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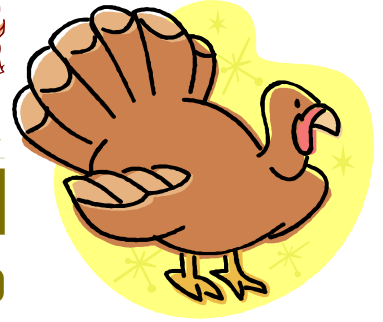


December 2010



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# malibu Garden Club



Thanksgiving

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## OUT OF YOUR GOURDS !!!

PRESENTED BY:

**SUSAN SULLIVAN**

California Gourd Society  
[www.calgourd.com](http://www.calgourd.com)

- WEDNESDAY -  
**NOVEMBER 3, 2010**  
7:00 PM

The Club House — Pt. Dume Club,  
29500 W Heathercliff Road, Malibu

GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME.  
REFRESHMENTS SERVED.



You would not believe what you can do with gourds!! But luckily we will have Susan Sullivan at our meeting to explain. Susan is from the California Gourd Society. She will be discussing how fun it is to grow gourds (which there are many of !) and display examples of how artists and crafters utilize gourds to make interesting art objects, musical instruments and craft items.

Enjoy some warm gourd soup and mulled cider, or bring your own wine if you wish!

See you there!!

*Garden Club Sharing Table: every meeting bring something, take something home...plants, cuttings, pots, extra fruit or veggies from your garden, anything garden related .... or not....*

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### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS: (subject to change)

\*\*\*\*\***DUES WERE DUE OCT. 1ST** \*\*\*\*\*  
**DID YOU PAY YOURS?**

November: we are still working out the details for a special trip for those members renewing their dues before November 1st.

December: Craft Class - details to be announced

January: Rose speaker

February: Chocolate!

March: Tomato Mania

April: Sustainable Landscaping for Dummies author, Owen Dell.

May 7th: annual garden tour



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## THANK YOU MASTER PUMPKIN CARVER GENE GRANATA



We had no idea the things Gene could do with a pumpkin and carving tools!! Gene took us through carving 2 unbelievable pumpkins and at the end we turned off the lights and watched the pumpkins light up and come alive. A great time was had by all, topping the night off with pumpkin pie, ice cream, mulled cider and punch. Thanks so much Gene!!

If you would like to order any of the tools or templates you saw Gene use that night, you may visit his website [www.masterpiecepumpkins.com](http://www.masterpiecepumpkins.com)



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour November 7th.



## THANKSGIVING - 11/25



Source: [www.history.com](http://www.history.com)

In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the New World. After a treacher-

ous and uncomfortable crossing that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod, far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. One month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims, as they are now commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth.

Throughout that first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the ship, where they suffered from exposure, scurvy and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore, where they received an astonishing visit from an Abenaki Indian who greeted them in English. Several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto, a member of the Pawtuxet tribe who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery before escaping to London and returning to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the historic banquet's exact menu, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow wrote in his journal that Governor Bradford sent four men on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the event, and that the Wampanoag guests arrived bearing five deer. Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of contemporary celebrations.

During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress designated one or more days of thanksgiving a year, and in 1789 George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation by the national government of the United States; in it, he called upon Americans to express their gratitude for the happy conclusion to the country's war of independence and the successful ratification of the U.S. Constitution. His successors John Adams and James Madison also designated days of thanks during their presidencies. In 1817, New York became the first of several states to officially adopt an annual Thanksgiving holiday; each celebrated it on a different day, however. In 1827, the noted magazine editor and prolific writer Sarah Josepha Hale—author of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb"—launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. For 36 years, she published numerous editorials and sent scores of letters to governors, senators, presidents and other politicians. Abraham Lincoln finally heeded her request in 1863, at the height of the Civil War. He scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939, when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt's plan, known derisively as Franksgiving, was met with passionate opposition, and in 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November.



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## EVENTS IN OUR AREA

**11/6 - 3 workshops: California Native Plants for the Senses, with Carol Bornstein, award-winning author 9:30-11:30am; Planting and Pruning—How to Create and Maintain a Beautiful Native Plant Garden in the Fall, a workshop with Carol Bornstein 9:30-11:30am; The ABCs of Native Plant Gardening, with Lili Singer, garden writer 11-12:30pm:** Napolito Nursery, Calvary Christian Fellowship Church 4221 East Main Street (next door to Nopolito Nursery) Ventura. [www.napolitonursery.com](http://www.napolitonursery.com)

**11/6 - Award Winning Composting Class:** 10-11:30am. Fullerton Arboretum has been recognized by the US Environmental Protection Agency for its GreenScapes activities including its commitment to providing outstanding composting classes. Learn how to build & improve your composting system to more quickly turn yard clipping and food scraps into soil. This class provides an overview of composting for the beginner as well as a discussion of advanced techniques. Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton. [www.fullertonarboretum.org](http://www.fullertonarboretum.org) (657)278-7066

**11/6&7 - Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale:** 9am-4pm. LA County Arboretum & Botanic Garden, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia. [www.sgvcss.com](http://www.sgvcss.com)

**11/9 - Landscaping as if the Watershed Mattered:** 7:30-9:30pm. Presented by California Native Plant Society. With Drew Ready who is the Sustainable Landscape Program Watershed Coordinator the LA & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council. Drew coordinates sustainable landscape advocacy and created the Plant Profiler online database as well as a series of invasive plant educational materials available at [www.weedwatch.org](http://www.weedwatch.org). Drew will share his Plant Profiler database as well as other resources useful for the landscaper and home gardener. Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd, Encino. [www.lasmmcnps.org](http://www.lasmmcnps.org) 818-881-3706

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**11/13 - Creating a Sustainable Garden with Native Plants:** join local designer Lisa Burton talk about her 12-Step Program for a Sustainable Garden. Her program includes considerations for being climate-appropriate, ocean-friendly, and supportive of our local wildlife including birds, butterflies, beneficial insects, and bees. She will talk about the important role native plants play in accomplishing her goals and will share with us some of her favorite natives she utilizes in the gardens she creates. Napolito Nursery, Calvary Christian Fellowship Church 4221 East Main Street (next door to Nopolito Nursery) Ventura. [www.napolitonursery.com](http://www.napolitonursery.com)

**11/18 - Clair Martin, the Curator of the Huntington Rose Garden:** Clair will be speaking and showing pictures of "British Rose Gardens" from his tour of England this summer. He is a foremost expert on roses and an excellent speaker. His talk should be a fascinating rose journey through English gardens. Ventura County Educational Center, 5100 Adolfo Rd. Camarillo. Doors open at 6:30 pm for refreshments and for advice from consulting rosarians. Speakers begin at 7:30 pm. For more information please contact Dawn-Marie Johnson at 805-523-9003 or Janet Sklar at 818-993-6622.

**11/20 - Flower Arranging: Succulents and Fresh Flowers: 10am-noon.** Decorate the Thanksgiving table with a distinctive arrangement of long-lasting succulents mingled with freshly cut flowers. Casey Schwartz and Kit Wertz, the designing sisters from Flower Duet, will lead a hands-on workshop. Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino. (626)405-3504. [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org)

## Recycled Water Forum Proceedings

Now Available!

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation has just released digital proceedings from their "Recycled Water/Plant/Soil Compatibility Conservation Forum". Anyone with an interest in water conservation and sustainable landscapes will find the design and maintenance implications within these proceedings invaluable.

<http://tinyurl.com/recycledwaterforum>

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## HAVE ANY NEWS YOU WANT TO SHARE?

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## WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS TO FILL BOARD AND COMMITTEE

**POSITIONS:** Secretary & Garden Tour Sub Committee. Please let us know if you are interested in helping!

## MALIBU GARDEN CLUB'S MISSION

The Malibu Garden Club is a non-profit organization whose mission is to aid in the beautification of Malibu, promote civic development and improvement, present scholarships to deserving students of horticulture, landscape architecture or related fields along with creating and promoting goodwill & friendship among local residents.