



**Matilija Poppies**  
**(romneya coulteri)**

## *May in the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden*

Our annual Matilija Poppy Festival will be held Sunday, May 2 from 1 -5 p.m. Come join us and enjoy a spectacular display of Matilija poppies in full bloom. There will be children's activities, harp music by Judy Reiter, watercolors by artist Elizabeth J. Miller, free starter plants for children and free popcorn. There will also be special programs on "**The California All Star Garden**" at 2:30 p.m. by Diane Beeler, landscape designer and "**Owls and More**" at 3:30 p.m., by Sharon Hardee, naturalist. You can also enjoy docent lead tours of the garden at 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. The tours will all leave from the nursery. Our nursery at the Kids' Adventure Garden will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit our web site at [www.conejogarden.org](http://www.conejogarden.org) for details.

Our nursery continues to expand it's offerings of California Native and drought tolerant plants. But that's not the only thing you will see at the nursery. We have a very nice selection of cymbidium orchids in stock. Almost a hundred orchids were donated to the Garden by a local woman who has grown orchids for decades. These are beautiful plants looking for a home.

### **MAY TALK in the GARDEN**

Saturday May 1, 10 a.m.

Kids' Adventure Garden

Our *May Talk in the Garden* will be on "**Inviting Butterflies to your Garden,**" presented by Jana Johnson. Jana Johnson, M.S., Ph.D., is one of 29 animal conservationists nominated to receive the Indianapolis Prize, the world's leading award for animal conservation. Johnson, a native of Austin, Texas, has been nominated for her dedication to endangered butterfly propagation and research. Johnson is the founder of The Butterfly

Project, a cooperative effort between Moorpark College and The Urban Wildlands Group, which serves as an I.C.U. for endangered butterflies. Over the past three years, Johnson and her students have helped the Palos Verdes blue butterfly population, once presumed extinct, grow from 200 to 10,000. Johnson and her students have released thousands of Palos Verdes blue butterflies and hundreds of Lange's Metalmark butterflies back into the wild.

### **Want to Help us grow?**

Do you love Conejo Valley Botanic Garden and would like to help, but just don't have the time to volunteer? Even though much of the work you see going on in the garden is done by volunteers, we still have expenses for planting, heavy pruning and new improvements, like our efforts to install a new Greenhouse. These projects are funded through grants and donation from the community. If you would like to help us grow, just go to [www.Conejogarden.org](http://www.Conejogarden.org), click on the "Membership Dues" button and use our Paypal connection to make a tax deductible contribution to the Garden. Thanks for all your support!

### **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](mailto:Tom1374@verizon.net) or leave a message at 805 494-7630.

#### **WE CURRENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:**

**Assistant to the Volunteer Coordinator:** Help recruit new volunteers and match them with garden jobs they might enjoy.

**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](http://www.conejogarden.org)**



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