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2012 SPRING GARDEN TOUR AND PLANT EXCHANGE

HOSTED BY THE GROVER BEACH PARKS, RECREATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: June 3, 2012 **Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Location:** Grover Beach

Grover Beach - - The Annual Spring Garden Tour and Plant Exchange will be held on **Sunday, June 3, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.** This annual event is sponsored by the Grover Beach Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission and attracts more than 350 participants each year. **The self-guided tour is free to the public and is held rain or shine.**

This year's gardens include:

551 W. Grand Avenue - "Mr. Glenn's" - Notice the ornate, beautiful iron gate which opens onto a garden full of potential and a loving, work in progress. It is the dream of Cynthia Glenn to create a beautiful and calm oasis to share with friends and passerby.

175 S. 5th Street - Step back in time to the lifestyle of old California. This garden is filled with the flavor of yesteryear. Waterfalls, fire pits, wine barrel chairs, a wine barrel cooler, cowboy paraphernalia - all tastefully displayed throughout. Many pieces of the furniture and décor were handcrafted by the homeowner and his son.

1624 Trouville Avenue - This gorgeous garden has a water feature centerpiece anchored with a beautiful, lavender, blooming potato tree. There are ornamental grasses' swaying in the breeze and the yard is outlined with a large variety of succulents.

1480 Atlantic City - Arriving at this lovely garden and home, your eyes are first drawn to the cheery, cherry-red front door and matching red lawn chairs. Then it's time to notice and appreciate the beautiful vibrant red Tea Trees. This garden transitions from a quaint front patio to a striking drought-resistant landscape.

1273 Saratoga - The front garden of this house has just been completed and is a tribute to draught resistant, efficient gardening. Tastefully landscaped with drought resistant plants, lovely ornamental grasses, ruby red hot-lips, succulents and a touch of the tropics with a palm tree and birds of paradise

620 Parkview - This beautiful, totally remodeled garden was a "Cash for Grass" recipient from the City of Grover Beach Community Development Department. A meandering decomposed granite pathway, an arbor with a water feature, stamped concrete patio area and much more await the observer in this space which took over a year to complete. Over 16 plant varieties and trees create a lush and inviting space.

850 Atlantic City Avenue – Plant Exchange: Hosted by Dee Santos - Bring a plant, take a plant. Here's your chance to try something new in your garden. Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening questions. Hostess and Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission Vice-Chair, Dee Santos, always makes everyone feel welcome!

900 Brighton Avenue - Enjoy the beautiful landscaping of proteas and succulents surrounding this Mediterranean-style villa. Then, take a few minutes to meander next door and enjoy the work and love that went into creating the City of Grover Beach Community Garden.

250 N. 10th Street - A charming old fashion garden, with colorful flowers galore. A trellis entrance with streaming lavender blossoms, fragrant roses, bright purple Princess Flower, bright orange Flowering Maple, and orchids on the front porch are just a few of the beautiful sights that you will experience....and one interesting little note is that this garden is maintained by 97 years young, Aunt Molly.

993 Ramona Avenue - Ramona Garden Park - Our very own demonstration garden features a beautifully landscaped area to complement the award-winning bus transit center. This area is intended to showcase and demonstrate a variety of low water use and drought-resistant landscaping techniques. Decomposed granite walkways allow visitors to meander through the garden. The demonstration area includes: Santa Barbara daisy, yarrow, Australian fuchsia, Spanish lavender, penstemon, cape rush, berkley sedge, tea tree, Autumn moor grass, New Zealand flax, euphorbia Tiny Tim, Manzanita, and lamb's ear.

158 N. 10th Street - Come sit a spell in the shade, sip iced tea and let your eyes wander over the whimsical display of fanciful artwork. Watch and listen to the lovely doves and parakeets in their aviary and enjoy the old world charm of this "Shabby Chic" setting and home to another member of the Grover Beach Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission.

Maps will be available at Grover Beach City Hall, Miner's Ace Hardware in Grover Beach and online at www.grover.org. When you're done germinating landscaping ideas for your own yard, swing by the Ramona Garden Park, 993 Ramona Avenue, for the first concert of the **2012 Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series and Farmers' Market!** For more information about volunteering for the Spring Garden Tour or other Parks and Recreation events, please call 473-4580 or visit the Grover Beach Parks and Recreation office at 154 S. 8th Street, Grover Beach, CA 93433.

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