



South Pasadena Beautiful, Inc. Celebrating 44 Years of Service

Annual Membership Drive is NOW on! 2009-2010

From President Judy Graven...

South Pasadena Beautiful was founded forty-four years ago with the primary mission of preserving and promoting the beauty of our city. Throughout the years we have accomplished a multitude of projects and events made possible by your membership dues and donations.

March is the launch of our annual membership drive. We hope that you current members will renew your memberships, and that our appeal will reach out to non-members to join in the support of our efforts. The current economy is causing hardship which impacts non-profit organizations such as ours. Our hope is that 1) you consider our work to be of enough benefit to the value of property in this city, and 2) to the desirability of living here, that you will continue to respond to our appeal for your membership. Please look at the enclosed membership envelope, select a contribution level, and become a member. Our Board is actively selecting and accomplishing projects about town. If you are interested in joining our Board and bringing in new ideas and assistance with our projects, please let us know on the enclosed envelope or call Judy Graven at (323) 257-9992.

South Pasadena Beautiful continues to respond to Southern California's concern about water and energy conservation. You will be able to observe landscapes on our garden tour which illustrate solutions to the conservation theme. Our Annual Meeting speaker from the Theodore Payne Foundation, Lili Singer, will educate us about the use of native California plants. We hope to provide the community with new ideas and promote interest in conservation.

Here are the projects in which we are currently involved:

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Spring Garden Tour

Five beautiful gardens may be viewed during the annual Garden Tour offered as a free gift to the community by South Pasadena Beautiful on **Sunday, April 19, from 1 to 4 PM**. The traditional Plant Swap, to which visitors may bring a plant or plants to exchange for others, will be held on the front lawn at 1615 Camden Parkway. In the event of inclement weather, the Tour will be postponed to the following Sunday, April 26. South Pasadena Beautiful encourages visitor's suggestions regarding gardens which might be included in future tours. Suggestions may be given to members staffing tables at each home.

1628 Camden Parkway has an inviting front yard containing a dry river creek bed reminiscent of similar streams in the San Gabriel Mountains and an ecological measure to reduce water usage. The owners, Rita Vega-Acevedo and Adrian Acevedo, worked with South Pasadena landscape designer William McHenry to introduce low maintenance plants. A flagstone walkway symbolizes a stream. Native California plants observed by the owners while hiking in the mountains are utilized. The back yard includes a patio area with a young European sycamore tree, a small ochre fountain with lion's heads, and two California live oaks. The deep lot includes a treehouse built around an acacia tree by Mr. Acevedo. Mrs. Vega-Acevedo has added various artistic garden accessories such as mobiles, semi-buried vases, and concrete spheres. On the south side a new swimming pool is surrounded by new landscaping and hardscape, custom-made wrought iron, and two foxtail palm trees. The north side includes more low-maintenance planting. Solar lights have been placed throughout the property.

1630 Milan Avenue, the home of Marilyn and Don Conlan, is dramatically framed by ten large liquidambar trees. This modified New England-style home conveys a strong Eastern aura, especially in autumn when the leaves turn yellow, brown and rust. But it is up the brick-lined driveway and behind the home where the true magic of this deep ¾ acre property lies hidden: an elaborate and fully developed English-style formal garden designed by the owner-

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◆Our organization is spearheading the effort to complete the planting of the tree wells recently installed along Mission Street by the City of South Pasadena. A grant provided the money for many improvements along Mission Street between Fair Oaks and Meridian avenues. Part of the project was new trees/tree wells on each side of the street between Fair Oaks and Mound and between Meridian and Fairview. A sprinkler system was installed, and ginkgo trees were planted, but the funds ran out before the tree wells could be finished with low-growing plants. South Pasadena Beautiful has provided funds to plant some strategic tree wells on the north side of Mission between Fair Oaks and Mound. We will work with landscape designer Sarah Peterson to select the plants for the tree wells. We hope that sponsors will adopt the same planting scheme in additional tree wells, enhancing the appearance of this main artery of our city.

◆We have made a significant contribution to the South Pasadena Public Library to beautify its entry area. The plan has passed through the approval process and should soon be ready for implementation.

◆Our interest continues in the landscaping which Isabelle Greene is preparing for a new park adjacent to the War Memorial Building, now named Oaklawn Park. We helped provide funds for this design project, and it is underway.

◆We continue to sponsor the Arbor Day program in the Children's Library at the South Pasadena Public Library. This educational program helps our city maintain its prestigious status as a Tree City as designated by the National Arbor Foundation.

◆Our organization is investigating the possibility of developing a South Pasadena community garden, such as several neighboring communities enjoy.

◆We continue to oversee maintenance of the many projects we have accomplished in South Pasadena over the years by providing funds and volunteer help for this maintenance. For instance, we are working with Cal Trans and the City to trim the trees along the 110 freeway as it enters South Pasadena to make the hillside "City of South Pasadena" sign visible to all passing vehicles. We support the maintenance of the Hughes Rose Garden at the entrance to Garfield Park. We help maintain the Rector Memorial fountain garden at City Hall. We provide and maintain plants inside the library.

We have a busy spring with our annual Garden Tour, Golden Arrow Awards, and Annual Meeting. Take a look at our website (www.southpasbeautiful.org) to see pictures of properties on the Garden Tour, Golden Arrow winners, and our projects around town.

I look forward to seeing you at our Garden Tour. Judy Graven, President

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gardeners. Graceful, wrought iron latticed arbors wander everywhere, entwined with flowering vines. These provide dramatic sight-lines into various quiet garden nooks. Moving along the central brick walkway, one encounters a boxwood-framed rose garden with more than 70 choice roses on the right and, on the left, a 40-foot, brick-bordered pool carefully integrated into the overall garden design concept. Finally, behind wrought iron trompe l'oeil fences at the rear of the formal gardens, one will discover a complete vegetable garden on an automatic "seeping" watering system and a functional greenhouse.

1703 Milan Avenue is a 1904 craftsman house whose garden has been evolving ever since owners Carol and Bob McCrary purchased the property in 1974. At the moment, the front garden is changing yet again. A large lawn, over 4,000 square feet, was eliminated this past January. Less thirsty plants and trees now surround a small area of turf; cercis, pomegranate, centranthus, variegated pittosporum, day lily, iris have been planted. In the shaded areas are many sasanquas, camellias, azaleas and a Japanese maple. In 1991 a huge live oak had to be removed from the back garden and the shady garden instantly changed. The first "sunny garden" was planted in roses and California natives, requiring very complicated irrigation. Alas, after a couple of years, oak root fungus caused devastation. Now, oak root resistant plants thrive. In 2005 the back garden was re-designed to provide more "living" space. St. Augustine grass and roses were planted. Shady areas to the north and south of the house have many very old camellias, clivia, agapanthas, gardenia and eranium maderense.

1610 Marengo Avenue, the childhood home of famous UCLA librarian Lawrence Clark Powell, was purchased in 1994 by Donna Furey and Charles Craig. The first garden project the owners undertook was construction of low brick walls across the front of the craftsman-style house. The walls meet at the center with river rock-anchored brick pillars supporting a wood trellis above the beginning of a 7-foot wide sidewalk to the front porch. The brick and concrete work was designed by Ms. Furey, using clinker bricks to maintain design integrity with the three existing porch columns. The front yard is deeply shaded by beautiful, mature oak trees and a towering deodar cedar. The failing front lawn was replaced with decomposed granite and more shade-tolerant plants added. Next was the installation in the rear yard of a new outdoor fireplace on a patio and a new chimney, both of matching clinker brick. The 1955 swimming pool was remodeled in 2000. Olive trees and tropical plants including ginger, hibiscus and canna lilies were added around the pool.

1637 Spruce Street, a 1906 craftsman-style home owned by Elizabeth and Carl von Bibra, features a mature Japanese black pine tree gracing the left side of the front garden. Young dogwood trees line a center walkway to the porch steps, which are flanked by iceberg roses. The porch is enhanced with black

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granite river rock. Seasonally, beds of colorful annuals border the walkway. Coral-colored bougainvilleas cascade over a river rock retaining wall along the front of the property. Azaleas, gardenias and day lilies fill the border on top. A magnificent outdoor patio recently was added in the rear yard, which also features a circa 1970 swimming pool encircled by pepper trees, Texas privet, roses, pink jasmine vine and star jasmine. A highlight of the patio is a bread/pizza oven encased in black granite river rock. The western side yard is dominated by a swing-bearing walnut tree. The eastern side includes an Artutis (red berry) tree, a Eureka lemon tree, a pittosporum and camellias. The driveway is lined with hydrangeas, hybrid variegated ginger, tubebuia tree, and hibiscus. Steve Tepe designed the garden.

Golden Arrow Awards in May

Will your home or the home of a friend or neighbor be honored this year with a Golden Arrow Award? The selection process has started. The South Pasadena Beautiful Board considers every property in the city in its quest for owners who have made their properties particularly attractive. The total effect of structure and garden is the basis for selection. After winners have been selected, the Golden Arrow signs are placed in their front yards for the month of May.

Well-maintained gardens, small or large, are an asset to our entire community and something we all enjoy and appreciate. If you have a property to recommend, please call Marty Wetzel at (626) 799-8311. Golden Arrow Award winners will be honored at the Annual Meeting on June 8 in the Library Community Room. The South Pasadena Review publishes an article with photos of the winning properties.

Children's Arbor Day Program

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

All ages welcome 7:15-7:45 p.m.

To observe National Arbor Day, the staff of the Children's Department at the South Pasadena Public Library will share some books, fingerplays, and poems about trees. Lisa Novick of the Theodore Payne Foundation will talk about different kinds of native trees and their ecosystems. The program includes a leaf rubbing craft. The Arbor Day program is funded by a grant from South Pasadena Beautiful.

Annual Meeting Monday, June 8

Speaker: Lili Singer, Payne Foundation

South Pasadena Beautiful will hold its Annual Meeting Monday, June 8 in the Community Room at the South Pasadena Public Library. Enjoy chatting with fellow members over a dinner-sized selection of hors d'oeuvres, wine and soft drinks beginning at 6:30 PM. The meeting begins at 7:15 PM.

The primary purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the 2009-2010 year. Also, homeowners and businesses that have been awarded Golden Arrows this year for maintaining exceptionally attractive properties will be honored.

Lili Singer, Special Projects Coordinator, Theodore Payne Foundation, will share with us her expertise on "The Pleasures and Benefits of Gardening with California Natives." The Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants, located in Sun Valley, was founded in 1960 to promote the understanding and preservation of California native flora. Singer will explain the relationship between native flora and fauna which has evolved over eons of time and how native plants are of such benefit to birds and other native fauna.

This event is open to the public at a small charge to cover the refreshments. All South Pasadena Beautiful members will be mailed a special invitation. For further information, please contact Lela Bissner at (323) 258-7393.

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When you become a member, you are saying:

- You take great pride in your South Pasadena Community.
- You encourage beautification and good maintenance of our city and private properties.
- You support South Pasadena Beautiful programs and attend the Annual Meetings and the popular Garden Tours and Plant Swaps.
- You answer the call for volunteers to participate in South Pasadena Beautiful projects.

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