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**Greetings!**

Happy Day Light Savings!! I always love this time of year as the days get longer allowing us to stay outside well into the early evening hours. This stretches our gardening time or just allows us to linger over an outdoor dinner gathering with good friends or family. At *A Place to Grow* we are excited about all that spring offers us and look forward to working with you to create your own place to grow whether it's a greenhouse, artist studio or meditation retreat.

We had such a great time at the Inspired Home Show at the Paso Robles Event Center in Paso Robles, CA. We met so many people that had such great ideas for how they would use one of our unique structures. If you are ready to start designing your own one of a kind structure, please respond to this email or call me at 805.704.1155.

You received this newsletter because you expressed an interest in *A Place to Grow* by signing up with us at one of our events or on our web page.

I look forward to talking with you soon!

Dana

**Sunrise Over the Ocean**



Our latest creation features an antique sunburst window which depicts the sun rising over the ocean. The ocean is portrayed by marine wood salvaged from a decommissioned bait barge off the coast of San Diego, California. There are white 1" x 4" boards placed with the marine wood to show the white caps on the ocean!

We designed this three-sided structure to demonstrate the various materials available to us here at *A Place to Grow* and to highlight the abundance of possible uses for our functionally artistic structures.

We will be showcasing this structure at the upcoming Earth Day in the meadow at Castoro Cellars on Saturday, April 12th. We will be teaming up with Sage Ecological Landscapes who will be creating a relaxing greenspace using native plants for everyone to enjoy. Envision your yard redesign to include native plants and a unique outdoor structure!

## Meet our Craftsman

Dave Fontenot joined *A Place to Grow* in October 2013. Dave brings a wealth of experience with him that makes him a good fit for the challenges presented by working with reclaimed and re-purposed materials.

Dave's career started with restoring homestead properties and building log cabins in Montana. He spent a period of time helping to restore and repair all of the beautiful windows at Mission College Preparatory School in San Luis Obispo in the mid 1980's.

At one point in time Dave worked for the Office of the State Architect, restoring and earthquake retrofitting historic adobe buildings. Because of his experience there, he was ultimately asked to work at Hearst Castle where he spent 16 years as a Restoration Specialist. Dave's experience using a variety of materials at the castle allows him to make any of the unique materials that we source work in our one of a kind, artistic structures!

Dave has had his general contractor's license since 1988. When he is not busy building unique outdoor structures for *A Place to Grow*, he is creating beautiful concrete counter tops and planters.



## Items for Sale



We are excited to offer a few other garden products in addition to our recycled structures!

This potting table is made of 100% reclaimed wood and has been re-purposed into a functional table that would complement any garden.

FLEX Concrete Studio hand crafts beautiful concrete Buddha heads and planters. Each of the planters is unique and truly a work of art.

These clever, useful items make great gifts! Buy one for yourself and one for a friend!

## Unique Materials

We have many unique materials that we are sourcing from all over San Luis Obispo County, and recently outside the county as well. We have some reclaimed marine wood that brings beautiful texture and color to our structures, not to mention it comes with a very interesting story!

We also have some old redwood fence boards from the Paso Robles area that truly have the look and feel of barn wood, yet are priced lower than barn wood! These can be used on your outdoor structure and we are also using them on some of our potting tables.



We continue to have access to beautiful urban forested lumber. What is "urban forested lumber" you may ask? This is lumber milled from trees that have fallen on their own or trees that an arborist has determined must be removed. We have this lumber milled specifically for us to use in our structures.

If you would like to come by our workshop, please call ahead to schedule a visit at 805.704.1155.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### *April*

[Earth Day at Castoro Cellars](#) taking place on Saturday, April 12 at Castoro Cellars 1315 North Bethel Road, Templeton, CA

### *May*

[San Luis Obispo Home Show](#) May 3 & 4, 2014 (10-5:00 Saturday & 10-4:00 on Sunday) at the Alex Madonna Expo Center, San Luis Obispo, CA

[Habitat for Humanity "Blueprints and Blue Jeans"](#) annual fundraiser at the 3S Ranch, 7900 Orcutt Road, San Luis Obispo, CA. *A Place to Grow* is donating an arbor to be raffled off made from re-purposed windows, wood and metal. Saturday, May 3, 2014

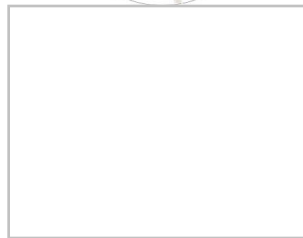
### *September*

[2014 Inspired Home Expo of Paso Robles](#) at the Paso Robles Event Center September 6 & 7, 2014

### *October*

[Alameda County Home & Garden Show](#), October 3-5, 2014 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501

## Check Out Our Affiliates



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