

Geraniamania

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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!

President's Message

Thanks to Jack and Jean Ohmstede for organizing and working our booth at the San Diego County Fair this year. Sharon and I had a great time, too! Our Society was well represented with a nice display.

Did you know that the San Diego Geranium Society started with a booth at the Fair in 1972 by Phil Bush (our Founder)? Forty-five years later we're still in love with geraniums!

Most of my geraniums have finished blooming now, but they're still growing green and lush foliage. I have to watch and make sure that they're not directly in hot sun all day - they like filtered shade in the Summer. I water thoroughly - and often - but don't let them sit in water. Drainage is important too.

I hope you'll come and help us Celebrate our Birthday!

Marilyn Ketteringham
President



July Meeting

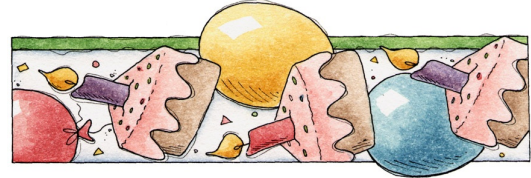
Tuesday, July 11, 2017

6:30pm

Birthday PotLuck Dinner -

Please bring a main dish or side dish to serve 6-8

We'll be setting up early - so if you can come by 5:30-6:00, we can use extra hands!



Don't forget to -

Bring Cuttings from your Garden -
Bring a plant for "Show and Tell"

Our Speaker will be Ed Piffard -he'll be talking about
California Native Plants.

It should be a very interesting presentation!

Regal or Martha Washington?

As their name implies, regal or Martha Washington geraniums have always held an aristocratic position. These are no ordinary geraniums. They differ in flower, foliage and ancestry.

Their parents were the first members of the Pelargonium genus to arrive in Europe from the Cape of Good Hope. They preceded the better-known zonal geraniums by 20 years. SO - why are they called Regals in most parts of the world (and by Pelargonium enthusiasts in the US) - and "Martha Washington's" in America?

Here's the story (as told by our own Alice White) - Regals were only available to the aristocrats in Europe - the "common folk" couldn't afford such magnificent plants. When they finally made their way to the US, we had fought for - and won - our independence from "royalty" - and balked at any reminders of our former oppressors. SO - we named the plant after our own "royalty" - our first, First Lady - Martha Washington!





Patriotic Geraniums!

