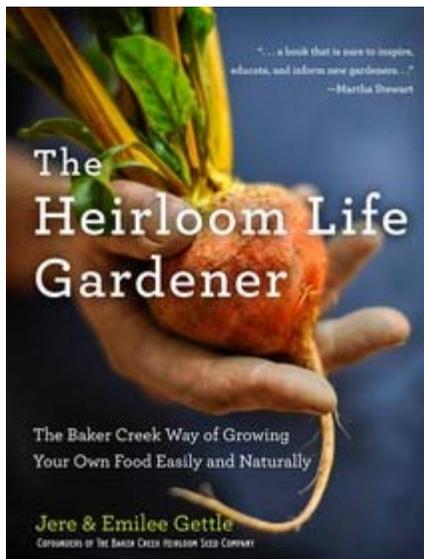




## A Garden of Delights in Santa Clara Valley

by Julie Mount, Virtual Library

Before Santa Clara Valley was known as Silicon Valley, it was known as the Valley of Heart's Delight. The soil we live on is some of the most fertile in the world. What better way to celebrate the roots of this beautiful county than getting some seeds started? Heirloom seeds are a great way to grow. You can start varieties of plants that you might not see for sale at your local garden center.



A good way to start is by visiting the [The Santa Clara County Master Gardeners website](#). They have some excellent tips for [sprouting seeds](#) in the South Bay. If you need inspiration [The Heirloom Life Gardener](#) is a beautiful book with gorgeous photography. It covers all the basics from seed to harvest. Or if don't have space to grow your own seeds, you can visit some local farmers and get your hands dirty: volunteer at [Veggielution](#), a community farm dedicated to creating a more sustainable food system.

Interested in [borrowing seeds](#)? Come to the adult reference desk at [Saratoga Library](#) where they run a seed library. They'll help you get started.

## Decorate Your Home With Love

by Amytha Willard,  
Bookmobile

Over the years we all collect things. We love them and they make us smile, whether it's the paper mache donut I brought back from New Mexico, the decoupage

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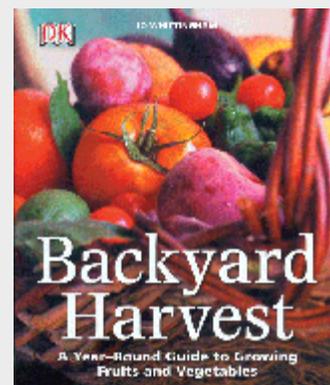
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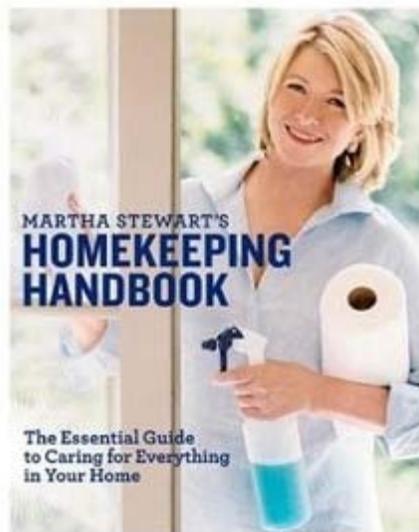
she was a kid, the ceramic Daisy Duck from when I was a kid, or the other odds and ends around my house. Some items are old, some are new, some are passed down from generations and some we find at a thrift shop.

We surround ourselves with these things that hold memories, comfort, humor or are just attractive and make us happy. But the happiness does not come just from having these things, rather from displaying them around our homes where we can see them and remember. Here is a [booklist](#) that features vintage, flea market finds and collected items on display in a habitable setting. It isn't about buying more things....maybe we should all re-evaluate what we already have, then find the best way to showcase it, or let it pass on.

## Martha Stewart's Homekeeping Handbook

by Megan Wong, Virtual Library

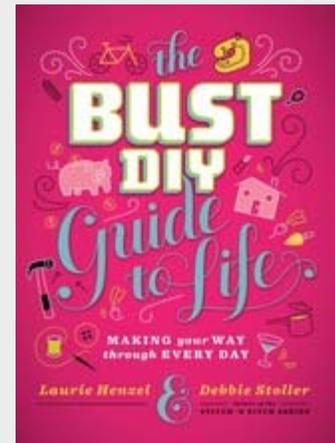
Spring is here! It's time to open up those windows and begin freshening your abode! This [Martha Stewart book](#) is an excellent guide on how best to manage the upkeep of your home, whether it's a small apartment or a country cottage. Martha offers practical tips on everything from organizing your linen closet to spot-cleaning your rugs. This is a must-read for anyone looking to simplify the daunting tasks of cleaning and organizing your home.



## Focus on Food

Our Focus on Food program series places "Home and Garden" center stage in April. From keeping

Whittingham provides information on how to grow your own homegrown produce all year round. Each chapter is broken down by month and takes you through all the stages of growing, picking, storing, and preserving your own fruit and vegetables.



## The Bust DIY Guide to Life: Making Your Way Through Every Day

by Amytha Willard, Bookmobile

From making your own butter to skateboarding, this book has everything a modern lady needs to know. Learn how to make a spice rack from a suitcase, regROUT your tub, fix your car,

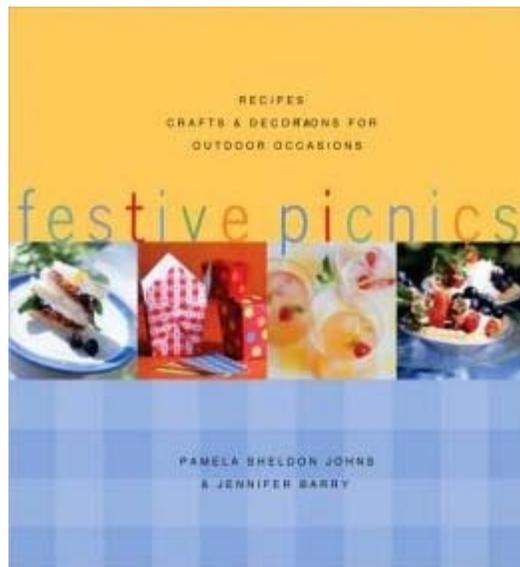


honey bees in your backyard to suburban farming, informative, entertaining classes and presentations help you create a healthy, sustainable garden and lifestyle for your family. Then join top chefs such as Martin Yan, the Culinary Dude, and others to learn the secrets of using your garden's bounty in nutritious and creative meals. Top it off with a cold one after attending our backyard home brewing presentation. For more information, visit <http://www.sccl.org/food>.

## Picnic in Your Garden

by Kelly Tatarakis, Morgan Hill Library

The weather is warming up, the days are getting longer and people are anxious to spend more time outdoors. Welcome in spring with an afternoon picnic! In [Festive Picnics](#) by Pamela Sheldon Johns and Jennifer Barry, you will find a variety of recipes and crafts for just such an occasion. And you don't need to go any farther than your own backyard to enjoy them! Fun and delicious snacks, drinks, and desserts can be found in this book, along with instructions for containers, napkins, party fans, and a number of other picnic decorations. Nearly every page features large, colorful pictures to inspire your appetite and imagination.



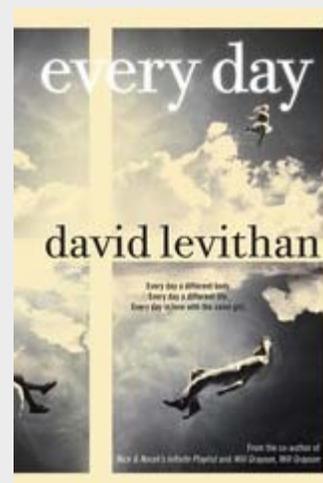
## "Spring Break with Our Sharks" at Aquarium of the Bay

by Robyn McCreight, Campbell Library

Looking for something to do over Spring Break? San Francisco's Aquarium of the Bay invites you to



brew your own beer, save & invest your money, make and mend your clothes, throw a party, and much, much, more. Chock-full of tips, tricks, recipes, craft projects, and advice, this is not just a DIY guide to life, it's [a DIY guide to a fabulous life](#).



## Teen Staff Pick

by Birgit Vogler, Saratoga Library

[Every Day](#)  
by David Levithan

What makes us fall in love--and what makes us who we are?

Every day A wakes up in a different body: Male, female, gay, straight, different races and religions, A has been everything. There's no telling who it will be, and there doesn't seem to be any rhyme or reason to it. All A knows is that the person will be the same age as A and will be in roughly the same geographic location as the body A went to sleep in the night before.

A does not know why this is happening, but has made peace with it, even established guidelines by which to live: Never

“Spring Break with Our Sharks.” Between March 23rd and April 7th, the aquarium will be hosting special shark related presentations and activities. Guests can watch shark feedings and even get some hands-on experience with the deep-sea predators. Admission to the aquarium is free if you book your tickets through [SCCLD's Discover & Go virtual museum pass program](#).



get too attached. Avoid being noticed. Do not interfere.

Until one day A meets Rhiannon, and everything changes. What do you do when you meet the person you want to be with but you're a different person every day?



Children's Staff Pick  
by Rose Khoury, Saratoga Library

[Grandpa Green](#) by Lane Smith

Grandpa Green is a wonderful book about a young boy who narrates the story of his great grandfather's life from his birth to present day. This young boy is fascinated by his great grandfather's life and loves helping him out in his garden. The exceptionally well done illustrations include detailed topiary plants that complement the narration as well as tell a story of their own. As you reach the final page, don't miss the fully illustrated four page fold out that will captivate children and adults of all ages! Grandpa Green is the winner of the 2012 Caldecott Honor Award.

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