

March 10, 2024 Newsletter

Bouquets of karmic gratitude for the generous crew of civic-minded social gardeners who engaged in the Spring ritual of cleaning up the MB Blvd Roundabout where, as we know, what goes around comes around. Yesterday morning's crew included **Melissa Bayhan, Steve Linzmeier, John O'Brien, Zoe Ann Melen, Mike Melen, Jan Goldman and yours truly**. We bravely stared into the yaw of the weedy beast but did not flinch and weeded until our shriveled fingers were numb. (That's my story and I'm stickin' to it.)

Wednesday, March 13, 9-11 a.m.: You are invited to garden socially at the corner of Beach and Front Streets and environs. We will continue improving the landscaping in the street median. Please meet at the hot-coral geranium beds.

Saturday, March 16, 9-11 a.m.: You are invited to socially garden (on the 51st anniversary of the day I met my best friend and the love of my life) at Coleman Beach Park parking lot. I purchased more *Ceanothus griseus horizontalis* var. 'Yankee Point,' aka The Spreading Central Coast Native Dune Plant of Champions that can be installed after re-locating some succulents to the expanding succulent patch. There will be weeding and pruning opportunities, too.

Our **I ❤️ MB** community-building-through-shared-service event is 48 days away (April 27)! Greater than 70 volunteers are registered to participate and more registrations are expected as the date draws near. **Pre-registration is a must** because each volunteer must be properly equipped. 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.

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