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Happy Valentine's Day!



21st Century Cutting Edge Garden Design

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Joyce

www.alicesgardentravelbuzz.com

- WEDNESDAY -

FEBRUARY 2, 2011

7:00 PM

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



Les Confines - the garden of designer
Dominique Lafourcade
Photo: Alice Joyce

We are excited to have Alice Joyce, Author of *Gardenwalks INSIDERS'* guides and a contributor to: *1001 Gardens You Must See Before You Die*, Alice Joyce brings a passion for green destinations to her writing on garden travel and design. Alice's articles and photographs appear widely in magazines such as *Gardens Illustrated*, *London*, *Garden Design* and *The American Gardener*; while her *Garden Walks* columns appeared for nearly a decade in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. A new web site: *Alice's Garden Travel Buzz* is a popular resource enjoyed by garden tourists and armchair travelers, alike, along with Alice's award-winning regional blog, *Bay Area Tendrils*.

21st Century Gardens: Movements, Trends, Projects

Alice Joyce poses the question: What are the concerns of leading designers working today in England and France? A look at the landscape as art reveals glimpses of exquisite private gardens in Provence, in classic Mediterranean style to the *Neo-Picturesque*: These major projects created in France in the new millennium illustrate the cutting-edge of garden design, showing a penchant for recontouring the terrain and shaping space. The dialogue takes in visits to contemporary public spaces, from Parc Andre Citroen in Paris, to London's *Chelsea Flower Show*, where innovative designer James Dyson adds his brilliant touch to *The Wrong Garden*.

Alice can be found at Alice's Garden Travel Buzz on FACEBOOK
Bay Area Tendrils Garden Travel <http://BayAreaTendrils.blogspot.com>

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS: (subject to change)



March 2nd: **Tomato Mania** by Scott Daigne
www.tomatomania.com

April 6th: **Sustainable Landscaping: A Visionary Look at the Future of Gardens** by Owen Dell.
www.owendell.com

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

May 7th: **Annual Garden Tour**

June 1st: to be announced

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



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THANK YOU TO OUR EXPERT GARDEN PANEL!!!

A Big Thanks to the speakers of our Garden Panel at the last meeting:

Aaron Landworth: Landscape Designer and Professional Horticulturist

Laura Knauss: Owner, Garden Visions, Inc., Malibu

Keith Peabody : Independent Landscape Consultant, Designer, and project manager for Garden Visions

Ramiro Huerta: Landscape designer, Epiphyte & Bromeliad expert, and Owner of Rogue Nursery, Malibu - located within the Malibu Design Center

Many questions were answered pertaining to Malibu gardening topics. The Panel gave practical tips to apply at home, e.g. sprinkler head types - both savers & wasters; they answered questions about specific plant information, soil & amendment from sand to clay, vegetable gardening - what to plan now & a list of unusually interesting varieties, no care easy bulbs for our gardens such as Amaryllis Naked Lady, Leucojum & Giant White Squill, and many more topics!!

Chocolate Tasting cancelled

Please note that the Chocolate Tasting originally scheduled for February's meeting has been cancelled. We will, instead, have the presentation listed on the front of this newsletter. We apologize for any inconveniences.

We are Looking For a Kodak Carousel Slide Projector to Borrow for our upcoming meeting. If you have one please contact Aaron Landworth 310.456.7117 or info@malibugardenclub.org

TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THE 2011 GARDEN TOUR

Docents Needed: Our Annual Garden Tour is scheduled for May 7th. Tally Philbrook will be the Leader of the Garden Tour Docents and is asking for as many volunteers to help her as possible. If you are interested you may contact her directly at (310)457-4116 or niumalu30@yahoo.com. She would love to have you!! You may also send an email to our general mailbox info@malibugardenclub.org

Gardens Needed: We would love to hear from you regarding any suggestions you may have for gardens to be added on our garden tour this year. Please contact Debbie Pearson at deborah_pierson@verizon.net or info@malibugardenclub.org

WHAT IS THAT GIANT THING ON THE HILLSIDE????



Around this time of year, drivers driving down towards the West end of Malibu on PCH may have noticed those beautiful, bright yellow flowers blooming on the bluffs, not far from the ocean. These plants are called *Coreopsis gigantea* or Giant Coreopsis, part of the Sunflower family. There are 35 known species of the plant genus coreopsis, all are native to the Americas, most have showy flowers, and many are widespread wildflowers or popular garden plants, but the giant coreopsis that thrives along the local coast is found on the coastal bluffs from Malibu to San Luis Obispo County and on the Channel Islands and nowhere else in the world! Malibu's first residents, the Chumash, reportedly used the plant to produce a vivid orange dye. It may also have had medicinal properties or cultural significance now forgotten. It grows most thickly in the places where the Chumash once lived, including the ancient Chumash shrine site at Point Dume and the cliffs above what was once the Chumash settlement of Muwu, now Mugu. For many contemporary Malibuites, the golden flowers of the coreopsis are an eagerly anticipated harbinger of Spring.



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EVENTS IN OUR AREA

2/2, 9, 16- Square Foot Gardening Winter 2011: Learn how to maximize your gardening space by planting in above ground grids. This condensed, natural, organic method of gardening will have you reaping the bounty of your garden. South Coast Botanical Garden. 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Palos Verdes Peninsula. www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org

2/2, 9, 16 - Wild in the Garden-Gardening with CA Native Plants: California native plants can add beauty and interest to the home garden. They can also be used to make your garden more water-wise and appealing to birds, butterflies and other creatures. This class introduces the intermediate or advanced gardener to selected topics in gardening with S. California native plants. Each class session illustrates a gardening concept, using native plants suitable for South Bay Gardens. The class will focus on – but not be limited to - plants native to western Los Angeles county and the Palos Verdes peninsula. Relevant plant lists and plant information sheets will be provided for each class session.

2/5 - Camellia Festival: Celebrate Camellia with Faeries, lectures and fun. The camellia is called the Empress of Winter. And in the Descanso landscape, this winter bloomer has won legions of admirers for the seemingly endless variety of its flower form and colors. Descanso Garden will celebrate this signature bloom with a daylong Camellia Festival with garden tours, a class and a guided walk. Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. www.descansogardens.org (818)949-4200

2/5 - Pacific Rose Society's Spectacular Auction: the Pacific Rose Society hosts its annual Rose Auction of hard-to-find, unusual, new and direct from the growers. Over 100 unique and beautiful roses, some regional and national prize-winners, will be available to the highest bidders on a no-reserve, no-holds barred, fast-paced old-fashioned auction. Visit www.pacificrosesociety.org for more info. 11am-5pm

2/10 - Garden Talk & Book Signing: Sustainable Garden Design, 2:30 pm. Bob Perry, author of Landscape Plants for California Gardens, will discuss garden design with an emphasis on sustainability. Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino. (626)405-3504. www.huntington.org

EVENTS IN OUR AREA (CONT'D)

2/12 - Native Plant Landscape Symposium: The Channel Islands Chapter will put on a second annual workshop on the use of native plants in the landscape. We will have new great speakers to provide guidance and ideas about plant selection, care, and maintenance all focusing on plants native to Santa Barbara, Ventura, and western Los Angeles Counties.

2/12 - Backyard Chickens and Bees: 10am—12 noon. Turn your backyard into a min-farm. Local expert John Lyons will teach the basics of raising chickens and backyard beekeeping. Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. www.descansogardens.org (818)949-4200

2/12 - San Diego Winter Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale. 10am-4pm. Strange and exotic plants from around the world with plants for sale as well as hand-made stoneware planters & pots. The Casa Del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park, San Diego. www.sdcss.net

2/13 - Around the World with Roses: Travel along with Steve and Susie as they traverse the world for roses. Their month-long travels start in China, then extend to Spain and Italy where they judge rose trials, visit local rose gardens, and do some sightseeing, before returning home. Santa Clarita Rose Society, SCV Senior Center, 22900 Market Street, Newhall. www.scrs.homestead.com

2/19 - Design like a Pro: Tips and Techniques for Beautiful, functional, Sustainable Gardens with Billy Goodnick, award-winning landscape architect. Nopalito Nursery, Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, 4221 East Main Street, Ventura. www.nopalitonursery.com (805)844-7449.

2/26 - From Seed To Skillet: vegetable gardening with Jimmy Williams & Susan Heeger, representing their new book: From Seed to Skillet: a Guide to Growing, Tending, Harvesting and Cooking up Fresh Healthy food to Share with People you Love. They will share some of the secrets to garden planning, creating healthy soil, raising strong, productive plants, saving seeds and enjoying the harvest with family and friends. LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia. Call (626)821-4623 or www.arboretum.org

2/24 - Romancing the rose: Guest speaker Elda Bielanski. Sponsored by the Ventura County Rose Society. 6:30 pm. Ventura Educational Community Center, 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo. Www.venturarose.org.

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.