

Geraniamania

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President's Message

February has been one of the coldest that I can recall. In El Cajon we have had several killer frosts, and then rain. Lots and lots of rain. I went outside and discovered two Zonal geraniums which had brown spots and dead leaves. A quick query on Google suggested that this was caused by Bacterial leaf spot or possibly the dreaded Botrytis. The cure for the Bacterial leaf spot was simple surgery - cut off the diseased leaves and then hope for the best. I sprayed the Geraniums with a botrytis specific fungicide and will now wait and see what happens. Thank goodness the Plant Sale is coming up - all of my Regals and some of my zonals got hit by the frost this year. I definitely need to plan for overwintering this fall!

Patrick Powell/President



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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!



Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, April 9, 2019
@ 7:00pm

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

Meet Our Speaker



Greg Alder is a Master Gardener with the University of California Cooperative Extension in San Diego County, where he's extended the gardening journey he started about 15 years ago when he lived in a rural village in Lesotho, Africa, as a Peace Corps teacher. When he returned to live in Southern California, he realized that some of what he had learned in Africa wasn't applicable here.

Greg realized that Southern California is not only unlike Lesotho, but unlike most of the rest of the United States. However, much of the gardening information available to us comes from outside Southern California, which can cause confusion for the average gardener.

On his website (<http://gregalder.com/yardposts/about/>) he shares what he has learned in order to help people in Southern California grow some food at home. Greg believes that there are a thousand reasons for growing your own food, but the most powerful for him comes from what he sees daily as a father of three young children. When they're out in the yard gorging on strawberries that haven't been sprayed with pesticides, or when they ask if they can uproot one more carrot to eat, "please, Dad" — he knows with certainty that his efforts in the yard are worthwhile. And he also knows that helping others in their yards is a good thing too!





GERANIUMS – FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA!

San Diego Geranium Society
Annual Show and Sale

Saturday and Sunday
May 18th and 19th, 2019
9:00 – 4:00

COME ENJOY DISPLAYS
OF RARE AND UNIQUE
PLANTS FROM AROUND
THE WORLD!

We'll also have a large selection
of plants available for purchase!

Casa Del Prado
Room 101
Balboa Park

