

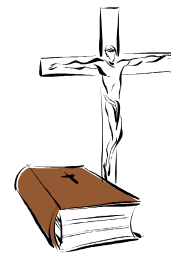
April 2011

You'll Value our Views.



BETTER ENVIRONMENTS

Quarterly Newsletter



Upcoming Holidays

- April 17, Palm Sunday
- April 18, Passover Begins
- April 22, Good Friday
- April 24, Easter
- May 5, Cinco de Mayo
- May 8, Mother's Day
- *The Office will be closed Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day*
- June 19, Father's Day



We have a Winner!
 Congratulations go out to **Debbie Greene** for being the winner of the Maintenance Services Quarterly Report Card drawing. Thank you for your continued efforts in completing and returning them to us!

**FOR OUR CHILDREN
 FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL**
 Sunday, May 1, 2011

*This Event is Sponsored by
 Bennett Landscape*

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
 1919 Torrance Blvd.
 Torrance, CA

Proceeds benefiting children through TrinityKids Care, a program of Providence TrinityCare Hospice and Sandpipers philanthropic programs

1 p.m. Sponsor Admission
 1:30 p.m. General Admission
*For tickets and more information, please call 310-316-2837
 www.4Rchildren.net*

SPRING REMINDERS

Fertilize

- It's feeding time. Give citrus trees a dose of iron the first week of April.
- Stone fruit trees (peaches, plums, nectarines) need fertilizer after they bloom.
- Mix fertilizer into soil when setting out bedding plants.
- Wait until after bloom to feed azaleas and camellias.

Pest Control

- Check new plant leaves for aphids. Contact Bennett at the first sign of curled, deformed leaves.
- Slugs and snails love wet weather. Set out snail bait in shady spots. For best results, turn sprinklers off for 24 hours.
- Flower beds may be host to geranium budworms. Contact Bennett to control them.
- Remember, Bennett can provide periodic visits to control pests as a regular part of your maintenance program.

Irrigate

- Deep water trees and shrubs by let-

ting water drip slowly for several hours.

- Check seedlings carefully. Even one hot day can dry out tender roots.

Prune

- Tip-prune plants. Pinch tips of flowers and vegetables for bushier, denser growth.
- Remove side buds from grandiflora roses for extra large blooms.

Lawn Care

- Is your lawn looking tired? All it needs is a little extra TLC. Do you have bare spots? It is time for reseeding, especially if you have Bluegrass and Perennial rye. Call us for details.
- Need a new lawn? Ask us about Marathon dwarf fescue sod. It is a favorite, all-purpose choice.
- Bermuda lawns will soon be green. Feed with a high nitrogen fertilizer as they come out of dormancy.
- Rust and mildew thrive in moist Spring weather. If lawn fungus is your problem, call us for expert advice and control.

New Certification

Bennett Landscape just received another professional certification. Always striving to maintain current trends and the latest equipment and technology, Bennett is now a Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor through the California Landscape Irrigation Association. The certification process provides Bennett with the professional knowledge to collect site data, make maintenance recommendations, perform field measurements and observations, determine irrigation uniformity and efficiency, and work with homeowners to manage overall irrigation water use. The main goal is to conserve our water supply. Our certification number is 007763. Please call our office for more information on how we can help you save money on your monthly water bill!

Rate Increase

Due to ever increasing costs in fuel, fertilizer, chemicals and other landscape necessities, we need to increase our maintenance services between 2-5% as of May 1. Accounts will be evaluated on a case by case basis and adjusted as deemed necessary. Thank you for your valued account and understanding the necessity for this price increase.

YOUR PERSONAL GARDEN

Your garden should reflect your most personal preferences. Perhaps you would enjoy a constant supply of cutting flowers or want a vista of unbroken color. You may long for the English countryside or seek an Oriental simplicity. At Bennett, we are experts in creating that "special garden," the garden that allows you to express your interest, tastes, personality and lifestyle. Don't you deserve a "Special garden?" Call Customer Service today 310-534-3543.

April Landscape Maintenance Services Quarterly Report Card

Bennett Landscape values your continued patronage! We ask that you please participate in this quarterly survey. We continuously strive to not only meet your expectations, but to exceed them! Please take a moment to fill out our questionnaire. We will follow up with you and make sure any issues or requests you have will be taken care of in a timely manner. Upon return of this sheet, you will also be entered into our random drawing. *This month, the winner of our drawing will receive 3 flats of seasonal color.* To be included in our drawing, all report cards need to be received by April 23rd. We will publicly announce the winner in our July 2011 newsletter. Thank you!

Please rate the following: E = Excellent G = Good F = Fair P = Poor

Foreman: Attitude _____ Performance _____

Crew: Attitude _____ Performance _____

Job Performance Overall: _____

Responsiveness: _____

How are requests handled? _____

Communication: Crew _____

Supervisor _____

Office _____

Please answer the following:

What do we need to improve upon?

Check here if you want a site review with a supervisor.

We will set up an appointment for you.

Any special requests for your crew?

Is there any other work you would like us to estimate at this time? (Tree trimming, irrigation, design, planting, masonry, lighting, fencing, etc.) Please elaborate if possible.

Added Question: What other items or topics would you like to see in our monthly newsletter? We really want to know!

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

South Coast Botanic Garden Activities

- **Plant Sale:** Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Members Only Preview Night & Sale:** Friday, April 15, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$20 per person advance sale/ \$25 at the door. Call 310-544-1948 to RSVP
- **Exercise for People Who Love to Garden:** Mondays, 9:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. April 4, 11, 18 & 25, May 2. \$120 Members/\$130 Non-members. Instructor Rafael Caprio of Truth Health and Fitness. *Is your time in the garden interrupted by fatigue, aches, and pains. Do your knees hurt after kneeling on the ground? Workouts are safe and progressive for all levels. Please bring your own exercise mat.*
- **Ikebana:** Tuesdays, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. April 5, 12, 19, & 26. \$45 Members/\$50 Non-members. Instructor Reiko Kawamura. *Elegance, grace and style are the characteristics of Ikebana. Learn the mechanics of manipulation and the observation of materials for their best usage in gaining an oriental view of flower arranging. \$5 material fee.*
- **Successful Gardens:** Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3 and 10. \$50 Members/\$55 Non-members. Instructor Sharon Ratterree. Create your own successful garden as you learn about soil, climate, plant selection and basic elements of design. Sustain your yard as a natural habitat. \$5 material fee.

For more information on classes, please call 310-544-1948.

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy Nature Walks

Forrestral: April 9, 9-11 a.m. This 155-acre Preserve offers some of the best wildflowers in the spring. See geological formations that form dramatic cliffs, including faults, folds, sedimentary bedding and igneous intrusions. Moderate to strenuous. RPV

White Point: May 14, 9-11 a.m. Enjoy the trails at this Preserve located across from Royal Palms Beach in San Pedro. Walk from the Nature Center to the historic military gun emplacements above to view spectacular ocean vistas. Moderate. LA

Portuguese Bend: June 11, 9-11 a.m. Walk Burma Road to Ishibashi Trail, part of the newly established 1400-acre Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. Discuss the fire recovery plans on the site of the 180-acre wildfire of August 2009, against a stunning ocean backdrop. Moderate. RPV

White Point Ranger Walks: Every Saturday except holidays 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Free. (310) 561-0917

George F Canyon Walks: First Saturday Bird Walks: 9-11 a.m. Binoculars provided; slow, easy and quiet walk—Free. (310) 547-0862
Please call Jill Wittman at 310-541-7613 ext. 201 for reservations and to confirm the schedule.