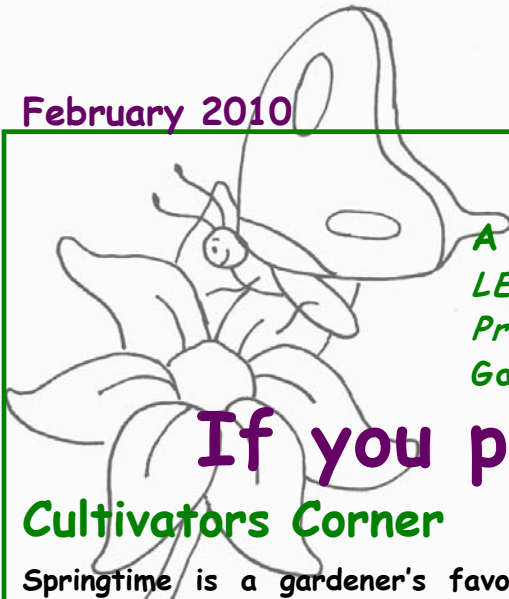


# FLUTTERBY GARDEN NEWS



A Publication for Concordia Elementary School:  
*LEARNING THROUGH NATURE* is a Junior Gardener  
Program for K-5 sponsored by the San Clemente  
Garden Club and the Concordia PTA.

## If you plant it...they will come!

### Cultivators Corner

Springtime is a gardener's favorite time of year! Check out these great nature related family activities:

\*Visit the *San Diego Wild Animal Park* between March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> for its annual **Butterfly Jungle** exhibit! Limited time only.

\*The San Clemente Garden Club presents **GARDENFEST 2010: Green and Sustainable Gardening Practices** ~ Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.) Many educational family friendly exhibits...kids pot-a-plant, butterfly mural-peek-a-boo photo-op, worm composting, CA native plant exhibit, butterfly conservation booth & habitat plant sale (student/parent volunteers needed for our community outreach booth!) For more details, look for the April flyer.

\***EARTH DAY - Native Butterfly Habitat Restoration Planting Project at San Clemente State Park, funded by the CA Parks Foundation** ~ March 21<sup>st</sup> & April 17<sup>th</sup> (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.). Join the San Clemente Garden Club, the SCHS Environmental Club, and the Community to steward the environment and support our local parks.

\***EARTH DAY CELEBRATION at Panhe - San Mateo Campground** ~ April 18<sup>th</sup> (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.) featuring Native American singers, dancers, speakers, storytelling, basketry demo, native plant demo, and many more. Visit us or volunteer at the Butterfly Conservation booth!

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**EXCITING GARDEN IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ARE UNDERWAY!** Please join us - Volunteers Needed! Projects have been funded by the Captain Planet Foundation.

\***Kindergarten's ~ Let's Build A Seed Garden Together!** - garden expansion, Saturday WORKDAYS: March 6<sup>th</sup> & March 13<sup>th</sup> (9 a.m. - Noon) Eagle Scout Project. All families welcome!

\***3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ~ CA Friendly Butterfly Habitat - Outdoor Classroom - garden expansion.** Parent led project - Volunteers Needed. Saturday WORKDAYS: March 13<sup>th</sup> & March 20<sup>th</sup> - proposed dates, 9 a.m. - Noon - Check for updates. All families welcome!

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**Concordia's CARNIVAL ~ Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Jr. Gardener/Butterfly Booth & Plant Sale**

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**COMING SOON! Student Garden Activities, during school:** 1<sup>ST</sup> Grade Lizard Habitats; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade caterpillar habitats, in-class (April); 2<sup>nd</sup> grade garden planting, seedlings (March); Kindergarten seed starting, in ground (March or April); 3<sup>rd</sup> grade garden planting, (April). **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**...contact Kris Ethington for more info: [kethington@cox.net](mailto:kethington@cox.net).

## It's Time to Get DIRTY!!



The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade rain barrel art project was a huge success. We had about 90 artists volunteer to paint their marine and garden designs on 9 recycled plastic rain barrels. Students did a fabulous job on their designs and really seemed to enjoy expressing themselves artistically. We are working on installing 4 of the barrels soon in the Kindergarten garden at which time students will receive a water conservation lesson and learn just how and why rainwater harvesting helps the environment. If you are interested in learning about rain barrels or how to get your own recycled barrels, I've posted a flyer in the teacher's lounge and teachers have a copy as well. You can also download a copy from [www.sanclementegardenclub.com](http://www.sanclementegardenclub.com). *This project was funded by the City of San Clemente's Water Conservation Program. THANK YOU!*

## Gardeners Know the Best Dirt...check these out!

- Monarch Watch - Monarchs in Space - <http://monarchwatch.smugmug.com>
- Captain Planet Foundation - <http://captainplanetfoundation.org> (Concordia Jr. Gardener Sponsor!)
- WaterSmart SC: Do More With Less - <http://san-clemente.org/sc/standard.aspx?pageid=279>
- Concordia PTA (butterfly garden page) - [www.concordiapta.org](http://www.concordiapta.org)
- Concordia's District Website - Butterfly Garden Link: <http://cces.capousd.ca.schoolloop.com>
- San Clemente Garden Club Jr. Gardener Page - [www.sanclementegardenclub.com](http://www.sanclementegardenclub.com)

## Sowing The Seeds of The Future!

About 20 of us gathered in February for our monthly after school Workday. Our task this time was to get the gardens ready for the CA Distinguished School Award Site Visit. As you can see, students enjoyed spreading the mulch around the paths. It's not always about pulling weeds either; students enjoyed dropping flower seeds in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Kindergarten garden beds.

Jr. Gardener Workdays are 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays Every Month at 2:15! **Please Join us again March 18<sup>th</sup>.** Check with the office to see where we will be working as we may be finishing up building one of the new gardens for Kindergarten or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade!

