



945 N. Clovis Avenue, Clovis, CA
(North of Dry Creek Park at Alluvial)

IN THE GARDEN

1ST Quarter Newsletter - 2022

Garden Mission: To promote water conservation in the California Central Valley landscape through excellent gardens, exhibits and programs that educate and inspire the public.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check our website for details throughout the year@ www.clovisbotanicalgarden.org

Saturday, April 9 th · 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM	20 YEAR CELEBRATION – Free Admission Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies, music by Peter Emerson, food, and a workshop by Elinor Teague – <i>“Central Valley Friendly Landscaping.”</i>
Friday, April 22 nd @10:00 AM	EARTH DAY TOUR \$5.00 registration online or day of the event.
Friday, May 13 th @ 10:00 AM	NATIONAL PUBLIC GARDENS DAY Tour the garden with Anne Clemons, CBG President \$5.00 registration online or day of the event
Saturday, May 14 th @ 10:00 to 11:00 AM	GARDEN SEMINAR <i>“Preparing Small Containers for Succulents”</i> by Patricia Alvarado \$20.00 registration online or day of event
Thursdays, September 8 to October 6 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM	TWILIGHT THURSDAY CONCERT SERIES Music and beverages
Saturday, September 10 th @ 10:00 to 11:00 AM	GARDEN SEMINAR <i>“Tree Pruning and Care”</i> with John Pape \$20 registration online or day of event
Saturday, October 8 th @ 10:00 to 11:00 AM	GARDEN SEMINAR <i>“Succulent Pumpkins”</i> demonstration by Roz Tampone \$20 registration online or day of event
October 12 to November 9	SCARECROW GARDEN \$20 registration to display your scarecrow for a month
Friday, October 14 th from Noon to 4:00 PM Saturday, October 15 th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	FALL PLANT SALE – Free Admission
Saturday, December 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM	WINTER HOLIDAY FUN – Free Admission

1ST QUARTER EVENTS AT THE GARDEN

GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS

Hello Spring! It has been a busy quarter at the garden with many recent additions for everyone to enjoy. The **Perry and Ree Coy Children's Garden** has a new archway at the entrance with bright acrylic letters in primary colors. Creative picket fences flank a second archway, SYNLAWN installed artificial turf near the hopscotch area, and a bat box has been installed.

The **Little Free Library** donor **Kathy Cannon**, representing her family, snipped the red ribbon to officially open the miniature house of books for use in The CBG's Children's Garden. The Little Free Library has over 140, 000 houses all over the USA and other countries. The motto "Share a book. Read a book." is meant to encourage reading by all ages. All are invited to read a book in the CBG at a nearby bench and/or take a book home to enjoy & return a book at a future Garden visit.

Buchanan High School students in the Asian Club volunteered to install the edging around the sign in the home demonstration area. There are many new signs and plantings as well.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

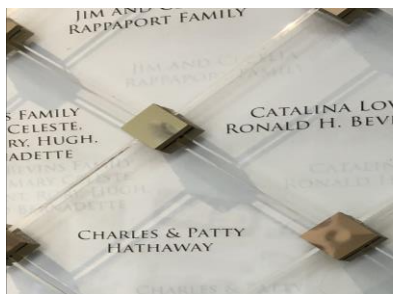
Our updated website has launched! Check it out for updates on garden activities, pavilion rentals, how to volunteer, ways to support the garden through donations and more!

SPRING PLANT SALE

Our spring plant sale, Friday and Saturday, March 19th and 20th, marked the first event of the year. Everyone was excited to get outdoors, and many shoppers purchased plants to beautify their home landscapes. The event was a remarkable success made possible by the many dedicated, hardworking volunteers who helped during the event, as well as those who worked to stage and prepare the plants prior to the plant sale. It was a team effort, lead by co-chairs **Georgia Porcella and Ree Coy**, and volunteer support was greatly appreciated! Those who missed the sale can still purchase plants available in the Gift Shoppe.

VISITOR CENTER UPDATE & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

We have much to do before we can break ground for the Visitor Center, but the Board is actively working on it! Remember, engraved acrylic plaques are available for donations of \$500 or \$1,000 (6 or 8-inch squares). What a beautiful tribute to acknowledge and highlight your support! This will be displayed on a wall of the new Visitor Center! Fundraisers for the Children's Garden include engraved bricks (\$40) and supplies to paint a fence picket that will be part of the garden border (\$75).



20 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION— Saturday, April 9th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

In the past 20 years, the site of the Clovis Botanical Garden has been transformed from an unattractive field to a beautiful garden for our community! Everyone is invited to help us celebrate the challenging work of so many wonderful volunteers who have truly "Made a Difference!" Mark your calendar, so you do not miss this event! Admission to the garden is always free, and many fun activities are planned for the whole family to enjoy!



Charlie Hindes presents "Small Gardens – Big Ideas!"



SPRING PLANT SALE!



Buchanan High Asia Club volunteers install edging.

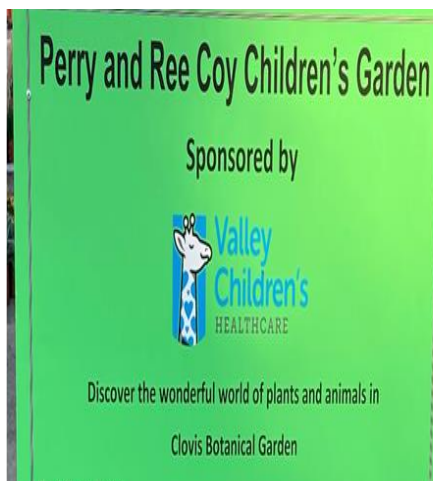


CBG's Terrific Thursday Volunteer Crew witnessed the grand opening: of the "Little Free Library" donated by Kathy Cannon and creatively painted by Valerie Lee.

Left to right...Charlie Hindes, Paula Johnson, Ree Coy, Sofia Puentes, Rodger Pachelbel, Kathy Cannon & Perry Coy. Front: Lorie Hutzler



The Children's Garden entry arch has been completed!



SYNLAWN beautifies the hopscotch area

TIPS FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEY GARDENER: “SPRING PLANTING”

By Elinor Teague

We have just a few weeks left in the spring planting season to plant new seedlings and to transplant or divide existing plants. By late April temperatures in the Central Valley can reach 90 degrees or above. New plantings need at least two to three weeks to adjust to new sun and soil conditions before they begin to extend their root systems. Because temperatures above 90 degrees stress plants and slow foliage and root growth and flower production, we need to get new plantings into our gardens by mid-April at the latest.

‘Hardening off’ is a gardening term that describes setting new transplants and seedlings outdoors during daylight hours for a few days before putting them into the soil. Many transplants and seedlings have been grown in controlled or sheltered temperature and light conditions. Planting transplants and seedlings directly into the garden after purchase is a major cause of failure. Fill planting holes with water a couple of times, let the water drain, and deep irrigating the soil after planting. Keep the soil consistently moist around your new plants and create afternoon shade by using moveable market umbrellas or shade cloth structures.

Crowded clumping plants like aloes, agapanthus, daylilies and heuchera or coral bells can be divided in the spring (and fall). Divisions also need extra care. Use a sharp knife (a serrated bread knife works very well) to cut apart packed root balls. Discard old, woody, or withered portions of the roots. Clumping plants’ crowded roots often push or rise above soil level. Replant divisions so that the base of the foliage is at soil level or only slightly above (the soil may settle a bit after planting).

When designing your garden or searching for just the right spot, take inspiration from the CBG’s mature plantings. You will see several groupings of mass plantings in the CBG garden, rather than plants set one by one, several feet apart. Bees and other pollinators prefer to forage in flower patches that are at least 3 feet wide and long. Design your water-wise irrigation with mass plantings in mind.

Welcome to our New Members!

- Barbara Light
- Cay Lang
- Tamsen Hill-Moss
- Vincent Diak
- Robert Thompson
- Mary Jo Thompson
- Mr. & Mrs. Sarro
- Monica Vaughan
- Brianne Esper
- Ramona Gamez
- Chanda Taylor
- Sarah DelPozo
- Estella Esqueda
- Rose Schmitz
- Patty Stratton
- Eddie Criswell
- Andrea DeShayes
- Renee` Newlove
- Clary Creager
- Susan Hopper
- Michael Rankin
- Connie Kapko
- Michele Galbrielson
- Karen Dulik
- Charlotte Bison
- Leslie Fitzgerald
- Douglas Hardin

The Clovis Botanical Garden is a registered non-profit group developed, managed, and operated by volunteers for the benefit of the community. Without the passion and dedication of members and volunteers, giving freely of their time and talents, the Clovis Botanical Garden would not exist for the education and pleasure of the community.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer experiences are available for virtually every interest and experience level – docent, event planner, fund-raiser, gardener, gift shop greeter and more! **We are actively searching for volunteers interested in garden maintenance, assistance with special events, and a volunteer coordinator.** Those interested are encouraged to contact us soon!

Amazon Smile

ATTENTION AMAZON USERS! Amazon will donate to the charity of your choice for each purchase at no cost to you! Just go to “Amazon Smile,” list Clovis Botanical Garden as your charity of choice, and shop on Amazon as you usually do. It could not be easier, so please sign-up today and shop throughout the new year!

A Message from President, Anne Clemons

Twenty years, wow! Much has happened since that first tree, a Valley Oak, was planted. It looked a bit lonely at first. The garden has transformed from one acre to nearly four; the Valley Oak has grown up and is not lonely anymore. The 20-Year Celebration on April 9th is a thank you to all who created the garden and helped it grow.

Updates are coming in bunches. Try out the new cell-phone-friendly website. Cell phone tours are under development with the Tree Tour leading the way. The CBG logo is modified too with a horizontal look.

Plans for our Visitor Center are making their way through the Clovis Planning Department aided by retired City Planner Dwight Kroll.

National Public Gardens Week begins on May 7th. All Public gardens in the area are coordinating activities for that week. Please be on the lookout for information.

Thank you to Gordon Russell for envisioning a public garden for this area and having the persistence to create it. Let's enjoy it!

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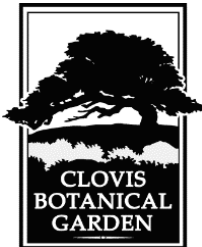
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