

Glen Cove Elementary School Needs You! ***By John Fox***

The Vallejo City Unified School District/VCUSD is looking for substitute teachers and Noon Duty Supervisors. Applications are done through the school district's website on [EdJoin.org](https://www.edjoin.org). Once you apply, you can specify to work at the Glen Cove Elementary School, if you wish. When on the school district's website click on "Employment" then on "Job Opportunities."

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Information provided from **John Fox**, Vallejo City Unified School District Trustee/Glen Cove resident and GCCA Board Member.

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Glen Cove Marina is Home to a Competitive Rowing Club

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If you live in the Glen Cove Marina or close by, you have probably heard an air horn every Saturday and Sunday starting at 7:00 am. It is a required safety protocol to let other water-craft know that Solano Rowing Club is exiting or entering the marina harbor; through a very challenging, narrow opening that does not allow for any last minute maneuvering. Solano Rowing Club (SRC) is a competitive whaleboat rowing team dedicated to promoting health, athleticism and life skills such as teamwork, commitment, self-esteem, confidence, and leadership, as well as participating in charitable activities that support the community.

Rowing is a full-body exercise, developing lower-body, core and upper body strength and endurance while maintaining rhythm and timing with your teammates. Whaleboat rowing is an experience unlike any other rowing experience. Whaleboats are just what they sound like: small vessels originally designed for hunting whales. Today they are a little different and built specifically for racing. They are 2,000 pound, 26 foot-long “Monomoy” style boats based on a Coast



Guard design used in life-saving for most of the 20th century. Monomoys carry a team of 10, including a coxswain who steers with a 16 foot “sweep” oar, a bowhook, and eight rowers using their own 12-foot wooden oar. The rowers’ seats are stationary benches, arranged in 4 rows that hold 2 rowers side-by-side.

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Letter from the President

By Joseph A. Hayden

Happy Spring Glen Cove residents!

This is my first “Letter from the President”. I became president of GCCA in January 2022. I’m very excited about some of the projects we’re undertaking to improve our digital presence and our outreach to our neighbors.

We are hoping to spread the knowledge of what our organization does and is here for. This organization has existed in one form or another for at least a few decades and the current Board likes to think that we’re growing with the desires and needs of our neighborhood and our city.

I figured I’d tell you a little about myself. I was a military brat who moved around a lot growing up. I’m a second generation Californian who has lived in Italy and Spain (Italian was my first language) and New York. After graduating public high school here in the East Bay I attended university and law school in New York City. I did get to grow up mostly in the East Bay, where my family had

maintained a home (in Hayward) since I was very young. In 2007, after having visited my family in the Bay Area, as I was doing a few times a year when I was living far away, I decided the time was right to come back home, even though I knew I would miss many aspects of living in New York. I was a custodial father and was glad my native New Yorker daughter could finish high school here in the East Bay (Castro Valley) and get a taste of being bi-coastal as I was. Now I am very happy to be back home permanently and to be in the North Bay, where I had always gravitated



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towards and wanted to move to (Vallejo specifically) for many years. During the fires and the pandemic (before the vaccines), my husband and I bought our first home here in Glen Cove. Despite all the challenges of making a move at that time, our Glen Cove neighbors came out in large numbers to welcome us. I had never experienced such a warm welcome before in all the moving I did in my life. It probably helped that I was able to connect with some people online in advance, but

that did not diminish the sincerity. My experience after joining the Board of GCCA was very much the same way. It's so wonderful to be here in Vallejo and to be a part of such a gorgeous part of the world with so many cultural riches at our doorstep. We honestly feel like our decision to move here was one of the best of our lives, and I continue to want to work on improving our area. Knowing that this Board had such a say in the appeal to get Fire Station 26 re-opened was so inspiring. Watching the LMD project on Glen Cove Parkway improve (although delayed far too long) has been rewarding as well.

As some of you know, Glen Cove has 23 developments. We try to get two representatives on our Board from each. Some of our developments are not represented, so we hope you will consider volunteering for a Board membership if you wish to contribute to our ongoing projects or have ideas for new ones. Be on the lookout for a survey coming your way with an email blast on what residents want the Board to focus on and make sure you're subscribed to our newsletter, which you can easily do from the front page of our website.

I do want to specifically thank my husband, Shando Darby Hayden, for all of his support as I agreed to join the Board and then agree to be nominated for this position. He and all of the fantastic Board members we have, including our newest members, are enthusiastic citizens that I encourage all of you to get to know.

I encourage you all to get to know the Board and your development representatives better. Make sure to check out their bios on our web site that was revamped last year. See GlenCoveVallejo.com/bios

I'd love to hear back from any resident on how you think we can help our community as well.

Thank you for reading!

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Tips for Keeping your Home & Surroundings Safe

*This month's safety news article
by Ralph Mariscal*

Neighborhood safety requires a team effort. The following tips for working together are simple but effective, making your neighborhood a more enjoyable place to live.

Consider removing your home from Google Maps.

Thieves love to [case houses](#) on Google Maps so they can get a good idea of how easy it is to access the property and what the rear is like.

To get your home removed, find your address on Google Maps:

1. Click on the smaller picture of your home to enlarge it.
2. Choose the "Report a Problem" link. It's tiny and at the bottom right of the picture alongside terms, copyright year, and the image capture date.

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5. Use smart lights and other devices to create the impression you are home.

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to work at certain times or if motion sensors detect movement.

Devices such as the [Ring doorbell cameras](#) even let you talk to someone who is at your door. You can make potential burglars think you're home and still be 3,000 miles away. These doorbells also come in handy if UPS folks attempt to leave a package. Talk with them live and ask that they hold the box at a facility instead of leaving it in plain view.

Alexa's [drop-in feature is another option](#) to act like you're home. Suppose you get a notification from your smart doorbell that someone is approaching the door. You don't recognize the person. One option is to use your smartphone's Alexa app to "drop in" on your smart speaker at home. Talk away like you're cooking or on the phone to make a would-be burglar turn back.



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Catalytic Converters

By Ralph Mariscal

Catalytic converter theft is on the rise nationwide. Thieves can steal this antipollution device in a matter of minutes and sell it to scrap metal dealers for several hundred dollars for the precious metals it contains.

A replacement for a stolen catalytic converter can cost as much as \$3,000 for the often-targeted Toyota Prius, says Colby Sandman, owner of Muffler Tech in Sacramento, California, who saw an uptick in thefts as the lockdowns took hold. Now, his shop

replaces fifteen to twenty stolen catalytic converters each day.

Such a theft is a “crime of opportunity,” so removing that easy opening will cause these cat burglars to move on to easier prey.

Here are the top tips from mechanics and law enforcement agencies to avoid a wrenching experience and a costly repair.



Know if you're a target for catalytic converter theft

Call a good local muffler store and ask what cars have been targeted in your area. I called a shop and, sure enough, they reeled off many vehicles affected

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SRC was established in 2009 by a handful of rowers who met while rowing with another local rowing club. According to AJ Simonsen, one of the original founders, 20-year rowing veteran and coxswain, “We came together because we wanted to build our own team with other like-minded, competitive rowers. We were serious about rowing and we wanted to win!” Eventually the founders and early members were able to purchase their own boats and found a permanent home at Glen Cove Marina. SRC is also a 501(c)(3) public charity organization and just in the last year has participated in Coastal Cleanup, American Cancer Society Relay For Life, and gardening on Alcatraz Island.

SRC is one of nine whaleboat rowing clubs in the Bay Area, all belonging to the Bay Area Whaleboat Rowing Association (BAWRA). In the Spring and Fall, SRC races with other BAWRA teams in Men’s, Women’s and Mixed team divisions. Races are hosted by rowing clubs at their home ports in Vallejo, Alameda, Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco. Races

vary in distance, duration, and number of turns, in estuary or open water, all testing the strength and endurance of the rowers and the expertise of the coxswain.

Whaleboat racing as a team sport has been a part of the San Francisco Bay area waterfront life since the early 1800s. Whaleboat racing competition took its current form in the Bay Area in 1965 under the sponsorship of maritime companies using U.S. Coast Guard boats built in the 1930s and 40s. By 1982, the Bay Area Whaleboat Rowing Association (BAWRA) was formed to provide standards for safety and competition and membership grew to include private teams. In the early 1980s, new whaleboats were being built for the specific purpose of racing.

Solano Rowing Club has access to the two boats owned privately by members: the blue “Espiritu de Jonas”, referred to as “Joey” and the white “Jerunn Lynn.” Hour-long practices are Saturday and Sunday mornings year-round and some weekday evenings Spring through Fall. Current membership is over 20 men and women, ages ranging from 20s to 80s!

“What’s great about the current surge in interest in our club is that we are growing large enough to support our competitive members as well as begin to offer recreational rowing opportunities for people who don’t want to race,” said Alison Williams, seven-year mem-

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nearby, such as Ford trucks, Honda Elements and Jeep Cherokees, that had often been seen in the shop for a catalytic converter replacement.

“The Prius is the No. 1 vehicle for cat thefts” in the Sacramento area, Sandman says. As an ultra low-emissions vehicle, the Prius has a catalytic converter that contains more of the rhodium, palladium and platinum that render pollutants harmless.

Trucks and SUVs are often hit by thieves because it’s easy to slide under the vehicle rather than jack it up. Sometimes thieves unbolt the catalytic converter, but more often they just cut the connecting pipes using a battery-operated saw.

Install an anti-theft device on your catalytic converter

Investing in a cable locking device is much cheaper than replacing a catalytic converter, says Arantxa Chavarria, public information officer for the Long

Beach, California, police department. The internet is filled with such devices to protect the catalytic converter, which is part of the exhaust system that runs along the bottom of your car. The anti-theft devices that a shop installs range from \$250 to \$800.

Here are a few of the popular devices:

- A steel shield that fits over the catalytic converter, requiring time and extra tools to remove.
- Cages made of rebar or other high-strength steel that's difficult to cut.
- Stainless steel cables welded from the catalytic converter to the car’s frame.
- Some muffler shops will custom-weld such a device to your car. But Sandman cautions that attaching the catalytic converter directly to the car’s frame can be noisy since the exhaust system otherwise is suspended from the car by sound-buffering hangers.

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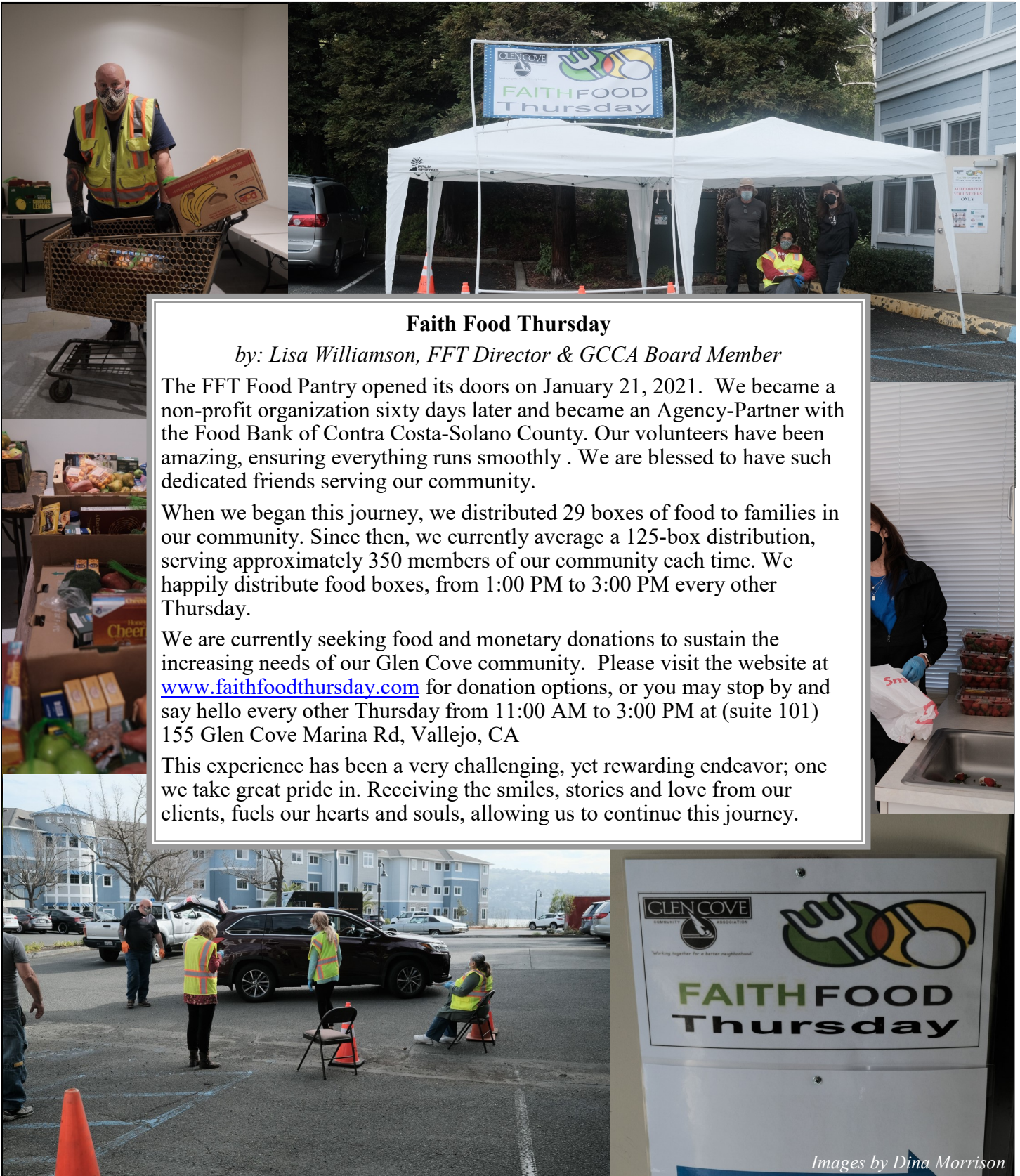
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Faith Food Thursday (FFT)

Every OTHER Thursday, from 1pm - 3pm, FFT opens its doors for FOOD DISTRIBUTION.



Faith Food Thursday

by: Lisa Williamson, FFT Director & GCCA Board Member

The FFT Food Pantry opened its doors on January 21, 2021. We became a non-profit organization sixty days later and became an Agency-Partner with the Food Bank of Contra Costa-Solano County. Our volunteers have been amazing, ensuring everything runs smoothly. We are blessed to have such dedicated friends serving our community.

When we began this journey, we distributed 29 boxes of food to families in our community. Since then, we currently average a 125-box distribution, serving approximately 350 members of our community each time. We happily distribute food boxes, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM every other Thursday.

We are currently seeking food and monetary donations to sustain the increasing needs of our Glen Cove community. Please visit the website at www.faithfoodthursday.com for donation options, or you may stop by and say hello every other Thursday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at (suite 101) 155 Glen Cove Marina Rd, Vallejo, CA

This experience has been a very challenging, yet rewarding endeavor; one we take great pride in. Receiving the smiles, stories and love from our clients, fuels our hearts and souls, allowing us to continue this journey.

Images by Dina Morrison

THANK YOU—Lisa Williamson (GCCA board member and founder of FFT) and all the volunteers who have helped make this a success!!!

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ber and coxswain. SRC always welcomes new rowers, 18 years of age and over, no experience needed. Their experienced coxswains and rowers are committed to teaching new rowers the fundamentals of rowing, boat safety, competitiveness, and physical fitness. Coxswain training and certification are also available. After a quick orientation at the Marina, the first month of practices are free, membership is by invitation only and reasonable monthly dues are charged to cover maintenance and insurance. For more information and to contact the club go to SolanoRowingClub.org and to see SRC in action, [Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/). Or email directly at SRC@solanorowingclub.org.



Better yet, meet them in person and come out and cheer on Glen Cove's own rowing team! The first race of the 2022 Spring season is April 9, right here in Vallejo, starting at 9:30 am. The race can be viewed from the seawall next to the Ferry building.

One of their members, Lorraine Johnson, sums up the whole experience like this: "I started rowing with SRC 3 years ago, after moving back to California. I thought it would be a fun sport to try and also a way to meet new people. My experience with SRC has far exceeded my expectations. The coxswains are

AMAZING and they work with all new rowers in training and teaching each individual "the ropes." Their coaching and encouragement kept me coming back week after week! My teammates are wonderful and it really feels like family. Everyone is friendly and supportive of each other. My favorite part is being out in the water in the morning with great people and enjoying the beautiful views — and getting exercise in! Rowing uses all muscle groups and it has made me so much stronger!"

"ROW ON!"





HABITAT RESTORATION

at GLEN COVE

WATERFRONT PARK

GCCA Board members and alum were among your neighbors who joined the Vallejo Watershed Alliance on February 19 to plant indigenous plants and do a clean-up of the beachfront. It was a beautiful day and there was a lot of work to be done. GCCA strongly encourages our neighbors to check out the opportunities to clean our shores and restore habitat responsibly.

For more information, see:

VallejoWatershedAlliance.org

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Paint your catalytic converter

Some sources recommend using a high-temperature fluorescent orange paint, such as those sprayed on barbecue grills, on your catalytic converter and then inscribing your vehicle identification number in the painted surface. This makes it traceable, and in theory at least, a reputable scrap metal dealer might decline to buy it.

Check your car insurance

Comprehensive insurance covers stolen auto parts.

If you have **full coverage** — liability insurance, plus collision and comprehensive policies that repair or replace your own car — you're covered, minus your deductible amount. It's typically required if you have a loan or lease. If you have a vehicle at high risk for a catalytic converter theft, you might consider lowering your deductible amount.

If you carry liability coverage only, you're not covered for theft.

What to do if your catalytic converter is stolen

If you come out in the morning and start your car, you'll know by the loud exhaust noise that your catalytic converter was stolen. Here are a few steps that can get you going again:

- Aftermarket catalytic converters are cheaper, but make sure they're allowed in your state. A good muffler shop should know what's legal. In some cases, an aftermarket catalytic converter will be less desirable and prevent future thefts.
- Ask your mechanic if driving your car without the catalytic converter will further damage it. If not, drive only to the repair shop.
- Contact your insurance company and take pictures of the damaged exhaust pipe where the catalytic converter used to be.

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- File a police report, which can easily be done online in many jurisdictions. This will help police track such crimes and might assist in arrests.
 - While your new catalytic converter is being installed, ask the repair shop about adding an anti-theft device to prevent future thefts.
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New Plants In The Parkway Median

By Ward Stewart, Master Gardener - Solano

You may have noticed that there is a preponderance of lavender colored flowers in the center strip of Glen Cove Parkway. This is due to the beautiful blooms on the Lantana, Statice, and Mexican Sage. In an earlier piece I described the species that occurred most frequently



along the entire length of the parkway renovation. It occurred to me that describing the plants as you would encounter them along the street might be more useful to interested observers and has led me to write about the plants in the order they occur starting at the intersection.



The first plant is Trailing Lantana (*Lantana montevidensis*), a native of tropical South America that is a relatively low-growing (up to 20 inches tall) shrub that can spread up to five feet. It has slender, flexible stems that are often covered with short, coarse, hair-like growths. It bears domed flower heads usually lilac-pink to purple. It prefers full sun and blooms best in that environment but tolerates partial shade. Once established, it requires occasional watering. At the time of this writing there were fewer lantanas in the ground than the landscape architect's plans called for. We hope that more will be planted soon.



The next plant is Big Red Kangaroo Paw (*Anigozanthos X 'Big Red'*), a clump-forming evergreen perennial from Australia with green leaves eight to sixteen inches long possessing rough, hairy margins (edges). The clusters of fuzzy red flowers that look like claws are up to sixteen inches long and grow on stems up to five feet long. This plant thrives in full sun, needs regular moderate irrigation, and survives temperatures down to 25 degrees Fahrenheit. At the time of this writing, this plant hadn't started to bloom.

Perez's Sea Lavender or Statice (*Limonium perezii*) is very prominent and is a three foot tall and wide, tough perennial native to the coasts of the Canary Islands but are grown all over the world. It has thick oval to round leaves up to 12 inches long. The flowers are a stiff branching panicle up to 16 inches long with lavender sepals and white petals. It prefers full sun and, once it is established, occasional summer watering, and tolerates temperatures to 25 degrees.



Variegated African Iris or Fortnight Lily (*Dietsa Vegeta Variegata*) is an African native evergreen, perennial with a fan of sword-shaped, dull green leaves that are creamy yellow along the margins. From spring into summer it bears white, iris-like flowers with a yellow mark at the center of each tepal (outer part of the flower that cannot be easily categorized as a petal or sepal). Individual flowers remain for only a couple days but the plants bloom again every two weeks (hence the name fortnight). It is drought tolerant in shade but can be grown in full sun with occasional watering.



Crape Myrtle Coral Pink (*Lagerstroemia X 'Tuscarora'*) These trees occur in tropical areas from Africa to Australia and are a good choice for the parkway as they grow slowly and are not overly large (up to 30 feet tall) and provide color from July through September. They have brightly colored panicles of flowers with crinkled petals and often have peeling bark. They are hardy and can survive temperatures down to zero degrees Fahrenheit.



heit. They are deciduous so they will look bare in winter.

Arbutus Standard (*Arbutus X 'Marina'*) is a relatively small, beautiful tree that is indigenous to the Mediterranean region of Europe and northern Africa. This hybrid tree was chosen due to its striking orange-red, flaking bark. It is slow-growing, evergreen, and may reach a height of 30 feet. Its lovely green leaves provide a nice contrast to the colorful bark. Throughout the year it sports whitish pink flowers and edible red fruit.



Dwarf Mat Rush (*Lomandra longifolia 'Breeze'*) is an Australian native evergreen perennial with narrow, 'strap-like' leaves that appear to have been cut by pink shears. Its blooms have tiny spikes with creamy yellow male flowers. Once established, it is drought tolerant and hardy down to 20 degrees.



Mexican Bush Sage (*Salvia leucantha 'Santa Barbara'*) is a more compact cultivar of its more widely planted namesakes. It is drought tolerant, heat loving, and displays long-lasting velvety wands of purple and white flowers.



Fleabane (*Erigeron karvinskianus*), a native to Mexico and Central America, is a beautiful, trailing ground cover that spreads three to five feet wide and grows one to two feet high. Its blooms are small daisy-like white and pink flowers. What is remarkable about this plant is that it blooms nearly year round. Already the ones that were planted in the median strip are blooming profusely. Once established, this plant needs little water and thrives in full sun.

The information provided in this article was obtained from several sources including:

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- The American Horticultural Society A-Z Encyclopedia
- Devil Mountain Nursery (devilmountainnursery.com)
- San Marcos Growers (smgrowers.com)
- Wikipedia

Vallejo Garden Tour

By Ward Stewart

The nineteenth annual Vallejo Garden Tour takes place on Sunday, May 15 from 10 am until 5 pm. It features eight beautiful gardens located in different areas of the city including three in Glen Cove. Tickets continue to be priced at \$40. You may purchase three tickets for the price of two if bought prior to May 1st. They can be obtained at the museum gift shop at 734 Marin Street or online via Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vallejo-garden-tour-2022-tickets-273630605507>).

The tour is a major fundraiser for the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum (vallejomuseum.net) located downtown. The museum serves the community in many ways including the hosting of art exhibitions, providing a destination for school children's visits, being a venue for concerts in its auditorium, and keeping historical records of the city since its



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founding when it served briefly as the capital of California. It is a treasure trove of information for those wishing to research our city.

In 2020 the tour was virtual with the onset of the coronavirus pandemic. Last year the tour returned to the normal in-person format. Please keep in mind that the tour is a fundraiser and your participation provides support for the museum.



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