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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!

President's Message - June 2020

Open Garden: The good news is that our gardens have never looked so good. The bad news is that nobody else can see them. But some of our members have beautiful gardens, and have offered to host an Open Garden. Sharon Pearce, past President and Newsletter Editor has volunteered her garden!

Saturday, July 11, 2020

1:00pm - 4:00pm

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Please RSVP to Sharon Pearce to let us know what time you'll be coming.

Patrick Powell, Jack and Jean Ohmstede, and Brenda Archer have plants they were going to use as gifts or raffle items at the General Meeting. Since we do not have a meeting planned for anytime soon, they will be bringing geraniums and other plants to the Open Garden. If you come to the Open Garden, you'll get two plants for free, and you can buy additional plants. All funds will be given to a COVID19 support organization.

Nursery Recommendations: Some of us have a favorite local Nursery where we like to shop. They all have made efforts to provide safe (social distancing) spaces at their locations. If you have a favorite that's not listed, send me an email! (papowell@astart.com)

I recommend the following nurseries:

Walter Anderson Nursery:

San Diego: 3642 Enterprise St, San Diego, CA 92110.
619-224-8271

Poway: 12755 Dabielson Ct, Poway, CA 92064.
858-513-4900

This is my favorite place to visit. They always have something interesting, and they cater to the discerning gardener. Where else can you find 6 Packs of Ghost Peppers right beside Giant Marigolds and Rocket Foxgloves? One of the best places for quality Roses and Perennials (that's not just my opinion!). Umm, just a tad expensive but the best quality and selection.

Plant House Nursery:

1755 E Main St, El Cajon, CA 92021. 619-442-2549

This is a family run small nursery and has inexpensive 6 Pack vegetables in Spring. It also had blueberry bushes in 1 gallon pots, onion sets, and the least expensive manure and soil amendments in El Cajon.

Armstrong Garden Center:

1755 E Main St, El Cajon, CA 92021. 619-442-92810

This particular outlet stocks BIG CHEAP bags of perlite. One of the few places where I can find it.

Sharon Pearce Recommends:

Plant Depot:

32413 San Juan Creek Rd, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
Patrick has also visited this place. It is a class act operation, and stocks a lot of things that do well in coastal locations. I've been able to find geraniums and erodiums at Plant Depot that aren't seen at other nurseries.

Green Thumb:

1019 W San Marcos Blvd, San Marcos, CA 92078.
760-744-3822

I prefer the Green Thumb located in El Toro (just up the freeway from Plant Depot). They have a much larger facility - which translates into more plants! Patrick visited the San Marcos store a couple of years ago, and remembers the wide variety of nice (and some tacky) garden statues.

Membership - Dues are Due!

It's that time of year again - our membership dues are due!
You can either pay online at:

<https://www.sdgeranium.org/become-a-member.html>

OR

Send a check by mail to:

Brenda Archer
1288 E Lexington Ave
El Cajon, CA 92019

Dues are \$10/year if you receive your newsletter via email - \$20/year if you receive it by snail mail. (Make checks payable to "San Diego Geranium Society.")

Culture Report: Pelargonium ‘Pinki Pinks’
By Natan Jaldety and Rely Jaldety



This versatile perennial shrub will bloom profusely from spring to early winter and delight gardeners with its elegant and compact form.

Pelargonium ‘Pinki Pinks’ from Jaldety Nurseries is an unusual species in the Geraniaceae family. When looking for great color effects paired with a long-blooming, drought- and wind-tolerant plant perfect for just about any garden setting, this variety could quickly become one of your favorites!

Variety Information

‘Pinki Pinks’ is a low-growing perennial shrub with a naturally compact and well branching habit. Its butterfly-like vibrantly bright pink flower clusters sits on long slender dark cascading stems that rise high above its lacy, ruffled green foliage. Such elegant form makes this plant a natural favorite for bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Unlike other pelargonium relatives, ‘Pinki Pinks’ does not get leggy, even under sub-optimal light conditions. This plant will bloom profusely from spring through early winter, giving gardeners endless surprises throughout the seasons.

A highly versatile perennial, ‘Pinki Pinks’ presents a classic look that makes it suitable for cottage gardens, Mediterranean gardens, wild gardens, rock gardens and coastal style gardens. The showy flower stems stand out in hanging baskets, containers and flower boxes as the centerpiece, but the compact habit also makes it equally suitable to play a complementary role in container combinations. It also works well as an excellent groundcover, border plantings and in smaller herbaceous garden creations. They can be used along stone paths, wall trailers and as fillers in steep slopes.

Don’t be fooled by their gentle flowers and light delicate scents. This tough little species thrives in a wide range of environmental conditions as pelargonium ‘Pinki Pinks’ is very water-usage efficient plant with strong wind and heat tolerance.

Established plants will thrive in full sun but also will grow well and stay low and compact under partial shade. With this quality combination, they are especially suited for areas where extreme temperatures are possible throughout the seasons. Pelargonium ‘Pinki Pinks’ has high longevity and great success in modern gardens where water often is of concern.

This plant was introduced to North America during the 2016 Spring Plant trials in California. If anyone has seen this plant anywhere, let us know! We’re sure that many of us would like to add this sturdy beauty to our gardens!

A New Geranium Product Helps With Hair Loss!

<https://www.express.co.uk/life-style/health/1292658/hair-loss-treatment-geranium-oil-hair-growth>

