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Upcoming Events

- 4pm-7pm Wednesdays: The Farmer's Market
- May 1, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.: Mt Lowe Chamber Players Concert at the Altadena Library.
- May 15, at 2 p.m.: Pasadena Conservatory of Music presents [The Selene Quartet, Barrett Hall](#). Playing music of Beethoven, Brahms and Shostakovitch. Free.

News

Congratulations Silvera!

– René Amy

Garden President, Silvera Grant receives U.S. President's "Lifetime Achievement Award" for Volunteerism! Let's all join in congratulating President Grant, Altadena resident and longtime president of the Altadena Community Garden, on his having been presented the President's "Lifetime Achievement Award."

The award is one of the President's Volunteer Service Awards <https://presidentalserviceawards.gov/>, and was accompanied by a letter from U.S. President Joe Biden which stated: "By sharing your time and passion, you are helping discover and deliver solutions to the challenges we face – solutions we need more than ever. We are living in a moment that calls for hope and light and love. Hope for the



Silvera Grant

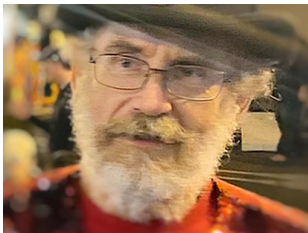
future, light to see our way forward, and love for one another. Through your service, you are providing all three,"

Silvera, who's been the president of the Garden for over a decade, has given countless hours of his time to making our community stronger and healthier. While the walls of his home might already be covered with proclamations and declarations from local officials and dignitaries, this award from our President should deservedly be located at the very top.

Congratulations, Silvera – and thank you for all you do for our community! For a more complete story, please see the [Pasadena Now article](#).

Garden Benches in our Little Free Library nook

– Silvera Grant



René Amy

Please take a look at the beautiful finished Garden Benches done by Garden member René Amy in plot #3. Thank you René for donating your service to the Garden for doing this work. You did an excellent job.



We appreciate your love and support for the Garden and community.

Covid 19 Measures

The Garden members are free to continue to social distance and wear face covering but it is not required.

Dumpster dumping

The dumpster will be emptied now a second time each week if necessary to contend with increased waste demand. This is one of a number of issues necessitating a rise in membership dues.

Plant Materials garden center discount for Garden members

The Plant Materials garden center on Altadena Drive and Lincoln is offering Altadena Community Garden Members a 15% discount. Just ask for the discount and give your ACG plot number.

Matt Burrows of Plant Materials has donated a small (narrow?) broadfork to the Garden. See René's article in Tool Time below.



The Garden's new fork

What Can I Do? I'm just one person.

– [Sharon Sand](#), Associate, plot 36, California Public Grants Program Manager at The Trust for Public Land

I'm just one person. I compost my food scraps and yard waste, I don't eat beef, I have solar panels covering our electricity, and I drive a hybrid. Could I do more? Yes. Are you judging me? Okay. Maybe you do more, maybe I do more.

I can live in isolation off the grid and have my own private zero carbon footprint, or I can live in the lap of luxury, consuming every last consumable known to humans, or I can do something. But what can I do that will

make a difference? Maybe not much. And what can you do? And you? And you? Maybe not much. But together, we can make a difference. Together we can have hope for a future for this planet. We need to make a vast and rapid adjustment in our infrastructure, not just in our homes, not just in our personal lives. To do that we need momentum, to do that we need money, to do that we need to have a seat at the table, and back up those at the table. Send them letters, join a local group doing what you know is important, join a national group, give money, and do it again. Together, we can do this. Let's get our heads out of the sand and get in the game.

-Inspired by so many of you, but especially and most recently and urgently by my professor at UCLA, Kian Goh, and by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

-Written in 2019 when I was studying climate change adaptation. Other professors who greatly expanded my thinking and understanding in this area included Steve Commins, Walker Wells and Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris. Now I'm working on climate change adaptation, protecting biodiversity, and providing equitable access to greenspace and nature through connecting public funding to projects.

What can I do? Just some thoughts and encouragement in response.

– Plot 43a.

It's heartening to see efforts and enthusiasm in response to impending crises that face our planet and all its species, crises for which our species is largely responsible. Indeed, this should probably be first thought on our minds in the morning but why has progress toward sustainability been so ineffectual? Why has it fallen prey to highly ingenious ploys? As Greta Thunberg put it, "Almost nothing is being done apart from clever accounting and creative PR."

We do remain far from accomplishing or even addressing the "vast and rapid adjustment" to which you refer and which would indeed be required if we are to reverse our accelerating descent into irreversible climate disaster. The one thing that might foster such an adjustment would be if becoming carbon neutral in one's practices and consumption were made a simple default option, instead of requiring vast knowledge, time, energy and financial investment on the part of every active participant.

True, individually our potential to bring about change is negligible; refining our personal habits is a high-effort, low-impact strategy. There may well be far more promising strategies that could be followed, even locally on a small scale, steps that might make it possible for anyone to achieve a carbon zero footprint with a few mouseclicks that would change our consumption and waste patterns, if only the option to do so were available. If only such options could be put in place, they could set precedents and might be adopted quickly elsewhere and may go far beyond anything that "One person" might accomplish.

Suppose for example that it became possible to purchase only products whose packaging were reusable or compostable and whose manufacture were carbon neutral. Enough consumers working together might make something like this feasible,

Take Heart Greta

Audio

We applaud your resolve when you sound the alarm
And disparage the deeds that will cause our world harm
When one sees how depravity took us so far
It's hard to believe how dimwitted we are!

But despite noble efforts from scientists who
research and conclude what what we really must do
So much of our leadership shrugs and says "No"
To making commitments best made long ago.

Are we really so shortsighted, puerile and mad
That we'll throw away any last hope that we had
Of saving Earth from a Venusian fate
By making adjustments before it's too late?

But there are those whose goals tend a different way
Who erode common sense in our minds every day
For PR folk are clever at sowing confusion
They're expert at image, desire and delusion

And their skills are for sale – at the bidding of those
Who can pay for the misleading prose they compose
No rigorous testing can get a fair trial
When well-funded campaigns are intent on denial!

With the end of the quarter's net profit at stake
There's no limit to what drastic steps they will take.
But take heart, it might be that we will not all fall
To catastrophes stemming from climate at all!

With technology's future, pandemics and war
There's so much to choose from and every day more.
Though the best case for climate might well be the worst
We may well kill ourselves off some other way first.

perhaps through using a "buying bloc" of members on a local level to calculate the carbon footprint of different products and publish it, thus creating something of a "Sustainability market" for more climate-benign goods. At some point it might be possible to impel vendors to display ratings in stores, to incorporate sustainability factors into buying apps and indeed to provide goods whose production, use and waste were carbon neutral. Such strategies can rapidly become high impact; they could really make a difference. But unlike the minimal impact of changing personal habits, such widening strategies can and will awake the attention of entities that are intent on preventing such movements.

We have seen laws passed to prohibit revealing the practices of, and damage caused by certain agricultural practices (see ag-gag laws) and laws to illegalize boycotts or protests, or to penalize those who divest from harmful fossil fuel. Laws have been passed against speaking of specific issues, teaching specific things, researching practices, or to muzzle scientists who would publish their findings. Many other very effective weapons can be wielded by unfathomable wealth against those less well endowed, but such laws are the exceptions and are brought to bear only when other tactics fail – a rare occurrence. With virtually limitless resources and visibility, the most brilliant PR minds and algorithms that can be bought can and do easily distract, divert and divide public opinion into quiescence and scattered ineffectual remnants. To entice, mislead and confuse has become a very highly refined art – whether used to sell a product, to push an emotional button or to defuse a movement whose effect might promise to inspire a twinge of skepticism of the delusional vision we are being sold.

With more than 90% of the media owned by a tiny handful of corporations, the dominant voice is not that of the people nor that of disruptive movements which have any hope of engendering the "Vast and rapid adjustment in our infrastructure" that would be necessary to avert climate disaster.

Through the highly scientific and time-proven PR to which we have unwittingly been subjected, we have become an extremely segmented and separated society of noble people with noble ideas all running in different directions while the primary course of our culture is being steered by a far smaller number toward disaster for ourselves and all other nations and species around the world. Be it global warming, pollution, animal rights, anti war, water crises, black lives, LGBT rights, immigrant rights, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of the internet, personal information privacy, freedom from institutional education and so many more genuinely deserving causes, these causes are used to separate us into ineffectual little blocs while the ultimate underlying cause is mainly the same and remains largely unrecognized and impervious to assault.

The fact that our world is careening in a direction disapproved of by the majority of knowledgeable people is undeniable. The conclusion can be clearly drawn that highly adept opinion manipulation is being practiced to prevent dominant benign forces from unifying and exerting significant influence. When faced with practically unlimited resources, it also goes without saying that the rapacious and intransigent forces can't be outspent and their armies of minions can't easily be out-thought nor out-maneuvered.

Is there then any way to prevail against this seemingly unassailable and dauntingly armed assailant? It might seem impossible. Still, common sense, compassion, circumspection do reveal that it must be done and so many are beginning to see that despite the waves of soporific persuasion we have been steeped in. Even among the minions of the monster, among those brilliant image weavers – long having prostituted their minds, skills and reputations to corporate masters – there may be some who find a way to serve the greater good.

Though half our legislature continues to deny climate change and many intelligent people still regard it as debatable – both ineluctable testimony to the efficacy of creative PR – the truth is emerging, but is still lacking the rapid increase in that needed momentum which could bring about effective changes.

What can we do? we can certainly be part of that momentum and some of us will be the ones to generate the brilliant ideas needed to light the spark that ignites the movement. Let's do it. It certainly needs people like you.

Reply

– [Sharon Sand](#)

I'm trying to make the 'right' choices while still living in harmony with the world, but doing this on my own can drain my hope and send me down a rabbit hole of despair. The solution, in my mind, is to join with others and acknowledge that what we do in our own lives is important but that without working together we won't make the difference we need to make. By working together we can have hope, by working together we can make the difference we need to make. Yes, let's do it.



The Altadena Farmer's Market – a memory

– [Sandy Chang](#), plot 54

The ninety plus degree San Gabriel Valley summers make outdoor activities rather impossible. People and pets hide in air conditioned rooms or languish the day away in sweaty naps, glorious sunshine admired rather than enjoyed. Humans and creatures alike stir restlessly from inactivity.



To combat idleness, mom and I have begun early evening excursions to our neighborhood farmer's market with its one vegetable stand, three food trucks, and a handful of artisan stalls consisting of homemade soaps, organic honey, and woven textiles. The market sits sleepily in the cul-de-sac of a small park shaded by mature trees. Local vendors chat amongst themselves like old friends while small children crisscross the sidewalk in kick scooters driving nearby dogs into hysteria.

Mom and I like to sit on a wooden bench under the magnificent canopy of a particularly impressive oak. Watching the crowd with mild interest, we snack on avocado toasts sprinkled with pomegranate seeds, plump Pacific Northwest oysters smothered in horseradish sauce, aromatic sausages with garlic chips, fresh raspberries, lavender ice creams and whatever other specials inspire until bursting with

gluttonous joy. Some nights, a band of three played on the island of a tiny roundabout that doubles as a grassy stage.

Most of the time mom and I take in the scenery silently remarking only occasionally on the weather, the ants that persist on forming a line to the crumbs on the ground or kids that fall off of their scooters. A local cutler inside his minimalistic stall adorned with a lone tabletop sharpener shares in our comfortable silence. A young man of few words, he rarely strikes a conversation with market goers but raises his head only when unsolicited customers interrupt his readings. The reticent vendor is a constant fixture at the market, providing his services week after week in quiet solitude.

The way of the knife sharpener resonates with us. Mom has dementia and my caregiving for her, like all family caregivers, has that same existential quality, religiously yet without extraneous recognition, reciprocation, or even the hope of dementia abatement. Rather, seeing that our loved ones are clean, fed, and happy is in itself an anchor to a purposeful existence.

I am lost in thoughts and did not realize that the blistering day has melted away as light bulbs glowed faintly in stall tents. Children on scooters begin to throw tired tantrums as vendors clean up and bid each other goodbyes. I raced to the vegetable stand and grabbed a medley of farmer's market dainties; bitter melon greens, chives, and watercress just before closing time. The moon hung high as we returned to mom's nursing home, illuminating

the way with an ethereal glow, our joys equally palpable. I tucked mom in bed feeling blessed that we had shared such an enchanted evening.

Written in loving memory on the approaching five-year anniversary of the passing of Mrs. Yueh-Ying Chang, the author's mother.



The End of a Magnificent Oak

The Particularly Magnificent Oak to which Sandy Chang referred in her *Altadena Farmer's Market, a Memory* above, did just suffer a cataclysm from which it will not recover. Estimated to be 300 years old, this wonderful shade canopy stood at the entrance of the Garden parking lot where the Farmer's Market is held. It also shaded several Garden plots at the South East corner of the garden, rendering them less ideal and productive than others. Still, it is a great pity as it features in many memories.



*The Magnificent Oak on Palm Street
Photo: Mary McGilvray*



Plant Material Local Garden Center

– Matt Burrows, Altadena Plant Material

You know how most nurseries kind of just sell everything? Plant Material is not like that.

Plant Material as an ecologically and aesthetically opinionated store with a horticulture mix of California natives, species regionally appropriate to Southern California, and organic/non GMO edibles. Building biodiversity and habitat along with preserving precious resources lives at the heart of what we do.

Our fertilizers and pest controls are all natural and organic and always have been since day one. We recently launched an organic bulk fertilizer program that is almost half the price of the pre-boxed fertilizer we carry without the packaging. Our tool selection is thoughtfully sourced from vendors who respect quality and craft. We sell lifetime guaranteed hand tools forged in Oregon, biodegradable gardening gloves and Rainbows – rainbow maker from Rainbow Symphony. We love them around the house and in the garden! Here's the link: <https://plant-material.com/products/crystal-rainbow-suncatcher>.



Plant Material is owned by Altadena resident Matt Burrows and his business partner David Godshall, whose parents also live in Altadena. Matt's wife Heather has been an integral partner in the business and helped build and manage the website, online ordering system and the organic veggie/herb program. Matt first started working in nurseries back in 2001 and David is a Landscape Architect and owner of Terremoto Landscape. In 2018 Matt and David started working on their first location in Glassell Park and now have 3 stores in LA.

We are proud to support the Altadena Community Garden and would like to extend a 15% discount for all Community Garden Members when shopping at Plant Material. We look forward to contributing to the Community Garden in numerous ways in the future and can't wait to talk Southern California gardening with you next time we see you at the shop!



The Online Garden

A [private Facebook discussion group](#) continues to provide online space for garden members to interact, share and rant with each other, instead of, or in addition to, talking over the fence.

Claudia Zhao has created a [Gardens Instagram resource](#). Suggestions and contributions are most welcome.

The official [Altadena Community Garden website](#) continues to serve the Garden and Joe Nagy, is delighted to receive contributions of news, prose, verse, screeds, diatribes, artwork and other media appropriate for inclusion therein.



Our LFL

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



Our LFL Nook, Photo: Sean MacGillivray

Hello fellow Garden Members and Book Lovers!

Someone recently made a poetic comment to me:

Libraries are like forests.

I pondered this suggestion for some time. Was it the mysterious feeling of wandering through forests that inspired the comparison? Perhaps that feeling of not knowing what you might encounter, like a doorway to the world of Narnia or a legendary figure like Enkidu?

Then it struck me that books (paper ones, at least) are made of tree pulp. This made me somewhat sad, to think that every book contained part of a once living tree.

Instead of staying sad, I began to investigate what alternatives have been explored to the traditional tree-based paper for books and newspapers (using www.ecosia.org, the web search engine that plants trees, of course!)

In my searching I came across a plant I had once heard of long ago – **Kenaf** (*Hibiscus cannabinus*). While this plant can be used to produce a vegetable oil for consumption, it was once investigated by the by the USDA and determined to be the best alternative to tree-based newsprint.

Kenaf also has a very nice flower:



Kenaf

Photo: www.cabi.org

make several web searches to verify or enhance what facts I read about.

In conclusion, I think it's safe to say that *Libraries help save forests*. The multiple use of single books over long periods of time means fewer copies printed, which means less deforestation.

Whether you are reading for pleasure or education, I hope that you encounter a book in the Garden's Little Free Library this summer that brings you joy. Don't forget you can leave books for the community also!

Jared Burton
Plot #44A



New Members and their Plots:

– Mary McGilvray

Sarah and Adam Rager with daughter Eliza have joined the garden in Plot 36a.

Sarah teaches 4th grade at the Cathay Magnet School for Environmental Studies in central Los Angeles and Adam is 2nd grade teacher at Elysian/Echo Park Elementary School. Daughter Eliza is a happy, smiley 12 month old cutie.

They are extremely excited to get planting!

From Marina Kochan, associate in plot #11A:

It's been a sheer joy for me to join the ACG in January 2022, in the role of Bernetta Driver's associate (plot 11A). My background is in theology, visual arts, and film. I taught in the college setting a variety of subjects, and now I find true solace and healing (literally and metaphorically) in organic gardening. Thank you for making me feel welcomed. Marina (Mari) Kochan.



Adam and Sarah Rager with Eliza, Plot 36a

What happened? It seems that efforts made by the USDA and all the companies to make Kenaf a viable, competitive product have been abandoned. It's kind of like how the electric car vanished before it finally came back on the market for everyone. Maybe if Elon Musk had heard of Kenaf he could have revolutionized the print world instead of buying Twitter. It's never too late to hope!

I don't know about you, but I love a print book. With fiction, it's just me and the characters as I turn the pages until I nod off for a nice summertime nap. With non-fiction, I often use the book as a magic decoder ring to

From Loretta Williams, associate of the Maust family in plot #32:

I am a 20+ year resident of Altadena and a life-long gardener starting with a backyard garden where I grew up on Long Island, NY. I have engaged in community gardens off and on for years starting with the Victory Gardens in Boston. My day job is as a public media journalist, editing and reporting for podcasts and public radio.

From Marianne Veach and Nathan Duer, associates of Yuki and John Paik in plot #03:

We are Marianne, Nathan, and June. We are new associates sharing Plot 03 with Yuki, John, Kaia, and Maile Paik. We just moved to Pasadena from South Pas where we were very involved in the community garden.

We are excited to start somewhere new. Nathan is an RN at City of Hope, Marianne works part time for a global public health firm and spends the rest of her time hanging out with June. June is looking forward to starting kindergarten in the fall where she plans on studying to become an astronaut. We like to dig around in the dirt and occasionally keep something alive long enough to harvest and eat.

Greg Berger, associate in plot #40A:

Greg grew up in Boston and spent 15 years in Washington, DC before making the mid-pandemic move to LA a year ago. He lives in northwest Altadena with his partner Sarah and son Norman (4 years old), who have already helped him 'dig in'. This will be Greg's first foray into community gardens and he may be more enthusiastic than knowledgeable, so don't be shy about pointing him the right direction. Please stop by plot 40A to say hi, offer tips, or talk health care policy.



Desultory Droppings

Compost for the cranium

Trädgårdstomte Otis Is Missing

– Nisse Tomas, Plot 43a

My colleague and fellow garden gnome/trädgårdstomte/tuinkabouter, Otis, has vanished. Otis was a Father's Day present two years ago and had both a name and a noble calling. He is neither inclined to, nor capable of, independent travel and I fear his absence may be attributed to human intervention and avarice. I can hope only that someone knew of an environment desperately in need of the benign influence Otis exerts and that he is again gracing a some other garden with his presence. Please give him my best if you see him.



Otis

Zoo Poo

Zoo Poo continues to be available in the Garden fertilizer bin in arbitrary quantities. It comprises a number of ingredients, scatological and otherwise, possibly including dik dik doo doo, oryx ordure, flamingo feces, emu excrement, eland effluvium, dugong doodle, markhor merde, camel crap, sheep scheiss, toucan turds, penguin poo, mandrill manure, dromedary droppings, duiker doodle, gerenuk guano, cob coprolite, flea frass, kangaroo kak, elephant excreta and saiga stool. Initial testing leads one to conclude that it is not devoid of noxious weed seeds, but may, given time and further composting, serve well as a source of highly diverse, not to say exotic, garden nutrients.



Tool Time, the Broadfork

– René Amy

It looks like a tool that's been around for ages – after all, who isn't looking for a heavy-duty, yet easy-to-use, way to break up heavy soil in a garden?

But the broadfork – a tool designed to do just that – was designed by a successful grower in France in the late 1950s, and finally made its way to the US in the 1990s.

Over the subsequent decades, various types, styles and weights have been introduced by sundry manufacturers hoping to win a bit of the burgeoning home or market garden business. Some newer designs are even designed for breaking up hardpan soils, although typically with the expected increased weight and size.

The original was a lightweight, quick and simple way to work soil, and over time, broadforks of all sizes and styles have become a favorite of those who eschew the noise and fumes of gasoline-powered equipment.

Broadforks generally rely on light weight, leverage, and small-diameter tines to allow folks to break up compacted soil quickly in order to provide more water and air in the ground for growing plants.

Unlike when using shovels, the soil isn't lifted or significantly shifted, making lighter, faster work.

Unlike when using a rototiller, the layers of soil are not disturbed, and weed seeds aren't brought back up to the surface to cause problems – and, there're no gas fumes and no noise, save for the quiet swish of the fork entering the soil.



Fork donated to the Garden by Plant Materials



The Broadfork

Photo: DeWit Tools USA

I'm partial to the DeWit "Grenlinette" (so-named by the tool's inventor André Grenlinin) – a simple tool that the Dutch manufacturer describes as "the 'tiller' for the true environmentalist."

Granted, it looks a bit like an ideal zombie-defense tool (and would likely serve well as one), but this super-lightweight tool (it weighs less than three pounds) breaks up a foot-wide stretch of ground up to one foot deep quickly and with very little effort. Where metal is needed for functionality and strength, it's there – but otherwise, the tubing-based frame remains light and focused on function.

Archimedes was quoted as saying "Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum upon which to place it, and I shall move the world." Many modern broadforks incorporate these desired aspects into their design – a long lever (handle) and a built-in resting point that's used to help break up the soil.

Granted, I'm kind of a big guy, but the leverage-and-fulcrum design of the Grenlinette makes it laugh-out-loud-easy to use.

One's weight drives the tool into the ground, as one steps on the bars that hold the pins, driving them deep into the ground. One then steps off, and pulls the large loop handle towards one, allowing the outer

lower bar to serve as the fulcrum for the lever. It's super quick – and fun – to break up compacted soil and to get ready to plant!

If you're interested, catch me in my plot one day, and give it a try!



Notifications and reminders

From the President

Appreciation

We would like to extend our appreciation to Angelo Chiriaco in plot 5A for his years of service to the Garden in the position of Wood Chip Coordinator on the Altadena Community Garden Executive Board. We hope that you will continue to enjoy gardening in your plot and to be an active member in our gardening community. Thank you Angelo for your service to the Garden and community.

Let's extend our appreciation to Joe Nagy in plot 26 for securing the outstanding quality of mulch for the gardener to use in their plot and walkway. We look forward to receiving this top quality mulch on-an-ongoing basis. Thank you, Joe.

Let's also extend our appreciation to Merle Clark in plot 40 and Eva Story in plot 01 for assisting others with managing the nut grass in their walkway and watering their plots.

We would like to give a big thank you to Eric Callow for his work on the irrigation system around the Garden deck.

On The subject of watering, please pay attention to your plot irrigation system to ensure no leakage and or malfunctioning of the timer. Over watering or wasteful use of water in your plot will jeopardize your membership in the Garden. When effective, the Garden Executive Board will enforce any watering restrictions by the County that applies to community gardens.

In Memoriam

The great oak tree at the entrance to the Altadena Community Garden, has suddenly fallen completely apart. Estimated to be 300 years old, this massive tree has served park visitors, musicians, Farmer's Market vendors, the odd itinerant van-dweller and so many others with shade and pleasant ambiance.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Stacey Whitney, Market Manager for the Altadena Farmer's Market for selection of 2021 Business of the Year award from the Altadena Chamber of Commerce & Civic Association.

Congratulation to Deb Halberstadt for receiving the 2021 Citizen of the Year award.

Termination

The Garden Executive Board terminates the Garden member in plot 36A for failure to maintain their plot in accordance with the Garden By-Laws. Please note that when a plot becomes available it is against the Garden By-Laws to remove anything from the plot without prior approval from the executive board.

Farewell & Welcome

Thank you Melanie Goodyear, Executive Director - Jericho Road Pasadena for your many years of

leadership and dedication to the non-profits organizations of Pasadena and beyond. The Garden appreciates the services provided by your organization and wishes you the very best in your future endeavors. The Garden would also like to welcome Kim Olpin the new Executive Director – Jericho Road Pasadena. We wish you success in your new position and look forward to working with you.

Garden Tools Upgrade Project

The gardening tools in the large tool shed are in need of a new coat of green paint. In order to keep our tools from walking away, the green paint on the tools serves to identify that those tools belong to the Garden. Our Maintenance Chairperson, Leo Stallworth is seeking volunteers to assist him with painting the tools. The Garden will provide for all the painting materials. Please let Leo know if you would like to assist him with painting the tools..

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.

Regards,

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Gardening Issues:

Wheelbarrows, tools and other items that belong to the Garden must be returned to their respective shed before you leave the Garden. It is a violation of the by-laws to leave items overnight in your plot that belong to the Garden.

Please pay immediate attention to your irrigation system for any leaks or needed repairs. Inform Silvera of any leaky water spigot in your plot. We must all do our part to conserve the use of water.

Please note that the seeing eye/service dogs are the only animals allowed in the Garden.



Call for Newsletter Submissions

Have you done anything interesting lately that you would like to share with garden members in the next newsletter? Please let ideas propagate in your imagination and share the harvest with us. Artwork is most welcome. As the ACG Newsletter will be in digital form, multiple media may be included as links. Please submit creative thoughts or material to altadenacnewsletter@abacus-es.com