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Upcoming Events

- Altadena Farmers' Market
Wednesdays, 3 - 7 P.M. Fall & Winter, Loma Alta Park Lower Park
- Sunday 11/17, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Workshop - Sharing the bounty of your garden by preserving for gift giving ACG
- Saturday 12/7, 10 - 11:30 A.M. General Membership Meeting Loma Alta Park Gym
- July 11, 2020. Garden Picnic. A special celebration in the Garden

From The President



Hello Everyone,

On July 11, 2020 the Garden will hold their Annual Community Garden Picnic.

We will need full participation from all Garden members, community businesses and organizations, Department of Park & Recreation and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor, Kathryn Barger in order to have a successful picnic.

We look forward to working with everyone to ensure a successful event. ALL HANDS ON BOARD!!

The picnic will be on July 11, 2020 and will be a special celebration of the new deck, deck landscape features and Little Free Library with special thanks to everyone who made it all possible.

Sincerely,
Silvera Grant,
President, Altadena Community Garden
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News

The Annual ACG Picnic

Save the Date:

The Garden will hold its Annual Picnic On July 11, 2020.

It will be a specially festive celebration in recognition of the new deck, the deck landscape features and Little Free Library, with special thanks to everyone who made it all possible. This is an occasion not to be missed; there may be acrobats, jugglers, dancing raccoons, dramatic recitations from The Iliad and displays of Soviet era farming equipment – or perhaps not – and who knows what else!

The ACG Treasurer Position

Sandy Chang has been asked to fill this position until the end of the year and has accepted the post.

The ACG Corresponding Secretary position vacancy

The Garden is in need of a Corresponding Secretary. This is an appointed position on the Garden Executive Board. Duties are:

- Attend to correspondence
- Inform Garden members of anything related to Garden operations and activities
- Assists secretary in the performance of their duties
- Maintain updated Garden membership roster
- Attend board and general membership meetings.

Please contact Silvera if you are interested in this position.

Donation to Loma Alta Park Thanksgiving Program

The ACG will donate \$150 to Loma Alta Park for its Thanksgiving program raffle. Most of the kids served are underprivileged. By arrangement with Grocery Outlet, the ACG will provide turkeys as raffle prizes. The number of turkeys provided will be more than in previous years.



Gophers and Barn Owl Boxes



Pocket Gopher

Our attempt to provide nesting spaces for barn owls may have been a bit late this year but we have great hopes that in the spring 2020 nesting season, which could be January through June, one or more nesting



pairs will take residence. The barn owl is not as common as it once was due largely to reduction of suitable habitat – they nest in disused cavities in trees, attics etc. In the organized and regulated spaces of today's suburbia, such nesting opportunities are increasingly rare but for where they are intentionally provided. We have done so and hope that others will as well. The gopher and rat populations clearly seem to reflect a paucity of predators and have reduced many planted crops to unsalvageable remnants.

Hay Bales

Hay bales have been made available in the wood chips bin. Please take what you need.

Horse Manure

Horse manure provided earlier in the year and the seed contained therein seems to have been responsible for an overwhelming burgeoning of grass in plots. Perhaps we should think twice about using it in future.



Deck Landscaping Project and Little Free Library

The Deck landscape project is proceeding apace and is expected to conclude before December.

Kelly Fernandez, Chair of the Deck Landscaping Committee, explained that a new goal of increasing the percentage of native plants around the landscaping to 50% has been put in place thanks to the expertise of new garden member Eric Callow, who has also improved the irrigation plan tenfold.



Little Free Library slab



Fountain flagstone work

Garden Programs Chair and Retired contractor, René Amy, expatiated effusively about the superb job the county has done in laying flagstones around the fountain.

The form for the slab to the West of the deck has been completed and the slab was poured on November 19. The location of the Little Free Library will be immediately to the South of the slab, facing North so that books will be sheltered from the sun.



Our new LFL

Jared Burton, Chair of, and inspiration behind the Little Free Library (LFL) committee, has added a Garden Bookplate verse to those we had for decorating books that come through the Garden's LFL:

*Leave a book you'd love to share.
But note: it could go anywhere!
Take a book, return it never,
Or bring it back – it's read forever!*
– Jared Burton

Gardens and libraries have long shared a symbiotic relationship and the new LFL and convenient benches of the new Library Nook by the deck will no doubt encourage the communal experience of a jocund conflation of literature and horticulture in our Altadena Community Gardens. We hope that groups of members may stage and engage in many interesting creative artistic interchanges there.

Cicero's claim that all one really needs in life is a garden and a library is often met with sage nods of approval by those who understand, appreciate and delight in the depth of wisdom and universal significance these icons embody, yet it has always seemed to ignore much that makes up life, much that we seniors, careening gently into a state of creeping decrepitude, seem so easily to forget.

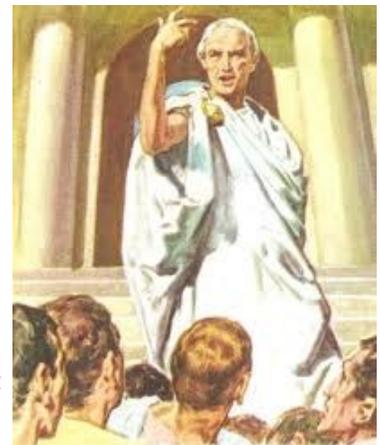
Cicero's Garden Library

*"A garden and a library!" That's all we really need.
The Roman statesman's words ring true for most of us indeed*

*But think back to the times of youth when slowly trudged the day
And minutes seemed like hours and days when she was far away.
A garden was scant solace then and books unread then lay.*

*Or when the noble cause took every unforgiving minute
Travail must change the world at last and all the evil in it*

*But when the world had wagged a bit and years slipped by too soon
Seeds and soil took over from the protest marcher's tune
And books fadged better with the lean and slipper'd pantaloon.*
– D. Titchenell



Marcus Tullius Cicero

Thus, those of us who've clearly entered the penultimate, slipper'd pantaloon, stage of life seem so easily to allow contemplation and equanimity to supplant passion, deed and travail – to the point of forgetting them altogether. But we must remember, there's still time to do so much before succumbing to second childishness and mere oblivion.

Think of words that have changed your life. Bring some bound on paper to share in the LFL, or request, organize, attend recitations/readings at our new garden library nook. There are so many fascinating people with widely ranging experience in the garden. René has organized themed potlucks to bring members together with great success; let's also explore shared ideas, poetry, literature, history, science, music and art.

Another Garden LFL Bookplate Text:

*To be read on a train or aloud by a brook,
'Tis my hope to remain a Free Library Book.
'Till my spine splits asunder and pages all fray,
Please don't toss me nor sell me nor stow me away!
Ensconce me where books often help folks the most.
May my home again be a bookcase on a post!
– D. Titchenell*



High Volume Rat Traps

Rats have invaded the gardens in fairly vast numbers, judging by evident damage, droppings and multiple sightings. Together with the burgeoning gopher population, this fact does seem to indicate an unfortunate exiguity of predators. One-at-a-time rat traps can accomplish only so much and need constant maintenance and contents disposal.

A number of volume rat trap designs are demonstrated on YouTube and some appear to be highly effective in bulk rat capture.

A quick, ad hoc prototype made of scraps, horseshoe tacks, hot glue, plastic bucket, coat hanger wire, bulldog clip and silverware in about half an hour does appear to function fairly well when tested by squirrels with taped-down peanuts and sunflower seeds (no rats handy where our bird feeder cam is set up).

The use of a bulldog clip to position a counterweight to the trap door which tips on a fulcrum about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way across the mouth of the bucket, allows one easily to adjust the distance of the weight from the fulcrum and thus its mechanical advantage, providing full control over the resistance of the trapdoor.



Trap tested by an expert

With the assistance of our squirrel trap-testing team of experts which continue to be eager, tireless, dedicated and very effective research assistants, a number of weight settings and bait configurations have led to fairly predictable functionality. Squirrels are large and agile and capable of tipping the trap over but this design flaw was easily fixed. We will see how well the final version works in the garden on rats and mice. Other modifications may include a magnet to make the tipping action more immediate and final than a simple balance plank.

This and other designs, if deployed about the gardens could have a significant effect on rat populations.



Cheap and Simple Multi-rat Bucket Trap

Predation is of course the ideal solution to rodent problems but this might be a good step to take before a family of owls move in who could well take several thousand rodents in a season. It would be nice if rodents caught in live-catch traps like this could somehow be used to attract predators. That is perhaps a future project.



People of the Garden: Fred Shotlow

By Elisa Callow

Altadena is a community with deep roots, but go back far enough in any resident's personal history and nearly everyone comes from someplace else—including the most venerable of Altadena Garden legends. These are the folk, primarily young black new homeowners, who developed the ethos, purpose, and culture of the garden in the early '70s. They transformed the grounds of a former military school, and their tenacity resulted in one of the most vibrant community gardens in the Los Angeles County region—the only such garden that is based on a public partnership with Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. For me, their presence feels as enduring as the surrounding San Gabriel mountains.

To understand how the Altadena Community Garden began, I spoke to Fred Shotlow, the original president of the Garden's Board.

Fred was born near the Red River in Alexandria, Louisiana, a small town isolated by segregation in the deep South. After his parent's divorce, Fred and his brother lived in Texarkana, Texas with his mother's aunt when his mother moved to California to work in the burgeoning war industry. Fred's father was drafted into the army, where he served for three years. After his father's discharge, Fred and his brother went to live with him in Houston. As a single parent, Fred's father's parenting balanced respect and trust with high standards and an emphasis on education.

Fred's high school years were spent in Los Angeles with his mother, who had purchased a home in South Central. After high school, he enlisted in the Air Force, returning to South L.A upon completion of his service. "I kicked around for a while until I met my wife and had to get serious." Getting serious meant training as an electronic technician, after which he was hired by Lytton Industries and then by TRW, where he was promoted to positions of increasing responsibility. Highlights of his career included managing a lab whose team was responsible for building computers for the U.S. government, designing test equipment for the Hubbell Telescope, and working on the lunar landing equipment and the guidance system which was ultimately responsible for saving the crew of Apollo 13. Fred dedicated 26 years to his profession and loved every minute of it.

When newly married, Fred and his wife, Lois, made a habit of taking long Sunday drives to parts unknown, a habit he describes as "getting lost." On one such drive, they found themselves in Altadena, a picturesque community that captured his imagination for months. The mountains and trees, lush greenery, and openness drew him to the area—enough to declare to his father that someday he was going to live there. "He laughed because it was all white. When I decided to move into the area, it had begun to change." Fred and his wife moved in during the mass exodus of "white flight out." Today, Fred jokingly reflects that he's lived in Altadena "from white flight out to white flight in."

Fred's path to the Garden began through his wife's interest in getting him out of the house and into some hobbies. His love of trees meant a home garden too shaded to be an optimum vegetable garden. So, he joined the newly formed Altadena Community Garden and became its first president. Initially, the "garden" was nothing more than a field of weeds until it generated the interest of Cue MacKenzie, a community activist who led many of the efforts to develop Loma Alta Park, and Baxter Ward, then District 5 Supervisor, who made arrangements for irrigation.



Fred Shotlow

“It started out not with a bang,” says Fred of the Garden’s early years. “A lot of the people who were here were raised on a farm. Ninety-nine percent of the membership was black. They didn’t know how to farm, because their parents were the farmers. We all were struggling trying to get this thing done. It needed order. So, I wrote up the original bylaws. I was president for about 20 years. We didn’t know when to plant, so I started the newsletter mainly to tell people it’s time to plant such and such plants. We decided that we wanted to do a picnic. The idea was that we would take stuff out of the garden and share it with each other. I cooked the meat and shared it, and we went from there.”

Despite the County’s support, there was little confidence in this small community venture. Fred remembers the Garden dedication ceremony well. “The garden designer from downtown came up and told me, ‘Fred there’s a bet. The bet is that in a year this will be all weeds.’ Excuse my French, but that pissed me off.”

When asked what garden wisdom he feels is most important to share, Fred offers advice that seems metaphoric for this garden’s origins and endurance. Start with good soil, he says, explaining that “this garden began as the site of a number of buildings, and the soil lived under asphalt, making it impossible to grow anything. The only thing it could grow was nut grass.” A further nugget of wisdom seems likewise metaphorical. He suggests “working a bit of the garden plot at a time to avoid being discouraged: refresh the soil, add amendments to a few feet, and then plant some seeds.” Slow and steady is another life lesson here.

Looking back at the nearly 50 years of the community garden’s existence, Fred marvels at the progression of the garden from “where we started. . .to today.” He declares it “a tribute to all of the gardeners from then to now, who poured their blood and sweat to work the land.” He’s proud that the community has continually embraced the garden and has allowed it to flourish.

Ultimately, Fred muses, “We won the bet.”

Still a member of the Garden as an associate member in plot 27, Fred’s legacy is evident in a robust set of bylaws amenable to revision as the Garden evolves and in the continuation of programs he initiated. More importantly, the civility and kindness that are so much a part of his character seem baked into this very special corner of our world. And don’t worry, you will see Fred at next year’s picnic—a quiet force cooking the meat, behind the scene perhaps, but very much a presence.

Look for the biography of Mary Downer in the next newsletter.

Lois Shotlow’s Macaroni Salad

This family favorite was often served at the Garden’s annual potluck. Thanks to Blair Shotlow, Fred and Lois’s son, for sharing this recipe.

Package of elbow macaroni (salad macaroni)
Pinch of seasoning salt
Cheddar cheese
Sweet pickles
2 teaspoons yellow mustard
½ cup sour cream
¾ to 1 cup Miracle Whip

Boil water and cook macaroni according to package instructions.
Drain and refrigerate the cooked macaroni
Add seasoning salt
Finely chop the Cheddar cheese and sweet pickles into cubes and add to the macaroni.
Mix in the mustard, sour cream, and Miracle Whip.
Serve cold.



Outreach Report

by Mary Gothard, Outreach Chair



Boy Scout, Andrew Kim, has been approved to complete an Eagle Scout project to create information signage within our garden. The signs will be beautifully printed on aluminum with appropriate weatherproofing. Visitors to our wonderful ACG will be able to read about the history, the membership process, educational opportunities and more.

The signage will also include garden ethics for the visitor's easy review. This is a most worthy and lasting project within the garden. The project is expected to be completed by and celebrated during the annual garden picnic scheduled for July 11, 2020.

Thank you to Eagle Scout Andrew Kim for your support of our garden!

Scout Kim has need for financial support of the project. The costs have been estimated to be within \$1,000. Any and all support will be greatly appreciated and is tax deductible.

All donations should be sent to Altadena Community Garden (P.O.Box 6212, Altadena, CA 91003 - 6212) for the purpose of receiving tax deductible benefit.



Garden Maintenance Update

Maintenance, repair & upgrade projects by Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation 2019.

1. Ongoing: Work on the deck to complete handicapped parking space in the Garden next to the deck. Complete by December.
2. Ongoing: Provide the expertise and labor to complete the recommendations of the Garden Deck Landscaping Committee. Install the recommended irrigation system. Provide the labor and materials/supplies to do so. The Garden has completed a fund raising campaign to secure the funds to complete all of the other recommendations in the deck landscaping report. Complete by December
3. Stabilize Garden informational sign in the Lower Park in front of the Garden main entrance gate. Assess and repair damage two large signs in the Garden. Completed.
4. Ongoing: Refurbish or replace all peeling letters on informational signs in the Garden. Complete by December.
5. Ongoing: As identified, continue to replace rotten perimeter plot boards in Garden plots. Complete by December.
6. As identified, continue to replace leaky water spigot in Garden plots. Completed.
7. Coordinate with the Garden to replace two rotten dead trees in the Lower Park in front of the Garden. Completed.
8. Ongoing: Construct a 6 foot border from the eastern Garden fence in the Lower Park and add mulch to the area. The Garden will remove plants growing on the fence and plant more fruit trees in that area. The Garden will be responsible for providing the ongoing maintenance for this newly created area. Complete by December.

We appreciate the positive response and support from Department of Parks & Recreation in addressing these issues in the Garden.



Notifications and reminders

From the President

Expert Gardening Consultation Offer from Jessica Yarger, UC Cooperative Extension

Dear Gardening Community Member,

Do you have a garden related question? Having trouble identifying a certain pest or want to get some information about how to start a vegetable garden?

Master Gardeners are available to answer all your garden related questions, including tree care, pest management, and soil health.

You can call the Master Gardener Hotline at (626) 586-1988 or send an email to mglosangeleshelpline@ucdavis.edu.

Regards,

Jessica Yarger
UC Master Gardener Program Assistant
University of California Cooperative Extension
Los Angeles County
700 West Main Street
Alhambra, CA 91801

From Michael Antonovich

Former Supervisor Michael Antonovich: He sends his regards to everyone and he is doing well. We hope that he will be able to attend our annual picnic next year.

The Passing of Joseph Shuldiner:

The founder of the Altadena Farmer's Market. Joseph Shuldiner, passed away this week. Joseph will be greatly missed. He was an outstanding leader and community activist. The Altadena Farmer's Market is a fine example of his leadership and will live on in his memory. With sympathy, rest in peace, Joseph.

Appreciation

Profound thanks to all the County workers who have contributed their expertise and effort to making our new deck and surrounding landscaping possible.

Gopher Traps

The Garden has purchased 6 gopher traps that are in the large tool shed. The traps are numbered and labeled. The traps are available to Garden members to be used in their plot and walkway to control the gopher population in the Garden. The traps are only to be used in the Garden. Please do not take them home. Gardeners should use one trap at a time, in order to give other gardeners an opportunity to get a trap for their use. Traps must be returned to the shed after being used. Please, do not store or keep the trap in your plot when you are not using them. Instruction on the usage of the traps are printed on one of the boxes that the trap came in, which is also in the shed. We will consider purchasing more traps if six is not enough to meet the demands of the gardeners to control the gopher population. Good luck with your efforts.

Compost

Please comply with the fertilizer distribution guideline for each plot.

Seeds

Free seeds are available at all general membership meetings.

Gardening Classes

All garden members may attend the spring and fall gardening classes in the Garden for free.

Housekeeping reminders:

See Something Say Something

Refer to the following emergency phone number list that is posted in the Garden.

- MEDICAL EMERGENCY IN GARDEN DIAL 911
- LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PARK BUREAU (213) 974 – 8000 24-HOUR DISPATCH (800) 834-0064
- SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – ALTADENA STATION (626) 798-1131
- PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT (626) 744-4620
- COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT/ALTADENA FIRE STATION #12 (626) 797-1911
- PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY & SPCA (626) 792-7151
- PENNY DANIELS, RECREATION SERVICES SUPERVISORS LOMA ALTA PARK (626) 398-5451 or 5452
- NICOLAS BERNAL, OUR GARDENER Cell: (626) 379-0593
- SILVERA GRANT, PRESIDENT, ALTADENA COMMUNITY GARDEN (626) 398-9840
- LEO STALLWORTH, VICE PRESIDENT (626) 398-8846

Garden Dues:

2020 Garden dues are due January 1, 2020 until 31st.

General Membership.....\$73.00

Associate Member.....\$30.00

Handicapped Plot 1, 2 & 3...\$43.00: Plot 4 \$73.00

Please mail dues to:

Altadena Community Garden

P.O. Box 6212

Altadena, CA 91003 - 6212

Harassment Issues, Complaints:

We want to assure everyone of a safe and pleasant environment at the Garden. Please inform Silvera or Leo of any infringements or complaints. As stated in Article 2 Section U in the By-Laws: In the spirit of our mission statement, we must all work together to create a safe, secure and injury-free garden environment. The Garden has zero tolerance of abusive behavior of any kind. To this end, all members and associates are to behave in a respectful manner and must refrain from any kind of discriminatory behavior, harassment, sexual harassment (as defined by the State of California) or victimization. Whether or not an offense was intended, the perception that it exists or has occurred is harmful and detrimental to the Garden. All unsafe conditions and/or security related issues must be reported directly to the Garden President or Vice President who will initiate an investigation. Disciplinary actions will be taken immediately when appropriate.

Plot condition, violations:

As stated in Article 3, Section L in the By-Laws: Garden plots shall be under cultivation year round. If there are extenuating circumstances for not doing so, the Executive Board may allow a fallow time (free from weeds) not

to exceed six (6) months. Approval of the Executive Board must be obtained in advance. A letter from the plot owner must be submitted, outlining the details of the extenuating circumstances. Otherwise, the policy will be enforced.

We will begin to strictly enforce this policy in January 2020. You may want to consider not renewing your membership for 2020 if you are not able to cultivate your plot. We will no longer look the other way if your plot is not cultivated and remains empty. We have a four year waiting list of 50 or more people waiting to get in the Garden. All plots must be under cultivation and kept weed free.

Walkway Condition and Wood Chips:

Please pay attention to the condition of your walkway. It is your responsibility to maintain your walkway free of weeds and nut grass. You are also responsible to put wood chips in your walkway.

Tiller Usage:

Please check to see if gasoline or the oil and gasoline mixture are in the tiller before you try to start it. Make sure you put the correct fluid in the correct tiller before using it. Please remember to clean the tiller after using it.

Dumpster Area:

Gardeners, please be responsible for cleaning up after dumping your trash and other items from your plot into the dumpster. The area should be kept clean as much as possible.

Inspection Concerns:

Please correct any violations you may receive from an inspection report. Plot number must be visible at all times.

Farmers' Market and Garden Access:

The Garden is closed to the public during the Farmer's Market. All gates to the Garden must remain closed during the Farmer's Market. Garden members, Loma Alta Park staff and Farmer's Market staff are the only persons allowed in the Garden during the Farmer's Market.

Avocados:

Please be aware that removal of avocados from the tree is now a violation of the Garden's by-laws. Refer to Article - 3, Section - P. We will harvest the avocados in December or January and distribute them to the Garden members in a general membership meeting. This will allow for everyone to get an equal share of the avocados.

Tools & Equipment:

Please clean the tools and equipment before returning them to the tool shed. This is also your responsibility. Notify Leo if a tool or equipment is broken or needs attention. Let him know if you would like to have a tool that is not in our inventory.

Please remember to close the door of the small refrigerator in the tool shed tightly.

Thievery:

Reminder: The Garden By-Laws call for the termination of membership of any member taking something from another member's plot without their permission. Several gardeners have reported items missing/taken from their plot without their permission -- items such as, vegetables, stepping stones, boards, chairs and personal hand tools.

Open Gates:

If you are the last to leave the Garden, please make sure the gates and tool shed are closed. It is also inappropriate and inadvisable to leave a person alone in the garden without locking the gate. When entering or leaving the Garden, please remember to lock the Palm Street entrance gate; it should remain locked at all times.

The Deck Fountain

Please use the bottom electrical light switch on the pagoda next to the deck to turn on and off the water fountain. You can also use the hose on the side of the deck to fill the fountain with water when it is low. If you are the last person to leave the Garden and the water fountain is on, please turn it off.

Gate Locking and Parking Policies

The Garden is a public facility and we encourage the gardeners to keep the main entrance gate open when they are in the Garden gardening. This will give passersby the opportunity to see the Garden when a gardener or gardeners are present. However, safety is the top priority for all Garden members when they are in the Garden. It is therefore the responsibility of all Garden members to do whatever is necessary to ensure that they feel safe while in the Garden and the Lower Park. When alone in the garden it may be appropriate to lock the gate. Upon entering the Garden and finding the gate locked with someone inside, it is probably best to defer to that person's preference and lock the gate back up after entering. When leaving the garden with another garden member in the Garden, it is polite to determine whether that gardener would like the gate locked or not.

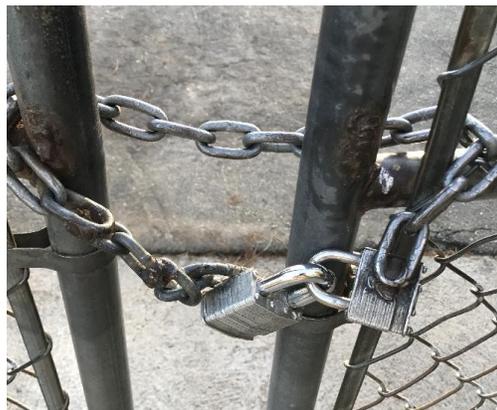
It is never appropriate to leave the gates open when leaving if the garden is empty or if only one person is present.

The Garden parking lots are for gardeners only. As the gates may be locked at any point, it is unwise for non-members to park there.

Only service dogs are allowed in the Garden. Visitors with or without service dogs are welcome to walk into the Garden when the gates are open, walk around in the walkways and visit with gardeners. They are not allowed to go into a plot or to take anything out of a plot. No alcohol, drugs or inappropriate behavior are allowed. Members may refer to Article 3 section A, G, J, M, P, Q, & U in the Garden By - Laws for justification.

Gate Locking:

When locking the gate, please be sure always link the padlocks to each other so that opening either one will undo the chain. Padlocking to a chain link locks out legitimate users whose keys fit the other padlock.



Call for Newsletter Submissions

Have you done anything interesting lately that you would like to share with garden members in the next newsletter? Please let ideas propagate in your imagination and share the harvest with us. Artwork is most welcome. As the ACG Newsletter will be in digital form, multiple media may be included as links. Please submit creative thoughts or material to altadenacgnewsletter@abacus-es.com