Number of 2-gal. pots: \_\_\_\_\_ X 3 = \_\_\_\_\_ tickets

Miscellaneous items (to be priced at meeting): \_\_\_\_\_ tickets

**TOTAL TICKETS:** \_\_\_\_\_



# CAMP JOY ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE

CAMP JOY GARDENS ANNUAL SPRING

## PLANT SALE



SAT MAY 11TH & SUN MAY 12TH 9am - 1pm

special guest sugar by the pound

May 11 and May 12  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Camp Joy Gardens 131 Camp Joy Road, Boulder Creek,

"We will have lots of starts to offer for sale at our Annual Spring Plant Sale. Peppers and tomatoes in 3 and 4 inch pots and various gallon perennials as well as a limited selection of other annual flowers herbs and vegetables. Join us and a whole heap of happy mamas at the

annual [@campjygardens](https://www.facebook.com/campjygardens) Spring Plant Sale!

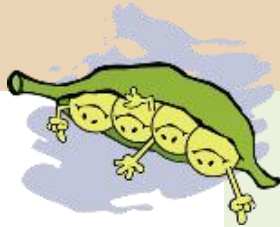


Sugar by the Pound will be serenading as you saunter along picking just what you want to grow in your garden (or your Mama's) for the summer! "

Sugar by the Pound

Our front page logo is graciously shared with us by artist Lisa Zador. Order a print or see more of her work at her Etsy shop [www.etsy.com/shop/curiousprintpattern](https://www.etsy.com/shop/curiousprintpattern).

It's easy-peasy to join our club! Dues are \$15 per calendar year. Make check to "The Gardeners' Club" and mail to P.O. Box 3025, Ben Lomond, CA 95005. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos



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