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HORTICULTURE,



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The MAGC Happenings is an electronic publication of the
Marin Art and Garden Center
serving the MAGC Community



Dear Friends of MAGC,

The Marin Art and Garden Center is pleased to announce its new volunteer and staff leadership team.

Serving you as officers for the coming year are Diane Doodha, President, Edison Lewis, Vice President, Douglas Murray, Treasurer and Nanette Londeree, Secretary. In addition, the trustees and members of MAGC have elected a new trustee in the person of Scott White. Rounding out the group are Trustees Kathleen Cerf, Lynn Langford, Larry Mulryan and Alex Ross.

Diane Doodha, a long time Ross resident, with a career background in education, non profit management and business, has an extensive history of philanthropic work in Marin County and San Francisco. She most recently served on the Board of Trustees of the Bay School of San Francisco where among other services she co-chaired the development committee. She is presently a member of the Marin General Hospital Foundation Board of Directors as well as the new President of MAGC.

“I am honored to be given this opportunity to serve as MAGC President and follow in the footsteps of the many great MAGC volunteer leaders who have guided the center through the last 65 years. We have a dedicated board and staff and I look forward to working with MAGC’s many volunteers, contributors and program partners as we strengthen the Center and extend MAGC’s reach to all of Ross Valley and Marin County through our arts, history, education, conservation and horticulture programs and activities”

The Center is also delighted to formally announce the hiring of its first ever Chief Executive Officer, Christopher Kelley. Mr. Kelley, who began at the Center on February 1st is a 24 year veteran executive and manager of non-profit organizations. He will be leading MAGC forward during a historical moment in time as we are poised to make a substantial impact on the community.

Chris sees his new position as a tremendous opportunity to work with our many dedicated volunteers and partners as he leads us through this evolutionary phase of our development.

Chris is a nine year resident of San Anselmo. His broad career experiences span work with organizations in multiple geographic demographics including positions on the East Coast, Midwest and the Western States. Chris has also held positions in Central and South America. He led external relations at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, fundraising departments with the National Audubon Society, Lighthouse International and CARE in New York City, and was Managing Director for the American Lung Association of Indiana. His most recent position was CEO of the National Kidney Foundation’s west coast operations based out of San Francisco.



Diane Doodha and Chris Kelley

“MAGC has an amazing history and provides the public with unique and rich educational opportunities. I encourage you to join us as a member of MAGC and would welcome speaking with those interested in learning more about the center.”

As the sun makes a much anticipated reappearance and the rains take a respite, please come by the center, take a stroll in the gardens, watch new roses appear and, if you have not already done so, consider becoming a member of MAGC.

Best Regards from
The Marin Art & Garden Center



Ed Lewis



Nanette Londeree



Kathleen Cerf



Lynn Langford



Scott White

Not shown: Alex Ross, Doug Murray and Larry Mulryan.

Horticulture / Environment / Conservation

GARDEN SOCIETY OF MARIN

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Room*
April 14, 2011 at 7:15 pm

Our speaker for the April 14 meeting will be **Charles Conway**, a former nurseryman and member of the Novato Garden Club. (Their mission is to beautify the town of Novato.) He will be doing a presentation on how to make a large hanging basket, with perennials and annuals.

The Garden Society of Marin, a founding member of the Marin Art and Garden Center, has made a history of making gardening enjoyable and interesting. We promote good gardening practices and enrich the botanical knowledge of our members through activities and presentations by gardening and conservation professionals. Our monthly newsletter provides up-to-date information, references and interesting articles while our web site supports all these activities by providing valuable links to a wide-range of gardening resources.



Please visit our website at: www.gardensocietyofmarin.org for more information about our club, our history and forthcoming events.

MARIN BONSAI CLUB

Contact: Alison Seaman
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Location: Livermore Room*

April 5, 2011 7:00 pm
WORKSHOP

Bring your tree in and work on it with **Tim Kong** and **Jay McDonald**. Fee is \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.



April 19, 2011
7:30 pm

MONTHLY MEETING

You don't want to miss this one. The one and only **Ted Matson** will be here to give one of his great demos. This is sure to be one of the best events of the year!

For over 50 years, members of the Marin Bonsai Club have been practicing the ancient art of "tree in a pot", which is what bonsai means in Japanese.

Please visit our website at: www.marinbonsai.org for more information about our club, our history and forthcoming events.

The Garden Society of Marin Celebrates its 65th year With a Gala

Flower Festival and Plant Sale



on the Weekend of
April 30 & May 1
10 AM to 4 PM



In the Butterfly Garden

**at the Marin Art and Garden
Center**

30 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard
Ross, California 94957

Admission \$3.00 Children under 12 Free

For schedule and other information

www.magc.org or (415) 924-3258

Horticulture / Environment / Conservation

MARIN ROSE SOCIETY

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Location: Livermore Room*

April 12, 2011 7:30 pm

PREPARING ROSES FOR THE ROSE SHOW

The Marin Rose Society developed and maintains a beautiful rose garden at the Center with over 150 varieties of roses, all grown organically, without the use of pesticides. The group holds monthly informational meetings and various special events that are open to the public at MAGC.

Marin Rose Society, an affiliate of [The American Rose Society](#), meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:30 pm at Marin Art & Garden Center, Ross. Our meetings are open to the public and offer great speakers, mini rose shows, refreshments, raffles, and Consulting Rosarians advice. Members enjoy an award winning newsletter, garden tours, social events, and a great deal of fun!

Please visit our website at: www.marinrose.org for more information about our club, our history and forthcoming events.

MASTER GARDENERS

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Location: Livermore Room*

April 7, 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 pm

WICKED PLANTS WITH AMY STEWART

Plants are sneaky — they may be rooted to one spot but they've developed many ways to spread pollen and seeds, defend against predators, and snare the food they need to survive. These tactics can be harmful to people and pets, even deadly! Explore the more nefarious members of the plant kingdom -poisonous, carnivorous and just plain nasty. Amy's new book *Wicked Bugs* is due out on May 11th.

\$5.00 admission.

UCCE Marin Master Gardeners'



Heirloom & Hybrid

Tomato Market

A Plant Sale Supporting Sustainable Garden Education!

Saturday, April 16, 2011

10 am - 1 pm

Bank of Marin - Bon Air Center

50 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Greenbrae

9 am - 12 pm

Pini Ace Hardware - Nave Shopping Center

1535 S. Novato Blvd., Novato

Spotlighting Heirloom & Hybrid Tomato Varieties

Join us for our sixth annual Tomato Market featuring a great variety of seedlings grown by UCCE Marin

Master Gardeners!

You can learn more about the Marin Master Gardener programs by visiting:

<http://>

groups.ucanr.org/MarinMG/



MARIN GARDEN CLUB

Nancy Johnson, President

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Started in 1931, the Marin Garden Club was a founding member of MAGC. The group promotes interest in gardens and gardening by engaging in educational activities that encourage the conservation of the natural beauties of Marin County.

The Memory Garden at MAGC is maintained by The Marin Garden Club.

They annually award the Gwen Cooper Scholarship to a high school senior from Marin County for the study of horticulture, landscaping, and/or conservation. The scholarship was named in honor of Gwen Cooper who lived in Marin County for over 50 years. She was a life-long learner and educator who founded the award to inspire students to pursue further education in horticulture, conservation or environmental studies. The number of awards and amount of the scholarship varies year to year with a minimum award at \$1,000.

Arts

ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS

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Reputed to be the oldest community theater group west of the Rockies, Ross Valley Players presents six full-length productions a year, running for 30 weeks. The shows are typically a mix of drama, romance, comedy, and sometimes a musical.



Talk-back sessions
after the performance,
Friday, April 1 and
Sunday, April 10.

QUILTERS - A Musical
Book by **Molly Newman & Barbar Damashek**
Music and Lyrics by **Barbara Damashek**
Directed by: **Linda Dunn**
QUILTERS - woven stories of a pioneer family's experiences

Through a collection of different voices, **QUILTERS** is a patchwork of stories experienced by a family of pioneer women. These women share their life

experiences, both the dramatic and everyday, as they create quilt blocks to record their tales. The dialogue of the play is interspersed with song to heighten the effect. Both funny and touching, **QUILTERS** is a musical delight that will captivate audience members of all ages.

The cast features **Sheila Devitt, Kele Gasparini, Dawn Marie Hamilton, Olivia Harrison, Carolyn Montellato, Monica Turner, Rachael Watts and Sindi Weldon**. The play is directed by **Linda Dunn** and produced by **Maureen O'Donoghue**. Musical director is **Gloria Wood**. The production team includes **Madge Grahn, Bruce Lackovic, Les Lizama, Michael A. Berg** and **Billie Cox**.



Quilters premiered on Broadway in 1984.
The cast of **Quilters**
Back row: Monica Turner, Dawn Hamilton, Sheila Devitt, Carolyn Montellato
Middle row: Olivia Harrison, Kele Gasparini, Sindi Weldon, Rachel Watts
Front Center: Linda Dunn
Photo by Wendell H. Wilson

WHEN: Through April 17, 2011
8 pm Fridays and Saturdays
April 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16
2 pm Sundays - April 3, 10, 17

7:30 pm Thursdays - April 7, 14

WHERE: The Ross Valley Players Barn Theatre, Marin Art & Garden Center
30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. at Lagunitas Road, Ross, CA.

COST: General: \$30; Senior (62+): \$25; Youth: (18 and under): \$25.
Thursday shows are \$20 for everyone (no additional discounts apply)

TICKETS: Order online through www.brownpapertickets.com; by telephone 1-800-838-3006; or purchase at the door.

WEBSITE:
www.rossvalleyplayers.com

PORCHLIGHT THEATER COMPANY

Porchlight Theatre Company

Core Artistic Directors: Ann Brebner, Candace Brown, Jon Burnett, Rebecca Castelli, Thais Harris, JP Hitesman, Mary Beth Smith (Managing Director), Ken Sonkin
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Porchlight Theatre Company is an ensemble inspired by world literature, nature and the human experience. We explore the power of theatre to educate, unite and ignite positive social change.

Art



Remember how much you enjoyed NOVEMBER? Well two of the RVP actors from that production have received accolades for their work.

Stephen Dietz and **Buzz Halsing**, have each received special recognition for their amazing performances in RVP's production of **NOVEMBER** by David Mamet.

We want to congratulate both Stephen and Buzz for these well deserved recognitions.



Hat's off to both Stephen and Buzz!

Stephen Dietz has been nominated for his portrayal of *Archer Brown*, Chief of Staff, by the **San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle**.

for:
* SUPPORTING PERFORMANCE, MALE



Buzz Halsing has been also honored by **Broadway-World.com** for his role as *President Charles*

"Chucky" Smith.

Buzz has been nominated in two categories:

* BEST LEADING ACTOR IN A PLAY (LOCAL).

* PERSON TO WATCH.

San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle is a non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating Theatre Excellence.

All SFBATCC nominations are voted on by critics.

The Broadway World San Francisco Awards nominations are chosen by the fans.



Ross Valley Players Spring Fundraiser takes place on Saturday, May 1st at the Barn.

The doors open at 1:30pm, allowing the guests time to stroll in the gardens, enjoy a glass of wine, taste mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres and participate in a silent audition.

The highlight of the afternoon will be a performance of *The Tiffany Box, a love remembered*, written and performed by Kathleen Buckstaff.

Tiffany Box is true story of hope and strength. Kathleen recounts the raw, honest, some-

times funny and often beautiful recounting of becoming a mother to her own mother

Tickets for the entire package are only \$75

Please come support one of the oldest continuing run theatres west of the Mississippi.

For more information and tickets, please visit:

rossvalleyplayers.com

Each year, The Ross Valley Players hosts one or more Fundraiser events. Your contributions through these fundraisers accomplish two things:

First, this allows us to bring fresh, new, inspiring, heart-warming, thought-provoking innovative productions to our community.

This benefits You, right here, right now!

Second, RVP invests the proceeds in the modernization and on-going maintenance of The Barn.

This benefits You tomorrow, next month and next year.

Click here to visit our site and learn more.



Art

LAUREL HOUSE GROUP

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Laurel House Antiques offers quality consignments on items such as jewelry, furniture, lamps, artwork, figurines, Asian antiques and gifts for any occasion. With our unique selection of china, silver, and crystal, you are sure to find the perfect gift, or something wonderful for yourself!



And remember, the first of the month always has 1/2 OFF selected items in the shop with fantastic surprises and discounted items featured!

Laurel House Antiques is a project of The Northgate Group whose objective is to provide support for the Marin Art and Garden Center.

CONSIGNMENTS ARE ACCEPTED Mondays and Thursdays, 10 am. to 1 pm.

SHOP HOURS:

Monday & Thursday
10 am - 3 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday
11 am - 4 pm
Friday & Saturday
11 am - 4 pm

MARIN SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

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CLOSED FRIDAYS.

Marin Society of Artists is a non-profit association with almost 300 members who are dedicated to creating and displaying arts and crafts of the highest quality. Our gallery, The Francis Young Gallery located in the Marin Art and Garden Center, offers a new show every month featuring contemporary and traditional fine arts and fine crafts. Works on display include paintings, sculpture, fiber art, ceramics, photography, jewelry, wood, and other media.



The philosophy of the Marin Society of Artists (MSA) is to encourage an appreciation of the visual arts. Along with works of art for sale, MSA has one of the finest art rental galleries in Northern California.

APRIL 3 - MAY 1, 2011

Receiving March. 28 and 29,
10 AM - 1 PM.

SPRING RENTAL

Public reception
Sunday, April 3, 2 - 4 PM.
Please come and meet us.

≈ COMING SOON ≈

Summer Nature Camp Under the Oak at Marin Art & Garden Center



Explore, Investigate and Create With the Natural World

June 13-18: Hop, Slither & Crawl
for preschoolers

July 18-22: California Treasures
for preschoolers

July 25-29: Pollen Party for in-
coming K-1

August 1-5: Hop, Slither & Crawl
for incoming K-1

August 8-12: Big Bug Nature &
Art for preschoolers

August 15-19: Big Bug Nature &
Art for incoming K-1

To register contact Ross Recreation
www.rossrecreation.org or
415.453.6020

History

MOYA LIBRARY/ ROSS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**APRIL 1 FIRST FRIDAY
FORENOON (11:00 a.m.)**

1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire - **GLADYS** and **RICHARD HANSEN**

The First Friday Forenoon lectures are held in the Livermore Pavilion* at the Marin Art & Garden Center. The programs begin at 11:00 a.m., and last for about one hour. Following each presentation is an informal "meet the speaker" wine and nibbles reception. A donation of \$5.00 per person is requested unless otherwise noted.

Staffed by docents, the Moya Library is open for research Wednesday thru Friday (11:30 a.m. to 3:00 pm) and Saturdays (1 to 4 pm) from March 1st to the end of December. Visitors are welcome to browse both the library and historical collections.



The Moya Library/Ross Historical Society still has several copies of: **ROSS, CALIFOR-**

NIA - THE PEOPLE, THE PLACES, THE HISTORY.

This fine hardbound book is for sale at \$40. Contact the library at (415)-258-9595, Charlotte Levin at (415) 461-4816 or the MAGC office (415)-455-5260 .

THE MOYA LIBRARY and ROSS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

invites you to a "First Friday Forenoon" program

1906 SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE & FIRE REVISITED

A lot of new info is now showing up on the earthquake, and what happened after it. The Internet and its impact will be discussed by RICHARD HANSEN, of the Museum of the City of S. F. The Earthquake Dead List (Great Register) developed by GLADYS HANSEN has been ongoing for over 40 years and will be covered. Sample photographs and stories will be shown.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2011 at 11:00AM

presented in

"THE LIVERMORE PAVILION"

at the

MARIN ART AND GARDEN CENTER

30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

Ross, CA 94957-0437

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We are pleased to announce that the Marin Society of Artists will be hosting the California Watercolor Society's Annual Show in September, 2011.

See: www.tfaoi.com/aa/3aa/3aa50.htm

The Show has been held at the San Francisco's Presidio in the past, but due to the refurbishing of the Officers Club, they have asked if they could have their show at our gallery. This prestigious show will bring in lots of art lovers from all over the state. We are looking forward to this opportunity to show off our beautiful Marin Art and Garden Center.

The Way It Was

The Moya Library/Ross Historical Society ably assisted by the Program Partners, their organizations and the public, is starting on a new and exciting project.

The History of the Marin Art and Garden Center

Long a part of the Marin County community, the Center has never had a written history. We will be conducting interviews, searching old records and collecting old photographs and bits and pieces of ephemera that can be copied and made part of a visual history of the Center.

Everyone can help. If you have old photographs, pictures, programs, posters, anecdotes or memories that you would like to share or if you just want to help,

Contact Bob Battersby at (415) 383-2946
or email robertbattersby@att.net




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<p>MAGC Board of Trustees Diane Doodha, <i>President</i> Ed Lewis, <i>Vice President</i> Nanette Londeree, <i>Secretary</i> Doug Murray, <i>Treasurer</i> Kathleen Cerf, Lynn Langford, Larry Mulryan Alex Ross, Scott White Gary Raghianti, <i>Legal Services</i></p>	<p>Soil can be enriched and conditioned in a number of ways. In the garden, doing it organically, with the use of live material (green manure) and dead material (compost, manure), is safer to human health and in many cases less expensive than using inorganic, or chemical, fertilizers. Using certain crops as green manure has been practiced for generations. It involves growing a crop in an idle space in your garden and then digging it into the ground rather than harvesting it. Tilling or digging in the plant material adds both organic material (for better texture) and nutrients (for improved fertility) to the soil, thereby cutting down or eliminating entirely the need for chemical fertilizers. When the green manure is dug into the ground it rots, as it would in a compost heap, leaving a certain amount of humus in the soil which is vital for the soil's texture, or structure. It also leaves behind a residue of nutrients that it produced while growing. In the case of deep-rooted plants, important elements in the soil are brought up from deep down in the soil and made available to shallow-rooted crops that are planted to follow the green manure. Peas for example, can do some of the work of nitrogen fertilizers. They will actually take nitrogen, an element essential for plant growth, from the air and "fix" it in the soil, making it then available to plants. Members of the legume family, including peas, beans, vetch and clovers collect nitrogen on the roots in the form of nodules. These nodules stay in the soil after you harvest the plants. By planting legumes in your garden, you are actually enriching the soil so that you don't have to fertilize when you plant your next crop. So next time you pull up your peas, leave the roots in the ground. If you really want to have super soil, chop up the tops and dig them into the garden bed to break down slowly and add texture to heavy soils!</p> 	
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