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Sustainable Landscaping: A Visionary Look at the Future of Gardens

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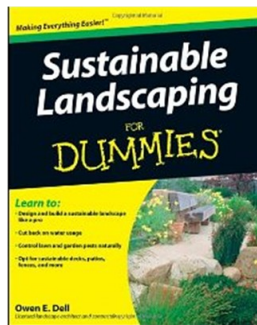
Owen Dell

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- WEDNESDAY -
APRIL 6, 2011

7:00 PM

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



We are really excited to have Owen Dell at our next meeting.

Owen has been in the landscaping business since 1971. He is the author of several books, including Sustainable Landscaping For Dummies. He is also co-host of the wildly popular Southern California television series Garden Wise Guys, featuring Owen Dell and Billy Goodnick; it's the only sustainable landscaping situation comedy show on the planet! Owen Dell has helped thousands of people to create and enjoy the beauty, economy, easy care, and earth-friendliness of landscaping that's done right. He has pioneered many of the ideas that are today considered a basic part of good landscaping practice.

Owen believes sustainable landscaping is for everyone. A sustainable landscape saves water, money, and labor. It's easier to live with and it's better for the environment. A sustainable landscape produces food, creates habitat for wildlife, reduces energy consumption, protects against wildfires, and a lot more. A sustainable landscape is affordable, beautiful, and good for the planet. A sustainable landscape is a landscape that works right, demands little, looks great, and rewards its users every day. There no reason not to have a sustainable landscape. In fact, if your landscape isn't sustainable, you're wasting effort and money. Come to our meeting where Owen will share his vision of how environmentally and socially conscious landscaping can make a huge contribution to a brighter future. This dynamic, eye-opening talk will forever change the way you understand your relationship to the landscape. This immensely popular talk will send you away excited about the future and eager to take part in creating a better world.

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS: (subject to change)

May 4th: **Water Gardens, Ponds & Fountains** - Including Fish & Plants by Bob Morris.

May 21st: **Annual Garden Tour**

June 1st: **California Natives Gardening:** Kathleen Bullard—Manhattan Beach Botanic Garden

July 6th: to be announced

August 3rd: **Heirloom Tomatoes** with Laura Taylor. Individual tastings & comparisons. See her website www.laurataylorathome.com for a 2011 Calendar with Month to Month Growing Guide & Recipes

September 7th: to be announced

October 5th: **Monrovia Growers New Plant Introductions** with Nicholas Staddon. Door prizes & more!



IT'S ALMOST HERE!!!

**OUR 13TH
ANNUAL GARDEN
TOUR!!!!**

SATURDAY, MAY 21ST

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR SEVERAL DOCENTS TO HELP AT
OUR GARDEN SITES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR
KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE PLEASE CONTACT US**

AT:

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**PASS THE DATE ON TO YOUR
FRIENDS & FAMILY!!!!**

**MORE DETAILS AND THE INVITATION WILL BE COMING SOON
TO YOUR MAILBOX IN APRIL....**

TICKETS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED ON OUR WEBSITE

WWW.MALIBUGARDENCLUB.ORG

**WE WILL AGAIN BE OFFERING ADVERTISING IN OUR GARDEN BOOKLETS. IF
YOU OR YOUR COMPANY ARE INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING, PLEASE SEND
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FORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE SOON.**



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THANK YOU TO OUR TOMATOMANIA SPEAKER!!

A big thanks to Scott Daigre of Tomatomania for giving us an inspiring, engaging, educational and funny presentation on tomatoes. We heard from several of you that you ran out and bought different types of tomato seeds! Thanks Scott!



APRIL 6TH IS POPPY DAY



April 6th of each year is designated "California Poppy Day". The California Poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*) is a compact annual native to California and the southwestern states. It is extremely drought tolerant. Its height can reach up to 18 inches. The blooming period generally is April-August and each night or in overcast weather these brilliant flowers close waiting for the sun. Its botanical name was given by Adelbert Von Chamisso, a naturalist and member of the Prussian Academy of Sciences, who dropped anchor in San Francisco in 1816 in a bay surrounded by hills of golden flowers. Then on December 12, 1890, the California State Floral Society cast their votes to designate an official flower for California. The three flowers to be voted upon included the California Poppy, the Mariposa Lily (*Calochortus*), and the Matilija poppy (*Romneya coulteri*). The California poppy won the esteemed title of "Official California State Flower" by an overwhelming landslide and remains the state flower to this day. This plant is actually powerful medicine. Originally used by Native Americans, it contains isoquinoline alkaloids, which are known to have pain-relieving properties.

All wildflowers, including the poppy, are protected by California law with a \$500 fine for violation. For every one wildflower picked, one hundred less will bloom next year.

Plant golden poppies in your garden. Scatter the seeds in autumn. California poppy seeds are available in traditional gold color as well as yellow, copper and white. Sow the seeds where the poppy will grow, as it does not transplant well.

POPPY DAY (CONT'D)

The poppy prefers full sun and sandy or well-drained soil and the poppy can even grow in poor soil. This is one of the earliest spring flowers. It adapts to many gardens and self-seeds so once it is growing in your garden, you may enjoy it for many years.

There are some incredible places to see poppies. One of the best is the **Antelope Valley Poppy Reserve**: 13 mi. West of Hwy.14, Lancaster. This is the most consistent poppy-bearing land in California. 805-724-1180. www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=627. A great website to view pictures of poppies and read about other poppy viewing areas is: www.totalescape.com/active/leisure/wildflwr.html

THEODORE PAYNE WILDFLOWER HOTLINE

Call and get the Hotline recording (818) 768-3533. It's always updated by Friday morning during the season.

Or go to their website for the online version: www.theodorepayne.org/hotline.html

PLEASE WELCOME *BIRUTE VILEISIS* AS OUR NEW 1ST VP / PROGRAM DIRECTOR

We are excited to have Birute. She will be managing our programs and speakers for our club. She takes over for Yvette Bocz. Welcome Birute!!

PURCHASE A GARDEN BOX AND PROCEEDS GO TO THE WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION

Knox Garden Box Elevates the Gardening Experience Celebrate National Garden Month ... Purchase a Knox Garden Box during the month of April and 10% of the Proceeds Go to the Wheelchair Foundation. Built with sturdy, insect- and rot-resistant lumber, these innovative boxes bring gardening to you, and come with several built-in advantages. Call 831-461-9430 or visit www.knoxgardenbox.com



The Wheelchair Foundation is a non-profit organization with a goal to provide a free wheelchair to every child, teen and adult worldwide who needs one, but has no means to acquire one.

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT WEEK APRIL 17 - APRIL 23

The California State Assembly & Senate have approved Resolution ACR173 establishing California Native Plant Week. This measure proclaims the 3rd week of April, each year, and encourages community groups, schools and citizens to undertake appropriate activities to promote the conservation, restoration, and appreciation of California's native plants.



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EVENTS IN OUR AREA

California Native Plant Week April 17-23

4/2 - California Native Plant Society 17th Annual Garden Tour: 9:30am-1:30pm. Featuring gardens in the Palo Verdes area. www.sccnps.org.

4/9 - The Summer Garden in Southern California: 10am-noon. Sponsored by LA County Arboretum. Prepare the garden for a full and bountiful summer season. Learn about soil prep, composting issues and summer plant solutions, organic pest control. Palm Room. LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia. Call (626)821-4623 or www.arboretum.org

4/9&10 - Theodore Payne 8th Annual Native Plant Garden Tour: 10am-4pm. Tour 30 homes with a sense of place—gardens that celebrate the nature of Southern California. (818) 768-1802. www.theodorepayne.org

4/9 - Modern Rose Walk: 1pm. Amanda Everett, rose horticulturist, leads the walk showcasing modern roses including some rare and exclusive varieties only found at Descanso Gardens. Learn about the organic rose program. Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. www.descansogardens.org (818)949-4200

4/8-10 - Plant Sale: 9am to 4pm. Students in the horticulture program at Mt. San Antonio College will sell a wide range of outdoor and indoor plants. On the main lawn, Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. www.descansogardens.org (818)949-4200

4/16 - Descanso Gardens Earth Day: 9-5pm. Enjoy a day-long festival based on the theme of water. Enjoy music, lectures, food from Patina restaurant and local artistry for sale. Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. www.descansogardens.org (818)949-4200

4/16&17 - The California Poppy Festival: 10-6pm. Enjoy 2 days of music, art, food and fun celebrating the stateflower of California. The Calif Poppy Festival kicks off Spring in Antelope Valley with a glorious array of celebrated performers. Lancaster City Park, 43011 N. 10th St West, Lancaster. www.poppyfestival.com

EVENTS IN OUR AREA (CONT'D)

4/16&17 - 35th Annual Plant & Garden Show: 10am-4pm. The largest outdoor regional plant & garden show in Southern California. Celebrate California Native Plant Week & Earth Week with environmentally responsible garden design and lectures. Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton, (657) 278-3407 www.fullertonarboretum.org

4/16&17 - Health Soil, Health Garden: Unlocking the Soil Food-web with Compost: 9am-5pm. 2 day workshop. Today with so many techniques to choose from, what actually works? How do we identify healthy compost? For the first time we can finally answer all of these questions. Soil that produces award-winning broccoli will have radically different microbes than an old-growth forest. Learn how to produce healthy compost, compost tea, and extracts that will produce more results in your garden than any fertilizer ever could. Reap a bountiful harvest. Get off fertilizers and herbicides. Increase soil water retention from 30-50%. All with the help of your nearly invisible microbial workforce! LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia. Call (626)821-4623 or www.arboretum.org

4/19 - Malibu Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction: 6:30 pm Preview, 7-9pm Auction. A great opportunity to acquire fantastic orchids at reasonable prices at a fun auction! Held at the Pacific Palisades Women's Club, 901 Haverford Ave, Pacific Palisades 90272 www.malibuorchidsociety.org

4/20 - Beginner's Guide to Planting & Maintaining Native Plants: 10am-noon. This class will introduce you to the basics of installing and maintaining your own garden. Napolito Nursery at the South Seaward Garden, 1058 South Seaward Ave, Ventura. www.nopalitonursery.com (805)844-7449

4/28-5/1 - 22nd Annual Southern California Spring Garden Show: 10am-9pm. Enjoy over 75 specialty gardens and vendors offering exotic plants, unique garden accessories and more. Enjoy landscaped gardens designed by leading landscape architects and designers. South Coast Plaza, Crate&Barrel/Macy's Home Store Wing, 3333 Bear St., Costa Mesa. www.springgardenshow.com 800-782-8888

4/30 - Calabasas Beginning Smart Gardening Workshop: 9:30-11:30 am. Sponsored by LADWP. Attend a free workshop and learn more about backyard composting, worm composting, grass recycling, water-wise and fire-wise gardening! Compost bins can be purchased for \$40 and \$65 for a worm composting bin (both include 1/2 lb of worms). Gates Canyon Park, 25801 Thousand Oaks Blvd, Calabasas. www.smartgardening.com

THERE'S STILL A LOT LEFT!

BOB MORRIS IS GENEROUSLY SHARING HIS HORSE COMPOST PILE WITH US. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SHOVELING SOME FOR FREE CONTACT BOB AT (310)738-6607.



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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....

WANT TO RECEIVE OUR E-NEWSLETTER?

Would you like to be on our e-mail list or know someone that would? Email info@malibugardenclub.org

HAVE ANY NEWS YOU WANT TO SHARE?

If you have any events or news you would like to add to the next newsletter, please email me at: info@malibugardenclub.org

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

- POSITIONS:** Secretary
- Garden Tour Sub Committee
- Publicity

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.