

## **Oceana Garden Club Newsletter, for Highlights May 2019**

### **Meeting Notice Tuesday April 16, 4:00 PM in the cardroom at the Clubhouse.**

A new growing season is getting underway and new officers have assumed the duties that Sheri Skvarek, Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin, and Frank Danczyk have so aptly completed. Nancy McAdams (17A) and Connie Ferguson (1B) are sharing the duties of chair person, Steve Ashworth (7B) will serve as secretary and Frank Danczyk (8B) will continue as our treasurer. The new officers wish to thank Sheri, Teresa and Frank for their past efforts to improve the Oceana Garden Club. We will strive to build on their work making the garden club a great experience for all of us.

The Garden Club welcomes new members; Beth Mushovic (11b), Bud Duncan (13a), Kevin and Sue Immel (13B), Renee Maricque (15B) Peggy Moore (20)). Please take the opportunity to introduce yourselves and welcome them to our gardening community. We are sorry that Celena Hill leaving Oceana and must vacate (13A). Also, Nicholas and Mimi are vacating plot (7A). Sheri Skvarek has given up her plot to become a helper for Teresa in plot (10).

Speaking of COMMUNITY. We remind all members that the Oceana Garden Club is a community. Plot holders have an obligation to support the community by attending the few meetings we have each year, working on the committees established to maintain the common area and helping to make the gardening experience a pleasant one for all our members.

A reminder that the use of any type of poison to control varmints is forbidden, use only traps. Use only garden safe chemicals for weed and insect control.

**Vinegar Weed Killer Recipe** from GardenGuides.com by Katie Leigh; Updated September 21, 2017

According to the USDA, vinegar can be used as an organic way to kill weeds in gardens and yards. However, the acid concentration of vinegar has a direct correlation to how effective it is as a weed killer. Household white vinegar, which is the type that is most widely available, has a 5 percent acid concentration. It can kill very young weeds (those that are less than 2 weeks old) successfully when sprayed directly on them.

Fill a clean, dry spray bottle with white vinegar. Add a squirt of mild dish soap to the vinegar and swirl gently to combine. The dish soap will not kill the weeds, but it will help the vinegar stick to the weeds.

Spray the vinegar solution directly onto young weeds. Make sure to aim a direct stream onto the weeds. The vinegar can also kill grass and other young, delicate sprouts that may be growing in the same area as the weeds. However, white vinegar is too weak to infiltrate and kill roots, so it will not damage other plants if it doesn't come in direct contact with them.

Repeat the process daily to kill existing young weeds and keep new sprouts at bay.

Pull more mature weeds by hands, digging up their root systems with a spade. Keep an eye out for young weeds that may grow in those spots; kill them immediately with the vinegar solution.

Another gardening blog adds epsom salt to the vinegar and soap solution. Mix 1 gal. vinegar, 2 cups epsom salt and ¼ cup dish soap for an effective weed control solution.

Several Oceana gardeners use “compost tea” for a combination soil conditioner and insect control. Oceanside residents can get up to 10 gals. free from El Corazon Compost facility, 3210 Oceanside Blvd. Oceanside, CA 92056, Phone: (760) 439-9920. <http://agriserviceinc.com/>. Compost is also free to Oceanside residents.

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