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# Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- Altadena Farmers' Market Wednesdays, 2 - 6 P.M. Prepaid, no contact curbside pickup. [www.afm-subscription.com](http://www.afm-subscription.com)



## News

### Garden Update

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### The Annual ACG Picnic

The Garden will not hold its Annual Picnic On July 11, 2020.

There was to be a specially festive celebration in recognition of the new deck, the deck landscape features and Little Free Library, with special thanks to everyone who made it all possible. This looked to be an occasion not to be missed; there might have been acrobats, jugglers, dancing raccoons, dramatic recitations from The Iliad and displays of Soviet era farming equipment – we may never know!

## Artistry Inspired by Adversity

Covid 19 has inspired a number of finely crafted works. Here are a few:

Corona Virus Alert by BOBI WINE & NUBIAN LI Ugandan Music 2020 HD  
<https://youtu.be/PUHrck2g7Ic>

Super Bad Transmittable Contagious Awful Virus! <https://youtu.be/ykieEE1j9eA>

Covid-19 at Laniggan's [sic] Ball <https://youtu.be/Tkfr-Ib3wV4>

Omar Ezza – from Niger, Corona Tillé Yighssal Ass Tillé - Covid19 video 2020  
<https://youtu.be/ThfAYSP6gU>



## Covid 19 Virus Measures Taken at the Garden

From the Garden President: In response to the coronavirus pandemic and directive from Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation the Altadena Community Garden will do the following:

1. Until further notice, the Garden will be closed to the public. Only members of the Garden listed on the Garden Roster should be in the Garden tending their plots. The gates must be closed at all times when a Garden member is in the Garden. While in the Garden members must have facial covering, practice social distancing – six feet from one another, and wear gloves.
2. All activities/events listed on the 2020 Garden Master Calendar are canceled. This include meetings, classes, workshops and our Annual Community Garden Picnic scheduled for July 11th. No private social gathering or event of more than 10 people will be allowed on and around the deck.

Our Garden community will work together to ensure the health and safety of its members and the community.



## Reflections on and Insights into Covid 19

Frequent hand washing is of course the first line of defense in avoiding contact with the virus if we have to touch surfaces touched by others and certainly before touching facial orifices.

Social distancing is also clearly indicated. The authoritative asseveration that the virus may remain viable as droplets in gaseous suspension for hours is enigmatic. Of course we all know that they are not talking about “droplets” – breathe on a mirror and see how many seconds droplets remain before evaporating – yet what form these pernicious entities are in remains largely undiscussed. Reports vary widely on details such as social distancing, use of masks, temperature resistance of viral residue, longevity of infectious matter, etc. It is also interesting to observe that the more authoritative the source is, the vaguer it tends to be.

Clearly, one of the most alarming aspects of the pandemic is that “shedding” – the dissemination of the infection from an infected individual – may take place long before and long after the presence of symptoms and the symptoms vary widely from one person to another, from asymptomatic to suddenly lethal.

The widely spread assertion that the virus does not survive high temperatures and will be killed by temperatures in excess of 80° is clearly spurious. Higher temperatures do apparently reduce the longevity of infectious matter but, as it has spread widely through the summer months in the Southern hemisphere, we cannot count on a summer respite. Still, if our climate behaves as it so often has, with temperatures in excess of 90° and hot sun baking the garden, the level of contagion will certainly be reduced.

Until the rain has passed and the temperature goes up, extreme caution is indicated. Though we gardeners rejoice in the rain, there is reason to hope that our climate will choose to behave like Southern California again and when it does, this will probably be one of the safest places in the country.

Hand washing within the Garden can be a bit awkward and indeed, hose, valve and anything else touched would have to be washed too. Soap and water are provided for washing by the fertilizer bin.

The Covid 19 virus may not result in evident symptoms for some days. Virus in the lungs is often fairly advanced by the time fever and cough present themselves. Taiwan doctors who have treated Covid 19 patients recommend a simple self-check – taking a deep breath and holding it for 10 seconds every morning. They maintain that, if this can be done without coughing, discomfort, stiffness or tightness, then infection is unlikely. Discomfort, stiffness and tightness are all rather subjective measures unfortunately and this anecdotal contention has been the target of disparagement by “experts” who present no justification for their conclusions that might cause one to question the opinion of doctors who have first-hand experience with an unknown sampling of cases.

All in all, solid information about the Covid 19 virus is sorely lacking and contradictory directives abound.



# Everything You Need

A column centering on the Altadena Community Garden's Little Free Library

*"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need" - Cicero*



This is the first article for this column in the Garden's newsletter, which we hope will be of some interest to those curious about the Little Free Library that was installed along with the new deck landscaping. This column intends to be a place where you can find reviews of books that have been placed in the Library over time, or perhaps a report on a recipe found in one of the magazines discovered there. But the idea is not be a list of titles or wordy reviews. Rather this column is about finding connections between the joy of reading and the joy of gardening, and the inspiration we find in

each. Some of our gardeners are authors and so there will be some opportunities to highlight their work as well.

First, a little bit about the Little Free Library. How does it work? It is a very simple idea. Perhaps you have seen similar ones around your neighborhood or outside Vroman's Bookstore. The Garden's Library works the same way as those. You may leave a book for others or take one you find there. It is an open, free exchange. Because you may keep a book you find, it is also true that if you leave one for others, it is theirs too keep if they choose. This is similar to how we often leave our extra harvests at the table next to the tool shed for others to take. We wouldn't want those back (although sometimes it sparks a good conversation – which is exactly what a book can do too!)

The idea of the Library doesn't stop there. Suppose it is a particularly sunny day and you've finished weeding and planting your corn in your plot, but you haven't the mind to return to your home or run those pesky errands. The new deck landscape invites you to enjoy the benches right next to the Library. Perhaps you can find a magazine or a chapter of a book in the Library to ponder as you enjoy the day. You could even take it back to your plot and read there. Reading is an activity that can activate our empathy and imagination. You might find some gardening ideas in one of the books or magazines and be inspired to try something new in your plot!

In a time when we are experiencing a great slowing down of our society in response to the global health crises known caused by the coronavirus COVID-19, reading and gardening are ways to soothe our anxieties. But it's also a time when we must minimize our physical contact with each other. Given this unique and temporary situation, some Little Free Libraries have transformed themselves into "little food pantries". See this article from LitHub about that: <https://lithub.com/big-hearted-strangers-turn-little-free-libraries-into-little-free-pantries/>

So, let's be careful and responsible during this time. While we wait patiently in our collective effort to overcome the current health crisis, please keep the books (or magazines) you wish to

place in the Garden's Library at home to share at a later time. Also, if you choose to take a book, please keep it until it's safe to return it to the Library (unless you want to keep it for yourself of course!)

Stay safe and may we all be well.

Jared Burton  
Plot 44A



## Farmer's Market Update

By Stacey Whitney

The past six months has brought the Altadena Farmers' Market many challenges and changes. We are happy to say, however, that, due to the cooperative efforts of LA County Department of Parks and Recreation, Loma Alta Park staff, the LA County Board of Supervisors, the Altadena Community Garden, Altadena Town Council, volunteers and concerned residents, the market is thriving in this "new normal." Thank you to all of our community partners for assisting us in keeping the market going.

We have been able to modify successfully our protocols to create a no-contact pickup model. Customers are able to place orders Thursday through Saturday at <https://www.afm-subscription.com/> for their favorite farmers' market items. In addition to fruits and vegetables, our producers offer an assortment of meats, cheeses, nuts, honey, and more.

Prior to market day, customers are emailed with instructions for alphabetical pickup. Times are staggered and packages are organized by last name. Upon arrival at the market, they need only pop their trunk for fast and safe pickup of their goods.

While no one can predict what will happen over the next few months, we will continue providing this community resource as safely and efficiently as possible. Thank you for your continued support of this effort. Stay safe, everyone!



## Deck Update

The Rockery/Swale

The rockery/swale has been installed and looks delightful. Kelly, Jared, Rene, Joel and Eric are to be congratulated. River rocks were acquired and irrigation was installed producing an impressive and appropriate effect.



Jared and Joel



*Eric Callow, Joel Williams, Louise Jandura, René Amy, Jared Burton, Silvera Grant, Kelly Fernandez, Mary Gothard, Denis Titchenell*

On January 4, 2020, under the direction of Kelly Fernandez, Deck Landscaping Coordinator, plant delivery took place and, with the assistance of Jared Burton, René Amy, Eric Geiger, Joel Williams, Louise Jandura, Mary Gothard and Silvera Grant, the final planting took place.

The official launch of the Little Free Library, organized by Jared and Denis, was then celebrated which included dedications, recitations and a photo taken to commemorate the completion of the project.



## People of the Garden: Mary Downer

By Elisa Callow

If ever there was a time for stories about strength and perseverance, it would be now. And so, it is with gratitude for the Altadena Community Garden’s legendary gardeners that I turn to Mary Downer’s story. Her past as influenced by her father – a country doc and farmer, whose sense of responsibility and generosity added a great deal to Mary’s own strong character.

Her story is further enriched by her husband’s experiences and those of her son whose life-long involvement with plants has created a deep bond between mother and son.

Mary grew up on the east coast on a farm that became her father’s property and responsibility upon the sudden death of his older brother. As his brother’s death meant a young widow and four children were left without home or livelihood, Mary’s father assumed the mortgage on the family’s property and added farming to his expanding skills. “My father was a doctor. He had taught school out west and then went back to school to become a medical doctor.” The farm was many acres of fruit trees, worked initially by hired hands dwindling to just a couple and finally none as Mary and her brothers and her younger sister Jean grew into capable farmers. Mary had little interest in housekeeping: “I did anything to stay outdoors. There was always something to do. The season started with cherries, peaches, plums, pears, grapes and apples; first picking and then going to the market.”



*Mary Downer*

Mary’s life story includes that of her husband, Arthur’s saying, “He had, what I would describe as, an intense

childhood.” He was a twin born in Los Angeles and raised in Altadena and Pasadena during the depression. “He was a cute little kid, and was probably his mother’s favorite. I just imagine, he was a favorite.” His mother died when he was 12 after she contracted encephalitis from a mosquito bite. In just two days, she was dead leaving four children. Without his mother’s support and love, Arthur’s childhood changed drastically. When his relationship with his father deteriorated, he was placed in series of foster homes. At just under the required age of 21, Arthur enlisted in the army where he was posted to Hawaii for what seemed to be a routine assignment as driver to the commanding general. However, on December 8, 1941 Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. “He remembers being on the ground and seeing the Japanese pilot looking down on him. The pilots shot at people on the ground.”

In 1953, a year after graduation, Mary came to Pasadena after receiving training as a registered nurse. She worked at the Huntington Hospital for a number of years where she met her husband, then an ambulance driver. After Mary’s son Jim was born, she quit her job to devote the majority of her time to raising her son. In 1960, the young family purchased a home on Loma Alta Drive looking ahead to a neighborhood school and a stable life. Despite missing work, describing it as something she loved, Mary’s commitment to her son’s education was even more important to her. She made it her business to keep him “out of trouble” by exposing him to a number of activities including garden classes at Descanso Gardens. Despite, Jim’s initial protests, he began to respond to the classes and now, many years later, has devoted his professional life to botany as a plant pathologist. “My son recently purchased a place in southeast Arizona in the Cherokee Mountains on the border of New Mexico. And the place that he purchased has about six acres and there are fruit trees. For the first year, he trimmed the trees and last year he sold fruit at the market. He doesn’t realize that he has this legacy.”

As an Altadena resident and Community Garden member for sixty years, Mary brings with her a wealth of gardening knowledge and garden lore. She remembers early on seeing an inconspicuous sign with news of an upcoming community garden. Pointing with her hand, she described the original layout of the area. There was no park; instead, the site was dominated by broken down tennis courts and weeds. Evidence of its former use as a military school included a small house most probably for the headmaster. “There were about 15 original people—a small group. They were people interested in growing their own vegetables. In our back yard, we had mostly grass and trees around the edge and we didn’t really have a sunny area for a vegetable garden. I think getting out and doing work is healthier than sitting around smoking or watching T.V. I wanted to grow vegetables. It was close by and I thought ‘It’s really interesting, it was organized by the park, so it would be safe.’ I had the time, I had quit work. I have been here ever since. I enjoy being with the people here. That’s why I want to stay because I think it helps my head.”

We concluded our conversation by talking about garden wisdom she felt is important to share with less experienced gardeners. “I think that it’s good to take a class before you start gardening if it’s available to you: how to grow plants and why things happen. Some of the parks do that in the springtime, and classes are usually free. I learned a lot of things at Descanso as well as the Arboretum. While you can get a lot of information from your computer, you will also learn by doing. And interaction with other gardeners is a great way to learn, but start by learning the basics.” Well beyond the basics, and despite regular attacks by gophers, Mary has even been able to keep a couple of rows of blackberry bushes alive. Her father’s farming practices continue to influence her as well. “There was nothing used on his fruit trees that would harm people. I feel he was concerned about pesticides as am I.”

Mary’s garden legacy began with a childhood surrounded by growing things, by a father who gave selflessly to his family and community, a husband whose resilience created a happy and stable life and a son whose love of plants led him toward an inspiring profession. The Altadena Community Garden is greatly indebted to people like Mary. As I have gotten to know our “legends” through these conversations, I realize how fortunate we are to be a part of this community. They are a source of strength, connection, and inspiration.

Look for the next legend to be profiled: Ike Turner



## Garden Maintenance Update

Maintenance, repair & upgrade projects by Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation 2019.

1. Completed: New outside perimeter outside fence of the Garden in the lower Park completed by Dept. of Parks & Rec. The county has been working on this for the past two years. Thank you Bob Cruz and your crew for getting this done.
2. Completed: Work on the deck to complete handicapped parking space in the Garden next to the deck.
3. Completed: Provide the expertise and labor to complete the recommendations of the Garden Deck Landscaping Committee. Install the recommended irrigation system. Provide the labor and materials/supplies to do so. The Garden has completed a fund raising campaign to secure the funds to complete all of the other recommendations in the deck landscaping report. Complete by December
4. Completed: Stabilize Garden informational sign in the Lower Park in front of the Garden main entrance gate. Assess and repair damage two large signs in the Garden.
5. Completed: Refurbish or replace all peeling letters on informational signs in the Garden.
6. Completed: As identified, continue to replace rotten perimeter plot boards in Garden plots.
7. Completed: As identified, continue to replace leaky water spigot in Garden plots.
8. Completed: Coordinate with the Garden to replace two rotten dead trees in the Lower Park in front of the Garden.
9. Completed: Construct a 6 foot border from the eastern Garden fence in the Lower Park and add mulch to the area. The Garden will remove plants growing on the fence and plant more fruit trees in that area. The Garden will be responsible for providing the ongoing maintenance for this newly created area.

We appreciate the positive response and support from Department of Parks & Recreation in addressing these issues in the Garden.



## Notifications and reminders

From the President

### Expert Gardening Consultation Offer from Jessica Yarger, UC Cooperative Extension

Dear Gardening Community Member,

Do you have a garden related question? Having trouble identifying a certain pest or want to get some information about how to start a vegetable garden?

Master Gardeners are available to answer all your garden related questions, including tree care, pest management, and soil health.

You can call the Master Gardener Hotline at (626) 586-1988 or send an email to [mglosangeleshelpline@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mglosangeleshelpline@ucdavis.edu).



Regards,

Jessica Yarger  
UC Master Gardener Program Assistant  
University of California Cooperative Extension  
Los Angeles County  
700 West Main Street  
Alhambra, CA 91801

### Moving Out:

Harold & Joyce Charles in plot 5, Susan Ham & Sergio Ocampo and Chuyen Nguyen-H3 are no longer members of the Garden. We appreciate their years of membership and contributions to the growth of the Garden. We wish them the very best in their future gardening activities. The Passing of Maazie Hampton:

### Moving In:

Leticia Andujo has joined the Garden and is in plot #17. We wish her the very best and will do all we can to help her get started.

### Appreciation:

Thank you Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Senior Deputy Sussy Nemer and Staff Assistant Savannan Moore for your continued support for the Garden and community. We are what we are today because of your support.

Thank you Jonathan Gargan, Deputy Director, Department of Parks & Recreation and your administrative staff for making the smooth transition from the East to the North Community Services Agency to insure your Department's continued service to the Garden.

Thank you Bob Cruz, Assistant Regional Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, Department of Parks and Recreation and his crew for the completion of the defined area along the outside fence of the Garden in the Lower Park.

Thank you Eric Callow for upgrading the irrigation system around the deck and other areas related to the Deck Landscaping Project.

Thank you John Lynch and your intern for pruning the fruit trees and servicing the rainwater barrel.

Thank you Mary Gothard for your continued work with Scout Andrew Kim to complete his Eagle Scout project in the Garden.

Thank you René Amy - plot 3 for your California Poppy community giveaway project resulting in over \$300 in donations for the Garden.

Thank you Patricia Hasen - H4 plot for pruning the French Lavenders.

Thank you to Joyce Gibson, Regional Operational Manager and Trevor Zemp, Regional Recreation Director both from the Department of Parks & Recreation for working with Stacy Whitney, Altadena Farmers' Market Manager to ensure the continued operation of the Altadena Farmers' Market during COVID-19 Pandemic. The market accepts online orders for curbside no contact pick-up.

Thank you Kameelah Waheend Wilkerson - H3 plot for donating the piece of wood from the avocado tree to the Garden. René Amy - plot 3 will work with the wood to turn it into a memorial for the Garden and community. This should be ready for display in about a year.

Profound thanks to all the County workers who have contributed their expertise and effort to making our new deck and surrounding landscaping possible.

### Congratulations:

Yolanda Jones for completing the UC Master Gardener Program. We now have another master gardener in the Garden to answer your gardening questions. Yolanda is also our Corresponding Secretary.

## In Memory:

### The Passing of Mazie Hampton:

On April 1st one of the original member's of the Altadena Community Garden, 94-year-old Mazie Hampton passed from natural causes. Mazie was a Garden member in plot 9 for more than 35 years. She was an active participant and supporter of the Garden's activities and programs. I remember her spending hours by herself cleaning the refrigerators and microwave ovens in the shed in preparation for our Annual Picnic. She was never a person to say no to a request for assistance when it came to serving the Garden. I remember how happy she was to attend our Annual Picnic with her daughter in 2017. Mazie was a wonderful, honest and sincere person. She was an excellent old fashion gardener that looked forward to coming to the Garden every weekend to grow collard greens and other vegetables in her plot. She will be dearly missed.

Rest in Peace Maize.

### The avocado tree:



This stump is the remainder of our more than 90 year old avocado tree in the Garden. This avocado tree was one of the four original trees on this site when the Mount Lowe Military Academy was located here before the Garden was established in 1973. The avocado was dying and it was removed Wednesday May 13 by the county tree service crew. We will miss this beloved avocado tree for her majestic beauty, abundant healthy avocados and shade. Wood chips from the avocado tree are available for your plot and walkways. The grapefruit tree is the last remaining original tree from the Mount Low Military Academy.

## Gopher Traps

The Garden has purchased 6 gopher traps that are in the large tool shed. The traps are numbered and labeled. The traps are available to Garden members to be used in their plot and walkway to control the gopher population in the Garden. The traps are only to be used in the Garden. Please do not take them home. Gardeners should use one trap at a time, in order to give other gardeners an opportunity to get a trap for their use. Traps must be returned to the shed after being used. Please, do not store or keep the trap in your plot when you are not using them. Instruction on the usage of the traps are printed on one of the boxes that the trap came in, which is also in the shed. We will consider purchasing more traps if six is not enough to meet the demands of the gardeners to control the gopher population. Good luck with your efforts.

## Compost

Please comply with the fertilizer distribution guideline for each plot.

## Seeds

Free seeds are available at all general membership meetings, once they resume.

## Gardening Classes

All garden members may attend the spring and fall gardening classes in the Garden for free once they resume.

## Housekeeping reminders:

### See Something Say Something

Refer to the following emergency phone number list that is posted in the Garden.

- MEDICAL EMERGENCY IN GARDEN DIAL 911
- LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PARK BUREAU (213) 974 – 8000 24-HOUR DISPATCH (800) 834-0064
- SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – ALTADENA STATION (626) 798-1131
- PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT (626) 744-4620
- COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT/ALTADENA FIRE STATION #12 (626) 797-1911
- PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY & SPCA (626) 792-7151
- PENNY DANIELS, RECREATION SERVICES SUPERVISORS LOMA ALTA PARK (626) 398-5451 or 5452
- NICOLAS BERNAL, OUR GARDENER Cell: (626) 379-0593
- SILVERA GRANT, PRESIDENT, ALTADENA COMMUNITY GARDEN (626) 398-9840
- LEO STALLWORTH, VICE PRESIDENT (626) 398-8846

### Garden Dues:

2020 Garden dues are due January 1, 2020 until 31st.

General Membership.....\$73.00

Associate Member.....\$30.00

Handicapped Plot 1, 2 & 3...\$43.00: Plot 4 \$73.00

Please mail dues to:

Altadena Community Garden

P.O. Box 6212

Altadena, CA 91003 - 6212

### Harassment Issues, Complaints:

We want to assure everyone of a safe and pleasant environment at the Garden. Please inform Silvera or Leo of any infringements or complaints. As stated in Article 2 Section U in the By-Laws: In the spirit of our mission statement, we must all work together to create a safe, secure and injury-free garden environment. The Garden has zero tolerance of abusive behavior of any kind. To this end, all members and associates are to behave in a respectful manner and must refrain from any kind of discriminatory behavior, harassment, sexual harassment (as defined by the State of California) or victimization. Whether or not an offense was intended, the perception that it exists or has occurred is harmful and detrimental to the Garden. All unsafe conditions and/or security related issues must be reported directly to the Garden President or Vice President who will initiate an investigation. Disciplinary actions will be taken immediately when appropriate.

### Garden Policy Update:

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A. Until further notice the Garden is closed to the general public.

B. The Garden is open only to Garden Members who are listed on the Garden's official roster to work in their plot. Garden Members must wear facial covering and practice social distancing while they are in the Garden.

Gardeners must also wear gloves while working in their plots.

C. Until further notice, all planned organized activities such as meetings, classes, annual picnic, workshop and other activities are canceled.

### Plot condition, violations:

As stated in Article 3, Section L in the By-Laws: Garden plots shall be under cultivation year round. If there are extenuating circumstances rendering this infeasible, the Executive Board may allow a fallow time (free from weeds) not to exceed six (6) months. Approval of the Executive Board must be obtained in advance. A letter from the plot owner must be submitted, outlining the details of the extenuating circumstances. Otherwise, the policy will be enforced.

We will be enforcing this policy as of 2020. You may want to consider not renewing your membership for 2020 if you are not able to cultivate your plot. We will no longer look the other way if your plot is not cultivated and remains empty. We have a four year waiting list of 50 or more people waiting to get in the Garden. All plots must be under cultivation and kept weed free.

### Walkway Condition and Wood Chips:

Please pay attention to the condition of your walkway. It is your responsibility to maintain your walkway free of weeds and nut grass. You are also responsible to put wood chips in your walkway.

### Tiller Usage:

Please check to see if gasoline or the oil and gasoline mixture are in the tiller before you try to start it. Make sure you put the correct fluid in the correct tiller before using it. Please remember to clean the tiller after using it.

### Dumpster Area:

Gardeners, please be responsible for cleaning up after dumping your trash and other items from your plot into the dumpster. The area should be kept clean as much as possible.

### Plot Inspection Report:

Gardeners are expected to maintain their plot in accordance to the Garden by-laws. If you have received an inspection violation report please correct the violation(s) indicated in the report. Failure to do so will jeopardize your membership. Plot number must be visible. Please pay attention to the conditions of your walkways. Walkways must be filled with wood chips at all times. Chips from the avocado tree is a natural for your walkways. Please correct any violations listed in an inspection report.

### Farmers' Market and Garden Access:

The Garden is closed to the public during the Farmer's Market. All gates to the Garden must remain closed during the Farmer's Market. Garden members, Loma Alta Park staff and Farmer's Market staff are the only persons allowed in the Garden during the Farmer's Market.

### Tools & Equipment:

Please note everyone, that it's your responsibility to put the tools back correctly in the tool rack as shown in this picture. This is to avoid tools from falling from the rack and injuring another gardener who is attempting to remove a tool from the rack for his or her use. In correctly placing a tool in the tool rack, you can prevent causing serious injury to another gardener. Please take the time to put back the tools correctly in the tool rack.

Please clean the tools and equipment before returning them to the tool shed. This is also your responsibility. Notify Leo if a tool or equipment is broken or needs attention. Let him know if you would like to have a tool



*Tools replaced in rack*

that is not in our inventory.

Please remember to close the door of the small refrigerator in the tool shed tightly.

## Thievery:

Reminder: The Garden By-Laws call for the termination of membership of any member taking something from another member's plot without their permission. Several gardeners have reported items missing/taken from their plot without their permission – items such as, vegetables, stepping stones, boards, chairs and personal hand tools.

## Open Gates:

If you are the last to leave the Garden, please make sure the gates and tool shed are closed. It is also inappropriate and inadvisable to leave a person alone in the garden without locking the gate. When entering or leaving the Garden, please remember to lock the Palm Street entrance gate; it should remain locked at all times.

## The Deck Fountain

Please use the bottom electrical light switch on the pagoda next to the deck to turn on and off the water fountain. You can also use the hose on the side of the deck to fill the fountain with water when it is low. If you are the last person to leave the Garden and the water fountain is on, please turn it off.

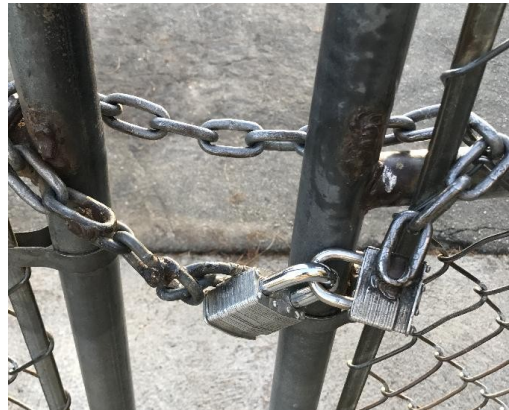
## Gate Locking and Parking Policies

The Garden is a public facility and we encourage the gardeners to keep the main entrance gate open when they are in the Garden gardening. This will give passersby the opportunity to see the Garden when a gardener or gardeners are present. However, safety is the top priority for all Garden members when they are in the Garden. It is therefore the responsibility of all Garden members to do whatever is necessary to ensure that they feel safe while in the Garden and the Lower Park. When alone in the garden it may be appropriate to lock the gate. Upon entering the Garden and finding the gate locked with someone inside, it is probably best to defer to that person's preference and lock the gate back up after entering. When leaving the garden with another garden member in the Garden, it is polite to determine whether that gardener would like the gate locked or not.

It is never appropriate to leave the gates open when leaving if the garden is empty or if only one person is present.

The Garden parking lots are for gardeners only. As the gates may be locked at any point, it is unwise for non-members to park there.

Only service dogs are allowed in the Garden. Visitors with or without service dogs are welcome to walk into the Garden when the gates are open, walk around in the walkways and visit with gardeners. They are not allowed to go into a plot or to take anything out of a plot. No alcohol, drugs or inappropriate behavior are allowed. Members may refer to Article 3 sections A, G, J, M, P, Q, & U in the Garden By-Laws for justification.



## Gate Locking:

When locking the gate, please be sure always link the padlocks to each other so that opening either one will undo the chain. Padlocking to a chain link locks out legitimate users whose keys fit the other padlock.



## Call for Newsletter Submissions

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