

January

2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



*the newsletter of Carmel Valley Garden Association*

# CALENDAR

**JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2012**

**'Pruning Fruit Trees'**  
**Mark Marino**

(see more on next page)  
CVGA's Monthly Program  
6:30 - 7:00: social time  
*Program at 7pm sharp*

**CV Community Center**  
**Ford Road at Carmel Valley Rd**



**Dear Carmel Valley Garden Association Members:**

For me the New Year is new energy for the garden. It is a good time to take a good look at what has been successful and what has not. If you have shrubs, perennials or rose bushes that you really have to labor over, take them out. **IT IS OK** to dig it out and throw it away. If you have given the plant say, three years and it is not thriving, do not spend more time or money on it. If it is getting some kind of bug or fungus each year (like rust on the same rose bush each year) take it out. Why keep it?

What is doing well in your garden? Plant more of that. A lot of the same plant will bring any garden space a more-together, a more-planned look.

A short list of plants—your plant palate—in a big or small garden space will have a more comfy feel. My new thought in garden planning is 'less is better.' Give more space between plants. Giving the plants space will allow them grow to their potential size and will not need to prune throughout the year to keep them contented. In February we're having a Hidden Gardens Tour field trip to see what grows successfully in their gardens. Come and be a part of this to get new ideas and garden tips.

Dianne  
*~ A new plant - First year = peeper. Second year = creeper. Third year = leaper.*

**JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**  
rose pruning demonstration  
(see info this page)

**FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**  
Our Hidden Gardens  
and Valentine Get-Together

**MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2012**  
SF Flower Show Bus Trip  
Contact Pamela Norton

**CARMEL VALLEY  
GARDEN SHOW**  
**MAY 5-6, 2012**  
**SETUP MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

# PRUNING THE ROSES



Get your hands on the roses. Learn the correct way to prune to produce the best specimens. Now is the time to prune so your roses will be ready for our Garden Show in May.

Bring your pruning tools for hands-on direction from Dianne Woods. Or just come to watch.

Meet at Pamela and Haywood Norton's rose garden at 10am on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 86 Laurel Drive in Carmel Valley. Refreshments or light lunch to follow.

Please let Dianne Woods (659-4641 or [vinca27@comcast.net](mailto:vinca27@comcast.net)) or Pamela Norton (659-8037 or [norton37@comcast.net](mailto:norton37@comcast.net)) know that you're coming so they can plan.



# Cheryl's Good Eats



One of the very best things about our meetings is the yummy food. Cheryl Fife arranges it all and CVGA members bring the goods.

Cheryl would like to thank June Dawson, Dianne Woods, Penny Wood, Nancy Barton, and Sheree Hardrath for helping with the tidbits at the monthly meetings and to others who just bring in treats out of the kindness in their hearts.

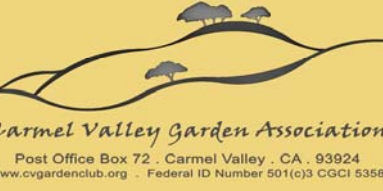
It is very much appreciated by Cheryl and all of us who enjoy ourselves. For those of you who would like to surprise us with your culinary delights, feel free to contact Cheryl Fife at 324-4752.

## OUR HIDDEN GARDENS FEBRUARY 11, 2012

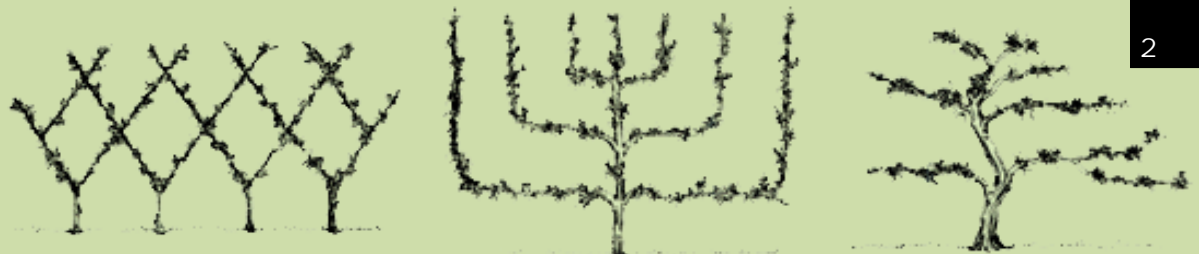


We are getting the rare good fortune to visit the lovely gardens of five of our CVGA members. Gardens will be open for touring on Saturday, February 11, 2012. Each will be open for an hour in sequence and the owners will be our guides.

We'll be visiting: Sheila & Leland Smith, Edward & Peggy Dickson, Dianne Woods, Penny & Warren Wood, and Pamela & Haywood Norton's gardens. Refreshments will be served at our last stop.



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# PRUNING the FRUITS

## MARK MARINO, ORGANIC FARMER AND GARDENER



**Mark** has been involved in organic farming and gardening for over thirty years. After studying Alan Chadwick's French Intensive Biodynamic gardening method at Red Horizon Farm in Santa Barbara, California, he began developing and refining techniques of growing specialty organic produce, flowers, herbs and experimental crops.

At his Pogonip Farm in Santa Cruz, Mark grew specialty organic vegetables for such renowned chefs as Alice Waters and Jeremiah Tower. He ran his own 200 acre organic produce farm in Missouri from 1983 until 1997.

In 1997 he joined Earthbound Farm, the largest organic farming company in North America, as Vice President of Weather. There he directed the research and development farm, exploring state-of-the-art organic farming techniques and developing new varieties of salad greens and vegetables for their extensive line of wholesale organic produce.

Mark's company is Cinagro Organic Farm and Garden Consulting & Design. Cinagro is simply the word "Organic" backwards—signifying that one must know a craft inside out and backwards before becoming a true expert. Cinegro is dedicated to promoting organic and sustainable agriculture by providing gardeners and farmers with the information and resources needed to develop a long term land stewardship. They have access to cost-effective natural fertilizers, natural pest control and season extension products as well as a multitude of organic growing supplies. Their goal is to cultivate awareness and understanding of organic production by providing onsite visits and site evaluations.

Presently Mark is helping people to grow not only the perfect flower and business but their dreams as well.

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