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## TREE PRUNING CLASS AT OVF

--- Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2017, 9-12pm ---



[www.treepeople.org](http://www.treepeople.org)

## THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

They say “it takes a village.” And when digesting the events of the world these days, I have to agree!

In my role as Education Chair, I have the distinct pleasure of meeting so many unique and wonderful people. From the plumbers who fix our hose bibs, to the shredders who make our compost, to the volunteers who make our meeting area look great, water our seedlings in the greenhouse, weed our common areas or collect food for those who can’t afford their own.

I would love to use future newsletters to highlight the great work and great people we have all around us at Ocean View Farms. But I need your help!

Nominate someone you think exemplifies Community at OVF using [this link](#) or the below website:  
[oceanviewfarms.net/lnk/31](http://oceanviewfarms.net/lnk/31)

In this issue, you’ll meet (and see!) our shredding crew. This is the OVF community! We all contribute to something larger than ourselves. And I consider myself incredibly lucky to be a part of that.

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*Andy Morris, Education Chair*

# GARDEN MASTER'S REPORT

## SO MANY WAYS TO EARN HOURS

While weeding, common area clean-up and many other important jobs require volunteers to keep our community running, there are so many ways to earn volunteer hours at OVF! Here are just a few:

- Shredding machine operators – T 7-830
- Plumbing crew – no experience required
- Docents for school tours
- Newsletter contributors / writers
- Graphic designers for flyers / banners
- OVF Donates
- Event coordinators



## WATCH THE SHREDDING CREW IN ACTION!

(click the picture below – also available on OVF website)



## OVF MEMBERS SHRED THE COMPOSTITION

Every Tuesday morning at 7am, a group of very dedicated garden members meet to complete an important job. These volunteers, with guidance from veteran OVF leaders, make the compost that keeps our soil healthy and thriving.

Upon arrival, volunteers are split into two groups; an upper group which makes the Gourmet Compost, and a lower group which shreds organic garden waste to make the Regular Compost.

The lower crew wheels out a 16 horsepower Mackisick shredding machine, which cuts up all the organic plant material coming from members' gardens. This material is then put into compost bins on Saturdays by the volunteer Compost crew (see picture at left).

Meanwhile, at the top of the hill, the Gourmet Compost crew puts manure from the City of Los Angeles onto a sorting table using our tractor. The manure has been decomposing in 2 of the 3 large storage bins you see near the entrance to Phase 1. Once any trash is removed, the manure mixture is fed into a Mighty Mac shredding machine with wood shavings and straw. The finished product is an excellent fertilizer to reset soil nutrients between plantings.

This crew works for approximately 1-1.5 hours and are credited with work time when they sign in. And after the work is done, both groups of volunteers meet under the pine tree for coffee and donuts. Each member from the crew takes turns bringing the goodies.

## ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

Contact one of the crew leaders if you'd like earn hours as part of the excellent shredding crew!

- Warren Miyashiro – Gourmet Compost Lead
- Ed Mosman – Shredding Crew Lead
- Karl Iiskovsky – Compost Crew Lead

*Ed Mosman, OVF Garden Master*

# CALENDAR

<b>NOV</b>	<b>19</b>	Board Meeting (930am)
	<b>27</b>	Sunday Workday (1-4pm)
<b>DEC</b>	<b>10</b>	Saturday Workday (9-12pm)
	<b>10</b>	Potluck Lunch (12pm)
	<b>10</b>	General Meeting (1pm)
	<b>10</b>	Seedling Sale (130pm)
	<b>25</b>	Sunday Workday (1-4pm)
<b>JAN</b>	<b>7</b>	Tree Pruning Class by Tree People (9am-12pm)
	<b>14</b>	Saturday Workday (9-12pm) Additional January dates published soon

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR OVF MEMBERSHIP

### RENEW ONLINE

It's time to renew your membership. If you opted for the convenience of online payment, look for an email January 10<sup>th</sup>, and post your payment through PayPal by February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sign-up to receive your renewal notice by email at this webpage: [www.ebill.oceanviewfarms.net](http://www.ebill.oceanviewfarms.net). PayPal is a very secure way to pay online and it's really easy to set up!

### RENEW BY MAIL

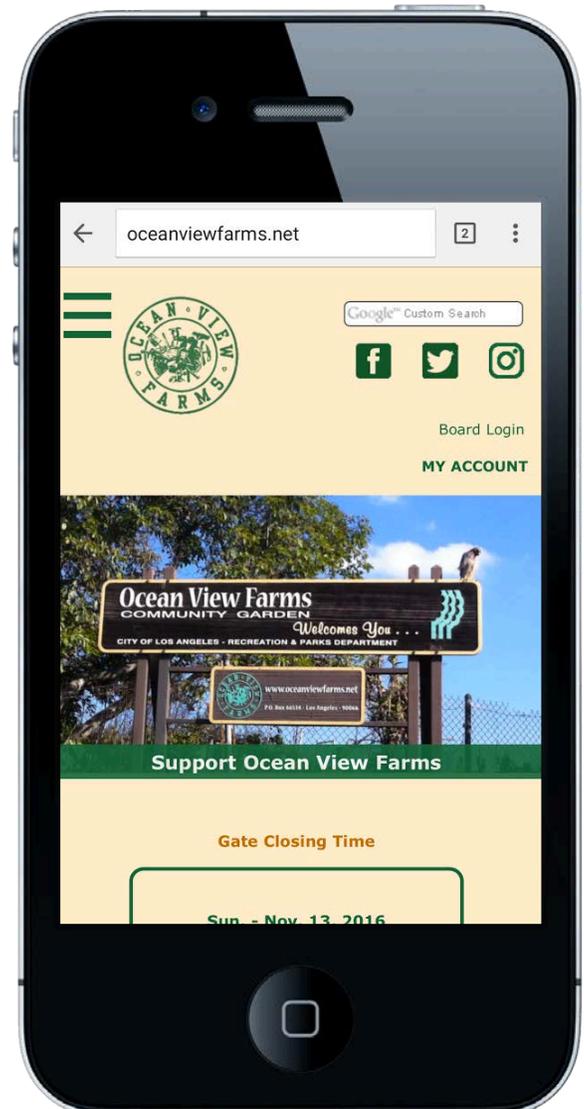
If you are paying via USPS, your renewal letter will be mailed to you January 11<sup>th</sup>, and your payment must be postmarked by February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Do NOT put any renewal fees in the mail slots of the wheelbarrow shed at OVF. They will NOT be accepted.

### IS YOUR INFORMATION CORRECT?

Please make sure that your address and email are correctly entered in OVF's database or you will not receive your renewal letter. Review your contact information online:

<http://www.myaccount.oceanviewfarms.net>.

# OVF HAS GONE MOBILE!



Now you can enjoy all the great content that our OVF website offers, mobile-optimized user experience!

While you're cruising the new site on your phone, make sure to visit OVF's social media pages on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Tag us in all your beautiful garden photos!

A HUGE OVF thank you to our President, Frank Harris, for spending so much time getting this website off the ground!

# AN HERB BY ANY OTHER NAME

“Sylvia! Sylvia!!”, yelled Gene Barry to Ann Robinson in the 1953 movie, *The War of the Worlds*. Many years later when I was taking a horticulture class and heard the professor yell, “Sylvia!”, I thought I was hearing things. What he was actually yelling was, “Salvia!” to another student in the class who kept misunderstanding her.



*S. elegans*



*P. fruticosa*



*S. Patens "Guanajuato"*

Salvia! Most of us know this as Sage. There is nothing like the sight of it, the smell of it, or the taste of it! Many varieties of Sage are culinary, meaning that they are commonly used in cooking and food preparation. Others are decorative. All have unique aromas when the leaves are crushed or bruised; some are rather pungent and acrid and some are intensely fragrant and soft.

Among the many plants that thrive at Ocean View Farms, Sage is one of the easiest to grow, and among the most rewarding. Consider the benefits of growing Sage: Sages are extremely hardy, for the most part, and require very little TLC. They attract hummingbirds more than most plants. Only two species of plants have flowers representing the true primary colors (red, blue and yellow) – Sages and Poppies. For examples of this, check out the Sages *Salvia elegans* (red), *Phlomis fruticosa* (yellow), and *Salvia patens* “Guanajuato”.

Sage can be used in soups, with poultry, dressings and stuffings, it is the life of Autumn cuisine. I can't imagine Thanksgiving without it, personally. *Salvia officinalis* is a variety commonly grown for use in cooking. Sage is the taste of my mother's Cornbread stuffing; it is the sight of flower goblet hummingbird feedings; and it's the smell of the Great Basin after a summer rain.

*Derbek, C32*

## TREE PRUNING WORKSHOP

If you've ever been interested in learning how to prune trees of all sorts, come to this free tree pruning workshop hosted by Linda Eremita, Forestry Education Manager and Certified Arborist for Tree People!

We'll cover:

- Tree physiology and anatomy
- Types of pruning cuts
- When to prune
- Specific tips for different trees
- Hands on pruning demos
- Tree People Q&A



TREEPEOPLE

**Saturday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-12pm**

## BOARD ELECTION

The following Board positions are up for election in April of 2017. Anyone interested in learning more about a position, or running for office can [contact Frank](#) or Election Coordinator [Nora Dvosin](#):

Frank – <http://www.oceanviewfarms.net/contactus.php?src=pr>

Nora – <http://www.oceanviewfarms.net/contactus.php?src=el>

- Garden Master
- Vice-President
- Membership Secretary
- Independent Project Monitor
- Upper Phase I Representative
- Upper Phase II Representative
- Upper Phase III Representative
- Upper Phase IV Representative