

March: The "Month of the Monarch"

We began our month with an invigorating presentation by Susie Vanderlip, the Monarch Butterfly Conservation Specialist in Southern California for Monarch Watch. She provided so much information on the Monarch and what individuals can do to help conserve this species.



We had planned to distribute native milkweed plants later in the month, but found that they were in short supply until April. Therefore we will have milkweed plants to distribute in April and May. A specific date in April has not been set, but in May, we will distribute them to attendees on a first-come, first-served basis at the Celebration of Giving on May 17th. There will be more details of this event coming soon.



If you have a green thumb and would like to cultivate milkweed plants from seeds, please stop by our resale shop, Bloom Again. Seeds will be available beginning Saturday, April 1st. The shop is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The seed packets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.



For more information on Monarch Butterflies in California and what you can do to help grow their population, please [click here](#).





You've Been Waiting For This...

Many of you have been requesting a bus trip this year -- and it's finally here! We will be heading to Huntington Gardens in San Marino (near Pasadena) on Thursday, April 20th. A charter bus will pick us up at the Secret Garden at 8:00am and take us back home by 5:00pm. The trip will include:

- *The bus ride to and from the gardens*
- *Coffee and morning pastries on the bus*
- *Admission to and tour of the gardens*
- *Lunch at an onsite restaurant*
- *Visit to the Huntington Store*

The cost of this inclusive day trip is \$95 per member. Due to space limitations (32 people), this trip is only open to RSFGC members. For more information and to secure your spot, [click here](#).

Because the bus and the admission tickets have to be purchased in advance, refunds for cancellations will only be considered up to one week prior to the date of the event. No refunds will be considered for cancellations made after April 13th or for "no-shows" the day of the trip.

Save The Date

Mark your calendar now for the **RSFGC Annual Celebration of Giving, scheduled for Wednesday, May 17th**. This year, we will be presenting grant awards to 27 deserving organizations and schools. More information on the event itself and the grant recipients will be shared in the April newsletter.



Resale Shop Update

We have some great news to share about the shop. First and



foremost, we have hired a new shop manager. **Liz Lovelace** comes to "Bloom Again" with extensive retail and design experience and is eager to put her expertise to use in the resale environment. For 20 years, Liz served in sales, merchandising, and managerial positions for Nordstrom. She has also served in a volunteer capacity as the President of the Escondido Little League and President of the San Pasqual High School and Grace Christian School PTOs. Liz has extraordinary design talent and utilizes it with event planning and holiday decor services she provides. Liz and her husband, Jeff, live in Valley Center and share three grown boys and six grandchildren.

Our second bit of news is that the shop has been remodeled! Our sorting room has been moved to the rear of the shop, which created a more open space in front. We are continuing to upgrade our space as time, weather and funds permit.

Stop on by and meet Liz -- and while you're at it, check out our "new digs" and great merchandise. Remember that Tuesdays are Senior Day and all seniors 55+ receive a 10% discount on their entire purchase. Sales for all customers will be added throughout the year.

As always, a **huge thank you** to our RSFGC members, supporters and the community at large for your donations. Please keep them coming! We are pleased to accept your donations in person during shop hours (Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm) or after hours by leaving your donation inside the shed located just in front of the shop. And if you are not able to bring your donation to the shop, simply give us a call at 858-756-1554 and we can arrange to pick it up. Receipts for donations are available at the shop.

2023 Calendar of Events Through May 2023

- **Wednesday, April 5, 10:00 am** - Coffee in the Garden Speaker Series: "Roses - Making the Most of Your Beautiful Blooms" by Andria Sullivan (**FULL**)
- **Thursday, April 20, 9:00 am** - Bus Trip: Springtime at the Huntington Gardens in San Marino and lunch on site (**RSFGC Club Members Only**)
- **Monday, May 8, 10:00 am** - Artisan Plant and Craft Boutique - Secret Garden
- **Wednesday, May 17, 3:00 pm** - Celebration of Giving and Grant Award Ceremony. (**Details TBA**)

Click below to join our club, check out our website or see the calendar of events for the remainder of the year.

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Visit our website

Calendar of Events

With your support, we are proud to make a difference in our community!

Membership in the Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club is open to everyone.

Please reach out with your questions or ideas to:

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