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Dear, OTNA Member:

It's a sure sign that it's time to work in the garden now that the weather is warming up, and spring flowers are in full bloom. So, at our next meeting, we're going to talk geraniums! We'll give the "City stuff" a rest, and learn all about the different varieties of geraniums and how to care for them from local expert, Henry Andrade of Grand View Geranium Gardens, Inc. — one of the largest geranium suppliers on the West Coast.

The company grows about 500 different varieties — from Martha Washington's to scented Dr. Livingston's, which smell like lemon pepper, peppermint or apples. *We were lucky to get Henry, as he's in hot demand by the horticultural societies and botanical gardens!*

Learn how you can come home to a garden filled with blooming geraniums, or a hanging basket just bursting with bright pink scented geraniums by joining us on **Wednesday, May 18th**, at 7:00 PM in the Bartlett Center. Plus, we'll be giving away prizes, too (you must be present to win)! And . . . we'll also have a handout listing native Southern California plants. If you'd like to take a peak at Grand View's web site, go to: www.gvgeranium.com.

On another note, as you know, on April 25th, OTNA hosted a neighborhood meeting in conjunction with Nativity Church to discuss their *proposed* parking improvement plan that is designed to incorporate "Triangle Park," and the portion of Manuel Avenue that runs between Engracia and Cota. OTNA is staying right on top of this issue, and will keep you posted on any new developments. If you are not on OTNA's email list and would like to be, please call me with your email address at (310) 320-6054.

Lastly, I wanted to remind you that on **Saturday, May 21st**, at 1:30 PM, the City of Torrance will host its **46th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade**. Torrance has proudly honored the men and women in the United States Military in with an annual Armed Forces Day Parade and celebration, and is only one of six cities in the country that still honors our military with such an event. Per a vote taken via email last month, OTNA members (all those who voted) unanimously agreed to donate \$100 to this celebration.

We hope to see you on Wednesday, May 18th — bring a friend, or two!

Best regards,

Debbie Hays
President, OTNA

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