



Fuchsia-flowered Gooseberry
(*ribes speciosum*)



Matilija Poppy
(*romneya coulteri*)

November in the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden

April showers may bring May flowers but October showers brought a fresh clean start to fall in the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden. It's amazing to see the *Fuchsia-Flowered Gooseberry* (*ribes speciosum*) break its summer dormancy after the rains and put on an abundance of new apple green foliage. We all look forward to a great display of crimson fuchsia like flowers later in the year. The rain also pushes the *Matilija Poppies* along. You can see their sturdy new growth in many areas of the garden. All of that new growth is just a promise of the beautiful flower show to come in April and May.

Planting in the Garden is well under way. The Salvia Garden has over two dozen new plants and several brand new varieties of Lavender have been planted in the Herb Garden. The new plantings in the Kids' Adventure Garden responded to the rain with a wonderful flower show. There are so many good things happening in the Garden you'll just have to come and see for yourself.

ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALE
Saturday October 24 and Sunday 25
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
in
The Kids' Adventure Garden

Community support of our weekly plant sale remains solid. We hold the sale every Sunday from 11:00 to 3:00 at the Kids' Adventure Garden. You will find many California Native and drought tolerant plants that are often hard to find in other retail nurseries. The nursery is run by home gardeners just like you so feel free to drop by with your gardening questions and see what's new in the nursery. All proceeds from our plant sales go right back into the garden so thanks for your support and remember FALL IS FOR PLANTING.

NOVEMBER TALK in the GARDEN

Come join us in the Kids' Adventure Garden on Saturday morning November 7 from 9:00 am to 11:00

for a talk on **designing a water wise garden**. The talk will be conducted by Emily Habib.

Emily is a Ventura County Master Gardener and owner of Waterwise Landscape Design. Her talk will cover the basics of good landscape design, plant selection, irrigation and many other aspects of garden design.

If we get lucky with more rain we will move the talk inside the Garden office. We can handle 50 people outside but space inside is limited to 15 so rain or shine come early with lots of questions and enjoy another great Talk in the Garden.

Our December Talk in the Garden will be on Fruit Trees. Now is the time to plant bare root fruit trees. The talk will cover selecting the right varieties for our area, planting and care including pruning your existing trees. Our guest speaker will be Jon Freeman-Wood. Jon is Licensed landscape contractor and owner of Jon's Nursery of Somis. He is an expert on Fruit trees for our area with over 29 years of experience.

If you have question or suggestions about our "Talk in the Garden" program please visit www.conejogarden.org or e-mail Tom Wade at Tom1374@verizon.net

CONEJO VALLEY BOTANIC GARDEN NEEDS YOU!

The Garden is managed and maintained by community volunteers. **Without your help the garden cannot thrive.**

None of the volunteer positions at CVBG has a minimum number of volunteer hours attached. If you can help for a few hours a month great! For more information on any of our volunteer opportunities please send an e-mail to Tom Wade at Tom1374@verizon.net or leave a message at 805 494-7630.

WE CURRENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

Adopt A Garden: We have an ongoing need for volunteers to join the teams working in our theme gardens. Days and hours are flexible so give us a call.

Garden Nursery: There is no better way to learn about California native and water wise plants than to join the teams working in the propagation and sales nurseries.

The Kids' Adventure Garden: KAG is open from 11:00 to 3:00 each Sunday. Docents welcome families to the garden, answer questions and ensure everyone is safe and has fun. You will train with an experienced Docent. You can sign up for one shift a month or as many as you want. Contact Jean Reiley at 805 374 8255.

Community Outreach and fundraising. Do you have experience in advertising or fundraising? We need volunteers with ideas on developing community outreach programs and fundraising

**For information and directions to the garden, visit our web site at
www.conejogarden.org.**



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