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A Publication of the San Diego Geranium Society The San Diego Geranium Society meets the Second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., in Room 101 of the Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park. Meetings are Free! All Welcome!

Presidents Message

By the time you read this, Jean and I will be in St Elmo, MO visiting Jim & Erma Budlove! I have some exciting news to share - at the October meeting, our guest speaker will be Jim Zemcik. Jim Z has requested that all members bring in their worst geranium plant - you know the one - you look at it and think "what in the world can I do with this?" Jim will teach us how to groom it back to health. The object is to prep the plant so it can be displayed at our next show. Bring the plant back to the November meeting, and share the results. For you members that have seen Jim in action, you won't be surprised at what he does.

I'll see you in September - I hope you're having a great summer. Oh - by the way - I have been notified that there are some errors in the directory. I will correct them and republish a new one next year.

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August Meeting

August 9th @ 7:00pm



Don't forget to -Bring Cuttings from your Garden -Bring a plant for "Show and Tell"

PROGRAM

Our guest speaker for this meeting will be Judy Macomber with Petlovers Publications. Judy is a Master Gardener, and will be presenting on how to create a pet friendly landscape!

Summertime Plant Care

Are you noticing an abundance of budworm damage on your plants? That seems to be the biggest challenge in this gardener's yard - that and the occasional grasshopper. This is the time to be extra diligent with whatever treatment you've chosen to use - whether it's organic/natural or chemical. The worms are more visible in the cool of the day, and then can just be picked off (lizards LOVE worms, by the way!)

Keeping the plants well watered is another challenge. This gardener likes to water in the early evening - that way the plants can benefit from the water all night, and are prepared for the hot day ahead. Just be careful not to water the foliage/flowers - water the soil. AND - it can be tempting to water more frequently because of the heat - but be sure your plants really need the water, or you'll end up with root rot!

Give your plants a good clean up - remove dead, yellowing leaves, and dead head (remove spent blooms). And - don't forget to fertilize!

July Meeting Photos

We had an amazing presentation by Michael Ludwig from the KOLZ Begonia Research Center! He brought a number of very interesting plants with him, including the following!



Mellow Yellow Pelargonium



Tilandsia



Begonia





Dutchman's Pipe



Mike