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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**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season! This year is shaping up to be a very busy year for our Club, with the Geranium Conference in April, and our Show and Sale in May. We also have an opportunity to participate in the Del Mar Fair in June.

This year is the San Diego Zoo's 100th Anniversary, so the theme for our show will reflect the Zoo's celebration. Start collecting animal figures to use in your display!

Jack Ohmstede/President

## **Geranium Conference Meeting**

We will have our first Geranium Conference meeting on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at Sharon Pearce's home (3541 Marathon Dr - 92123 - 858-560-5336). Please let her know if you will be attending! We will be discussing details about the Conference, and putting together committees to cover various aspects of the planning that will go into this event. Please come with your ideas - AND with a willingness to push up your sleeves and do the work that will need to be done!

REMINDER: The Geranium Conference will be held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at The San Diego Botanic Garden! Be sure it's on your calendar!



# January 12, 2016 Meeting

Jack will be presenting a slide show highlighting nurseries that specialize in geraniums/pelargoniums.

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



### **SDGS Officers/General Contact**

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# Geranium Care During El Niño

Even though it may rain, water potted plants on a regular schedule. The foliage may cover the pots surface and the soil may not get wet. Allow excess water to drain away. Keep potted plants out of prolonged rain.

Continue feeding potted geraniums with a water soluble fertilizer. Use at one-third to one-half of the label's recommended strength. Apply at 30 day intervals. As an alternative, foliar feeding (applying fertilizer to foliage instead of the soil) is acceptable at recommended label strength and recommended frequency. Feed plants in the ground with granular 16-16-16 as directed.

Keep up a pest control and disease prevention program.

#### A Tale of Two Nurseries

#### Geraniaceae

Geraniaceae is a small nursery in Marin County, California (Zone 9b) specializing in some of the plants of the Geranium family. The nursery was started in 1983 - and is worth visiting if you are looking for really special and unique Geraniums/Pelargoniums! Robin Parer is the owner, and because she has a licensed nursery, has been able to acquire plants from outside the US! Here are some photos!



These photos were taken in August - well after the blooming season - Robin was horrified that we were taking pictures when the plants weren't in prime condition, but we wanted to give you an idea of how big her nursery is!

We hope to go back when everything is in bloom!

#### J. Woeste Home and Garden Treasures

You'll find J. Woeste at the corner of Alamo Pintado Avenue and Nojoqui in Los Olivos, just 15 minutes away from Solvang, California. Whatever your taste and whatever your space, J. Woeste is a peaceful place to laugh, rejuvenate, relax and nurture your soul. You'll visualize a wealth of ideas as you explore the treasures at this nursery - it truly has a magical atmosphere! We enjoyed hunting for garden art - this isn't a nursery that sells our beloved geraniums/pelargoniums - but if you want to create an interesting and amazing garden, this is the place to go!

