

# GARDEN ACCENTS

## Clippings

WINTER 2006

### Special Events Calendar

**Rose Pruning** with Bradley Strawhorn  
Saturday January 20 10:30am to 11:30am  
This class will demonstrate how to prune your roses for the winter. Bradley Strawhorn teaches classes through Mission College Landscape Management.

**Landscape Lighting** with Jeff Calhoun  
Saturday January 27 10:30am to 11:30am  
Learn about the various designs for outdoor lighting. Jeff Calhoun is the Technical Services and Sales Representative for FX Luminaire.

**Landscape Design**  
with Rosemary Bridwell  
Saturday February 10 10:30am to 11:30am  
This class will teach unique landscaping design and layout, using color, contrast and texture to provide an outdoor environment to meet your individual needs. Rosemary Bridwell has her California Certified Nursery license and manages her own landscape design business.

**Stone Green Studios**  
On site at Garden Accents  
Saturday February 24 10:00am to 4:00pm  
Don't miss this opportunity to meet Steve and Kathy of Stone Green Studios and see how they design and make their beautiful product.

**How to Choose California Native Plants for your Landscape**  
with Roxanne Evans  
Saturday March 10 10:30am to 11:30am  
Understanding microclimates and tips on how to choose California Natives. Roxanne Evans is with Ecocentric Designs in Santa Cruz.

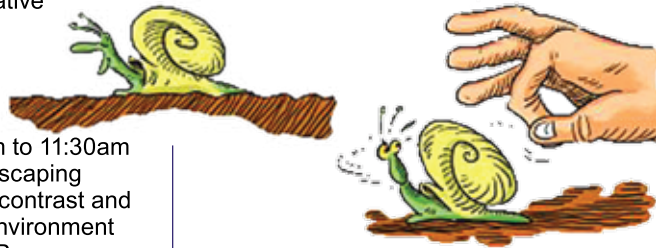
**Great Plant Choices For Small Spaces** with Jeannine Bogard  
Saturday March 24 10:30am to 11:30am  
This class will show you how to utilize small space with terrific plants for your garden. Jeannine Bogard is a horticulturist and writes a column on gardening for the Free Press.

**All classes are free to the public.**  
Please call ahead to reserve a space  
408.846.4555.

### Sheri's Garden Tips by Sheri Sinni

**January—**  
Plant all things dormant such as roses, fruit trees, asparagus and berries. Prune just about anything that you can reach with your shears, but especially fruit trees and roses.

I've just recently become interested in planting California native plants. Natives respond best to planting during the rainy season, and January is historically our wettest month. If you're just getting started with natives, consider easy-care selections such as redbud, salvias, live oaks, penstemons and sunflowers.



It's easy during the cold months to let snails and slugs get the upper hand. Make a big dent in their population by baiting for them. Then, early in the morning while they're out, hand pick the ones that didn't go for the bait. I have had good luck using oyster shells around plants.

### Featuring Stone Green Studios



**February—**  
Give a living Valentine to your sweetheart this month, one that will live long after February 14<sup>th</sup>. Tie a red ribbon around a lemon tree, put a bow on a bare-root rose, or choose flowering plants that can go outdoors after bloom is through. Good choices include azaleas, camellias, carnations, gardenias, and Oriental lilies.

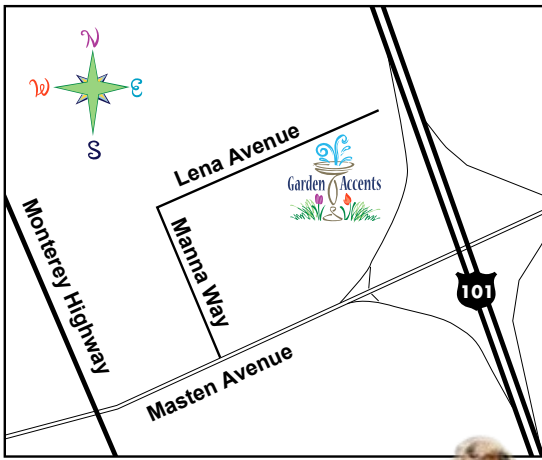
Plant evergreen vines — fragrant, yellow-flowered Carolina Jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens*); white-flowered evergreen clematis (*C. armandii*); purple Hardenbergia violacea 'Happy Wanderer.'

**March —**  
Prune your ornamental grasses and butterfly bushes. I also plant perennials. One of my favorite on line sites is Digging Dog Nursery ([www.diggingdog.com](http://www.diggingdog.com) or 707.937.1130). Remember, you don't want to prune the frozen part of your citrus trees until we have had our last frost.

Plant shrubs, but before buying that pretty new camellia, rhododendron, or other ornamental shrub at the nursery, check the label (or the Sunset Western Garden Book) to determine its mature height and spread. Plant only shrubs that will fit the given space when fully grown.

Garden Accents is currently looking for local folks to participate in a garden tour. If you would like to show off your beautiful garden, please contact Tina or Robert at (408) 846-4555

**"In my garden there is a large place for sentiment. My garden of flowers is also my garden of thoughts and dreams. The thoughts grow as freely as the flowers, and the dreams are as beautiful."** Abram L. Urban



**MARA PEREZ** was born in Lucca Tuscany in Italy. She moved to this area in 1972 and has been a member of the Garden Accents Family for two years.

You can sample Mara's Minestrone soup on Saturday March 17 at 12 noon.

## VEGETABLE MINESTRONI SOUP

### INGREDIENTS:

- 32 oz Canned Pinto Beans
- 2 Stalks of Celery
- 2 Large Carrots
- 1 Large Yellow Onion
- 16 oz Italian Stewed Tomatoes
- 2 Medium Red Potatoes
- 1 Medium Savon Cabbage
- 1 Clove chopped garlic
- Herbs- basil, oregano, thyme, rosemary
- 4 Quart of water
- 2 Bullion Cubes

Boil water, drain beans, put bullion in water, and add tomatoes and all the chopped vegetables, along with the herbs. Boil for 1 ½ hours, or until all vegetables are tender. Season with salt and pepper to taste, add parmesan cheese. Serve with crusted garlic bread.

### OPEN

Monday thru Saturday — 9 am - 5 pm  
Sunday — 10 am - 4 pm

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## Springtime Weed Control In Your Lawn

The most important protection against weeds is proper care of your lawn. We recommend mowing your lawn at a height of 2 – 2 1/2" (for organic gardeners 2 1/2" to 3 1/2"), mulching your grass clippings, over-seeding when necessary, keeping on a regular fertilization schedule – whether it be organic or not – and finally, keeping an eye out for the first sight of those weeds. Hand pulling weeds at first sight can do wonders in keeping them from taking over your lawn.

If you have decided it is time for a pre-emergent herbicide, we carry a product made by GreenAll called "Prohibit". "Prohibit" provides residual control of many broad-leaf weeds, grass and crabgrass in your turf grass as well as preventing weed seeds from germinating in the Spring or Fall, their favorite time to pop up. Springtime applications should be done in March or April.

Remember, a healthy lawn is still the best defense. If you have questions on how to make sure you are keeping your lawn healthy, please call us at (408)463-0500, or visit our website: [www.grassfarm.com](http://www.grassfarm.com)



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