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**THE PLANT EXCHANGE IS MOVING!
NEW HOME – THE FRONT LAWN OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH –
27TH AND BROADWAY IN OAKLAND**

THE PLANT EXCHANGE’S EXPANDED SPRING EVENT IS SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014

BRING PLANTS TO EXCHANGE OR GARDEN ITEMS FOR ADMISSION

(Oakland, CA) – Bay Area plant lovers will enjoy the spaciousness and convenience of a new location and easy parking as Oakland’s famed free plant exchange is “transplanted” to a new location on the front lawn of Oakland’s First Presbyterian Church, 2619 Broadway at the corner of 27th Street.

Now in its 8th year, The Plant Exchange is held twice annually, in spring and fall. The exchange will take place from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2014 and admission is a plant or garden item to exchange.

“It couldn’t be a greener event,” founder Odette Polar, founder of The Plant Exchange exclaimed. “This new location allows The Plant Exchange to feature more plants in the exchange, services donated by local businesses, more space for advice tables, a new tool sharpening station, green raffle prizes and more!”

The all-volunteer exchange celebrates abundance, generosity and community spirit. It attracts hundreds of plant lovers and it is estimated that over 2,500 plants were exchanged in the span of just a few hours during the fall exchange in October of 2013.

Alameda County Master Gardeners and other plant specialists will be on-site to help identify donations and give advice to those adopting new plants. The Plant Exchange is acclaimed for encouraging reuse, recycling, organic living, resource sharing, information exchange and more.

To participate, garden fans must bring plants to exchange, or garden items, such as pots, decorative items, garden umbrellas, tools, equipment, books on gardening, stepping stones, and anything useful in a yard including BBQ pits. All types of plants are welcome, from cuttings to full size. Many take advantage of The Plant Exchange to bring plants they have culled when they must prune or divide perennials.

Gardeners, landscapers and urban farmers come from all over the San Francisco Bay Area for the event that has been hailed as “a blooming sensation,” and the premier plant exchange.

“We are grateful for the generosity of the Grand Lake Ace Hardware and Garden Center, for their continuing support and we salute our plant-loving volunteers – without whom this event simply could not take place,” Odette Pollar said. “Our new location requires additional volunteers so if you have time to help out please let us know,” she added.

Gardeners may begin making early donations two weeks before the event. For more information please call (510) 866-8482 or contact theplantexchange@yahoo.com Visit the website at www.plantexchange.com

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