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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Jeannette Fromm

March is a beautiful month. The trees are blossoming and a wonderful aroma is in the air. We are all hoping for some rain. We must remember to be water wise and plant natives, succulents and other low water plants.

Diane Riopka and Teresa Whitney, our Ways and Means Chairpersons, have been busy with propagation workshops. They have prepared a beautiful new poster to advertise our GardenFest in April. The community as well as club members will be looking forward to this event. We always have a variety of plants. And the flea market always has such a great selection of garden items. If you have any donations contact Diane or Teresa. Start thinking about an entry for the funky container contest. It was such fun last year. We wish our workshop chair Nancy Makowsky a speedy recovery.

Launa Gould, chair of the Garden Tour, and her committee have been busy viewing gardens and getting restaurants for our tastings. Don't forget this is our major fundraiser.

I hope all of our members are enjoying participating in Garden Therapy, Civic Beautification, and Junior Gardening. These activities give each of us such satisfaction and fulfillment. Bring a buddy and join in all the fun.

Our speaker for the March meeting had to cancel and Pat Corless has arranged for another person who will enlighten us all about homegrown tomatoes. Tomatoes from the garden always seem to have the best flavor over those found in supermarkets. This program will provide you with proven techniques to successfully grow a bumper crop of tomatoes this season.

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### SCGC Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2015  
Time: 1:00 PM  
Place: Jeannette Fromm's home  
Where: 233 Avenida Princesa  
San Clemente  
Phone: 949-492-5933

All members are welcome to attend.

### Orange County District, State, and National News/Events

OC District will be meeting at Sherman Gardens on April 6.

Pacific Region annual convention will be held April 18-22 in Eugene, Oregon.

NGC annual convention will be held May12-18 in Louisville, Kentucky.

### GardenFest

from Diana Riopka and Teresa Whitney

Looking for a good time? Come help with GardenFest! Volunteers are needed for both the set-up day, Friday, April 10, and event day, Saturday, April 11. If you can help out either day, email Diane or Teresa and indicate the hours you will volunteer and your preference as to grooming or arranging plants on the set-up day or cashiering or assisting customers during GardenFest. We can definitely find something in your area of expertise!

Refreshments will be provided on both days for volunteers. Don't miss out on the fun; email or call us today.

### Friendship

from Eunice Schafer

In Remembrance: Tina Goodale, long-time member of the Garden Club, passed away on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Get Well: Wilma Cogswell is recovering from a fractured vertebrae from a car accident on December 26<sup>th</sup>. Bobby Flora and Nancy Makowsky are undergoing treatment for cancer, and Kitty Coleman suffered a stroke recently. Let's keep them in our thoughts, and prayers, and wish them a speedy recovery. Hopefully they will be able to join us again soon.



### March Program

Date: March 4, 2015  
Time: 1:00 PM  
Place: St. Andrews Church  
2001 Calle Frontera  
San Clemente, CA 92673

Subject: Homegrown Tomatoes  
Speaker: Dave Freed

There is no competition between homegrown tomatoes and the store-bought varieties. Homegrown tomatoes are just the best. Our speaker for the March meeting, Dave Freed, has researched and experimented with various ways to successfully grow tomatoes, and he enjoys sharing his many tips with other gardeners. He grows a variety of hybrids, heirlooms, cherry and beefsteak tomatoes each year in both containers and backyard soil.

His presentation will cover everything you ever wanted to know about growing your own tomatoes. Tomato planting season is fast approaching. This program will provide an excellent opportunity for all of us to successfully grow our own.



*Daylight Savings Time begins March 8.*

### Treasurer's Corner

from Heidi Gibson

Our Executive Board has approved a vote to propose to the members an increase in annual "joint" dues from \$30 to \$40. Also, the wording will be modified from "joint dues for husband and wife" to "family dues per household". Single member dues will remain \$25. This proposal is due to increased fixed fees (CGCI, OC District, and Liability Insurance) of \$5 per "member" (not per "membership"). We discussed this Bylaws Article IV Membership Section 3 proposal at the February meeting and will vote at the March meeting.

## Junior Gardener Program

from Stephanie Anfinson and Doris Weinbaum

Concordia School's Jr. Gardeners spent time in the garden weeding, getting ready for spring planting! Afterwards, they helped wrap the prolific peas to trellises, sampling the delicious, edible pods! Here are some of our darling gardeners sampling the yummy carrots they have patiently been growing. Yum!



Marblehead School Kokua Club Gardeners celebrated what they LOVE in the garden by creating a seed bed, planting radishes and cucumbers along the fence, trimming their grapevine teepee, and adding to the compost bin. Their reward was picking kale, chard, green onions, and sweet potato. They cleaned it and chopped it, and then steamed it on a hot plate. "Next time, let's make more because we always want seconds!" was proclaimed by one ten year old. Yes, a perfect idea!



## Grandma Miller's Orange Bread

from Carol Huss

It's orange harvesting season in southern California. Oranges are everywhere and at pretty decent prices when you consider snow and drought seasons. One of my family favorites is Orange Bread that we'd make over the holidays, but anytime is a good time, when oranges are so plentiful.

- 1 medium orange
- 2 cups flour
- 2/3 cups dates, pitted
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 cup walnut halves
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg, beaten

Cut whole orange (peel & pulp) into 6 – 8 sections. Put orange, dates, walnuts through food chopper. Add water and butter. Add egg and dry ingredients (flour, baking powder, soda, salt, and sugar).

Bake in greased and floured loaf pan at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hrs.

Hint: Eat warm with butter or coconut oil. Yummy. Enjoy.

## Hospitality

from Simone Costes and Dolly Latteier

Our munchies table has been awesome the last few months. SCGC members are so generous...We all appreciate the delicious goodies. Many thanks.

## Membership

from Carol Luetz

Please welcome our new members.

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 714-420-3003  
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## Civic Beautification

from Carol Luetz

The emphasis this past month was weeding at Park Semper Fi. A great group enjoyed the sunshine and view while readying the area for new plantings.



Jim happily weeding at Park Semper Fi



Simone and Mary weeding on the slope at Park Semper Fi

## District News Update

from Launa Gould

**Crystal Cove work day:** Tuesday March 12. Meet at the church at 8:30am to carpool. Bring your bucket, clippers, hat and sunscreen. Bring a sack lunch so we can reward ourselves afterwards on the beach. Contact Launa Gould [LaunaG@cox.net](mailto:LaunaG@cox.net) for more information.

**District Meeting:** Sherman Library and Gardens in Corona del Mar on April 6 (includes lunch) 10am – 1pm. Send your reservation for \$30 to Heidi Gibson by March 25. There will be an installation of the new Orange County District Officers, lunch and a private tour behind the scenes of their orchid production. Then you will have the pleasure of enjoying the gardens. Contact Launa Gould for more details or if you would like to carpool.

## GardenFest

### Plants and Flea Market Items

from Diane Riopka and Teresa Whitney

If you have flea market items or plants for the April 11 GardenFest, plan to deliver them to the Community Center on Friday, April 10, between 9am and noon. We accept almost anything, except for clothing, for the flea market. If possible, tidy up flea market items and groom plants. If you have large items and would like someone to pick them up, contact Diane or Teresa. Our email addresses can be found in the yearbook.



## Butterfly News

from Susan Pierce

Most gardeners know the important role the monarch butterfly has in the ecosystem. Recently the federal government pledged \$3.2 million to help save the monarch butterfly that has been declining in numbers in recent years. This small creature we see in our area migrates between the United States and Mexico each year. Habitats are being destroyed both from nature and by man resulting in fewer butterflies.

A large portion of the pledge will be used to restore more than 200,000 acres of habitat from California to many places east. The areas proposed to be restored include more than 750 schoolyard and backyard habitats and pollinator gardens. It is even possible that one or more of our local sites may be beneficiaries of this program.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering the monarch butterfly as a threatened species. Let's do what we can to ensure that this butterfly and all other butterflies as well can continue to thrive.

Got Milkweed?

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## Garden Therapy

from Suzi Klickstein

On hand to assist the RIO clients with January's penguin craft were Lana Doyle, Doris Weinbaum, Bette Langford, Tom Benton, Emilie Matthews, Roxanne Wildermuth and Suzi Klickstein. As usual, the delightfully, affable and appreciative RIO folks made us feel like heroes.



For our Valentine craft this year, we added a little nostalgia from grade school. We had the RIO folks decorate valentine boxes that could then be filled with valentines and other goodies. Faithful volunteers helped prepare the 75+ boxes for embellishment. The group also addressed over 600 little valentines to be distributed in the completed valentine boxes.

We had a wonderful volunteer turnout for the day of the Valentine craft. Simone Costes, Dolly Latteier, Tom Benton, Heidi Gibson, Doris Weinbaum, Sandy Cushman, Bette Langford, Teresa Whitney, Malvina King, Emilie Matthews, Suzi Klickstein and Tom's sister and brother-in-law on a visit from the snowy East coast also joined us in assisting with decorating boxes and making cards. Simone donated a wide variety of cute little refrigerator magnets for all the clients. It was another fun-filled time at the RIO.



Since Easter arrives early this year (April 8) we will have our Easter craft in March. Prep will be Thursday, March 5 at 10:30 at Suzi Klickstein's house and the RIO Easter craft will take place Wednesday, March 18 at 12:30. Please contact Suzi at [suziklick@gmail.com](mailto:suziklick@gmail.com) if you would like to join in the fun.

## Field Trip

from Cindi Allen

March is our luncheon and visit to Doheny house in Capo Beach. Eric invites all attendees into his homes on the property as well as having the run of the beautiful gardens. There are dogs and birds for the animal lovers, too. Our luncheon will be catered by Sundried Tomato Cafe in San Juan. We will enjoy our food in Eric's beautiful garden in which there are many seating vignettes. Eric usually gives a short historical talk having to do with our area. It is one of my very favorite field trips, Ever! The cost is \$30.00 made payable to San Clemente Garden Club. Please give me your checks at the next meeting or mail them to me at:

Cindi Allen  
252 Via Presa  
San Clemente, CA 92672.

I need to have your checks by March 15, so there is no scramble for money at the last minute. After this time, I will close out the count.

We will meet at the church at our regular time of 9:30 a.m. to carpool.

The day of our tour happens to be Eric's birthday. However, he was gracious enough to let us come on that day because of the need to cancel the event at his home in the Fall. There will be an envelope at the field trip on Wednesday as well as at the meeting in early March in which I would appreciate donations for a birthday cake for Eric. I would also love recommendations for a REAL good cake bakery that is nearby. I know of an excellent one in Orange, but would prefer not to have to drive over there to pick it up. He is well worth our extravagance to honor him on his birthday.

Hope to see a lot of you who don't ordinarily attend field trips, and I hope to see you Regulars, too.



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## San Clemente Garden Club Activities

### MARCH 2015

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| MARCH 3  | Board Meeting                                | 1:00 PM  |
| MARCH 4  | Meeting and Program                          | 1:00 PM  |
| MARCH 5  | Junior Gardeners – Marblehead                | 2:15 PM  |
| MARCH 10 | Civic Beautification – Pier Garden           | 8:30 AM  |
|          | Marine Monument at Park Semper Fi            | 8:45 AM  |
|          | Library                                      | 9:30 AM  |
|          | City Hall Rose Garden                        | 10:00 AM |
| MARCH 12 | OC District at Crystal Cove                  | 9:00 AM  |
| MARCH 16 | Junior Gardeners – Concordia                 | 2:15 PM  |
| MARCH 18 | Garden Therapy – Valentines                  | 1:00 PM  |
| MARCH 19 | Civic Beautification – Casa Romantica Garden | 9:00 AM  |
| MARCH 25 | Field Trip                                   | 9:30 AM  |
| MARCH 31 | Board Meeting                                | 1:00 PM  |

**Save A Tree - please consider the environment before printing this newsletter.**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
San Clemente Garden Tour - May 30, 2015



**San Clemente Garden Club**  
in partnership with  
The City of San Clemente Parks & Recreation

# Garden Fest

**Saturday - April 11, 2015**

**8am - 3pm**

**San Clemente Community Center  
Avenida Del Mar & Seville**

**Huge Plant Sale & Garden Flea Market**

**Floral Design & Funky Container Contests**

**The Latest City Water Conservation Info**

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and civic beautification*

