



#### Upcoming Events:

**June 1:** Spring for White Point Home Tour: 1-4 p.m.  
Reception: 4:30 p.m.—7 p.m.  
Come and see an interesting assortment of creative homes in San Pedro and cap the night with a spectacular party with a silent auction. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at [111.pvplc.org](http://111.pvplc.org) or (310) 541-7613

**June 7:** Volunteer Workday Portuguese Bend Reserve, 9 a.m.—12 Celebrate National Trails Day at Portuguese Bend Reserve by helping maintain the trails. (Sponsored by REI)

**June 14:** Nature Walk Lemonade Berry Trail 9 a.m.—11 a.m.  
Walk down old Crenshaw through an area of beautiful coastal sage scrub habitat and on to Ailor Cliff to see pillow lava and rare flowers. Strenuous. RPV. (park at Del Cerro)  
Volunteer Workday at Nursery: 9 a.m.—12 Help transplant native seedlings. Call for reservations: 310-541-7613. More events are scheduled for June 20, 21, and 28.

There is an Annual Art Exhibition and sale June 30—July 25, Mon—Sat 10 a.m.—5 p.m. Malaga Cove Library

#### ABC Pool and Supply

- Refurbish all barbecues
- Will inform you of any problems
- Other specialties include patio heaters, smokers, gas logs, and propane
- Can be reached at (310) 373-0935
- Address is 24449 Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance, CA



## June Gardening Tasks

- Pinch back any annuals, Fuchsias, Geraniums, Cosmos or any other plants that might be getting a little leggy
- Pinch your Chrysanthemums to encourage them to be bushier and have more blossoms. Pinch them again every 6 inches or so as they grow
- Excellent month to pick out a few perennials and put them into the garden
- Divide spring flowering perennials like Primroses, Arabis, and Aubrietia
- Once the soil has warmed, you may sow seeds for perennials directly into the garden
- Check your roses for mildew, aphid, black-spot or other insect or disease problems
- Roses will need to be fertilized now and each month throughout the summer
- Dead head your annuals to encourage more flowers
- Remove dead foliage from your spring flowering bulbs but only after it has died back naturally
- Sow seeds for Flowering Kale and Flowering Cabbage for colorful plants the next fall and winter
- Stake tall flowers to keep them from blowing over in the wind. Add a stake to each planting hole as you're transplanting, and tie the stem loosely to the stake as the



- plant grows
- As the weather dries out, your container plants may need daily watering, especially if the pots are exposed to the drying sunlight
  - Gladiolus corms can still be planted for successive blooms
  - Tuberous Begonias can now be safely planted outdoors
  - Once the foliage of Daffodils has died back, you may divide and move the bulbs to a new spot

## June Instant Color

If your spring has been somewhat less than a sunny gardener's delight and haven't had enough time to get your garden looking quite right, Color Spots may be your quickest and easiest way of catching up with the neighbors. Color Spots are easy care since blooming size annuals have al-

ready grown in 4" pots at the nurseries. They have taken care of the feeding, pinching and early care for you. The result is a nicely branched plant, blooming and ready to set in your garden. You will be able to see what your flower will look like before you even pick it out, and you will

have some early summer colors before the sun sets. You will need to prepare the soil and water the new plants before you remove them from the pot. Then plant the color spots at the recommended spacing on the label, and water them again. The result is instant color.



## Shrub and Tree Care for June

- This is a good month for shearing, pinching or pruning Junipers, Cypress or Conifers. If you have been cultivating a special Christmas tree, sculpt it now.
- Fertilize flowering shrubs like Rhododendrons, Camellias, and Azaleas immediately after they have finished flowering with a Rhododendron or Evergreen type fertilizer.
- Dead head the developing seed pods from your Rhododendrons and Azaleas to improve next year's bloom. Be careful not to damage next year's buds which may be hidden just below the pod.
- It's hedge trimming time!



On June 15th at exactly 12:00 Noon, set your sundial for 12:00 to get the most accurate time reading throughout the summer!

## Lawn Care for June

- Fertilize the lawn this month. Use a complete lawn fertilizer with a 3-1-2 ratio of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium.
- If the weather becomes hot and dry, raise the cutting height of the mower.
- It's not too late to reseed or over-seed the lawn. Be certain to keep newly seeded areas well watered.
- Apply moss killers before temperatures reach 65 degrees.
- Control Dandelions and other lawn weeds.
- Apply a layer of mulch on flower beds and around trees and shrubs 2-3" around the base of plants, but make sure it does not touch any part of the plants. Mulch reduces weeds, conserves moisture, and improves soil texture.
- Check your timers. Allow the water to saturate the lawn at least two feet deep. It is best to water thoroughly three times a week than to water frequently but not long enough.
- Watch out for small white moths flying above the lawn. If you see them, you can be sure you probably are hosting grubs in your grass. Call the office for spraying as these grubs can be the cause of many future problems. Skunks and raccoons love to eat them!

In our constant effort to keep costs down and be environmentally aware, we are offering paperless invoices. For those of you without e-mail, please do not panic. We will still mail out an invoice to those customers who still wish to receive a hard copy. We hope this meets with your approval. Please call to advise us if you wish to go with the new program.

**Our winner in our quarterly random drawing is Mr. and Mrs. Guiton. Congratulations, and keep on submitting those evaluations!**



## The Horticulture Guy

The garden is in full swing this month as the season moves into summer. With this transition comes more than rising temperatures. Reduced natural water levels start this month with sometimes as little as an inch of rain for the whole month. In addition, more insects make their

appearance in the garden. It is your job to know who is who and help those beneficial insects save the day. Roses start to strut their stuff this month. Gardeners may be hoping for some time to stop and smell the roses, however, the astute gardener has an eye on future rewards while enjoying the

current ones. Fall and winter vegetable planning begins this month, so start investigating your options on what you want to plant.

