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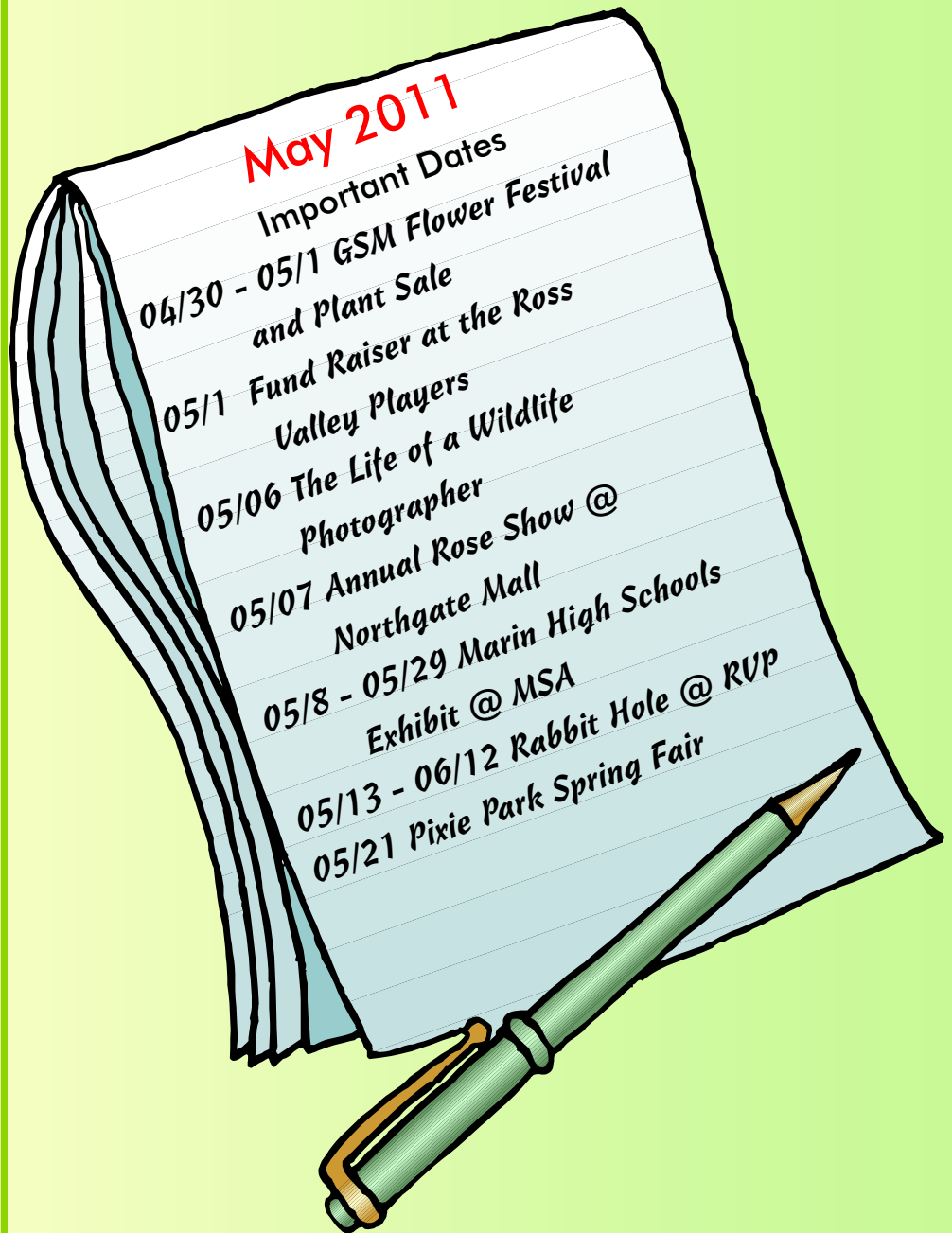
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Marin Art and Garden Center  
serving the MAGC Community



## Spring Awakening at MAGC

Have you visited the Marin Art and Garden Center lately? If not, you are missing an experience that will brighten your spirit. On Monday, I visited the center for a business meeting with MAGC CEO Chris Kelley, and given the sunshine and blue sky, I suggested that we take advantage of scenery and move our meeting outside. What a contrast to a meeting in the city, where strolling outdoors brings one face to face with car noise, tall buildings and gas fumes.

As we walked past the MAGC entrance, both white and purple wisteria dangled above us. We were immediately engulfed in the sights and



smells of spring. As we strolled along the path, between sips of ice tea and talk of budgets, we zoomed in on the red and purple azaleas eye candy for the gardener in us all. Beyond the gazebo, our volunteer Master Gardeners happened to be replanting three different plots, with medicinal plants, herbs, and a variety of flowers that included Dahlias, Scabiosas and Chrysanthemum. It is a vibrant mix.

As we moved on to another agenda item, Chris and I heard children from a local school classroom who were participating in a MAGC sponsored field trip. The sounds were joyful. MAGC is blooming with spring bounty and so are the minds of the children. When we looked up, we caught a



glimpse of the emerging bright green foliage on the Dawn Redwood glowing softly in the afternoon sun.

Agenda item 3 found us approaching the Moya Library where we spotted stunning purple and bearded Iris, Spanish Lavender, and the enchanting flowering Dogwood trees. Chris remarked that the Dogwoods would only be flowering for a couple of weeks – we felt fortunate to see them in their prime.

We were in the middle of discussing our need to recruit volunteer docents when Chris reached down and grabbed a pinkish flowered plant and brought his hand to his nose. He recommended I do the same. The plant is called the Breath of Heaven, a perfect name for a beautiful scent.



Looking left, we saw the rich green leaf of the Ginkgo, a tree that has survived on our planet for 270 million years. The tree holds a special place in the hearts of my family members and it is thrilling to see one at MAGC. We then made our way to MAGC's Rose Garden, a popular place among visitors to the center. I was delighted to see

several varieties already in bloom and paused to breathe in the scent of the romantic "Falling in Love" Rose which reminded me that MAGC is a popular and award winning location for Weddings and the Rose Garden is a popular photo backdrop for many brides and grooms.



As we reached the end of our meeting and walk through the gardens, I felt relaxed and refreshed. We had covered our agenda and lightened our day. If only all meetings could be so rewarding.

Please take a moment in your busy life and stroll through the beauty that is MAGC.

Happy walking,

Diane Doodha, President

PS – our spring/summer activities are soon to be in full swing, with events including MAGC's Summer Concert and Arts Series and Farmers Market beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the first installment of our second Sunday event "Mimosas and Roses," and our Wednesday evening Mingle at MAGC parties beginning June 25<sup>th</sup>, the MAGC Summer Festival Ice Cream Social on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Kids Camp Out on July 15<sup>th</sup> to name a few. There is something for everyone at MAGC – I hope to see you this summer.

## Horticulture / Environment / Conservation

### GARDEN SOCIETY OF MARIN

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**Room\***  
**May 12, 2011 at 7:15 pm**

### **GENERAL MEETING**

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](http://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\*

**May 3, 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.

**May 17, 2011 7:30 pm**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**

**Bob Gould** will join us to give a lecture/demonstration on satzuki azaleas. This is one of our favorite demos so be sure not to miss it.

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](http://www.marinbonsai.org) for more information about our club, our history and forthcoming events.

### MARIN ROSE SOCIETY

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**Location:** Livermore Room\*  
**May 7, 2011**  
**ANNUAL ROSE SHOW AT NORTHGATE MALL.**  
**Check our website** [www.marinrose.org](http://www.marinrose.org) for schedules.

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.

Please visit our website at: [www.marinrose.org](http://www.marinrose.org) for more information about our club, our history and forthcoming events.

### MASTER GARDENERS

**Kathryn Reinhardt,**  
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**Location:** Livermore Room\*

The Marin Master Gardeners are a dedicated, trained group of volunteers with a shared love of gardening and horticulture. Through community service and educational outreach, they provide home gardeners and community organizations the knowledge and skills to create a healthy environment for Marin County. Since 1986,



### 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.

The Garden Club annually awards The Marin Garden Club Scholarship in memory of Gwen Cooper and Barbara McCune to a high school senior from Marin County for the study of horticulture, landscaping, and/or conservation. The scholarship is in memory of two of our members who were instrumental in developing this award. Gwen Cooper was a lifelong learner and educator who founded the scholarship to inspire students to pursue further education in horticulture, conservation or environmental studies. Barbara McCune, who also was a college counselor at Sir Francis Drake High School, continued to grow our scholarship program after Gwen's passing. Through her determination to acquaint all of Marin's high schools with this award, the scholarship has attracted students throughout the entire county. The Marin Garden Club is a long-standing Marin County organization founded in 1931. Its purpose is to promote interest in gardens and gardening, to engage in educational activities with regard to horticulture and to encourage the conservation of the natural beauties of Marin County.

In the interest of encouraging students to pursue studies and/or careers in areas related to horticulture, landscaping, conservation and/or the environment, the Marin Garden Club established a scholarship in 1994. The number of awards and amount of the scholarship varies year to year, depending on club income. The minimum scholarship award will be \$1000.

### PIXIE PARK



**May 21st, 2011**

**Information | [Sponsor a Child to Attend the Fair](#)**

at the Marin Art and Garden Center, Sir Francis Drake Boulevard at Lagunitas in Ross, Marin Now in its 53rd year, Pixie Park's largest fund-raising event, the **Pixie Spring Fair** has spent decades identifying the most popular entertainment activities for the preschooler and kindergarten set in Marin. The hardest thing is to decide which event to try first:

Train Ride, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Bouncy Houses, Giant Inflatable Slide, Obstacle Courses Prize Games Plus Food, Drinks, Balloons, Face-Painting and much, much more!

Admission is free; Games and Activities require purchased tickets.

#### **Parking Options**

- Park at the College of Marin on Sir Francis Drake and take the free shuttle
- Park by Ross Common or
- Pay \$10 and park in the Marin Art and Garden Center parking lot

#### **Marin Adopt-A-Family:**

Last year's Spring Clean Drive was such a smashing success that we're going to do it again! This year again, we will work with Adopt-A-Family of Marin ([www.adoptafamily.org](http://www.adoptafamily.org)) to help families with dependent children that are in crisis mode and on the verge of homelessness. Basic household necessities can take a toll on a budget that

is stretched paper thin with no reserves. The Adopt-A-Family Annual "Spring Clean Drive" puts together laundry baskets full of basic cleaning supplies, laundry detergents and personal care toiletries for their participating families in need.

Donating is easy. Just bring cleaning supply or toiletry items with you on Saturday May 22 and drop them in the bin at the entrance to the Fair. Thank you in advance for your generous support -- all donations will be greatly appreciated! Contact **Danielle Geissberger** at [daninikole@hotmail.com](mailto:daninikole@hotmail.com) if you have questions or need more information.

Donation Suggestions: Cleaning items -- disinfectants, glass cleaner, mops, sponges, dish soap, laundry detergent. Toiletries -- shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, deodorant, face cream, shaving supplies\*\*, and Diapers!

\*\*Unscented or lightly scented items preferred.

### PIXIE PARK SPRING FAIR

SATURDAY MAY 21 9:00-3:00

MARIN ART AND GARDEN CENTER

PONY RIDE • PETTING ZOO • TRAIN • GIANT SLIDE • BOUNCE HOUSE • GAMES  
 FOR TODDLERS • PRESCHOOLERS • KINDERGARTNERS  
 FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE ALL DAY FROM THE COLLEGE OF MARIN

PLEASE BRING A CLEANING PRODUCT TO SUPPORT ADOPT  
 A FAMILY OF MARIN AND THEIR SPRING CLEAN DRIVE

SPECIAL GUESTS

SILLY LILLY THE CLOWN • THE WRONGLERS • THE LONE MOUNTAIN BAND

www.pixiepark.org

Pixie Park

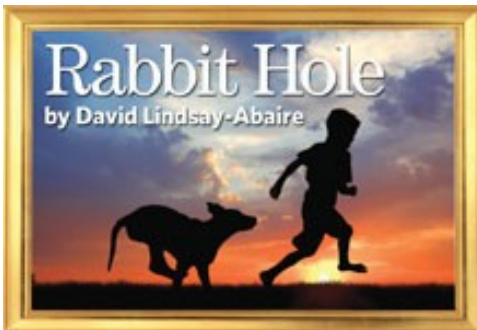
## Arts

### 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.

Rabbit Hole by **David Lindsay-Abaire**, is a beautiful play that marks the passage of time, as a family heals from the accidental death of their son. It reflects a situation that can happen within any family.

The play is presented subtly; the audience does not see the shift in characters until they has already occurred. It is a story full of hope, humanity, humor and a little bit of irony.

Lindsay-Abaire wrote the four-character play with simplicity, a crucial component of the rich accolades the play has received. Rabbit Hole won of a

Pulitzer Prize for Drama as well as being nominated for five Tony awards, including best Play.

Rabbit Hole burrows into the audience's heart – USA Today Moving, Funny and brave” - Salt Lake Tribune.

Rabbit Hole is directed by **Mary Ann Rogers**

**CAST:** Becca **Beth Kellemann**, Izzy **Floriana Allesandria**, Howie **Gregg LeBlanc**, Nat **Maureen O'Donoghue**, Jason **Liam Hughes**

**WHEN:** May 13 - June 12, 2011  
**8 pm Fridays and Saturdays**  
May 12, 14, 20, 21 27, 28, June 3, 4, 10, 11

**2 pm Sundays** - May 22, 29.  
June 5, 12

**7:30 pm Thursdays** - May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9

There is no performance on Sunday May 15

**PAY WHAT YOU WILL**  
**PREVIEW** May 12

**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](http://www.brownpapertickets.com); by telephone 1-800-838-3006; or purchase at the door.

**WEBSITE:**  
[www.rossvalleyplayers.com](http://www.rossvalleyplayers.com)



Catch a Buzz at the Barn every opening weekend

Join us for a **Free Reception**, on the first **Saturday every opening weekend**.

Wine flows and the hors d'oeuvres are tasty!



### PORCHLIGHT THEATER 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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Website: [www.porchlight.net](http://www.porchlight.net)

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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.

# Marin's 5th Annual Eco Friendly Garden Tour

Saturday, May 14, 2011  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This self-guided tour highlights over 20 inspiring gardens that use practices sensitive to our local environment. At each location a professional landscaper, designer or homeowner will be on hand to answer your questions.

## Garden Highlights

- Rain gardens, swales and cisterns
- Erosion control measures
- Lawn conversions/replacement
- Permeable walkways
- Edible organic gardens
- Pesticide-free landscapes
- Native or drought tolerant plants
- Vineyard
- Cob bench
- Graywater systems
- Urban chickens



Photo by Michelle Derviss



## Reserve Your Place Today!

\$10 per person

Free to children 18 and under

For tickets, visit:

[www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

**1.800.838.3006**

## For More Information

415.499.3202

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[www.mcstoppp.org](http://www.mcstoppp.org)

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## Related Event

Register for Sonoma's Eco-Friendly Garden Tour  
Saturday, May 21, 2011 — [www.savingwaterpartnership.org](http://www.savingwaterpartnership.org)

If you are a person with a disability and require accommodations, or if you require materials in alternative formats, please call 415.473.4381 voice/TTY or email: [disabilityaccess@co.marin.ca.us](mailto:disabilityaccess@co.marin.ca.us)

## Art

### LAUREL HOUSE GROUP

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Livermore Pavilion\*

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!



The Laurel House Group wishes to remember **Alice Perry**, member since 1956, **Marge Basco**, member since 1969, and **Patty Poindexter**, member since 1983, for their many contributions, participation and their continued support to our group throughout the years.

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 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Shop Hours:  
Monday & Thursday 10-3  
Tuesday & Wednesday 11-4  
Friday & Saturday 11-4M

### MARIN SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

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**weekends, Noon to 4 pm,**  
**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.

**MSA PRESENTS THE MARIN HIGH SCHOOLS YEARLY EXHIBIT** at the gallery, which will be held **MAY 8TH THROUGH THE 29<sup>TH</sup>** Reception on May 15th from 2-4 pm. Awards will be presented to these talented high school students early in the reception on that Sunday.

≈ 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  
incoming 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](http://www.rossrecreation.org) or  
415.453.6020

## History

### MOYA LIBRARY/ ROSS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**MAY 6, FIRST FRIDAY  
FORENOON (11:00 a.m.)**

**THE LIFE OF A WILDLIFE  
PHOTOGRAPHER - SUZI  
ESZTERHAS.**

Ms. Eszterhas will give a slide presentation on her adventures photographing wildlife around the world, and will discuss what it takes to be successful in her profession.

Livermore Room\*

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, CALIFORNIA - 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

**THE LIFE OF A  
WILDLIFE  
PHOTOGRAPHER**

**Professional wildlife photographer SUZI ESZTERHAS specializes in photographing wildlife families in their native habitats, and will give a slide presentation on her adventures around the world. Suzi will discuss what it takes to be successful in her profession and how she copes with the unique challenges of working in the wilds.**

**FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2011 at 11:00AM**

presented in

**"THE LIVERMORE PAVILION"**

at the

**MARIN ART AND GARDEN CENTER**  
A donation of \$5.00 is requested.

There will be a reception after the show.  
For further information, call (415) 258-9595.

\*Regular location except when noted

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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](http://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](mailto:robertbattersby@att.net)




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MAGC Trustees and Staff	GARDEN TIPS <span style="float: right;">California Natives in Springtime</span>	
<p><b>MAGC Board of Trustees</b>            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</p> <p>Gary Raggiamenti, <i>Legal Services</i></p>	<p>April welcomes a wealth of blooms from many flowering plants that call Northern California home.</p> <p><b>Wild Strawberry</b>            Wild strawberry (<i>Fragaria vesca</i>), also called the California strawberry, is a state native which belongs to the family Rosaceae. Plants grow naturally throughout the areas of Northern California's forests and chaparrals. This low-growing plant produces fragrant, white, five-petal flowers throughout April followed by edible strawberry fruits. Plants prefer growing in shady areas and are suitable for use in native gardens, as a groundcover or planted inside containers.</p> 	
<p><b>MAGC Staff</b></p> <p>Chris Kelley, CEO            Lauren Duncan, Project Coordinator            Anna Mayfair, Facilities Rental Manager            Bruce Richmond Facilities Manager            The Marin Art and Garden Center            P.O. Box 437 Ross, CA 94957            Phone: (415)-455-5260 FAX (415)-454-0650            Email info@magc.org website www.magc.org</p>	<p><b>Candy Flower</b>            Candy flower (<i>Claytonia sibirica</i>), also called Siberian spring beauty and belongs to the family Portulacaceae. The evergreen, herbaceous perennial is a California native found growing throughout Redwood National Park, Patrick's Point State Park and coastal scrubs. It occurs naturally in wetland areas, preferring moist soils. Masses of pink and white star-like flowers form in April on 1-foot-tall plants covering the forest floor. Plants are suitable used in native gardens, as groundcovers or grown inside containers.</p>	
<p><b>MAGC Happenings</b></p> <p>MAGC Happenings is a monthly publication of the Marin Art and Garden Center serving the MAGC Community. The Marin Art and Garden Center is an organization of member groups that nurture the Arts, Horticulture, History and Conservation.</p> <p>MAGC Happenings Editor, Bob Battersby            Email: robertbattersby@att.net</p>	<p><b>Bleeding Heart</b>            Bleeding heart (<i>Dicentra Formosa</i>) is an herbaceous perennial belonging to the family Papaveraceae. It is also known as Pacific bleeding heart. The plant is native to California and is found growing naturally throughout Redwood National Forest, other forested areas and oak woodlands throughout Northern California. It prefers moist sites. Plants have fern-like foliage, with April bringing blooms ranging in colors of pink, red or white. Flowers are heart-shaped. These 1-foot-tall plants are well suited for use in native or mixed shady gardens, as well as planted inside hanging baskets or containers.</p>	