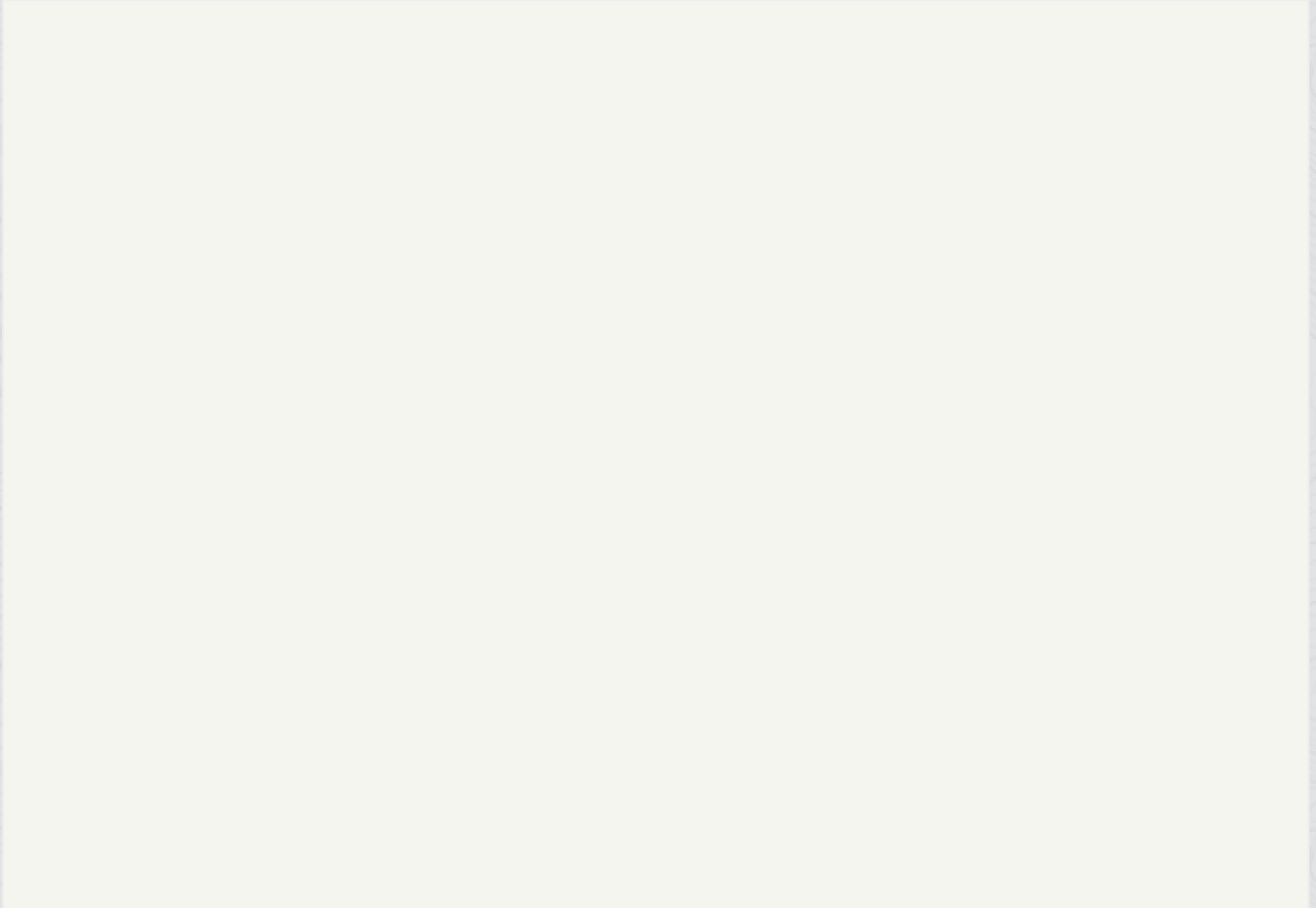


May's IGC news and events.

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A Note from the Leadership Circle

APRIL UPDATE

The native Silver Bush Lupine pictured above volunteered in my mandala garden in a prime spot, where it could take over a whole small bed and really shine in the lineup. I saw it when it was just a tiny seedling and resisted pulling it out, even though it was in the gravel pathway. Two years later, the landscaper I hired to replace the edging in the beds wanted to pull the whole giant thing out, but I said no, just wait until it blooms! And when it finally did, I texted him the image to show him why.

Volunteer plants are like volunteer humans--they need just a little selection and nurturing to gain a foothold, and then watch them thrive. At this year's **Annual Meeting on May 11**, we should all thank the club leadership for putting together these programs for us, year after year; for recruiting new members, for putting out Bees and Directories, and for doing all the endless paperwork to balance our books and achieve and maintain our 501(c)(3) status. If you've been thinking about joining the Leadership Circle, or partnering with anyone 2-by-2 to put together a particular program or project, now is the time!

Two by Two, Leadership by Partnership, is an official program that will ensure each one of our events is co-ordinated by two members who partner to share planning and responsibilities, will be rolled out at this meeting. See you on the 11th!

Member Events

ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC

**11:30-1:30 Saturday
May 11**

**West Marin
School Garden
[11550 Shoreline Hwy](#)
Point Reyes Station**

FREE



"WRAP-UP AND ROLL-OUT" 2018 - 2020

Your Leadership Circle invites you to our annual official meeting and picnic, onsite at the West Marin School garden that we help to support. The meeting will cover highlights of our first full year as the Inverness Garden Club of West Marin. What will next year look like? Help us plan it!

Included: Sandwiches, lemonade, cookies and good conversation. No RSVP required.

GOT BOOKS?

Have books that your children or grandchildren are done reading? Bring them to the annual meeting! The West Marin School is collecting books appropriate for K-8 summer reading. Reading Specialist and IGCW Member **Ashley Dumbra** will be delighted to accept your donations and distribute them to students.

Club News

IGCWM Member Gardens Showcased on Eco-Tour

TWO IGCWM members were chosen by the Eco-Friendly garden tour to show off their gardens to the public this past Saturday: **Suzi Katz** and **Ashley Dumbra**, both of Point Reyes. The tour is a public outreach and education program that promotes sustainable landscaping practices, including Russian River-friendly and Bay-friendly best practices, by showcasing inspiring gardens.

Let's get more West Marin Gardens on the tour! To nominate your own or another's garden, Contact Chad Singleton at chad.singleton@scwa.ca.gov or call (707) 547-1923. To get on the mailing list for next year's tour, scroll the bottom of this webpage: <http://www.savingwaterpartnership.org/eco-friendly-garden-tour/>.

1896 Inverness Cottage Youthful and Thriving in 2019

Many, many thanks to IGCWM Member **Cathy Nason**, who opened her beautiful home and garden to forty plus members and guests on Saturday, April 20. In addition to her three-bedroom cottage, we all enjoyed strolling this lovely Inverness Mesa property, which includes a koi pond, a pottery workshop, a meditation studio, a lovely sunny deck surrounded by multiple gardens and (for your visiting relatives), a charming rental unit. We all left with new ideas for best use of space and land.

Cathy is the twelfth garden club member who has opened her property to fellow members and their guests. We're grateful to each of these generous members: **Helen Abe, Alice Eckart, Stacy Gradman, Suzi Katz, Linda and Steve Lustig, Vivian Mazur, Julie Monson, Susan Nelson, Esther and Charles Nichol, Lisa Tornes, Elizabeth Zarlengo.**

2x2, Leadership by Partnership: This event was co-ordinated by **Elizabeth Zarlengo** and **Barbara Jay**.

Photos below: A hidden corner of the front garden, views of the garden from the kitchen table. See more photos on our [IGCWM Facebook page](#).



Inspired by Cathy Nason's garden tour as well as the others I've seen, I'd like to come and photograph members' gardens for albums on the Facebook page that we all can see. We can set privacy settings either to public, which you could share with friends outside the club, or closed to the group. If you're interested in having your garden photographed, let me know!

--Lisa Post Tornes (lpornes@gmail.com).

Public Events



Public Garden Week Celebration

**10 -3 Wednesday
May 15**

**MAGC Grounds
San Rafael**

FREE

Marin Art and Garden Center (MAGC) in San Rafael is going all out for **Public Garden Week**. All of the below events will happen on the one Wednesday, May 15.

MAGC Grounds tour: MAGC staff will lead tours of the 11 historic acres of the grounds here at MAGC. Learn about the gardens, buildings, and more about this beautiful setting in the heart of Marin.

Moya Library Open House: The members of the Ross Historical Society will open the doors to the charming Octagon House, which serves as the Moya Library and houses a wealth of historical resources. Come take a look inside the unique reference library, with its collection of works related to art, decorative arts, architecture, gardening and local history.

Laurel House Antiques & Collectibles: Here you can find a gardener's delight of vases, botanical prints, garden stools and large containers.

Sample Baked Blooms Cupcakes: Baked Blooms is a home based bakery located in San Anselmo that specializes in custom cupcake bouquets of floral cupcakes.

Basketry Garden Tour & Basketry display: Local artist Charlie Kennard, who uses local grasses and reeds as raw materials, will lead a group through the Basketry Garden on the hillside near the Barn theater.

Rose Society Volunteer Q&A: If you've got questions about roses, the Marin Rose Society will be on hand in the Rose Garden to answer them. There are over 150 specimens in the garden, including climbers, hybrid teas and floribundas, English roses, miniatures, shrub and old garden roses.

Tastes from the Edible Garden: Refresh yourself with tasty pickles and infused drinks that feature the bounty you can grow yourself! MAGC staff will be on hand to point out what's growing in our showpiece garden.

Succulent workshop with Cactus Jungle: Staff from our local outpost of [Cactus Jungle](#) will be on site to offer planting and growing tips for cacti and succulents, and will have a craft project featuring these popular plants for you to try.

MAGC plant sale: If you've ever wished you could have a garden like the ones at MAGC, this is your chance! We will be selling plants propagated on site, including native species and ones selected to do well in our growing conditions.

Hidden Forest Nursery plant sale: Sonoma Horticultural Nursery is alive and well, under new management and a new name! The Hidden Forest Nursery will be at MAGC with a special selection of its treasured rhododendrons and azaleas, premier shade plants, and an exciting new line of long-lived edible plants available for purchase.

For more details and locations of these events on the grounds,
see <https://magc.org/events/magc-celebrates-national-public-gardens-week/>

Garden Tour San Rafael

**10 - 4 Saturday
June 1**

Start at [MAGC](#)

**\$35 for pass,
\$10 per garden
Kids 12 & under free**



If you missed the grand garden tours of April & May, try this one on June 1. "Glorious Gardens of San Rafael" is this year's theme of the Marin Garden Conservancy garden tour, in partnership with MAGC.

See <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/marin-county-ca-open-day-6-1-19> for more details.

Please send Bee feedback, club news and photos to iptornes@gmail.com.

Inverness Garden Club

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