




Hi All,

The connections that are being made (and will continue to be made) due to I  MB are precious! The kindness and generosity among members of our Morro Bay community are expressed daily in many ways. Those acts within all of the communities of which we are part are so important because that's how we experience our daily lives.

Citywide celebrations such as I  MB that build community through shared service remind all of us that the smaller circles of the imaginary Venn diagram are made possible by the largest circle which encapsulates all of the circles, strengthening our community's network of resiliency with the potential for joy and support that is greater than the sum of its parts.

It's gratifying to encounter people who possess the vision and vigor to acknowledge the significance of the big circle by giving it some love.

Fingers crossed that everyone has a wonderful time at I  MB and that it becomes an annual event. I'm hoping that the enjoyment and satisfaction that we Bloomies share often scales up well as an experience for a much larger group!

This Week in Bloom

Wednesday, April 17, 9-11 a.m.: You are invited to socially garden at Beach and Front Streets. Please meet at the hot-coral geranium beds and we will proceed from there.

Saturday, April 20, 9-11 a.m.: You are invited to socially garden at Centennial Parkway. Please meet at the outdoor chessboard plaza and we will proceed from there.

Bouquets of Gratitude

Bouquets of gratitude for Delta Gardening Force Strike Team (you know who you are), for preparing the space in which the peace post resides to become an experience of grace, of reflection, and of discovery. 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, Chad Harsch (welcome!) Jane Heath, Larry 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 **Tim Crowley, 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