

# 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

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful and profuse blossoms the Spring weather has boosted in our Geraniums. My yard has blossoms everywhere!

Many thanks to all of you who helped make our Show and Sale Beautiful and Successful and Profitable. And a special Thanks to Jean and Jack Ohmstede for their planning skills and floral connections, hauling props and plants for the Show and Sale, bringing food, and setting up displays, then manning the San Diego Geranium Society booth at the County Fair. We appreciate you.

At our June meeting we will cover the results of the Show and Sale and Celebrate our Success with an Ice Cream Social.

Club speakers will introduce Geraniums and Geranium care to new members, and present an orientation explaining the Purpose, goals, bylaws and responsibilities of membership in our club. See you June 11th!

Marilyn Ketteringham



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**OUR DUES ARE DUE THIS MONTH!!!  
JACK WILL BE TAKING  
PICTURES TO UPDATE OUR  
DIRECTORY!**

**June Meeting  
Tuesday, June 12, 2018**

**7:00**

**Ice Cream**

Don't forget to -

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

This is our Ice Cream Social Meeting to welcome our new members - please bring your favorite ice cream topping to share - we'll provide the ice cream!

## For our New Members

What's the difference between a pelargonium and a geranium? The two varieties couldn't be more different, noticeably in their growth, appearance and seed dispersal technique. Although they are apart of the same family - Geraniaceae - that's about all they have in common.

Hardy Geraniums, also known as Cranesbills, which is given due to the shape of many varieties fruit capsule or seed pod that resembles the beak of a Crane. Seeds are dispersed when the pod springs open sending seeds off to a fair distance. The flower is quite symmetrical in that it has five similar shaped petals that result in an open flat flower. Their growth is low and wide with long, thin stems and is often used as ground cover.

Although Pelargoniums also have 5 petals, they differ in that the top two petals are a different shape and size to the rest giving a more asymmetrical appearance and grow in clusters. They are tall growers and stems can become woody after time. They come in a range of different colors in both flower and leaves and some have very pungent scents such as peppermint, apple and lemon.



Geranium "Orion"



Pelargonium  
"Fringed Aztec"



# Pictures from our Show and Sale

