



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March 2011



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malibu Garden Club

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PRESENTED BY:

Scott Daigre

www.tomatomania.com

- WEDNESDAY -
MARCH 2, 2011

7:00 PM

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



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....

We welcome Scott Daigre from *Tomatomania* to our March meeting. Tomatomania is the world's largest seller of heirloom tomatoes. Scott will be discussing everything there is to know about heirloom and other types of tomatoes. He will give you a great understanding of how you can be the most successful at growing tomatoes.



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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS: (subject to change)



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. How to build & maintain your own

May 7th: **Annual Garden Tour**

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

July 6th: to be announced

August 3rd: **Heirloom Tomato Tastings & Comparisons** with Laura Taylor. Enjoy prepared tomato dishes for us to eat (including her famous Gazpacho) & recipes to try. www.laurataylorathome.com for a 2011 Calendar

September: to be announced

October: **Monrovia Growers** — Nicholas Staddon: new plant introductions, door prizes & more!



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THANK YOU ALICE JOYCE !

We want to thank Alice Joyce for an very interesting meeting last month on 21st Century Cutting Edge Garden Design. Thanks so much Alice!

Visit her website:

www.alicesgardentravelbuzz.com



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

CALIFORNIA ARBOR DAY — MARCH 7-14

Arbor Day is celebrated nationally to encourage Americans to maintain and replenish our country's vast forests, orchards and woodlands. In California, we observe Arbor Day on the birthday of famed horticulturist, Luther Burbank. A Californian, Burbank was a pioneer in experimental plant breeding. His life's labor produced hundreds of plants and trees that have contributed to the natural splendor and food production in our state. From providing shade to beautifying our homes, neighborhoods and communities, trees are enjoyed by everyone. Trees decorate our landscapes with rich colors and shapes, and they provide vital stability to our ecosystem. They improve water and air quality, provide habitats for animals and plant life and prevent flooding and erosion. On Arbor Day in California, we commit ourselves to preserving and planting trees for our own benefit and for the benefit of future generations.

2011 GARDEN TOUR - DOCENTS AND GARDENS NEEDED

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. Contact Debbie Pearson at deb-
orah_pierson@verizon.net or info@malibugardenclub.org

WILDFLOWER HOTLINE

It's almost that time of year—wildflower season! Theodore Payne Foundation will again be bringing you updates (818)768-3533. Updated every Friday morning through the end of May.

To report wildflowers in bloom: flowerhotline@theodorepayne.org

THE SHAMROCK*

Clover (*Trifolium*), or **trefoil**, is a genus of about 300 species of plants in the leguminous pea family Fabaceae. The genus has a cosmopolitan distribution; the highest diversity is found in the temperate Northern Hemisphere, but many species also occur in South America and Africa, including at high altitudes on mountains in the tropics. They are small annual, biennial, or short-lived perennial herbaceous plants. Other closely related genera often called clovers include *Melilotus* (sweet clover) and *Medicago* (alfalfa or 'calvary clover'). The "shamrock" of popular iconography is sometimes considered to be young clover. The scientific name derives from the Latin *tres*, "three", and *folium*, "leaf", so called from the characteristic form of the leaf, which has three leaflets (trifoliate); hence the popular name trefoil. Clovers are used as food plants by the larvae of some Lepidoptera (butterfly and moth) species; see list of Lepidoptera that feed on clovers. *Wikipedia

CONGRATULATIONS DOLPHIN AWARD WINNER SHELBY BASSO, TRANCAS GARDEN CENTER !!

We'd like to congratulate Shelby Basso on her Malibu Dolphin Award, given to recognize a resident's outstanding efforts. Shelby has been a long-time supporter of our club. If you haven't visited her garden center - it is a must! Located on Trancas & PCH, in the How's Market Shopping center.



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EVENTS IN OUR AREA

3/5: Everything's Coming Up Spring - 1:30pm. Welcome spring with flowers and make your garden the talk of the neighborhood. Mike Brown teaches the basics which include soil preparation, raised planting beds, container gardens and more. Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. www.descansogardens.org (818)949-4200

3/5: Organic Fruit and Vegetable Gardening - 12-4pm. Learn how to grow fruits & vegetables organically. Bamboo Room. LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia. Call (626)821-4623 or www.arboretum.org

3/5: Gardening in the Shade - with Author Carol Bornstein (California Native Plants for the Garden). Learn how to grow and select plants for the shade. Nopalito Nursery, Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, 4221 East Main Street, Ventura. www.nopalitonursery.com (805)844-7449.

3/7: Orcutt's Yellow Pincushion and Restoration of the Ballona Wetlands - South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes Peninsula, www.sccnps.org

3/11: Rare Fruit Society Lecture & Demo - 11:00 am. Sponsored by the California Rare Fruit Society. Fruit tastings, recipes, grafting demonstrations, plant sales & more. South Coast Botanical Garden. 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes Peninsula. www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org.

3/12: Rose Auction - Presented by the Ventura County Rose Society with over 100 cultivars & 100 fixed price roses. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Stagecoach Inn Museum Rose Garden, 51 S. Ventu Park Rd. Newbury Park, CA 91320. www.venturarose.org (818) 993-6622 Janet Sklar; (805)523-9003 Dawn-Marie Johnson

3/13: African Violet Show & Sale: 11:00 am. Sponsored by the South Coast African Violet Society. Plants for sale, pots, fertilizer, soil & supplies.

EVENTS IN OUR AREA (CONT'D)

3/19: Berry Basics - Learn how to grow berries– strawberries, blueberries, caneberries. Learn when & where to buy your plants, tips for growing, guidelines for tending and harvesting, the best soil and fertilizer, ideal watering schedule, pruning tips, insect/bird control and training trellising methods. 10am-12 noon. Bamboo Room. LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia. Call (626)821-4623 or www.arboretum.org

3/13: The Magic of Micromini Roses: Suzanne Horn, Rosarian, will be debuting a new program about the tiniest of roses—the micro-miniatures. She has been researching these little roses for the past year and will share with you the fascinating things she has discovered. Sponsored by the Santa Clarita Valley Rose Society. Santa Clarita Rose Society, SCV Senior Center, 22900 Market Street, Newhall. www.scrs.homestead.com

3/19&20: Cherry Blossom Festival: Descanso Garden celebrates the flowering of cherry trees. Enjoy Japanese Tea Ceremonies, learn about the genus *Prunus* and the proper methods for fertilizing and pruning these trees. Cherry trees will also be sold. 10am-4 pm. Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. www.descansogardens.org (818)949-4200

3/19: The Amazing Lives of Bees, Wasps and Ants: with Entomologist Eric Grissell. 5-8pm. Learn how these insects can be beneficial in the garden. LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia. Call (626)821-4623 or www.arboretum.org

3/23: The Great Tomato Sale & Talk: Back by popular demand for a 10th year. Speakers and tomato sale. 10am-12pm. Palm & Bamboo Room. LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia. Call (626)821-4623 or www.arboretum.org

3/26&27: Orchid Show & Sales: Sponsored by the Cymbidium Society of America. This show will host sales, potting demonstrations and speakers. 10am-5pm. LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia. Call (626)821-4623 or www.arboretum.org

3/26: Theodore Payne's Poppy Sale and Spring Plant Sale: 8:30am-4:30pm. Their annual spring sale. Theodore Payne Nursery Grounds, 10459 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley. www.theodorepayne.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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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.