

December  
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# The Gardener

*the newsletter of Carmel Valley Garden Association*

**Dear Carmel Valley Garden Association Members:**



The season has changed to our true fall weather - sunny days and cold nights with a little rain mixed in. If your garden is looking a little tired and needs a little color, try pansies and primroses (Giant Pacific is my favorite). Put them in a pot at the front door or in a pot outside the kitchen window where you can see their sunny faces.

Planted now you can keep pansies going into the summer. Primroses can be a perennial in the right spot. Keep up with cleaning leaf debris.

Don't put any plants that have insects or fungus in the compost pile—you don't want to reintroduce them into your garden next year. Put them in the garbage can. If you can get the temperature in your compost pile up to 160°-180° it could possibly kill the insects and weed seeds but I do not know about fungus.

Put down a slow release fertilizer then compost from last year's leaf debris. I also like chicken, steer or horse manure. Let the coming rain work the magic for spring. (This sounds like a recipe.)

***The spontaneous energies of the earth are a gift of nature, but they require the labors of man to direct their operation.*** Thomas Jefferson

See You All At The Christmas Party  
Dianne

## CALENDAR

**DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2011**

**¡Feliz Navidad!**

Holiday Potluck Soirée ...  
6pm

RSVP to Penny Wood  
659.0934

CV Community Center  
Ford Road at Carmel Valley Rd



**DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Holiday Party SetUp  
10am at the  
Community Center

**MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2012**

SF Flower Show Bus Trip  
Pamela Norton is taking  
names. Make sure you're  
on her list. She doesn't  
even care whether you're  
naughty or nice.

**CARMEL VALLEY  
GARDEN SHOW**

**MAY 5-6, 2012**

**SETUP MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

## ¡Feliz Navidad!

Join **Carmel Valley Garden Association** for a joyful  
Feliz Navidad featuring a taco bar and enchiladas.

Please bring a dish to share ~ something to intermingle with our  
Feliz Navidad theme might be nice (but it's not necessary).

Also bring some ornaments to decorate trees which  
will be donated to Rippling River. The trees are  
rather tiny so bring smaller ornaments.

Carmel Valley Community Center on Ford Road  
at Carmel Valley Road ~ December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Penny Wood will need help with  
decorating on that Thursday  
morning. Remember, many  
hands make ... something  
good. Please join her for the  
**Joy of Setup!**

Call Penny to RSVP and  
for more information:  
659-0934



# CLIMBING ROSES

JOSEPH TRUSKOT, Master Rosarian



## Penny's Secret "Hot Crab Dip"

Penny Wood's Crab Dip didn't last long at last month's meeting. But now you can enjoy it all you want. Very easy. Very quick.

- (2) 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 2 pkg. 8 oz. Crab Delight (faux crab)
- 2 Tbs green onion, sliced
- 3/4C horseradish
- 1/2C sliced almonds
- paprika

Combine first 4 items and blend until smooth. Fill pie dish with mixture. Sprinkle top with paprika and almonds.

Bake at 375° in a preheated oven for 25 minutes.

Enjoy!

*(Penny shared her secret dip so please repay her by helping her with setup. Thank you!)*



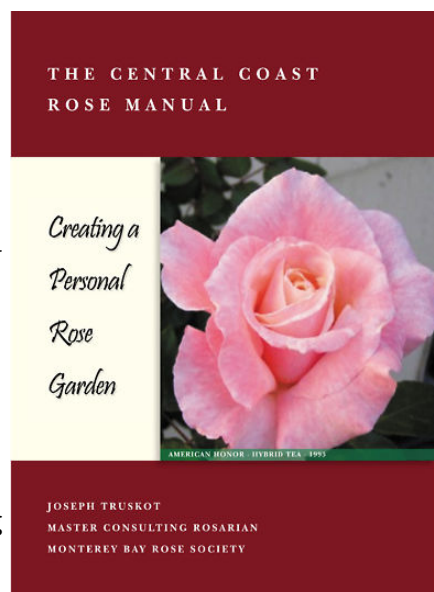
Some fine climbing roses for our area. Top to bottom: Sombreuil, Altissimo, and Sally Holmes

Joe was as entertaining as he was informative. What a font of information on roses. From climbing to floribunda! He had all the names down pat, but I got lost with the spelling.

Of course the Sombreuil was my favorite and now all I have to do is remember the name and the spelling!

His words of advice to prune at end of January was perfect since we will have a garden club group here at our home learning how to prune correctly. I know I have been pruning wrong for 17 years, but God love them, they keep coming back.

From the suggestions on fertilizer (Schultz's nitrogen) to his use of alfalfa pellets, which he had for sale, Joe is truly a master of the rose. I loved all the wonderful names and after seeing the photos of each different rose, I have a few new ones picked out to replace those which don't make me happy. Joe says "If you have to struggle with a rose, get rid of it and get one that makes you happy". I fully intend to get happy this spring! ~ Pamela Norton



Joe Truskot's *The Central Coast Rose Manual*  
To purchase, contact Joe: [jtruskot@comcast.net](mailto:jtruskot@comcast.net)

## Things To Do—Right Now

from **Sunset Magazine**

**Annuals.** To make sure cool-season annuals become well established before cold weather sets in, get them in the ground before the end of the month. If planted too late, they just sit and pout until spring. From sixpacks, try calendula, cineraria, Iceland poppies, pansies, primroses, schizanthus, snapdragons, stock, or violas. You can sow the following directly in the ground: baby blue eyes, forget-me-nots, sweet alyssum, sweet peas, and spring wildflowers.

**Grasses and wildflowers.** If you garden on a slope, make sure it's thoroughly planted so roots will help hold the soil in the event of heavy rains this winter. To temporarily secure a bare slope or one that's newly planted, sow seeds of wildflowers and a perennial grass, such as blue wild rye (*Elymus glaucus*).

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# DAY OF THE LILY



## CHRISTMAS CACTUS?

Not exactly. This is the Cacti child of Sheila and Leland Smith. It sat around for twelve long years before it decided to bloom. And they say the teenage years are the worst... I guess they hadn't met this teenager. The blooms last two days each and it's blooming annually now. I wonder what surprises she has in store for her adulthood.

## WHAT'S UP?

January 12<sup>th</sup> - **Mark Marino**, horticulturist, farmer, and organic crop consultant will be the speaker at our January meeting. He will tell us, and show us how to prune fruit trees to grow delicious beautiful fruit. An organic farmer for over thirty years, he is knowledgeable on all aspects of growing food from home gardens to commercial farms.

And we're going to have a master horticulturalist coming from the far east just to lecture us. Well, far east as in the other coast. This is just in time to help us get ready for the **Garden Show**.



One of the Daylilies that Charlotte Muia donated to the CVGA membership (*Polynesian Love Song*)

buds on each daylily flower stalk, and many stalks in each clump of plants, so, the flowering period of a clump is usually several weeks long. And, many cultivars have more than one flowering period. (from the American Hemerocallis Society web-site: <http://www.daylilies.org/>)

**What is a daylily?** The scientific name for daylily is *Hemerocallis*, most recently considered to belong in the plant family Hemerocallidaceae. Previously, many older works placed daylilies in the Lily family, Liliaceae. Notice that the preferred spelling is "daylily" as one word. Many dictionaries spell it as two words. The word *Hemerocallis* is derived from two Greek words meaning "beauty" and "day," referring to the fact that each flower lasts only one day. To make up for this, there are many flower



Charlotte Muia cleverly matches her daylily

## Do it With Dianne

Our November meeting was jam-packed with goodies. In addition to Joe Truskot's presentation on roses and Charlotte Muia's daylily giveaway (complete w/photos!), Dianne Woods demonstrated how to murder - strike that - root prune a boxwood (or any other root-bound potted plant).

She removed the offending plant and hacked away a full two-thirds of the roots with her trusty hori-hori. The boxwood seemed very pleased with its new haircut.



## Things To Do—Right Now

from *Sunset Magazine* (continued from previous page)



**Winter vegetables.** In inland and coastal areas, continue to sow seeds of beets, carrots, chard, onions, parsley, peas, radishes, and turnips. Set out broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower seedlings. Coastal gardeners can also continue to plant lettuces.

**Control diseases on fruit trees.** Clean up debris and fallen leaves around fruit trees, and remove any dried fruit from branches. To control brown rot on apricots, spray with a Bordeaux mixture (hydrated lime and copper sulfate) or other fungicide containing copper. For peach leaf curl on peach and nectarine trees, spray with lime sulfur after leaves fall. Apply sprays on dry days when rain isn't predicted for at least 36 hours. Thoroughly cover the branches, stems, and trunk as well as the ground beneath the tree.



# EVENTS

**"Rumors" by Neil Simon**  
Nov. 11 – Dec 11, 2pm & 7:30pm  
Magic Circle Theatre

**Village Holiday Art & Wine Walk**  
Sat. Nov 26, 1pm-7pm  
Carmel Valley Village

**Every Christmas Story Ever Told**  
Nov. & Dec, matinees & evenings  
PacRep-Golden Bough Playhouse

**George and Oatmeal Save Santa**  
Fri. Dec 2, 9, 16, 5:30pm  
Hartnell College Planatarium

**Smuin Ballet Holiday Program**  
Fri. Dec 2, 8pm  
Sunset Center

**Holiday Tree Lighting**  
Sat. Dec 3, 4:30pm  
CV Community Park

**Christmas in the Adobes**  
Thurs. Dec 8 & 10, 5pm  
Monterey

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Gift Show**  
Sat. Dec 10, 10am-4pm  
Los Laureles Lodge

**53rd Annual Santa's Fly-In**  
Sat. Dec 10. 10:30am-12pm  
Airfield & throughout the Village

**Nutcracker  
by Dance Kids Monterey**  
Sat. Dec 10, 7pm  
Sunset Center

**Holman Ranch Tasting Room  
Ribbon Cutting**  
Wed. Dec 14, 5:30pm

**A Celtic Christmas Concert  
with Heartstrings**  
Sat. Dec 17, 7:30pm  
Sun. Dec 18, 2pm  
Magic Circle Theatre

**Chanticleer Christmas**  
Wed. Dec 21, 6 & 8:30pm  
Carmel Mission



## Rosie's Garden

### Playing in the Garden

Seven hardy souls (and two cute canines) occupied Rosie's garden early on Saturday, November 3, demonstrating with shovels, rakes, hoes and pruners that neither cold nor fatigue nor speeding cars could stop them!

Led by Prez Dianne Woods, these stalwarts spent two productive hours cutting back lavender and other perennials, digging holes for spring bulbs (thanks Bob Dawson, our go-to guy with gopher instincts!) weeding and raking up huge bags for composting.

The morning began with comfort goodies—coffee, tea, and pastries, and a solemn note as Dianne buried the carcass of a crow, his/her name and cause of death unknown and little mourned.

Then Dianne, Bob, Pat Zampatti, Nancy Silva, Peggy Dickson, Haywood Norton, and Mary Gale went right to work, pausing only to pet Haywood's little cute pups or swig some coffee, and consider a good spot to locate the bench in honor of Lory Swiss. Two hours later Rosie's Garden was looking good. Drive by and give it a shout out! ~ Mary Gale

## Treasurer's Notes What Do Those Dues Do?

What do our membership dues pay for? Our President—Dianne Woods—briefly explained at the October meeting about our membership in the California Garden Clubs Incorporated. This membership costs each CVGA member \$2.25 annually.

By-laws state that we must also belong to a club district. This also has membership dues of \$1.00 annually (increasing to \$2.00 next year). We also pay \$.75 per member annually for club insurance. We're also able to maintain a non-profit status through CGCI.

We have expenses related to maintaining our web site, our post office box, occasional bank charges and minor administrative supplies. This newsletter and the directory are printed and the newsletter is mailed to those members not receiving it by e-mail.

We pay rent for our meeting and social events and most of our speakers are offered honorariums. And of course, we do have some hospitality and social event costs.

All in all, it is quite a bargain don't you agree? ~ June Dawson

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