



Presidents Message

Well we did it! Yes - the 2016 Geranium Conference was an outstanding success! We received many compliments from the attendees. For those who were unable to attend, you missed some great speakers, and a superb catered lunch. We were blessed with beautiful weather, and wonderful vendors selling some rare and unusual geraniums.

Now it's Show time. The theme this year is Geranium Zoo, to commemorate the centennial celebration of the San Diego Zoo. The April meeting guest speaker will be Erma Budlove, who will give you tips on how to arrange your display.

I have made a variety of animal silhouettes that can be used in your displays. We will be asking for volunteers for specific jobs for both Saturday and Sunday. (If you're not going to be at the meeting this month, PLEASE let us know when you will be available to help at the Show/Sale!)

This year, as last year, the Show and Sale will both be held in Room 101. All extra plants will be stored under the tables. We will be receiving plants from Gran Vista, Four Seasons, and Robin Parer. Let's make this a show to remember!

Jack Ohmstede/President

Getting Ready for the Show/Sale

Now's the time to start making sure your plants are in tip-top shape for the Show and Sale! Be sure that you're dead-heading often - that will keep new blooms coming, so that you have plants in flower in May. Remove all dead/dying foliage - this will keep the plant looking good now - help prevent disease - and save you time right before the Show! Take a look at the container your plant is in - is it big enough - is it in good condition? If necessary, pot up - and start cleaning up your pots now, which will save you time later. Also - keep using a half-strength fertilizer to encourage new growth between now and May. A little TLC now can make your plants look VERY happy by the time they go on display!



Next Meeting:

April 12, 2016



Don't forget to -

Bring snacks to share -

Bring Cuttings from your Garden -

Bring a plant for "Show and Tell"

Membership Roster

We're still working on our new Roster. If you haven't been photographed yet, please come to this meeting ready to have your photo taken!

REMINDER:

Our Dues are DUE at the May meeting!

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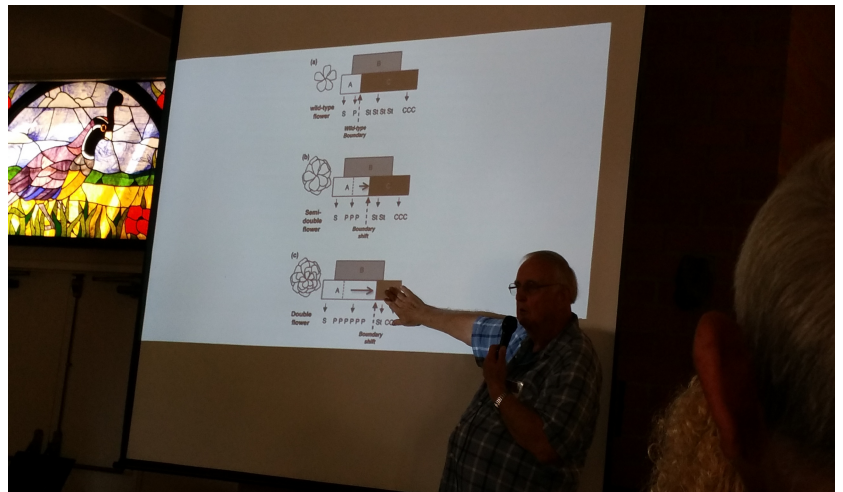
"The trouble with gardening is
that it does not remain an avocation.
It becomes an obsession."

Phyllis McGinley
The Province of the Heart

2016 Geranium Conference



San Diego Botanic Garden was a beautiful venue for our event. The staff was very helpful!



Wayne Handlos gave an incredible presentation on the genetics of geraniums/pelargoniums, as well as how viruses cause changes in leaf and petal patterns.

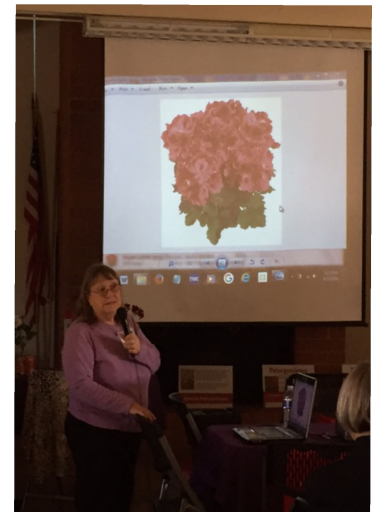


Cathy Miller and Melissa Trulock made geranium/lavender scented soap, as well as kitchen linens for our Special Sale Table!



Cynthia Pardoe and Kate Mooring enjoy the morning sunshine!
Cynthia gave a presentation on her work with the Regal Preservation Project.

Sandy Connerley gave a great presentation on the origins of the first tulip pelargonium - Patricia Andrea.



Brenda gave a talk on David Lemon and his collection of geraniums and pelargoniums.



Debby Lipp was one of our amazing vendors!



Robin Parer gave a thought provoking talk about Endangered Geraniaceae.



Who can resist a plant sale?



George Plaisted gave a talk about watering our plants.