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# The Gardener

*the newsletter of Carmel Valley Garden Association*



Dear Carmel Valley Garden Association Members,

I was recently approached about having a garden tour of some of our members home gardens to see what will grow in our micro climates. The thought is to have 5 gardens to tour as a group and finish up with food and drinks at the last house. We can call it a field trip or open garden tour.

We on the board have 3 people who will open up their gardens to us and 3 people who said they would do a cocktail party afterwards. We will pick one place for the party.

I'm looking for is someone to come forward to organize this field trip. It can happen at any-time of the year. The gardens do not need to be in premiere condition at the time of the tour, we just want to see what is growing well. We can have it on a Saturday afternoon and all the gardens should be in the Carmel Valley Village area. If this is liked and we get a nice turnout we can see about having other field trips to view gardens in other areas. At each garden we will have time for questions and answers. Let's do it sooner rather than later. Anybody up to this project? Please call Dianne Woods at 277-2670.

See you all soon, Dianne

## PUMPKINS . PUMPKINS PIE . GOURDS . OH MY



Lunch at Hidden Valley with Santa Clara District Members



Gordon Dill with his pumpkins and gourds (all photos by Penny Wood)



A few of the pumpkins and gourds

CVGA members joined Santa Clara Valley District members of California Garden Clubs, Inc. for lunch in October at Hidden Valley. SCVD holds their meetings at different garden clubs districts each month. The Renaissance Man known as Gordon Dill prepared a delicious salad with scads of goodies. He also baked a bunch of pumpkin pies—a few from canned pumpkin and some from one of the large variety of pumpkins he and his friend grow.

After the California Garden Club meeting, Gordon gave a wonderful presentation about the pumpkins and gourds. New pumpkins are continually being developed and there were some that most of us had never seen.

## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 2011

CVGA's Monthly Program  
6:30 - 7:00: social time  
Program at 7pm sharp

CV Community Center  
Ford Road at Carmel Valley Rd

Joe Truskot ~ Master Rosarian

"Care and Feeding of the Queen of the Garden"

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

*'Feliz Navidad'*

Holiday Potluck Soirée



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

SF Flower Show Bus Trip

## CARMEL VALLEY GARDEN SHOW

MAY 5-6, 2012



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## Ode to Rose

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She is so beautiful,  
 She is elegant and fragile  
 She is very sensitive,  
 Yet so powerful  
 Poets praise her,  
 Lovers need her,  
 She is loved by all  
 She is Nature's wonder  
 She smells so special,  
 She is the symbol of Love  
 She brings peace and  
 happiness,  
 Truly She is the queen of  
 flowers,  
 Yes, the lovely Rose will  
 always bloom,  
 And be the reason for  
 thousand smiles.



# A SINGLE ROSE CAN BE MY GARDEN

By Sheila Smith

## JOSEPH TRUSKOT, Master Rosarian

Joseph Truskot will be our speaker at the next meeting. He has astounding credentials. Just look at this:

He is a winner of American Rose Society awards for his articles on America's National Flower. Joseph has helped hundreds of people improve their ability to grow roses through his clear presentations and effective writing: He wrote the *Central Coast Rose Manual* on creating a personal rose garden in the climates of the Monterey Bay, and for over a decade edited the Monterey Bay Rose Society's monthly newsletter, *The Bay Rose*.

He has won awards as a talented exhibitor for many different roses including winning twice for Queen of Show. He was awarded the Bronze Medal, the MBRs's highest honor in 2002.



He has grown roses since 1986 but his goal is to build the perfect rose garden at his house and yard in Salinas; he is still working on this!

Joseph Truskot hails from Ohio and has a degree in Education as well as a Master's in International Administration. He was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Iran, a management intern for C.A.R.E., Inc in Belize, Central America.

An expert musicologist Joseph Truskot was the executive director of the Monterey Symphony, a position he held for twenty years until retiring. He is director emeritus and was president of the Association of California Symphony Orchestras and has been a board member of the National Steinbeck Center.

Currently, he is host of Central Coast Public Radio, KUSP Santa Cruz's On Site Program and a regular on air personality for its classical music presentations. In addition to music and roses, he is an accomplished bridge player, cook, potter, and quilt top maker. He lives in Salinas in the middle of his roses with two cats, Buddy and Frederick.

**Please come to the Community Center to hear him on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup>.**



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*You are responsible, forever, for what you have tamed.  
 You are responsible for your rose.*

'The Little Prince' by Antoine de Saint-Exupery



# EVENTS

**Big Sur Food and Wine Festival**  
November 3 - November 6  
Carmel

**Highlands Inn**  
Starting November 3rd at the stunning Highlands Inn, then moving down the coast, the Big Sur Food and Wine Festival is four remarkable days of friends celebrating the great culinary expertise of the Monterey and neighboring areas, and some of the finest wines you can imagine. Food and wine panels, Hiking With Stemware, are some of the events.

**MIIS Visit Monterey Day**  
November 5 - 9:00am to 1pm  
Monterey

**Monterey Institute of International Studies**  
Come visit our campus and meet with deans, faculty, staff, and students. Learn more about their programs and take a guided tour of the campus. Located: McCone Building 499 Pierce Street in Monterey Registration is required by Tuesday, November 1, 2011. [www.miis.edu](http://www.miis.edu)

**Big Sur Half Marathon on Monterey Bay**  
November 20 - 7am to 11am  
Monterey

**Monterey - Pacific Grove**  
The scenic local coastline is showcased to thousands of runners at the Big Sur Half Marathon on Monterey Bay. The gently-rolling, 13.1 mile course winds through historic Monterey, down Cannery Row, along the coastline through Pacific Grove and back. The RUN FORREST RUN 5K and JUST RUN! Just Kids 3K races are held on Saturday morning and a two-day Health & Fitness Expo take place Friday and Saturday.

**SF Flower Show**  
March 21-25, 2012  
San Mateo Event Center

# someone put WHAT(!) down the drain?

Carmel Valley Garden Association was treated to an exciting and informative program at its October meeting—the do’s and don’ts for septic systems and wastewater. Bill Parham of PSTS and Barbara Buikema of Carmel Area Wastewater District surprised us with all sorts of knowledge that we did *not* know. Yes, it did seem like it would be a rather pedestrian topic but it turns out that there is a glut of stuff down those drains and a world of wonder in those septic tanks.



Barbara said CAWD has found all sorts of strange items in storm drains, but the strangest was a rowboat. A rowboat? Isn’t that something that just occurs on Saturday morning cartoon shows? Below are a few ways to insure that you don’t find a rowboat—or worse—in your septic tank.

## Five ways to prevent sewage backups and clogged sinks

### 1. Know where your sewer relief valve (SRV) is located and make sure it's working

Your sewer relief valve/overflow prevention device is the metal “mush-room” or pipe that everyone should have in their yard (see back panel). It protrudes from the ground, extending up from the lateral line that connects your house to the main sewer line. In the event of a main line back-up it diverts water into your yard instead of your home.

### 2. Grease, kitchen scraps and “flushable” products belong in the trash—not down the toilet or drain.

Collect fat, oil and grease in a container before disposal. Compost kitchen scraps or put them in the trash—ground egg shells, grease and coffee grounds from in-sink garbage disposals form a cement-like mixture that sticks to pipes and roots.



### 3. Do not plant large trees near your lateral line

Avoid fast-growing, water-loving trees with shallow root systems

### 4. Know the warning signs and take immediate action

If your toilet gurgles or you notice wet spots around floor drains most likely roots are clogging your line. Quick action can prevent total blockage and costly repairs. A sewer contractor can check your line and clear it with an auger. If you have water overflowing from your toilet, tub or shower and plunging does not work, it is an emergency. Do not hesitate to call the District

### 5. Make your lateral line part of your regular home maintenance

Although your lateral line is underground and out of sight it is one of the most vital pieces of equipment you have to protect your home from damage. To avoid trouble and increase the life of your line have it inspected regularly. Older homes with clay laterals and large trees may need more frequent cleaning. If your clay pipe is disintegrating but not yet collapsed it can be replaced with seamless, root-resistant plastic pipe without digging up your yard.

Photo below: Penny Wood

## Do's and Don'ts for septic systems

### DO

- Pump the tank every 2-5 years
- Keep maps and drawings of the system
- Keep maintenance records.

### DON'T

Put these items in the system.

- Caustic soda, acids, copper sulphate or chemical cleaners.
- Motor oils or fuels
- Plastic objects or disposable diaper
- Fats or greases
- Coffee grounds, egg or nut shells
- Filter tip cigarettes
- Sanitary napkins or tampons
- Paper towels or rags
- Paints, solvents, waxes, polishes, coatings or strippers
- Pesticides, poisons, or hazardous wastes.
- Pharmaceuticals (put them into the trash)



## Double Layer Pumpkin Cheesecake

a great alternative to  
pumpkin pie



### Ingredients:

- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 1 (9 inch) prepared graham cracker crust
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 pinch ground cloves
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup frozen whipped topping, thawed

### Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 325° F.
2. In a large bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Blend in eggs one at a time. Remove 1 cup of batter and spread into bottom of crust; set aside.
3. Add pumpkin, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg to the remaining batter and stir gently until well blended. Carefully spread over the batter in the crust.
4. Bake in preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes, or until center is almost set. Allow to cool, then refrigerate for 3 hours or overnight. Cover with whipped topping before serving.

(from: <http://allrecipes.com>)



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## Lory Swiess

August 29, 1929 ~ July 14, 2011

Lory Swiess Memorial donations  
to CVGA total \$1000 so far.

The Carmel Valley Garden  
Association Board voted to place  
a bench in Rosie's Garden. A  
plaque honoring Lory will be  
made for the bench.



## CVGA Financial Report June Dawson

The last issue of *The Gardner* contained our annual income and expense report. We ended the year with approximately \$2,200 less than we started. The events that contributed to this included:

1. Our California Garden Club, Inc. membership dues (and consequently ours) coming due earlier (1 July),
2. Our Garden Show profit was less in 2011 and,
3. The timing of our donations. Note that we donated \$7,550 during the reporting period.

Our organization is still in good shape financially. Our success at the 2011 Garden Show has enabled us to donate \$3,500 back to community organizations this reporting year.

- Hidden Valley Music Seminars ; \$800 (\$2,500 was donated in June 2011)
- Friends of the Carmel Valley Library; \$900
- Carmel Valley Community Youth Center; \$900
- Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee; \$900

Thanks to all who contribute to the success of the Garden Show that enables us to support our community."

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