

Hi All,

Bouquets of gratitude for the merry crew of social gardeners who gardened at 695 Harbor Street Saturday morning including **John O'Brien, Steve Linzmeier, Zoe Ann Melen, Mike Melen, Cindy Heimel, Jan Goldman, Leif Nelson and Melissa Bayhan**. Many thanks for your brilliant efforts as this site is being "prepped for success" ahead of our I  MB event on April 27th. Each of the I  MB sites will be similarly prepped to make the projects suitable for volunteers of all ages and abilities to complete in 90 minutes.

I MB Event Update

We have a tiger by the tail, folks, and I  MB is approx. one month from today! **90+ volunteers** have registered online at morrobayinbloom.org/i-love-mb. **Five things are happening right now:**

- 1.) A diverse group of Morro Bay residents are wanting to garden, create art and have fun alongside their neighbors. How cool is that?
- 2.) Members of an assortment of smaller communities in our city are coming together to be one community.
- 3.) 200+ community service hours performed in two hours by 100 volunteers is **trending hard**. No rain, please.
- 4.) Event registration hit a tipping point and we're seeing multiple online registrations everyday. At this point we're planning for 140 volunteers and as many as 30 additional "walk-ups" on the day of the event! We would be over-the-moon if 170 volunteers wanted to show Morro Bay two hours of love!
- 5.) I have not heard from Taylor Swift's schedulers that

I  MB and a Morro Bay weekend has been ruled out. My take: MB is still on Tay's radar!

If you have not registered at morrobayinbloom.org/i-love-mb and selected a project for April 27th, the greatest needs are for **(1)** placing gorgeous street trees into pre-dug holes with love and care (Projects #8 and #9 on the pull-down menu) and for **(2)** helping plant containers and clearing weeds at Del Mar Elementary (Project #6 on the pull-down menu). **Pre-registration is a must** because **90+ volunteers** must be properly equipped, which is **70 volunteers more than we're used to**. Ask neighbors, friends, etc. to register at morrobayinbloom.org/i-love-mb today!

You can wear the love we share for Morro Bay! I ❤️ MB apparel is sold exclusively at Morro Made, 490 Morro Bay Blvd. The sales proceeds are helping to finance this costly juggernaut of ours.

Bouquets of gratitude to **Michael Wambolt and the board of directors of Visit Morro Bay**; CMB Public Works Director **Greg Kwolek, Carlos Mendoza, J.R. Lopez** and staff of City of Morro Bay Public Works Maintenance Division; CMB Recreation Services Manager **Kirk Carmichael, Nicole Young** of CMB Recreation Services; **Bonnie Johnson** of Morro Bay Bike Park and M.B.P.D.; **Jenny Roberson** and **Sarah David** and their leadership class students of Del Mar Elementary School; **Dan Hoskins** of Los Osos Middle School and Dan's leadership class students; **Laura Van Zee** of Morro Bay High School and Laura's ASB leadership class students; **Katie Finley; Dave Sozinho; Jody Hollier** of Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce, **Shell Voorhees and Aimee Brantley** of Ugly Mug Ceramics, **Jen Ford** of Morro Bay City Council, and **Christine Ridout** of Morro Made. Your able assistance, good humor, wise advice and moral support are making a huge difference for everyone connected to this event! ❤️

Bouquets of gratitude to the generous, capable service leaders who will be **project navigators or liaisons** at I ❤️ MB, including **John O'Brien, Leif Nelson and Steve Linzmeier (for three street planting crews), Mike Melen (pollinator garden), Matt Makowetski (pollinator garden), Jen Martinson (Del Mar container planting and garden clean-up), and Shell Voorhees, Aimee Brantley, Jen Ford, Jody Hollier and Zoe Ann Melen for the community art project.**

TWiB

Wednesday, March 27, 9-11 a.m.: You are invited to socially garden at the corner of Beach and Front Streets and environs. Please meet at the hot-coral geranium beds.

Saturday, March 30, 9-11 a.m.: You are invited to socially garden at 695 Harbor Street. We'll be preparing this site for April 27th success and smiles!

More Bouqs!

Bouquets of gratitude for the folks who design, install and care for the planter boxes and planted containers in our city's Old Town (central downtown) section including **Laurel Barton, William Bonk, Vivian Campos, Linda**

Fidell, Jan Goldman, Jane Heath, Larry Landis, Susan Landis, Becky Presley, Valerie Levulett, Mike Melen, Zoe Ann Melen, Barbara O'Connor, Laura Roberts, Jennie Saro, Marilyn Shuklian, Larry Shuklian and Richard Strasburg.

Back up the truck with additional bouquets for **Ed Boies and Chuck Stoll**, who care for 34 juvenile street trees in Old Town and the greater downtown area, for **Tim Crowley and Joe Birney and Dexter The Love Magnet**, who care for Centennial Parkway (and get pets) between our group gardening sessions there, for **Leif Nelson**, who has been caring for the juvenile roses that Morro Bay in Bloom purchased and installed in the island traffic median adjacent to City Park (location of Art in the Park) **and** the bird of paradise at Coleman Park **and** who also removes litter from the traffic circle, for **Stephanie Sherman and Teri and Mike Jensen**, who maintain the lovely plot they installed at the end of Azure Street at the entrance to Morro Strand State Beach (and who operate a boardwalk succulent exchange in Cloisters Park), and for **Steve Linzmeier**, who removes litter along the waterfront and who regularly applies his know-how to our gardening conundrums.

Never underestimate the power of small things done with great love,

Walter

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