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MAGC Announces Major Upcoming Event:

MAGiC Spring Garden Festival

CELEBRATING THE TRADITIONS OF THE MARIN ART & GARDEN CENTER

Saturday, May 2, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Mark your calendar for a very special event—the MAGiC Spring Garden Festival, 2009—an event being planned as a collaborative effort by all the Center support groups to be held at Marin Art & Garden Center on May 2, from 10:00 am-5:00 pm. Don't miss your chance to be at the start of a new MAGC tradition!

In tribute to the days when the Marin County Fair was held on the MAGC Grounds, festival attendees will stroll through the grounds with many opportunities to enjoy the unique beauty of the Center. There will be plants for sale (from habitat and California natives to roses, orchids, succulents and flowering annuals) as well as antiques, crafted items and other treasures.

The event will last all day and people will be encouraged to linger and even to bring their lunch for a picnic on the grounds. Of course, we'll also offer "fair food" like popcorn, hot dogs and the like. **Visitors will be able to play games, enjoy exhibits and lectures, participate in hands-on learning experiences, enter contests, look at art, create crafts, learn the history of MAGC and the Ross Valley and become familiar with everything that makes MAGC so very special.**

The focus will be on providing a wonderful, inspiring experience as well as a sense of fun and festivity. The day will truly be a celebration of natural beauty and the MAGiC of Spring.

A modest entry fee will help offset costs associated with the event (part of this fee will also be used to fund scholarships for camps, field trips and classes held by MAGC).

\$5 Adults / \$3 Seniors and persons with disabilities / \$3 Children 8+ / Free – children 7 and under

Tickets will be sold in advance and at the gate. No reservation is required.

The origin of this particular event was an effort to leverage and build on the popular annual Spring Flower Festival held for many decades by the Garden Society of Marin. With the enthusiastic leadership of **Bob Battersby** (chief MAGC booster and President of GSM), a team has been formed (including **Charlotte Torgovitsky**, MAGC's leader for sustainability and outreach, **Marnie Delaney** from the MAGC Board, and group leaders from the various support organizations) and plans are well underway.

Tickets will go on sale in late February and we anticipate a fantastic day of celebration.



Courtesy of the Ann T. Kent California Room Collection



Changes for 2009

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to our first edition of *MAGC Happenings*, our new quarterly publication designed to highlight events, programs and classes happening at MAGC. While the main purpose for change was fiscal and environmental, I hope you agree that we have still captured the essence of our beloved Center. A special thanks to Center Administrator **Jennifer Taibbi** and designer **Norma Novy** for making this idea a reality and to our support groups for their input and willingness to change.

As we continue to work on our goals of mission-based collaboration and financial sustainability, the Board is excited to welcome seasoned volunteer **Bobbie Minick** to our ranks as well as welcome back **Alex Ross** and **David Pauli**. Bobbie has done a tremendous job leading the Northgate Group for many years and we know she will be a huge asset as well as a great inspiration on the MAGC Board. Alex will continue to focus on the facilities and human resources areas, while David will focus on business management and operations. Thanks so much to all of you who sent in your ballots—we very much appreciate your participation in this important voting process.

At the close of 2008, the Center reorganized our staffing structure to focus on improvement of our management oversight and financial sustainability. **Michael Raymond** has been promoted to Center Manager and is now responsible for grounds, facilities, utilities as well as the rental program. In addition, **Fernando Rebolorio** has been promoted to Landscape, Facilities and Utilities Supervisor and will be overseeing the landscape team and working closely with Michael and Charlotte on the development and maintenance of the grounds. Our former Board member **Eva Holm** has taken on MAGC's accounting services and will be providing the reports and information needed for oversight in these difficult financial times. Please take the time to congratulate these valuable team members on their new roles.

We continue to focus on collaboration with our supporting organizations and community as evident in the planning of the **Spring Festival** scheduled for May 2. Chairs **Bob Battersby**, **Charlotte Torgovitsky**, and **Marnie Delaney** will be leading this effort and will need all of us to get involved on some level. Please consider volunteering—there will be many opportunities from which to choose.

Please note that the Board has asked and I have agreed to serve a third year as Board President. I remain committed to the Center and will do my best to work with the staff, Board, support groups, and community to position MAGC for the future.

Nancy Vernon

Eco-Friendly Garden Education

(aka Environmental Education)

Register for these classes through Ross Recreation at www.magc.org/education/pdf/regform_09.pdf

Contact: Janet Stephens, 415-455-5261, education@magc.org

Little Kids in the Garden

Wednesdays, March 18-April 22
1:30-2:30 pm, 6-week series, \$120
Location: Habitat Gardens

For children ages 1-5

Do you like to dig in the dirt? Would you like to harvest something that you grew all by yourself? Do you want to help protect the planet and all its creatures? Wanna try out a scavenger hunt? Would you like to make crafts out of acorns or other garden treasures? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," then this is the class for you. Discover your inner gardener at this hands-on gardening class emphasizing gardening learning and fun.

Kids in the Garden

Wednesdays, April 1-May 6
3:15-4:45 pm, 6-week series, \$120
Location: Habitat Gardens

For children ages 4-5

See above description.

Spring Plant Clinic

Saturday, April 4, 10:00 am-1:00 pm, \$15
Location: Garden Demonstration Area

MAGC is pleased to announce a new series of classes called Plant Clinics which will be held four times a year. Join us for the second one this spring on Saturday, April 4.

Never got around to planting wildflower seeds in the rainy season? It's not too late to enjoy spring wildflowers in your garden. We will learn more about California's native wildflowers and how to grow them in our gardens, then take some home! This class is part plant clinic, part plant sale. We'll start with information about several excellent choices, and then get hands-on experience working with them. Some flowers we may be working with include Lupines, Checkerbloom, Phacelia, Tarweed, Clarkia, California Poppies, and Chinese Houses. Of course there will be opportunity to ask lots of questions. The day ends with an opportunity to buy from the impressive selection of plants propagated in the MAGC nursery. Some books may also be available. Proceeds benefit MAGC's education programs. This class will be held outdoors, under a tent in case of rain. Dress appropriately for the weather.

Bay-Friendly Gardening

Saturdays, March 14, April 11,
April 18, and May 30, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

\$80 for the series of 4 if you pre-register by March 10 or \$25 for individual classes.

Location: Varies, check signs when you arrive.

The Bay-Friendly Gardening Program was developed to encourage residents to make environmentally friendly gardening choices. Bay-Friendly Gardening means simplifying garden care, reducing chores and using as few resources, from water to fertilizer, as possible. Bay-Friendly gardeners work with nature to reduce waste and prevent pollution of local creeks, waterways and San Francisco Bay. Join us for one or all three of these classes developed by StopWaste.org and its partners. This series is co-sponsored by MAGC, Marin Municipal Water District, and MCSTOPPP.

March 14: Bay-Friendly Gardening Basics

Considering form and function before planting can save time and resources. This workshop will provide an overview of design and maintenance considerations and practices that will help you make smart choices at the nursery.

April 11: Gardening from the Ground Up

Healthy soil is the foundation of a healthy garden. Understanding your soil will help you grow a blossoming garden this season and for seasons to come. Backyard composting, sheet mulching basics and other soil building techniques will be covered during this workshop.

April 18: Go Native—Planting for Pollinators

Attract birds, butterflies and beneficial insects. Learn to diversify your garden by including California native plants that provide food, shelter, and nesting places for wildlife.

May 30: Gardening to Manage Pests Naturally

Control pests without the use of pesticides. Attract beneficial insects to your garden. Discover least-toxic methods for managing common garden pests such as snails, slugs, aphids and yellow jackets.

Eco-Friendly Garden Tour

Saturday, May 9

This 3rd Annual Tour is a collaborative effort of MAGC and MCSTOPPP and has been offered through the College of Marin. This special event helps promote and educate the gardening public about bay and eco-friendly gardening principles and good garden design. Please check our website for more information to come!

Habitat Garden Summer Camps

Beginning in June. Check our website for more information which will appear soon.
www.magc.org/education/classes.html

Garden Society of Marin

Contact: Bob Battersby, 415-383-2946

jimsrubyring1@comcast.net

www.gardensocietyofmarin.org

Location: Livermore Room*

Garden Society Monthly Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 7:30 pm

Ginger Souders-Mason, a renowned environmentalist with a thirty year history in making the outdoors and your garden a safer place to be, will be our speaker. Ginger also created the ladybug sign you see everywhere that proclaims (your garden or mine is a) "Pesticide Free Zone." This will be an important meeting with a message for all.

Garden Society Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 7:30 pm

Marin Master Gardeners will present information in a slide show about bay-friendly principles of soil management, water-wise plant selection and irrigation methods to preserve our watersheds, streams and bay. We will be sharing ideas to conserve our precious water resources and eliminate the need for pesticides. You will also learn about the Marin Municipal Water District landscape rebate program.

Marin Bonsai Club

Contact: Michaele Jaffe, 415-945-9930

mjaffe@swagroup.com

www.marinbonsai.org

Location: Livermore Room*

March Workshop

Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 pm

\$15 for non-members/\$10 for members

Sensei Tim Kong is the instructor. Last repotting workshop. Soil and wire provided. Some pots for sale.

March Club Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 pm

Demo by Bob Shimon on redwoods. Demo will be raffled off.

April Workshop

Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 7:00 pm

\$15 for non-members/\$10 for members

Sensei Tim Kong is the instructor. Wire provided.

April Club Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 pm

Demo by Jim Gremel. Material to be decided later. Demo will be raffled off.

May Workshop

Tuesday, May 5, 7:00 pm

\$15 for non-members/\$10 for members

Sensei Tim Kong is the instructor. Wire provided.

Marin Bonsai Club

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May Club Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 7:30 pm

Demo by Bob Gould on azaleas. Everything you ever wanted to know about azaleas. Demo will be raffled off.

Marin Orchid Society

Contact: Lynne Murrell 415-457-0836

lmurrell@matson.com

www.marinorchidsociety.com

Location: Livermore Room*

Pacific Orchid Exposition

"Green With Envy"

March 6-March 8, 7:00 am-6:00 pm

\$12 on line/\$14 at door

Location: Fort Mason in San Francisco

www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

Marin Orchid Society will have a display of member's magnificent orchids at POE. Come and see how we represent the theme "Green With Envy". POE, the largest annual orchid event in the Bay Area, is the perfect place to view and buy unusual orchids. POE provides docent tours and demonstrations throughout the day.

General Meeting with Speaker TBA

Tuesday, March 24

6:30 pm to confer with the Orchid Doctor

7:00 pm for the speaker (to 9:30 pm)

Marin Orchid Society always has wonderful speakers who are experts in the orchid field. Orchid lovers, from novice to advanced growers, will come away with new information and new "tools" for blooming beautiful orchids. Web Wiz is available for looking up your favorites to find out where and how they grow, the parentage, taxonomy, abbreviations and much more. And, the Orchid Doctor gives sage advice on how to fix your problem orchid!

MOS Spring Orchid Auction

Tuesday, April 28,

6:30 pm Silent Auction

7:00 pm Live Auction (to 9:30 pm)

\$2 for bidding paddle

The Marin Orchid Society Spring Auction is a must for those wanting to add more wonderful orchids to their collections. We always have an array of many different kinds of orchids to enhance your warm or cool growing environment, whether you are a beginner or an advanced grower! We obtain orchids from local growers that are healthy and unique. The MOS auction is the best way to get great orchids at great prices!

Marin Orchid Society

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MOS Spring Repotting Event

Sunday, May 17, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Location: MAGC Potting Area

\$5 to \$15 per plant

Marin Orchid Society members and public are invited to bring their orchids for repotting. All varieties and sizes are welcome, including your overgrown cymbidiums! We use a mix of bark, perlite and charcoal and "sterilized" pots. If you are new at repotting, we will teach you all you need to know as you watch us repot your orchid. If your plant is too huge for you to repot on your own, we are here to help you get the job done! This surely is an event not to miss!

General Meeting with Speaker TBA

Tuesday, May 26

6:30 pm to confer with the Orchid Doctor

7:00 pm for the speaker (to 9:30 pm)

Location: Livermore Room

Marin Orchid Society always has wonderful speakers who are experts in the orchid field. Orchid lovers, from novice to advanced growers, will come away with new information and new "tools" for blooming beautiful orchids. Web Wiz is available for looking up your favorites to find out where and how they grow, the parentage, taxonomy, abbreviations and much more. And, the Orchid Doctor gives sage advice on how to fix your problem orchid!

Marin Rose Society

Contact: Joan Goff, 415-388-8552

joanegoff@yahoo.com

www.marinrose.org

Location: Livermore Room*

MRS Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 7:15 pm

Educational program and consulting Rosarian support for questions about roses.

MRS Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 7:15 pm

Guest speaker and our first monthly rose show. Come and ask your questions about growing and showing roses!

MRS Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 7:15 pm

Guest speaker and also a rose show judged by an American Rose Society accredited judge.

Marin Rose Society Annual Rose Show

Saturday, May 9, Noon-4:00 pm

Location: Northgate Mall

Our annual rose show includes over 500 entries in many classes. Entries to the rose show are open to the public but all entries must be placed by

Marin Rose Society
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9:45 am. The event is an educational event for the public to see which varieties of roses grow best in Marin County. Roses are sold at the end of the show at 4:00 pm for very reasonable prices. A great place to purchase roses for Mother's Day! We also have a table for children to make small bouquets.

Master Gardeners

Contact: Candace Berthrong,
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cthrong@gmail.com
www.marinmg.org



Location: Livermore Room*

Climate Change and the Role of Conservation in Securing Our Future

Thursday, March 5, 6:30-9:00 pm, \$5

Ellie Cohen, President, PRBO Conservation Science, will teach us about the latest scientific findings on global climate change and the impact of global warming on Marin, including rainfall patterns, drought cycles, changes in plants and animals, invasive species and the future of local agriculture. This program is co-sponsored by the Environmental Forum of Marin.

Wendy Johnson: Gardening at the Dragon's Gate

Thursday, April 2, 6:30-9:00 pm, \$5

Wendy Johnson will share her personal experiences and practical, organic gardening advice gleaned from her three decades at the Green Gulch Farm Zen Center in Muir Beach.

Tomato Market

Sunday, April 19, 9:00 am

Organic tomato plants for sale: heirloom, hybrid, cherry, sorted by climate for best results. Come early to get your best choices.

Pixie Park Parents

Contact: Amie Yudice, 415-412-8771
amie.yudice@comcast.net
www.pixiepark.org
Location: Pixie Park*

New Member Presentations

Saturday, February 21, 10:00 am

Wednesday, February 25, 10:00 am

Saturday, February 28, 7:00 pm

**Location: Garden Room on 2/21 and 2/28
Marin Society of Artists on 2/25**

Pixie Park Parents
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Pixie Park is a cooperative playground that is maintained and managed solely by its members. In exchange for a key to the Park, members are required to commit to giving a certain amount of hours towards Park events and activities each year. Pixie Park is a great place to meet and make friends as well as a safe, fun place for children to explore, play and share. To learn more about the Park or to become a member, please attend one of our upcoming New Member Presentations!

Pixie Park Spring Fair

**Saturday, May 16, 9:00 am-4:00 pm
For children ages 6 and under**

Join us for some pint-sized fun at Pixie Park's 51st Annual Spring Fair. The fair features a petting zoo, pony rides, train rides, puppet shows, Autopia, the much loved mini car rides, and so much more!

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ARTS

Arts & General Interest Classes

Register for these classes through Ross Recreation at www.magc.org/education/pdf/regform_09.pdf

Contact: Janet Stephens, 415-455-5261,
education@magc.org

What's Cooking? Recipes from Our Favorite Books and Movies

Tuesdays, April 7-June 2, 3:15-4:15 pm, \$245

Location: Garden Room

For children in grades 1-3

Join us for a culinary adventure that will bring delicious recipes off the movie screen and out of the pages of your favorite book and into the kitchen. Magical Menus from Harry Potter and Dreamy Delectables from the Wizard of Oz are just two of the many exciting meals that we will prepare together. We will use fresh, seasonal ingredients from local sources, whenever possible. In the process, your children will learn basic cooking techniques along with how to be safe in the kitchen. A \$16 materials fee is paid to the teacher at the first class. Different movies and books will be presented during the spring classes. *Teacher is Armida Scopazzi.*

Music Together of Marin

Mondays, April 13-June 15

Three classes: 9:30-10:15 am;

10:30-11:15 am; and 11:30-12:15 am

\$195, includes materials fee of \$35

Arts & General Interest Classes
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Location: Livermore Room

For children up to 4.5 years old

Children 8 months and younger are free with an older sibling. No children accepted after the third week.

Music Together is a music and movement approach to early childhood music development for infant, toddler, and preschool-aged children and their parents and other primary caregivers. Originally offered to the public in 1987, it pioneered the concept of a research-based, developmentally appropriate early childhood music curriculum with materials for home use that strongly emphasize and facilitate adult involvement.

Music Together classes are based on the idea that making music with children in the family, and in a community of families, enriches the lives of both children and caregivers, promotes musical growth in children, and is great fun. *Teacher is Beth Crespan.*

Cooking: Leisurely Spring Lunches and Brunches

Adult Class, Wednesday, April 8

10:00 am-12:00 pm, \$75

Location: Garden Room

Let's celebrate the freshest spring fruits and vegetables in this hands-on cooking class! We'll start with a basket of beautiful produce from the farmers market, and learn both savory and sweet dishes to serve at brunch and lunch. We'll emphasize "make-ahead" dishes for fun and easy entertaining. *Teacher is Christa Colardo.*

Decorations Guild

Contact: Kathy Walker, 415-454-5720

rcwkcw@marincounty.net

Location: Decorations Guild

Famous for its handmade fur teddy bears, the Decorations Guild, a volunteer organization, operates a gift shop displaying its own uniquely designed bouquets, arrangements, tree plaques and wreaths made of natural materials.

Laurel House Group

Contact: Bobbie Minick, 415-454-8472

bgminick@yahoo.com

www.laurelhouseantiques.com

Location: Laurel House*; call for hours

Patio Sale

Saturday, February 28, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

The Laurel House Group held their general meeting in January and installed a new Board, as well as three new members. Please come attend our first patio sale of the year. There will be many great things at great prices.

*Regular location, except when noted.

Marin Society of Artists

Contact: Gallery, 415-454-9561
www.marinsocietyofartists.org

Location: MSA Gallery; call for hours

Portraits & Figures (Art Show)

February 8-March 1

Reception, February 8, 2:00-4:00 pm

This is our February juried art show. Portraits and figures will be featured in many different ways. This show features the human figure in all its glory, clothed or otherwise. The show will be juried by MSA members Jack Lucey, Madeline Wood, and Deanna Pedroli.

Marin Society of Artists celebrates over 81 years! Marin Society of Artists was founded in 1927, with artists meeting in each other's homes. When Caroline Livermore conceived of the Marin Art and Garden Center, the artist group joined with seven other groups to purchase the land. It cost \$25,000, and was paid off in 5 years. The artists rolled up their sleeves and built their gallery with their own labor. Frances Young donated money to finish the building.

Open Craft & Sculpture (Art Show)

March 8-29

Reception, March 8, 2:00-4:00 pm

This is our March juried art show. It is open to members and non-members alike and will feature crafts and sculpture. In most of our shows, paintings and other 2-D artworks dominate, so this show gives the craft and sculpture people a chance to shine. There will also be hand made jewelry, fiber art, and other mixed media pieces.

Porchlight Theatre Company

Contact: Molly Noble, 415-602-8574
mollynoble@comcast.net
www.porchlight.net

Porchlight Theater Company is an ensemble inspired by world literature, nature and the human experience. We explore the power of the theatre experience to educate, unite and ignite positive social change.

Ross Valley Players

Contact: Barn Theatre, 415-456-9555
www.rossvalleyplayers.com
Media contact: Kim Taylor, 415-897-7772
KimTaylorpr@aol.com

Location: Ross Valley Players
Barn Theatre

General admission \$25
Senior citizens (62+) \$20
Youth (18/under) \$20

Thursday shows \$15 (no other discounts apply)



Ross Valley Players *continued*



The Last Night of Ballyhoo

By Alfred Uhry

March 20-April 26

Fridays, Saturdays 8:00 pm

Sundays 2:00 pm (April 5, 12, 19, 26)

Thursdays 7:30 pm (April 2, 9, 16, 23)

"Pay What You Will", March 27

"Buzz at the Barn", March 21

Winner of a Tony Award and nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, this charming and bittersweet comedy is set in Atlanta on the eve of World War II. Hitler's just invaded Poland, but the biggest concern of the Freitag family is Ballyhoo, a lavish country club cotillion for the elite southern Jewish community and the social event of the season. But when a handsome stranger from New York arrives, gentle comedy, sweet romance and unexpected turns lie just around the corner. *Directed by Phoebe Moyer.*



A View from the Bridge

By Arthur Miller

May 15-June 21

Fridays, Saturdays at 8:00 pm

Sundays 2:00 pm (May 31, June 7, 14, 21)

Thursdays 7:30 pm (May 28, June 4, 11, 18)

"Pay What You Will", May 22

"Buzz at the Barn", May 16

This gem of a play from master playwright Arthur Miller tells the powerful and profound story of Eddie Carbone, a hard-working Italian-American longshoreman. When Eddie opens his crowded Brooklyn apartment to his wife's Sicilian cousins, trouble slips through, too. Soon Eddie is confronted by feelings he fiercely denies and makes choices that shatter everyone he loves and reverberate throughout the community. A story of a man who holds family and honor above all else—and yet betrays them both. *Directed by Cris Cassell.*

RAW—Ross Alternative Works *continued*

Contact: Barn Theatre, 415-456-9555
www.rossvalleyplayers.com

Media contact: Kim Taylor
415-897-7772 KimTaylorpr@aol.com

Location: Ross Valley Players Barn Theatre

\$7 suggested donation general audience. Ross Valley Players members and subscribers admitted free.



RAW—Ross Alternative Works *continued*

Fifth Season of Readings of Works in Progress

Saturday, March 28, 3:00 pm

Sunday, March 29, 3:00 pm

Saturday, May 23, 3:00 pm

Sunday, May 24, 3:00 pm

RAW/Ross Alternative Works is a Ross Valley Players project established to encourage and present new and alternative works for the stage through directed staged readings. A discussion follows the readings.



HISTORY

Moya/Ross Historical Society

Contact: Richard Torney, 415-258-9595
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Location: Livermore Room*

First Friday Forenoon Speaker: Fred Runner

Friday, March 6, 11:00 am, \$5 donation

Mined from the depths of several historic photo collections, author Fred Runner has assembled a book and slide show that tells the story of Mt. Tam's famed railway, *The Crookedest Railroad in the World*. His recently published book will be available for purchase and signing.

First Friday Forenoon Speaker: Laura Ackley

Friday, April 3, 11:00 am, \$5 donation

Laura Ackley received a Masters Degree based on her studies of San Francisco's 1915 Pan Pacific Exhibition. This program will feature information about the many famous, interesting and unusual people who attended the fair.

First Friday Forenoon Speakers: Jocelyn Moss & Judy Coyt

Friday, May 1, 11:00 am, \$5 donation

Authors Jocelyn Moss and Judy Coyt present a talk based on their recently published book *Early San Rafael*, providing an overview of San Rafael's history and introducing some people who were influential in its growth. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Volunteers

Contact: Jennifer Taibbi, Volunteer Manager
volunteer@magc.org, 415-455-5260
www.magc.org/about/volunteering.html

Garden Volunteers

Join our team on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 pm as we tend various gardens and work to propagate plants in our nursery. You'll be helping us keep these gardens healthy and beautiful while you learn about the best plants for attracting butterflies and other beneficial insects. Please inquire about orientations for new volunteers.

Youth Internships

MAGC offers youth internships through the Marin School to Careers Partnership. The next internship runs February 23 to April 24.

Community Service

Do you or someone you know need community service hours? Work in our beautiful gardens and earn your hours.

Eco-Friendly Garden Tour May 9

This 3rd Annual Tour is a collaborative effort of MAGC and MCSTOPPP and has been offered through the College of Marin. We need one special volunteer to find gardens for the tour, act as a liaison between the garden owners and the tour organizers, and help promote and educate the gardening public about bay and eco-friendly gardening principles and good garden design. Work needs to start very soon on this project so if you are interested, please contact us asap!

Rental

Contact: Dana Mills, Events & Facilities Coordinator, 415-454-1301, rental@magc.org
Planning a Holiday Party, Wedding or Other Special Event?

Voted best wedding/event site in Marin by *Pacific Sun*, *The IJ* and *North Bay Bohemian* newspapers, Marin Art & Garden Center has a variety of attractive party sites, ample free parking and a number of other amenities.



Ellen Pearson and Michelle Moulton from Redwood High, building a Willow Hut with the help of Charlie Kennard.

Garden Education Docents

"Exploring Habitats" first and second-grade field trips for this spring begin on March 3. Docent shifts are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 am-12:30 pm (late shift is 11:00 am-1:30 pm). Training for new docents is on Thursday, February 19 or Tuesday, February 24, from 9:30 am-12:30 pm in the Butterfly Garden.

If you are a returning docent we are asking that you attend the training to refresh and to help train new colleagues. **Please RSVP to Jennifer and let us know if you are a new or returning docent.**

MAGiC Spring Festival May 2

Please join us in this collaborative effort by all the Center support groups to offer a MAGiC Spring Garden Festival on May 2, from 10:00 am-5:00 pm. There are many volunteer opportunities including children's activities, food booths, ticket booths, and much more. Please contact us to find out more about this special event and how you can get involved. To learn about all volunteer opportunities at MAGC, please go to our website at www.magc.org/about/volunteering.html.



Membership/Donations

Contact: 415-455-5260, info@magc.org

MAGC's existence depends on the vitality and diversity of its membership and donations. Currently, Marin Art & Garden Center has over 2,000 members, whose contributions help maintain the Center's beautiful gardens, the facilities and help fund our educational, recreational and community service programs. Please join us in sharing a commitment to preserve the beautiful grounds and to foster community involvement and education. If you wish to become a member or donate to MAGC, please contact us. *Thank you!*

Edible Garden Contact: Charlotte Torgovitsky
415-455-5263, torgovitsky@comcast.net

We're planning to expand the scope of our gardening activities by developing a food garden. We have a sunny site selected, but we'll need materials! Can you help by putting us in touch with a source for free lumber, soils, or irrigation supplies? The Edible Garden will be utilized for our children's summer camps and classes, as well as helping adults learn these old-fashioned skills for a new era.

Contact Us

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P.O. Box 437, Ross, California 94957



TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS



Registration for events with the bear logo is through Ross Recreation, 415-453-6020, rossrec@rossschool.net, or via their website at www.rossrecreation.org. You can download their registration form at www.magc.org/education/pdf/regform_09.pdf. Information for other events can be obtained through the specific contacts noted in their listing or on our website at www.magc.org.

MARIN ART & GARDEN CALENDAR SPRING 2009

● March

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Marin Bonsai Workshop

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Master Gardeners: Climate Change & the Role of Conservation In Securing Our Future

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

MOYA: First Friday Forenoon
Speaker: Fred Runner

MARCH 6-MARCH 8

Pacific Orchid Exposition, "Green With Envy"

MARCH 8-29

Marin Society of Artists
Open Craft & Sculpture

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Marin Rose Society Monthly Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Garden Society of Marin Monthly Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Bay-Friendly Gardening

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Marin Bonsai Club Meeting

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 18-APRIL 22

Little Kids in the Garden

MARCH 20-APRIL 26

Ross Valley Players
The Last Night of Ballyhoo

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Marin Orchid Society General Meeting,
Speaker TBA

MARCH 28-29

RAW: Readings of Works in Progress

● April

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 1-MAY 6

Kids in the Garden

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Master Gardeners: Wendy Johnson
Gardening at the Dragon's Gate

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

MOYA: First Friday Forenoon
Speaker: Laura Ackley

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Spring Plant Clinic

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

Marin Bonsai Workshop

TUESDAYS, APRIL 7-JUNE 2

What's Cooking? Recipes from Our
Favorite Books & Movies

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Cooking: Leisurely Spring Lunches & Brunches

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Garden Society of Marin Monthly Meeting

SATURDAYS, APRIL 11 & 18

Bay-Friendly Gardening

MONDAYS, APRIL 13-JUNE 15

Music Together

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Marin Rose Society Monthly Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Tomato Market

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Marin Bonsai Club Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Marin Orchid Society Spring Auction

● May

FRIDAY, MAY 1

MOYA: First Friday Forenoon
Speaker: Jocelyn Moss & Judy Coyt

SATURDAY, MAY 2

MAGC Spring Festival

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Marin Bonsai Workshop

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Eco-Friendly Garden Tour

Marin Rose Society Annual Rose Show

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Marin Rose Society Monthly Meeting

MAY 15-JUNE 21

Ross Valley Players
The Last Night of Ballyhoo

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Marin Orchid Society Spring Repotting Event

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Pixie Park Spring Fair

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Marin Bonsai Club Meeting

MAY 23-24

RAW: Readings of Works in Progress

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Marin Orchid Society General Meeting,
Speaker TBA

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Bay-Friendly Gardening



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GARDEN TIP

The Missing Monarchs

We really missed the Monarch butterflies last year! The Marin populations were much lower than in many previous years; and that's because the drought conditions have greatly reduced the abundance of the Milkweed plants their larvae depend on.

You can help by growing Milkweed in your garden or container plantings. I highly recommend the Mexican Milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*) a beautiful blooming plant that does fine in border plantings or containers. It is sure



to attract the Monarchs if they are around, as well as a host of other beneficial insects.

The MAGC Nursery offers Mexican Milkweed in a choice of yellow, orangey or reddish flowers. Vigorous plants in 4" pots are \$5.00 each; the Nursery is open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

— Charlotte Torgovitsky

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