

TOURS

Tuesday, August 20th

Members Garden Tour

\$65 - Box lunch provided

Gardens are not walker accessible due to uneven terrain

Stop 1 - The garden of Chris Hogan, President of the Long Beach Chapter. Her garden is small but mighty. She has approximately 200 begonias. Chris leans toward the canes but has something of all varieties. An avid grower, many of the plants she has propagated will be in the sale.

Stop 2 - The garden of Steve Turner, retired firefighter. Steve has been in love with plants for 50 years. He especially likes variegated plants but grows much more. He also is into tropical fish, frogs, and insects. This garden is truly unique.

Stop 3 - The garden of Vietnam Vet Mike Moody. He is past president and show chairman of the Los Angeles International Fern Society and is recently enamored with begonias. Cycads and bromeliads are some of his favorites also. He has been collecting plants since 1981.

Stop 4 - The garden of Tom Rozelle. After decades as a landscaper and contractor and over 40 years as a member of the begonia society and many other plant societies, he has spent 25 years transforming the half acre Marvin Gaye estate, his home, from flat lawn into several gardens, including a tropical section and a Chinese garden featuring limestone rocks from Guilin, China. Having done all the work himself, including moving boulders into the garden by hand, some weighing over a ton, he has been named Sisyphus by his friends. The garden transformation continues.

Stop 5 - The garden of Carol Knight, past president for 15 years of the Palos Verdes Begonia Society. She's a cane girl although she has many rhizomatous and species also. Her garden is small in size but huge in begonias and succulents. She is a past winner of the Gene Salisbury Award for horticultural excellence.

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\$55 - Lunch on your own

Stop 1 - The Getty Center in Los Angeles is a campus of the Getty Museum and other programs in the Getty Trust. The \$1.3 billion center opened in 1997 and is well known for its architecture, gardens, art collections and views overlooking Los Angeles.

Stop 2 - Rainforest Flora. This is a family owned nursery that has been operating for 50 years, specializing in tillandsias and bromeliads with the largest selection of air plants in North America. The store doubles as a showroom featuring waterfalls and ponds full of koi and turtles.

Thursday, August 22nd

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Stop 1 - Roger's Gardens. This is a destination home and garden store for customers seeking unique plants and garden décor. There is a beautiful gift shop and plants galore.

Stop 2 - Sherman Gardens, a botanical garden in Corona Del Mar. This is a horticultural retreat that features a museum of living plants, walking paths, bubbling tile fountains, and a library devoted to the study of the Pacific Southwest. They have an extensive collection of begonias to admire.

Stop 3 - Plant Depot. This is an award winning nursery in San Juan Capistrano. The finest selection of plants, succulents, roses and garden décor in Southern California. Everyone's favorite.