



Official Newsletter of the Carmel Valley Garden Association



The Gardener

EVENT CALENDAR

MAR 11

CVGA Program Meeting
with speaker
Bob Jones on Camellias
7pm at the Community Center
on Ford Road in CV

MAR 18

CVGA Board Meeting
4pm at CV Library

APRIL 8

Carmel Valley Garden Show
Whistle While You Work Party
7pm at Hidden Valley

APRIL 15

CVGA Board Meeting
4pm at CV Library

APRIL 30

NEW-Submit your entries
for the Flower Exhibit
Friday from 12pm to 7pm
at Hidden Valley

MAY 1 AND 2

Carmel Valley Garden Show
at Hidden Valley Institute
9am to 4pm
PLUS Sat Night Gala 6:30pm
www.cvgardenshow.com

2010 has been very productive starting with a very enjoyable Valentine party thanks to party master Linda Aspinwall. It was the best food and the best company. And then we were off to Rosie's Garden and the Library for a project organized by Mary Gale, which went very well, especially with the help of Dianne Woods (who had the tools and trailer). Thanks Dianne.

Our next trip is the San Francisco Flower Show bus trip; call Linda Aspinwall at 659-9155, to reserve your seat. It's a great price, a lot of fun, and we all enjoy Linda's gourmet snacks on the bus.

The Carmel Valley Garden Show is coming soon, May 1&2. Contact Christine Raybould to volunteer for your favorite activity. Everyone needs to be involved this year because it's now a two day event, and we want to make it successful without putting the burden on a same few people. Speaking of generous contributions. . . many, many, MANY thanks to Wendy Hursey for being the gatherer and keeper of all the 'stuff' that needs to be gathered and kept for the Carmel Valley Garden Show and to Bob Dawson for his spread sheets showing us what we have to do and when we have to do it. Hopefully this will finally make the Garden Show run as smoothly as it should! This year's show will be spectacular, and I'm sure my thank you list will soon include your name.

Sincerely, Gordon Dill, President



Valentine's Party
was a sweet success!



PROGRAMS & GENERAL MEETINGS

by *Sheila Smith*

Located on Ford Road at the Carmel Valley Community Center

Can you bring a snack or beverage to our next meeting? Please call Cheryl at 324-4752.

The April meeting will be held at Hidden Valley

Please bring your nominations for next season's CVGA officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) to our next meeting.

March 11th, 7pm: Camellias

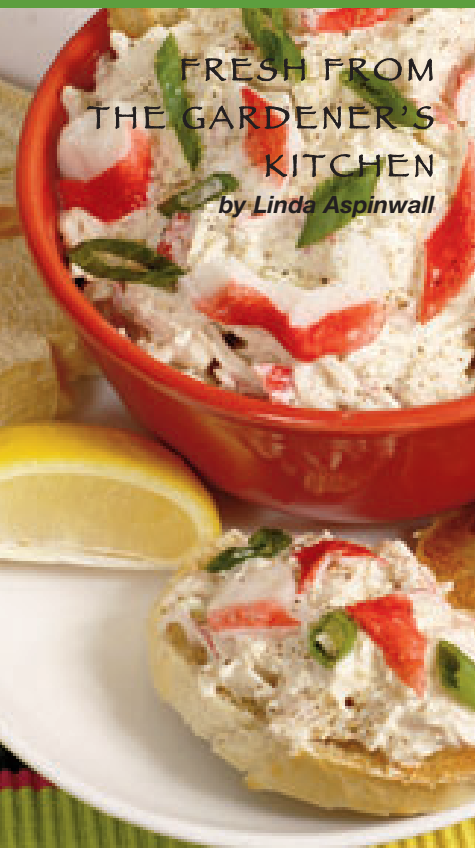
We have the last word in camellias, Bob Jones, coming to our March 11th meeting to share his passion for these lovely blooms. He is a grower and hybridizer, and judges all over the U.S. for the American Camellia Society. And he has 200 different named varieties of camellia – who knew there were so many! A question that comes to mind is this: where does one start in naming a camellia?

Bob was a music teacher at Santa Catalina School and upon retirement took on managing Griggs Nursery. Many of us know him as a familiar face in the Valley and are pleased to announce his appearance with us to talk and answer camellia queries. See you on Thursday the 11th.

April 8th, 7pm: Come Roll up Your Sleeves & Have Fun Too!

In May, gardens benefit from April showers. Flowers burst out to delight us and seem to thank the gardener for remembering to mulch and fertilize. Similarly, the effort we put in at our April meeting, makes for a successful Flower Show in May. April is when we meet to do the business end of the Flower Show. We admire the good artwork on the flyers, apply address labels on them to our members, advertising the show, and generally discuss the event. Think of it as figuratively fertilizing and mulching. We sit and chat while we stick. Piles are put into larger stacks by zip code. Duplications are pointed out; "Yikes, two flyers to the Dawson's.

How did that happen?" Corrections are made; "They were our neighbors but they moved to Fresno." We provide input to each other and accomplish, with many hands, a vast amount of business. Roll up your sleeves. It's time to tend to the garden. **Meet at Hidden Valley at 7pm**, and the wine will be open awaiting our pleasure.



Baked Crab Dip with Meyer Lemon On the High Seas

I had a wonderful adventure on a 47 foot Italian sailing yacht last week. The invitation came from my 35 year old daughter, an emergency room nurse who wanted a belated Birthday with 12 of her closest friends and MOM!! She chartered this beautiful boat through captain@bellamontereybay.com. My challenge, to create a "yummy" appetizer for this unique setting.

Ingredients

- 1 lb lump crabmeat
- 1 cup grated Monterey jack cheese
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan
- 1/4 cup minced green onions
- 4 to 5 roasted garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 teaspoons Tabasco sauce
- 1/4 cup minced water chestnuts
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 Meyer Lemon, grate rind
and squeeze juice into mixture
- Salt & pepper to taste

Directions

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.
- Combine all of the ingredients in a generous 2 cup chafing dish with top, gently stir until thoroughly combined. Bake for 45 minutes.
- Serve hot with crackers. Pack in box with newspaper bunched all around to keep hot.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Wendy Hursey

Happy Birthday to our Members:

Ellen Gannon, March 18
Carol Arana, March 22
Ruth Gingerich, March 22
Jean Littlepage, March 29
Ginger Winger, April 2

GARDEN NOTES

by Gordon Dill

FINANCIAL UPDATE

by Bob Dawson

The Treasurer urges all those members that want to attend the upcoming trip to the San Francisco Flower Show to get those \$40 checks in the mail to PO Box 72 ASAP.

Hellos and Goodbyes

Hello to three new members who joined CVGA at the Valentine's party. Please extend a warm welcome to our newest gardeners, **Lori Haines**, **Linda Kaufman** and **Beth Stratton**. Let's see where we can involve them in club activities!

It is with much sadness we must say goodbye to **Shirley Carder** who died in February. Our sympathy goes out to her husband, Vic, and all her family. Shir was a member of CVGA for several years and was a delight to know.



We will always remember her as straight-lady Mrs. Claus at the club's Christmas parties accompanying Vic doing his Santa act. If a committee chair needed a volunteer, she was always there with a smile on her face. Shir, we will certainly miss you.

Other sad news. **Helga**, the wife of member **Bob Meadows**, passed away unexpectedly in February. Bob has not been able to attend CVGA meetings this year, due to his own health problems, but our long-time members all know how active and helpful Bob was at club events before that. Our condolences go out to Bob. And the next time you are in your garden, send your comforting thoughts his way.

Planting Berries

Now is a good time to plant berries. Cane berries can be planted in full sun, but do not expect fruit until the second year. Some of the easiest berries to grow are Blueberry, Currant and Gooseberry. Just don't plant these berries next to pines, they are host to disease. Strawberries, especially alpine strawberries, do well in full sun. Alpine strawberries naturalize in full sun to partial shade and do well for years. Prep soil with 6" of compost and work it in the soil. Raise the bed about 4" to 6" so the plants have a better chance to root and get established.



Income/Expenses Report

This report summarizes the income and expenses for the first two months of 2010.

Balance 12/31/2009	\$	6,427.04
INCOME		
Dues	\$	240.00
EXPENSES		
District dues (new members)	\$	(16.00)
CGCI dues (new members)	\$	(36.00)
Hospitality (meeting)	\$	(4.73)
Room Rent (2 meetings/party)	\$	(70.00)
Newsletter printing	\$	(50.31)
Postage	\$	(44.00)
Hospitality (Rosies work party)	\$	(25.00)
Valentine Party	\$	(526.39)
Balance 2/22/2010	\$	5,894.61



COMMUNITY
WORKDAYS &
PROJECT UPDATES

by Mary Gale

Thank You
to the
Work Crew!

Dianne Woods
Gordon Dill
Frank & Frieda Bresk
Bob & June Dawson
Cheryl Fife
Mary Gale
Wendy Hursey
Nina Laub
Haywood Norton
Jennifer Smith
Karolyn Stone
Pat Zampatti
Larry Busick
Sea Captain Bruce

Work Party Cleans Up, Remains Vertical!

On a sunny Saturday, February 13, fourteen CVGA members gathered at Rosie's Garden and then the Library patio to spruce them up. Dianne Woods and Gordon Dill provided tools as needed, and Dianne had a huge pile of mulch ready to spread. Fueled by treats from Rosie's Cracker Barrel, we pruned and shoveled and raked, with help from canines Tuffy Fife and Colette Norton, and helpful human friend Larry Busick.

A group photo, courtesy of Haywood Norton, shows an enthusiastic crew taking a quick break before our dash to the Library to tackle the weeds threatening to engulf the beautiful narcissus and other blooms. Our team grew bigger when Bruce, a library patron and retired sea captain, just couldn't resist lending a hand. Karolyn Stone thoughtfully arranged for the finishing touch—delicious sandwiches from the Carmel Valley Market, a gift from the Friends of the Library. The 2010 work party was great fun, accomplished much, and when it was over the gardens and the gardeners looked great. As Frank said, "I'm still vertical!"



Guest singer
Steve Guerra
entertained
us well at our
Valentine's Party.


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