

To Learn More...

GUERRILLA GARDENING AND MORE

By Ava Torre-Bueno

This month I'm giving you a list of web sites I think you'll find interesting, some of which are from the edge between gardening and environmental revolution.

You've seen this before – give your garden back to nature (and still have a lovely space for yourself) by gardening for wildlife at:

<http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife/>

Here are the folks who started the movement to encourage the Obamas to put in an organic kitchen garden replacing some of the Whitehouse lawn. It worked! There is now a large organic garden that can meet the needs of the First Family as well as special functions, AND there will be extra for a local food bank:

<http://www.kitchengardeners.org/>

The revolutionary idea that underused land should be made beautiful or useful even if you don't own it is highlighted at this site:

<http://www.guerrillagardening.org/>

We know about our carbon footprint and how important it is to use less gas, but an even more destructive greenhouse gas is methane, which comes from the rotting of plant material. Composting not only gives you a lovely soil amendment, it keeps all your food scraps from becoming destructive methane! So here are two useful sites to get you started with worm composting and Bokashi composting:

<http://www.homecompostingmadeeasy.com/wormcomposting.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bokashi_composting

And to just have a little daily dose of random garden news, you can go to:

<http://www.dirtdujour.com/>

Member Ava Torre-Bueno is a psychotherapist in private practice and the organizer of Gardeners 4 Peace. This group of volunteers is helping to create a peaceful, organic, permaculture garden at the San Diego Friends Center. To learn more contact Ava at gardeners4peace@hotmail.com and visit <http://www.sandiegofriendscenter.org/volunteers.htm>. ☘

The Late Show Gardens, September 18-20



Head north in September to see a very exciting new garden show in Sonoma! The intimate layout of this garden show will allow visitors to personally experience a different approach to the crucial issues of water conservation and climate change while celebrating beautiful design. Through gardens and lectures, visitors will learn about the large palette of plants from many Mediterranean type climates around the world that can be utilized using the winter rains. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of

how creative and interesting garden design can be both socially responsible and personally rewarding. Visit www.thelateshowgardens.org for details. Affordable tickets from \$10–\$20; see web site for discounts; children under 6 free. The show is being held at Cornerstone Sonoma, 23570 Highway 121, Sonoma, CA 95476. ☘

From The Board

By Susi Torre-Bueno

HONORING STEVE BRIGHAM

If you've been reading the newsletter recently you know that on August 10 we're honoring one of our founders, Steve Brigham, at a very special event at Quail Botanical Gardens. Steve has strong ties to Quail, as does the SDHS, which was founded there in 1994. We hope to see many of you at this event, which will recognize Steve's many achievements in horticulture. Steve has made hundreds of friends and colleagues in San Diego (and elsewhere), and his decades here were marked with great plant introductions and the tremendous gift he has for communicating his enthusiasm for and love of plants of all kinds. His lectures were always well-attended, his remarks at our monthly Plant Forum were much appreciated, and his nursery, Buena Creek Gardens, was a place where you knew you would always find like-minded plant aficionados. See page 3 for details about our event honoring Steve.

MARKETING THE SDHS

Here's a perfect opportunity to really flex your imagination muscle and put your creative energy to good use. We're especially interested in finding an enthusiastic and energetic member with experience and/or interest in marketing, to lead our marketing efforts. This will be a tremendously fun and creative experience! Have you got some inspired ideas about how we can market our tree book outside San Diego County? Perhaps you know of ways to promote the SDHS to the public, or how to increase attendance at events? Call Susi at (760) 295-7089 and let us know what you'd like to do.

THERE'S MORE ON-LINE



Sally Sandler and Rachel Cobb have done an amazing job of completely upgrading our website, and we hope you'll check it out very soon. See page 15 for details about getting your newsletter on-line! When you see the MORE ON-LINE symbol at the start of an article it means we've added additional information on our website – more images, references, plant lists, etc. Check the website frequently for Plant Superstars and other exclusively on-line features you'll appreciate.

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