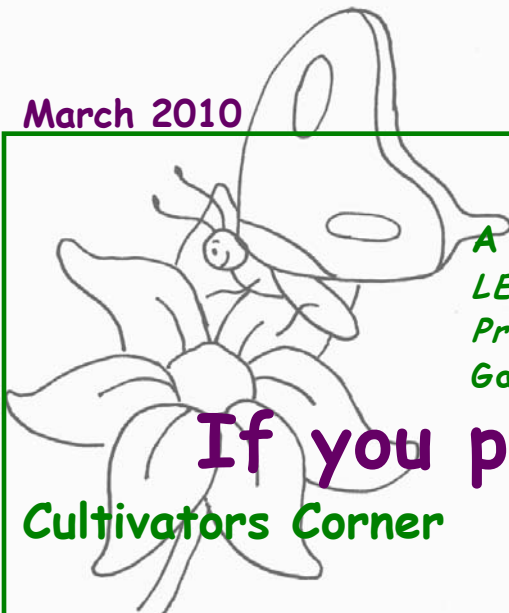


FLUTTERBY GARDEN NEWS



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If you plant it...they will come!

Cultivators Corner

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WE BUILT A SEED GARDEN TOGETHER!

Thanks to the many student, parent, teacher, and Club volunteers, Kindergarteners now have a new outdoor classroom that includes a veggie seed garden and a 5 senses butterfly habitat garden with drought tolerant and CA native plants. **There were many SUPER volunteer heroes for this project but everyone played an important part.** Special thanks to Luke Kinsella and his fellow Eagle Scouts who built the raised bed boxes! Thanks to Kim and Brett Young who helped rally the K troops and provide the truck and needed constructions skills, and thanks to my husband, my behind the scenes garden partner, also known as 'Mr. Butterfly Lady' to his buddies.
1st Saturday Workday Volunteers

THE 3RD GRADE CA FRIENDLY BUTTERFLY HABITAT/NATIVE AMERICAN GARDEN - Outdoor Classroom Expansion Project is Complete! Special thanks to Super Parent Volunteers: Stu/J'Amy Schouten & Joe/Dallas Bellantonio, our 3rd graders now have a new garden outside their classrooms. Thanks to all the students and families, and teachers who participated in making this garden a reality. We look forward to watching their plants grow and have an opportunity in May or early June to discuss the changes in them. **Both the Kindergarten and 3rd grade garden projects were made possible by The Captain Planet Foundation! Thanks again CPF! ***Thanks also to Rod's Tree Service for providing the much needed stump grinder that allowed us to keep on our schedule!**



- ***GARDENFEST - Saturday, April 10, 2010 - 8am-4pm: Green and Sustainable Gardening Practices ~ COME SUPPORT THE GARDEN CLUB!** Butterfly Conservation Booth - plant sale fundraiser for Concordia Jr. Gardeners.
- ***EARTH DAY - Pollinator Planting Project at San Clemente State Park, funded by the CA Parks Foundation ~ Saturday, April 17th 9am - 1pm: Planting Day Volunteers Needed!**
- ***EARTH DAY CELEBRATION at Panhe - San Mateo Campground ~ Saturday, April 18th 10am - 3pm: Visit our Butterfly Conservation booth!**

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**Concordia's CARNIVAL ~ Friday, April 23<sup>d</sup> - Jr. Gardener/Butterfly Booth & Plant Sale**  
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It's Time to Get DIRTY!!

More Kindergarten Project Photos: Luke Kinsella and Drew learn to cut and measure wood for the raised beds. Volunteers help remove and load sod.



COMPLETED GARDEN - with rain barrels painted by 5th graders!



Sowing The Seeds of The Future!

COMING SOON! *Student Garden Activities, during school:* 1ST Grade Lizard Habitats (April); 2nd grade caterpillar habitats, in-class (April); Kindergarten seed starting, in ground (April). **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...**contact Kris Ethington for more info: kethington@cox.net.

2nd Graders Planted their Butterfly Habitat Seedlings! Special thanks to the volunteers who helped to prepare and amend the beds for student planting. Each student also planted a nursery plant with help from parent and Club volunteers, and learned about which plants feed the caterpillars and which ones feed the butterflies. Immediately, their milkweed plants began to grow. Thanks to several parent volunteers, students have the opportunity to care for their garden themselves by watering with rainwater from the barrels. *Funded by SCGC.*



Jr. Gardener Workdays are 3rd Thursdays Every Month at 2:15! **Please Join us again April 15th.**

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
- Concordia's District Website - Butterfly Garden Link: <http://cces.capousd.ca.schoolloop.com>
- San Clemente Garden Club Jr. Gardener Page - www.sanclementegardenclub.com