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# MAGC Happenings

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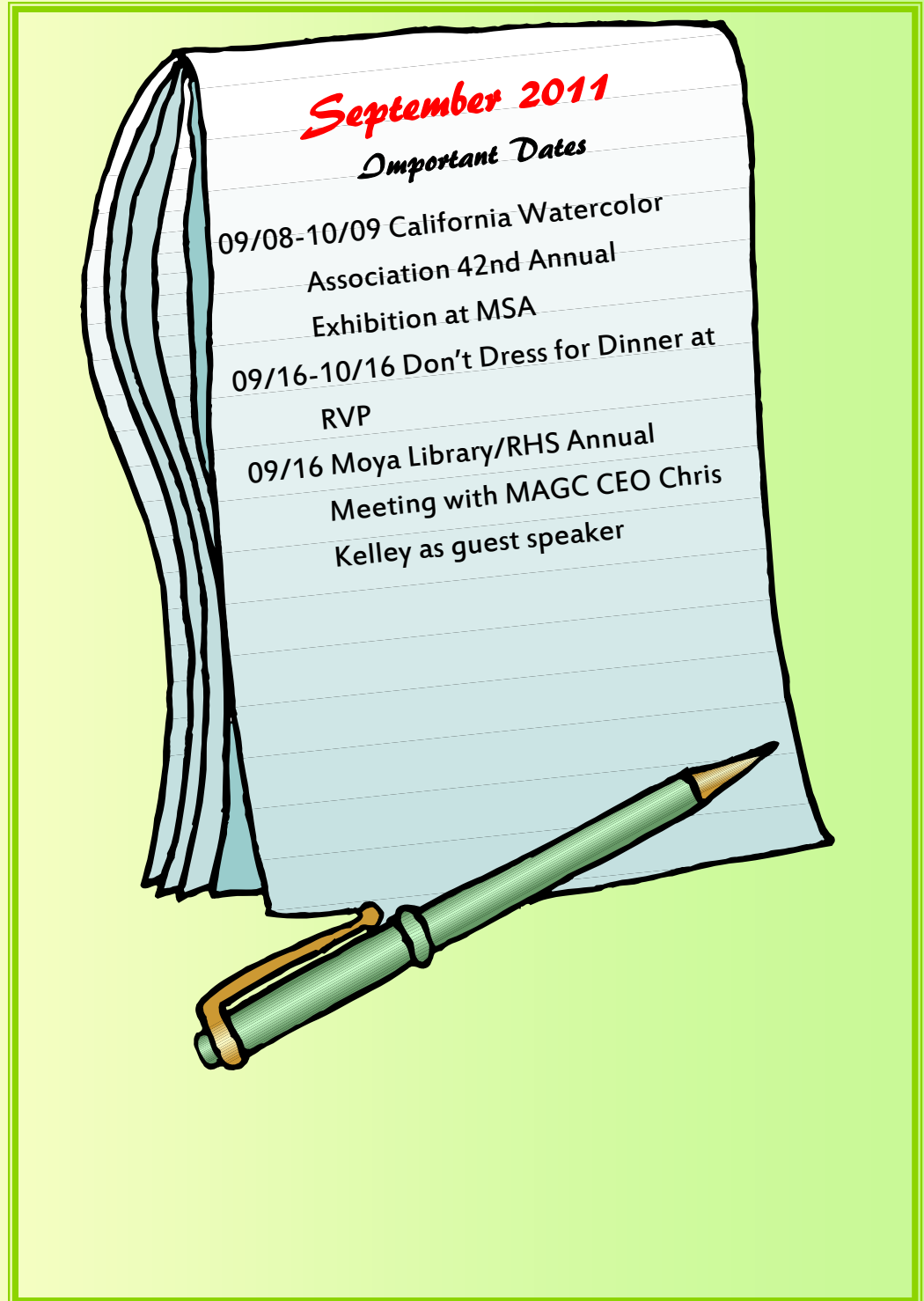
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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of MAGC,

School bells have rung throughout Marin and backpacks have replaced flip flops strewn across the kitchen floor. The new school year is here, and MAGC is more than excited to be part of the transition back into learning. Both adults and children can take advantage of MAGC's fall educational programs, which are starting this month.

Back by popular demand, the Exploring Habitats field trips will kick off the school year on September 13. MAGC and the Marin Master Gardeners co-sponsor these fun-filled, educational field trips in the Habitat Garden, during which first and second graders from throughout Marin will explore the needs of living creatures in four distinct habitats and experience aspects of nature they might not otherwise see. Teachers proclaim it's their favorite field trip in Marin!

MAGC's after-school classes delight and educate as well. Acrylic **Painting in the Gardens** for grades one to three begins Tuesday, September 20. During this six-week workshop, children will have an opportunity to spend time outside in the fragrant fresh air while using the gardens for artful inspiration. Their work will even be featured in our on-site Marin Society of Artists art gallery!

Perhaps you would like to enjoy quality time with your toddler. **Our Stories and Art** class is a six-week workshop for children aged two and a half to four. This "mommy and me" class begins Thursday, September 22, and will allow children to hear a story and then exercise their imaginations to create art projects. Inspired by the story, they will use paper, pastels, stamps, stickers, fabric paint, beads and more to execute their vision. It will be a magical hour in a truly magical setting!

The back-to-school season isn't just for kids. MAGC also offers several classes for nature-loving adults. Become a birding expert in **Backyard Birding**, starting

Saturday, September 24. In this four-week workshop Marin Audubon Society expert Lowell Sykes will teach participants how to identify native birds by their appearance and their call.

Also for adults, our three-week **Nature Photography** class starting Saturday, October 1 will offer the basics of landscape and wildlife photography. Local professional Jim Coda will share his knowledge about photography equipment, composition, light, and the skills needed for successful outdoor photography.

Finally, a one-day Composting Workshop on October 1 will teach participants the use of materials and techniques to optimize home gardens. To register for child and adult programs, please contact Ross Recreation at 415-453-6020 or [www.rossrecreation.org](http://www.rossrecreation.org).

At MAGC, fun and learning go hand in hand. Our educational offerings will allow you to explore nature and everything it has to offer, while enjoying the natural beauty of our gardens. As always, check our website for details going forward: [www.MAGC.org](http://www.MAGC.org), or stop by our office. We look forward to taking part in this fall's atmosphere of learning!

See you in the gardens,  
Diane Doodha

P.S. – MAGC membership is now better than ever! With a new set of membership levels filled to the brim with benefits, being a MAGC member has never been more exciting. Benefits include discounts and free drink tickets to our events, inclusion in members-only events, discounts on rentals and more! You won't want to miss out, so contact the MAGC office to secure your member status today.

## Horticulture / Environment / Conservation

### GARDEN SOCIETY OF MARIN

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**Thursday September 8,**  
**2011 at 7:30 pm**

### **GENERAL MEETING**

#### **"MAKING A GARDEN WITHOUT A SPRINKLER SYSTEM!"**

Come hear **Kristin Yanker-Hansen** talk about how to set up a garden which will have year round bloom, with no added irrigation.



"Making a garden without a sprinkler system is very easy", according to our September speaker. "There are many plants from around the world that can survive the five months of minimal rain that make up our fabulous California climate."

Kristen has been in the flower garden business for twenty years, and has experimented with plants in both watered and un-watered situations. She will have some of the dry growing plants on hand available for purchase at a very reasonable price. Enjoy the summer without all that watering!

Refreshments will be served. Free.

The Garden Society of Marin, a founding member of the Marin Art and Garden Center, has made a history of making gardening enjoyable and

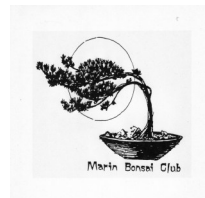
interesting. We promote good gardening practices and enrich the botanical knowledge of our members through activities and presentations by gardening and conservation professionals. Our monthly newsletter provides up-to-date information, references and interesting articles while our web site supports 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

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Location: Livermore Room\*

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.

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2011:**  
**WORKSHOP**  
**MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, 7PM -**  
Bring in your trees for our monthly workshop. Free for members, \$10 for non-members.

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2011:**  
**BEGINNING WORKSHOP**  
**MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, 7:30**  
Members Show and Tell -

Thrill of Victory/Agony of Defeat - Members will show and talk about bonsai successes and failures and what they learned from the experiences. Even the best of us can't get it right all the time, so come, learn from the experience of others or share your stories. Free to the public.

### MARIN ROSE SOCIETY

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Location: Livermore Room\*

#### **SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 7:30 P.M.**

Join us in the Livermore Room at the Marin Art & Garden Center for a panel with our expert Consulting Rosarians!

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.

## Horticulture / Environment / Conservation

### MARIN MASTER GARDENERS

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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.



### MARIN GARDEN CLUB

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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.

**Art Break Day 2011**  
**Friday, September 2nd, 2011**  
**9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Take a break and make art for free! Hosted by Art is Moving, this free public event encourages attendees to "Take an Art Break" and provides supplies and a space to create art. The Marin location is at San Rafael Plaza on 4th Street. Canopied booths and tables will be set up in the downtown area and will provide free access to art supplies, including paint brushes, paper, pencils, paints and crayons. Everyone is welcome to have a seat and make art for free. For more information, visit [www.artbreakday.com](http://www.artbreakday.com).

**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.



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

What could possibly go wrong when Bernard plans a weekend including a gourmet dinner with his Parisian mistress in a French farmhouse? His best friend has provided an alibi; his wife Jacqueline has been shipped off to her mother's... Find out in the Ross Valley Players presentation of French playwright **Marc Camoletti's Don't Dress for Dinner**.

"The performance provides more twists than a corkscrew," says director **Richard Ryan** of San Francisco.

In fact, things get more and more entertaining as Jacqueline cancels her visit because her mother has the flu and it becomes apparent she is having an affair of her own. Things get even crazier after that.

**David Kester** of Napa plays Bernard. He is joined on stage by **Sondra Putnam** of San Rafael as Jacqueline; **Tavis Kammet** of Berkeley as Robert; **Marianne Shine** of Mill Valley as Suzanne; **Melissa Claire** of

Point Reyes as Suzette and **Casey Blair** of Novato as George.

**Robert Wilson** of Kentfield is supervising producer for the show with **Josh Garcia Cotter** as production manager.

Performances will be Sept. 16 through Oct. 16, with Thursday performances at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday shows at 8 p.m.; and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Cost is \$25 for general admission with senior (62 and above) and youth (18 and under) tickets at \$20 and Thursday shows \$17 for everyone. A special "pay what you will" preview performance is set for Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m., allowing everyone to afford a night at the theater

The audience can participate and "talk back" with the director and some of the actors after the performances on? A Buzz at the Barn with a finger food reception for audience members will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

All shows are at the Ross Valley Players Barn Theatre at the Marin Art & Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in Ross. For tickets, call 415-456-9555 or go to [www.rossvalleyplayers.com](http://www.rossvalleyplayers.com).



photo by Robin Jackson

Left to right, Marianne Shine, Melissa Claire, Sondra Putnam, Casey Blair

## Arts

### **LAUREL HOUSE GROUP**

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Laurel House Antiques offers quality consignments on furniture, lamps, artwork, jewelry, figurines, and gifts for any occasion. Our Asian Room collectibles have been blended in with our other wonderful items throughout the main shop. 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 is always 1/2 off selected items in the shop with fantastic surprises and discounted items featured.



The 37th annual "Sunset Party" for members and their guests will be held on September 9th in the Garden Room - this year we will have a 70's theme! Please contact Alexis McBride at 415-279-9850 for more information.

The General Membership Meeting will be held on September 14th at 10:30 a.m. in the Livermore Pavilion. Our guest speakers will be Chris Kelly, CEO of MAGC and Diane Doodha, President of MAGC. A box luncheon will be available for \$13 - contact Julia Yost at 415-884-2653 for more details.

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

Consignments are accepted on Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Shop Hours:

Monday & Thursday 10-3

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday 11-4

### **MARIN SOCIETY OF ARTISTS**

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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.

### **CALIFORNIA WATERCOLOR ASSOCIATION'S 42ND ANNUAL NATIONAL EXHIBITION IN THE MARIN SOCIETY OF ARTISTS GALLERY SEPTEMBER 8TH THROUGH OCTOBER 9TH**

The Marin Society of Artists proudly hosts the California Watercolor Association's National Show in their gallery September 8th through October 9th with the reception on Sunday, September 18th from 2-4 pm. These watercolor paintings are the best from around the country and awards will be given out at the Sunday reception. This is a must see exhibit, so consider bringing your family and friends to the reception or sometime during the run of the show.

Many new people will be visiting our Marin Art and Garden Society for the very first time and we hope to get some new members.

Looking forward to October, the 84th Annual Members Show will be running from October 16th through November 12th with the reception on Sunday, October 16th from 2-4 pm.

## History

### **MOYA LIBRARY/ ROSS HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND LUNCHEON**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011 AT 11:00  
AM**

Livermore Pavilion - Marin Art and Garden  
Center

The presentation will be "Marin  
Art and Garden Center: Past,  
Present, Future" from Chris  
Kelly, CEO of MAGC.

A wine reception and buffet  
luncheon will be  
served around  
the Memorial  
Pool following  
the presenta-  
tion. RSVP with  
a donation  
\$25.00 for  
luncheon is required no later  
than September 9, 2011.

Please send check payable to:  
Moya/RHS  
Box 437, Ross, CA 94957  
Attn: Jane Chamberlain

Presentation only \$5.00 dona-  
tion at the door

Questions? Call Jane at 415-  
456-6683

Staffed by docents, the Mo-  
ya Library is open for re-  
search Wednesday thru  
Friday (11:30 a.m. to 3:00  
pm) and Saturdays (1 to 4

pm) from March 1st to the end of De-  
cember. Visitors are welcome to browse  
both the library and historical collec-  
tions.

The Moya Library/Ross Historical Socie-  
ty still has several copies of: **ROSS, CAL-  
IFORNIA - THE PEOPLE, THE PLACES,  
THE HISTORY**. This fine hardbound  
book is for sale at \$40. Contact the li-  
brary 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 the**

## **ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON**

**The *ANNUAL MEETING* for all Moya/RHS  
members, their guests and the general  
public, will be held in the Livermore Pavilion.  
After a short business meeting, MAGC  
Executive C E O Chris Kelley will describe  
many aspects of the MAGC by presenting an  
illustrated lecture titled**

# **MAGC: PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE**

**After the meeting, a buffet luncheon  
will be served by the Memorial  
Pool.**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011  
at 11:00AM**

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**Growing Vegetables**

There are many different vegetables that are at their best when temperatures are cool – and sometimes even cold – withstanding light to heavy frosts. The seed of these vegetables also germinate well in cool soils.



Our best time to sow seed or plant these vegetables in the Golden State is fall into winter. For those lucky California gardeners who don't face an early summer, these vegetables can be planted into early spring as well.

Leaf vegetables include the commonly grown chard, all lettuces and spinach. If you want to get a little more ethnic, try planting collards, kale, mustard, endive and chicory. Leaf vegetables like water, so make sure you keep their soil almost constantly moist (drying only slightly between watering.)

Root vegetables include many favorites: beets, carrots and radishes. There's also onion and its kin, leeks and garlic. Some old-fashioned root veggies that a seasoned gardener should try include parsnips, rutabagas, turnips and salsify. And some unusual roots – and root-like edibles – that are worth the growing effort are celeriac (celery root), fennel and kohlrabi. Root vegetables like deep, rich soil.

Veggies in the flower buds category are represented by broccoli and cauliflower. Because these plants "head up" best when night temperatures average about 45-50° F, adjust your planting schedule so that the vegetables mature along with when your local weather experts predict such temps.

**Tips**

Vegetables grow best in soil that's high in organic matter. If you are starting with a bare, never-before-worked plot, add 15-25 percent organic matter (by volume) to the vegetable bed.

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## MAGC Happenings

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.

## GARDENING TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

The pods, of course, are the peas, including English peas, snap peas and sugar peas. An odd relative that deserves more attention is broad bean (also called fava), which also likes cool weather. But don't think that all beans fit in this growing season – common beans are strictly warm-season vegetables. These veggies, too, like a regular watering schedule (but not as moist or as frequent as the leaf vegetables).

If you're a gourmet gardener who'd like to give some Asian vegetables space in your yard, check out the specialty seed catalogs for bok choy, pak choy, Chinese broccoli, Chinese cabbage (many kinds), Chinese mustard, daikon radish, garland chrysanthemum, tyfon and snow peas. (Then get your wok ready!)

Or maybe you'd like to try some European (and highly nutritious) salad greens. Here's some of the easiest to grow: arugula, corn salad (mâche), cress, lamb's quarters, orach, sorrel, and, of course, dandelion. The only critical practice in their success is to make sure they get even moisture, especially when the plants are young.

Many gardeners assume that once the summer garden is finished – and they've harvested too many tomatoes and too much zucchini than they know what to do with – the garden goes into shutdown mode. All of the above are reasons as to why that's doesn't have to happen.