

April 2010 Newsletter

Seaside Garden Center

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Spring Color is Here!

We have just received a beautiful selection of annual color. Stop by to see our Gerbera Daisies, Cineraria, Petunias, Columbine, Marigolds and more!



Columbine
Aquilegia hybrid



Color Bowl Fountain
Three-tier w/ pump \$440

Fiore Wall Fountain
w/ pump \$375

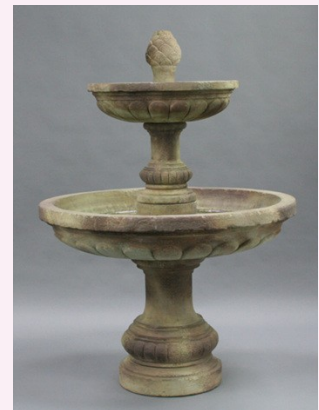


New!

A variety of fountains, planters and garden art from our southern California dealer. If you don't see what you're looking for, we can special order products in the color of your choice.

Stop by to see our catalog.

Approximately 3 weeks for delivery.



Mediterranean Fountain
two-tier w/ pump \$1080

Spring Sale at Lakeside Nursery!

April 26-May 2 Wholesale Prices for Everyone!!!

Visit our growing grounds at 190 Espinosa Road in Salinas for quality plants at an amazing price! One week only!

Free Seminar Saturday April 24 11am-Noon

Join Seaside Garden Center and Kirsten Stember, Environmental Education Specialist and Naturalist from the Santa Lucia Conservancy for **Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden**. Kirsten will show us why butterflies are so unique, what draws butterflies



Achillea-Yarrow
Yellow is a favorite color for butterflies, which they actually see as blue.



Common Buckeye

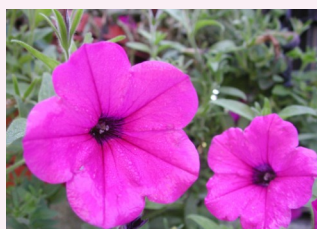
to a garden and what we can do to provide a butterfly friendly space. This is sure to be a very informative and FUN lecture!

Butterflies are a welcome treat for most gardeners. They are not only beautiful, but important pollinators as well. Attracting butterflies to your garden is easy. Most of us already have the foundation set and don't even realize it. With a few sweet smelling colorful nectar plants, a sunny location out of the wind, damp areas for water and no pesticides, butterflies are happy to come visit.



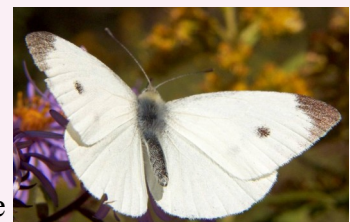
Quercus agrifolia-
Coast Live Oaks are a very important larval food supply for many different species of butterflies

However, another important element in attracting butterflies is providing food for their larvae. Butterflies lay their eggs on plants that the larvae will need. Caterpillars are often thought of as being destructive to our gardens as they nibble bites out of leaves, but this is only temporary and most plants handle it just fine. Trees also play a very important role in butterfly habitats. They provide shelter and protection for adult



butterflies, and several species of butterflies depend on certain trees as a larval food supply.

Garden Petunia



Cabbage White

What to do in your Garden in April....

- Plant a Butterfly Garden
- Vegetable Gardens-It's not too late to get those veggies going! If you're short on space, try our Gardner & Bloome Raised Garden Bed Kit. Made from 100% recycled materials, it is very easy to set up and you decide the size! \$59.99



- Compost-Feed your worms! Keep adding kitchen scraps (fruits, veggies, coffee grounds) to your compost pile. The smaller the pieces, the faster they break down. Turn it every few days and keep it moist. Don't forget to add brown material too, such as dry leaves, straw, tree trimmings, or if nothing else, shredded newspaper without colored ink on it.
- Rhododendrons, Camellias & Azaleas-When finished blooming, remove the old flowers to help prevent mildew, fungus and disease. Feed with a fertilizer made for these acid loving plants.
- It's a great time to get citrus in the ground. We offer dwarf Meyer Lemon, Eureka Lemon, Seedless Lime, Navel Orange and more.
- Mosquito Control-Many of us collect rain water to use in our gardens later, which is a great idea. But this is unfortunately exactly what mosquitoes need to breed. We have Mosquito Fish! Bring in your own small container for free fish provided through the Monterey County Mosquito Abatement District.
- Annual Color- It's time to start those seeds! Plant easy-to-grow Cosmos, Sunflowers, Nasturtiums and Zinnias. Not only are they beautiful, they also attract butterflies!



Mosquito Fish
Gambusia affinis

Current Events

April 17 10am-Noon Durant-Farallones Neighborhood Association presents their 4th Annual Earth Day Event “Planting & Poetry In the Park” Planting, Poetry, Raffle & Fun at Farallones Park
831-394-8659 www.seasidedfna.org

April 17 9am Fabulous Flowers, Ferns and Redwoods. 2-3 hour hike, 3.3 miles into Redwood Canyon. This area is known for its diversity of wildflowers and lush fern growth. Bring a snack, water and hiking shoes. www.mprpd.org or 659-6065

April 17 9am-Noon Earth Day Community Event at Locke-Paddon Park near the Marina Library. www.marinatreeandgarden.org or www.mprpd.org for more information, or call 659-6065

April 17 2-5pm Japanese Maple Aesthetics and Arboriculture at Hakone Estate & Gardens in Saratoga. \$40 Call 510-658-4941

April 24 11am-Noon Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden at The Seaside Garden Center

May 1-2 9am-4pm Carmel Valley Garden Show at Hidden Valley Institute of the Arts, 88 W. Carmel Valley Road. Plant sale, auctions, vendors, BBQ, Children’s Discovery Garden & more. Free Admission www.cvgardenshow.com 659-0934

May 8 12:00-5pm Monterey Bay Rose Society’s Annual Rose Show. An afternoon of Roses, Music & Wine at Alladin Nursery in Watsonville. Call Janey Leonardich 831-722-7958