

# Geraniamania

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## President's Message

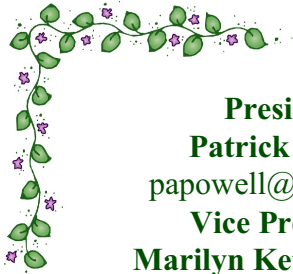
July has been chaotic, hot, and fun.

On a personal note, our family had their annual summer reunion, which meant traveling to Los Angeles and San Francisco, with stops at the Huntington Library, DesCanso Gardens, The Getty Museum, Golden Gate Park, and, of course, visiting Robin Parer's Geranium Nursery (Geraniaceae.com) in Richmond (near Oakland). I hope you enjoy the pictures on page 2!

I'll see you at the meeting!

Patrick Powell  
President

"are we  
there yet???"



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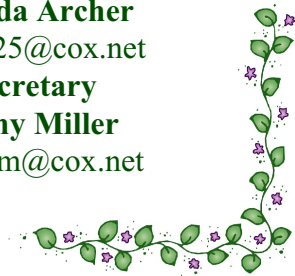
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## August Meeting

**Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

**7:00**

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



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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!

## Hey, Fellow San Diego Geraniamaniacs!

We have the opportunity to really shine during our March 28th conference next year. Not only will we have dynamic speakers, but we can also make Silent Auction baskets and do some fund-raising!

Please put on your thinking caps and see if you can come up with either a complete basket, or items to go towards a basket. Maybe one or two of you can go in together on a basket. All items should be NEW. Gift cards to add are always wonderful - they don't have to be much - \$10 coffee or restaurant cards always up the ante when competing for a basket. These Silent Auction items can raise some substantial money for our club.

We need every member to participate. Please come to the meeting with some ideas - we have approximately 6 months to work towards some great baskets. And let's not forget baskets - could be any type - wicker, metal - be creative! If you frequent thrift stores or estate sales, you can almost always find nice baskets for sale at great prices! We can get shrink wrap and bows and put them together at one of our meetings.

When looking for items, consider the Dollar store - Ross or Marshal's - there are some great deals out there in their clearance sections! AND - consider asking for donations from stores/restaurants/nurseries that you frequent. They're more likely to give to someone they see in their establishment regularly!

### Five Easy Silent Auction Basket Ideas:

1. It's a Date! Gift cards for restaurants, movie tickets, popcorn, bowling, go-carting (or any activity that could be used for a date), and flowers.
2. Movie Night: Movie Theatre vouchers, popcorn, and Chocolate, etc.
3. Spa at Home: Bath gels, lotions, facial kit, a pedicure kit, etc.
4. Death by Chocolate: Have an assortment of Chocolates and gourmet chocolates. Be creative and have a few rare, weird and wonderful products!
5. Gourmet Coffee: You could include a coffee filter coffee packs, espresso coffee packs, etc, with a garden themed mug!

# Patrick's Vacation Pictures



This Agapanthus is at the Huntington Library and is the largest and most impressive Agapanthus (AKA Lily of the Nile) I have ever seen.



Huntington Rose Garden.  
Tom Caruth, the curator of the Huntington Rose Garden bred Julia Child, Neil Diamond, and many others. They have a bed of some of the top Caruth roses at the entrance to the Rose Garden.



Robin Parer, Monica Powell, and Patrick Powell at Geraniaceae Nursery in Richmond.



Georgia Peach has the most amazing peach color.



Lord Bute  
This has a really nice light edge on the petals. Robin had a collection of similar plants with different color combinations



Maureen



Prince Rupert caught our eye with its white fringe on its leaves.



Gardeners Joy  
This has very nice blooms, lots of them, and is vigorous says Robin.



The name Splendide says it all!



P. Rapaceum  
This is one of Robins rare pelargoniums. It has an underground tuber and can resprout after a fire.



P. Cotyledonis  
Robin insists that this is a perargonium, but it looks like an Australian Gum Tree. Good choice for a fairy garden.



And here is where it all starts. Just one of the more than 2000 cuttings in Robin's Nursery.

If you ever have the chance, a visit to Robin's nursery is an absolute delight!