



Hot Lips Salvia
(cuphea ignea)



Cigar Plant
(salvia microphylla)

September in the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden

Even with the summer heat, we still have color in the garden. The Cigar Plant (cuphea ignea) in the Bird Habitat is in full bloom. It must like its location by the fountain. Another beautiful Cigar Plant can be found in the Kids' Adventure Garden under the branches of a Ceanothus. The Hot Lips (salvia microphylla) in the Butterfly Garden (by the arbor) is still in full bloom. This variety of salvia seems to be a continuous bloomer. You might want to add one to your garden. Plan to visit the plant sales area on Sundays. These ladies are very knowledgeable about the stock on hand.

Jean Reiley

IS IT REALLY SUMMER?

Looks like the cool days are behind us and the "real" summer has arrived. Flowers are blooming and attracting a variety of butterflies and the birds are sharing their songs as they go about building nests and raising their young. Good news! Volunteer, Joseph Scarpine, who has been keeping a watchful eye on the owl boxes, reports that several are occupied and observes how efficiently the inhabitants are making a living as they reduce the pest problem.

Plant Sale Update:

The Sunday plant sales are attracting enthusiastic customers who return to take advantage of a varied selection of reasonably priced plants and, most importantly, helpful tips on plant culture and creative solutions to landscape problems.

We are preparing for the **Fall Plant Sale scheduled for October 9th & 10th**. As usual, the theme will focus on California native plants in anticipation of favorable growing conditions ahead.

The inventory also will include selections that thrive in our Mediterranean climate.

As in the past, the City of Thousand Oaks' Public Works Department will be sponsoring a **Composting Workshop at 10:00 on Saturday Oct. 9th**. The demonstration will be held in the parking lot across from the CVBG Kids' Adventure Garden. Free compost will be offered to attendees.

Be sure to mark your calendar for this event and help support the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden. Call Irene (805) 501-1558 or Barbara (805) 497-3266 for information.

Barbara Song

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. These projects are funded through grants and donations from the community. If you would like to help us grow, tax deductible donations are always welcome and may be made out and sent to Conejo Valley Botanic Garden, PO Box 6614, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359. 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 go to our web site at www.conejogarden.org and click "Volunteers."

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.

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