

Geranium Society Society

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!

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Presidents Message

The Geranium Show is Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, 2019, from 9:00 to 4:00. The theme for this year is "From Sea to Shining Sea," and nautical themes are suggested for displays.

The Sale will have a wide variety of plants, and some rare ones from Robin Parer of Geraniaceae Nursery. Some of our local members will be putting some of their plants up for sale as well. These plants are "San Diego Ready" and would be easy to grow here with our weather conditions. They also have some plants which they have been growing for years, and hopefully they will bring some cuttings for sale.

By the way, suggestions for display themes from one of our members included lighthouses, rowboats, ferry boats (Coronado Island!), fishing boats, sea shore, seaweed (kelp forests and Sea Otters!), Navy/Coastguard items, driftwood, and lifeguard towers.

See you at the show!

Patrick Powell/President

PS - Setup is on Friday, and the Club needs all hands on deck for help all day for any hours you can work. Bring a friend or relative and have fun while you work!

DUES ARE DUE!!!

It's that time of year again - our Dues are Due! See Cathy Miller about renewing!





Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 @ 7:00pm

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



Show and Sale

We need all of you to plan to participate. We need people for their ideas, their time, and their efforts in order to make the Show & Sale successful. This is our major fund raiser, so it is important to make it the best possible. And don't forget, it is a great opportunity to get some new plants!

We're going to need lots of help for the weekend of the Show/Sale - so be thinking about what you can do! We'll need food for lunch for the volunteers - people to walk the floor and answer questions our visitors may have - back up for those running the register - someone with a broom to help keep things tidy - etc! We can all do something - so come prepared to sign up at the meeting!

Don't be afraid to bring in a few of your plants for the Show - they don't have to be perfect - just pretty! Make sure the pots have been cleaned and that the plants are well groomed. Also - please inspect your plants for pests - we don't want anyone taking home plants with contagious bugs!

Bring boxes and bags for the Show and Sale! Let's make it easy for our customers to shop!

Even if you may aren't able to attend regular meetings – please consider setting up a display. We want LOTS of beautiful plants for people to see!

If you miss May's meeting – please email or call Patrick to let him know where/when you'll be working.

Pictures from our April Meeting



Greg Alder gave a great presentation on home gardens!



Jean brought in this lovely plant!



Kate loves her pink pellie!



Joyce brought in this birdhouse from the Geranium Conference

Blooming in Serra Mesa



From Sea to Shining Sea

We are promoting this Show and Sale as a place where people can see geraniums/pelargoniums/erodiums from around the world. SO - as part of our mission to educate people about the Geraniaceae family of plants, we encourage you to do some research on the plants you're going to bring to the Show, and create place cards with details about their origin/history. Sharon has offered to help anyone who doesn't know how to Google (www.geraniaceae.com has great information about the plants they sell) - but she'll need the names of your plants ASAP so she's not doing them at the last minute! Here's an example of information you can put on a placecard:

Plant Name: Pelargonium 'Catford Belle'
(Langley-Smith, Britain 1935)
Sold in Northern California as Pelargonium 'Barbie.'