



## Presidents Message

I think SPRING is here. El Nino, who knows? It's time to start grooming you show plants. This is per our expert Jim Z.

- (1) Remove dead or damaged leaves. This promotes new growth and protects against molds and fungi, including geranium rust. Additionally, this process allows more light in to the plant interior which results in more flowers and fuller plants.
- (2) Repot into larger containers where necessary and pot up rooted cuttings.
- (3) Keep plants watered. Even when it rains, the foliage may get wet but the water may not reach the pot.
- (4) Feed geraniums at two-week intervals with a good commercial fertilizer. Use one-third to one-half of the labels recommended strength.
- (5) Continue a pest control and disease prevention program. Guard against geranium rust, budworm and aphids. There are several combination products that contain both an insecticide and fungicide.
- (6) Top pinch any long or barren stems to promote fuller growth and increase flowering.

I will bring my drill if you have pots that need a drain hole.

Jack Ohmstede/President

## Geranium Conference

REMINDER: The Geranium Conference will be held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at The San Diego Botanic Garden! Be sure it's on your calendar! It will cost \$25 to attend - it's time to get yourself registered!



## Next Meeting: March 8, 2016

We will be discussing the Geranium Conference at this meeting. It's time to make some final decisions and plans, and everyone's input is welcome! We'll also be working on the craft project we started last month - so come prepared to be crafty!  
PLEASE bring scissors - AND a hole punch if you have one!

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

## Membership Roster

Many of you have expressed a desire for a Membership Roster - and we're listening! We'd like to put together a roster that includes photos - so please come prepared to be photographed at this meeting!



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## Facebook Fun

(Some photos/comments posted to our Facebook page - see what you're missing?!)



This is a miniature Zonal named Flaming Katy makes a very good plant for the show bench as it is easy to obtain a nice compact shape which is in turn covered in plenty of bloom.



**BOTLEY BEAUTY** - Raised by Bert Pearce in 1989. Large crimson and purple flowers with a white throat. Compact Regal with a bushy nature.



**BREDEN** - Introduced by Fibrex Nursery in 1978. This Regal has "Large wine red flowers overlaid with an almost black velvety bloom.



**BERYL REID** - A lovely compact & bushy Regal. Always a reliable plant with very showy flowers of Salmon, overlaid purple, brown and black.



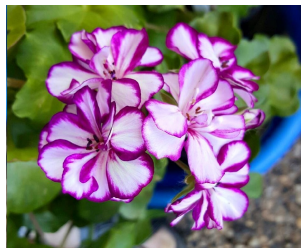
**Willowbrook**



**BOLD HOBBS** - Raised by John Gibbons in the UK. This regal pelargonium is White with pink feathering throughout and a deep mauve feather on the upper petals. the plant is upright, compact and short jointed.



**Little Jip**



The gorgeous Decorative Pelargonium 'Our Gynette' A long stemmed upright variety, making it great for cutting. Flowers of reddish-purple with pink feathering & a white eye. A stunning depth of color.