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" Behind the Curtain " Monrovia Growers

PRESENTED BY:

Nicholas Staddon

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- WEDNESDAY -

OCTOBER 5, 2011

7:00 PM

The Club House, Pt. Dume Club

29500 W Heathercliff Road, Malibu



A look behind the scene's at Monrovia Nursery. Learn about how New Plants are discovered, trialed, propagated and brought to market. We will also get a first hand look at the recycling methods used in today's modern nursery. Nicholas will guide us through some of the trends world wide and in the United States, finishing his presentation with an array of Stunning plants, new & not so new, suited for your garden.

Nicholas will also provide some Monrovia " Swag " for a raffle after the presentation !!!

About Nicholas: Nicholas was born in Ipswich, England, which is filled with estates and country homes containing unusual plants, so he grew up with an appreciation of them. One of his early jobs was working as a steward on private yachts. One client, an American, owned Treeland, an independent nursery in Albuquerque, N.M. In 1984, Staddon accepted his offer to join the nursery staff as a salesman. Learning about the nursery business brought him contact with Monrovia, which offered him a job in sales. Finding new plants is challenging. Each year, Staddon and his staff evaluate hundreds of new plant varieties. Plants are observed for at least three years. Only a few make the grade, an estimated one of every 50. Those that make the grade are propagated by tissue culture, grafting or growing from seed. Young plants are put in containers and remain in Monrovia's growing grounds for three to six years before they're delivered to retail nurseries. If plants don't pass muster, they and their offspring are destroyed.

Source: www.signonsandiego.com

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

(subject to change)

October 1st: **Dues are due!**

November 2nd: **Daylilies** with Bill Wilk from the L.A. County Arboretum. Enjoy learning about daylily cultivars. Bill will be bringing seedling plants for everyone!

December: TBA

January: Amanda Everett - all about roses

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....

A SPECIAL THANKS TO DAN BIFANO

Wow - what an informative night we had learning about roses from Dan Bifano. We found out Dan's favorite roses for the Southern CA garden, learned about his pruning and growing techniques and looked at some incredible pictures of rose gardens he tends to for the rich and famous. Thanks so much Dan!! Hopefully next year our rose gardens will look as beautiful as yours!



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN - DUES ARE DUE - OCTOBER 1ST

Please help support our club by renewing your dues.

- \$ 25 / 1 person
- \$ 30 / household
- \$ 60 / sustaining
- \$150 organization or business

Dues may be paid:

via our website: www.malibugardenclub.org

via the mail: send check to
Malibu Garden Club
PO Box 4171, Malibu CA 90264

In person at one of our monthly meetings.

Please note: if you paid your dues after May 31, 2011 you are covered until October 1, 2012 and you may re-new then.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR- PUMPKIN TIME! HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE KNOWN...

- Pumpkins are fruits. A pumpkin is a type of squash and is a member of the gourd family (Cucurbitaceae), which also includes squash, cucumbers, gherkins, and melons.
- Pumpkins have been grown in North America for five thousand years. They are indigenous to the western hemisphere.
- Pumpkins are low in calories, fat, and sodium and high in fiber. They are good sources of Vitamin A, Vitamin B, potassium, protein, and iron.
- Pumpkin seeds should be planted between the last week of May and the middle of June. They take between 90 and 120 days to grow and are picked in October when they are bright orange in color. Their seeds can be saved to grow new pumpkins the next year.
- In 1584, after French explorer Jacques Cartier explored the St. Lawrence region of North America, he reported finding "gros melons." The name was translated into English as "pompions," which has since evolved into the modern "pumpkin."

*source=www.history.com



EVENTS IN OUR AREA

10/1 - Annual Plant Sale: 9am-4 pm. Here it is - The Big One. They will have thousands of plants representing 150 species. Two large rooms stuffed with plants, mostly grown from local seed stocks. Experts will be on hand to answer questions. For planning your purchases, you may download the plant list: http://www.sccnps.org/newsletters/plant_sale_list_2011.pdf. South Coast Botanic Garden 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard Palos Verdes Peninsula

10/1 - Fall Organic Vegetable Gardening: Mike Brown, display horticulturist, offers guidance on growing vegetables through the fall. Enjoy the bounty from your garden long after summer passes. Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. www.descansogardens.org (818)949-4200

10/2 & 9 - How to Plant in California: An introduction to sustainable landscapes in Malibu. A free workshop on how to transfer your yard into a low water, low maintenance garden. 10am. Charmlee Wilderness Park, 2577 S. Encinal Canyon Road, Malibu.

10/4,11,18 & 25: Successful Gardens: Create your own successful garden as you learn about soil, climate, plant selection and basic elements of design. Sustain your yard as a natural habitat. Classes will focus on butterfly gardens, moon gardens, and other specialty gardens. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Palos Verdes Peninsula. www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org

10/8 - Camellia Collection Sneak Peek: Wayne Walker, camellia horticulturist, leads a tour of Descanso's famed camellia collection, designated an International Camellia Garden of Excellence by the International Camellia Society. Discover the many varieties of this beloved flower including *Camellia sinensis*, the plant that is the basis of tea. Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. www.descansogardens.org (818)949-4200

EVENTS IN OUR AREA (CONT'D)

10/7-8, 14-15 Native Plant Sale and Fall Festival: Our biggest sale of the year, offering the region's best selection of California natives – save on plants and seed! 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Expert advice from TPF staff and volunteers Vendors, live music and more! 10% discount on seed on all days! Theodore Payne Foundation, 10459 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley. www.theodorepayne.org

10/8 - Succulent Wreath Workshop: Join Nopalito's own Rick Sanchez for a hands-on succulent wreath workshop, just in time for the holidays (or not!) Rick will guide you in transforming a frame, some moss and a few plants into a beautiful living succulent wreath, perfect for hanging on a door, as a table centerpiece or as a homemade gift for that special no one. This 3-hour long class is one of our most popular and most classes sell-out, so pre-register today! 1pm. Nopalito Nursery, Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, 4221 East Main Street (next door to Nopalito Nursery), Ventura. www.nopalitonursery.com

10/8 & 9 - California Native and Fall Plant Sale: 10am-4pm. Fall is the best time to plant natives and other related plants. We have numerous indigenous varieties that will be offered for sale, which were carefully propagated and grown in our state-of-the-art nursery by volunteers and staff. Many uncommon and hard to find plants are for sale, several of which can be found flourishing on the Arboretum grounds. This special sale also includes a large selection of Mediterranean plants, Australians, succulents and low water plants. "Potting Shed" at Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton. (657) 278-3579.

10/13-16 - American Rose Society National Convention and Rose Show: This convention has been years in the planning. Hilton Universal, Universal City. For more information: <http://www.rosestars.com/>

10/15 - Grow a Beer Garden: Want beer? Grow your own! Horticulturist Rachel Young and members of the Crown of the Valley Brewing Society will show you how. Learn how to grow grain, including wheat and barley, as well as flavor accents such as lavender and chamomile. Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. www.descansogardens.org (818)949-4200

10/22 - Ocean Friendly Garden Class: Presented by the Surfrider Foundation in conjunction with West Basin Municipal Water District. Ocean Friendly Gardens "apply CPR-Conservation, Permeability and Retention-to revive our oceans and watersheds. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Palos Verdes Peninsula. www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org



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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 NEED 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.