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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Jeannette Fromm

Romance is in the air this month, especially on a warm day that entices everyone outside. Hopefully we will have more rainy days so we can enjoy a bounty of tasty greens and sweet blossoms.

Jobs you might think of doing in your garden are to control weeds before they flower and set seeds and fertilize citrus trees with high nitrogen fertilizer. Also cut back perennials to stimulate new growth. Remove standing water from container saucers to prevent root rot.

Thanks to all of our committee chairs and participants for doing such good work and making our club so admired in our community. Please begin to think about how you would like to participate in the coming months and next year. We have so many varied activities. Look in our book at the Board positions and list of committees and choose one (or more).

I have especially enjoyed working in the Civic Beautification and Junior Gardens. Los Palmas has some beautiful kale and white radishes that I have never seen before. I also enjoy the propagation workshops; they are a real learning experience, a great way of getting acquainted with our members, and just plain fun.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting and program "Wildflowers of Orange County".



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SCGC Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 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

CGCI winter board meeting will be held in Fresno on February 2-5.

OC District will be meeting February 9 at Crystal Cove State Park. See page 5 for more information. In April the district meeting will be at Sherman Gardens.

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

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

February Program

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

Subject: The Wildflowers of Orange County and the Santa Ana Mountains
Speaker: Fred Roberts

Fred Roberts and Robert Allen spent ten years hiking the nooks and crannies of Orange County in order to create a comprehensive wildflower field guide. Their book, "The Wildflowers of Orange County and the Santa Ana Mountains," aims to inform and delight with thousands of photographs of local plants, insects and birds. You will be introduced to flowers that are endangered or near extinction and hear the story of the book's creation.

The authors are close friends and southern Orange County natives. Our speaker, Fred Roberts, grew up in Dana Point and attended Saddleback College. After graduating from the University of California, Santa Barbara, he worked as an Assistant Curator at the herbarium at UC, Irvine. Since 1992 he has worked as a botanist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as a botanical surveyor, and as an artist, author and publisher. He is also an active member of the California Native Plant Society.

Do not miss this opportunity to take a photo hike through some of Orange County's most scenic and wild places. Mr. Roberts will have copies of the book available for purchase. The cost is \$37.50 which includes sales tax.

GardenFest Date Correction

Please note that the correct date of GardenFest is Saturday, April 11. The date is incorrect on Page 44 of the yearbook.

Propagation Workshop

from Diane Riopka & Teresa Whitney

Join us on January 30.

Don't forget about the Propagation Workshop on Friday, January 30, 9:30 AM, at Nancy Makowsky's home. It's the perfect opportunity to get acquainted with garden club members and hone your propagating skills.

Bring gloves, clippers, pots, and plants you want to divide or cuttings to propagate. Soil will be provided. If you're unsure on how to propagate cuttings you plan to bring, just email me or Teresa and we'll research the method. Check your yearbook for Nancy's address.

Happy Valentine's Day

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 will discuss this Bylaws Article IV Membership Section 3 proposal at the February meeting and vote at the March meeting.

Junior Gardeners Fun Fridays at Las Palmas Garden

from Doris Weinbaum

Garden Club volunteers have been going every Friday from 11:30am - 1pm to supervise students in the garden during recess at the Las Palmas Elementary School Organic Garden. Recently we did some weeding, saw some snails and observed what is growing. We hope to have our own Fun Friday garden plot in the near future.

Come join us anytime! To receive emails with reminders on dates, contact Doris Weinbaum at dorisweinbaum@gmail.com.



Marinated Broccoli

from Jeannette Fromm

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| 3 bunches fresh broccoli | 1 tsp salt |
| 1 c cider vinegar | 1 tsp pepper, coarsely ground |
| 1 Tbsp sugar | 1 tsp garlic salt |
| 1 Tbsp dill weed | 1-1/2 c vegetable oil |
| 1 Tbsp Accent | |

Cut broccoli in small flowerets. Mix remaining ingredients. Pour over broccoli, cover, and refrigerate for 24 hours. Baste from time to time. Drain and serve.

Membership

from Carol Luetz

New Member

Sally Richards
1103 Novilunio
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949-388-1428
sallyrichards@gmail.com

New phone number

Carol Huss 949-521-0162 -Cell
No land line

January National Get Organized Month

from Diane Riopka and Teresa Whitney

If your New Year's resolution is to get organized, don't toss garden-related items or those that could be repurposed for the garden. Donate them or just about anything you plan to give away to the garden club for the annual flea market held during GardenFest. Bring your donated items to the February, March, or April meetings or call us to schedule a pickup.

If you would like to volunteer to work at GardenFest, April 11, or the set-up day, April 10, email us. We will also have sign-up sheets at the next few meetings.

Gardening App for iPhone

from Ginnie Churchill

It seems like there is an app for everything nowadays. One of the biggest problems people face when they first start out is identifying plants. Come on, we've all done it. You start your seedlings, mark them (if you remember) and then the tags grow legs and do a runner. Identifying pests or diseases can also be another common problem.

Well worry no more! Garden Compass to the rescue!
Best of all, it's FREE!

Go to iTunes to download the Garden Compass APP to your iPhone. Send your photo to Garden Compass and they will identify the plant or pest.



Recycle a plastic bottle and make a vertical garden.

Civic Beautification

from Carol Luetz and Mary Lou Wakefield

Nine Civic Beautification volunteers got back into the swing of things Tuesday morning at Park Semper Fi. Weeding by the stairs and pruning the Ceanothus took top priority. As you can see, it was a beautiful, sunny day. Jim, Teresa, Launa, Sherry, and Jeannette stopped to pose for a great shot. Not pictured are Jim, Don, Mary, and Carol.



The rose pruning workshop was held at the City Hall Rose Garden. Jeannette, Elyse, Emilie, Laura, Doris, and Launa enjoyed each other's company while learning pruning methods.



On January 8 our group met to clean, weed the bed and prune the roses at San Clemente Municipal Golf Course Hole 15. This spot is a scenic place where many golfers stop and take pictures. Our former Mayor noticed that the bed of roses was in sad shape and requested that the San Clemente Garden Club take the area on as a regular project. Our members include Tom Benton, Elise Crane, Sandy Cushman, Bill Schafer, and Mary Lou Wakefield.

We visit the garden every other month and always receive many thanks from the golfers as they play the hole. We all look forward to seeing beautiful roses in the spring.

Garden Therapy

from Suzi Klickstein

January's Garden Therapy craft featured a pair of mini penguins in their own natural tuxedos to ring in the New Year. Simon Costes, Anna Sarrade, Sandy Cushman, Lana Doyle and Roxanne Wildermuth assembled materials and made various parts for the penguin winter scene craft that RIO clients made in January

In February Garden Therapy will take place on the second Wednesday, February 11 at 12:30 instead of the third Wednesday, so that our valentine craft for the RIO clients takes place before Valentine's Day. For our Valentine project this year, we are using boxes donated by Roxanne Widermuth for each RIO client to decorate with hearts and various seasonal decorations. The decorated "mailboxes" will then be used to hold valentines, like we used to send in grade school, which each of our Garden Therapy volunteers will address to each of the seventy RIO clients. We will be prepping the valentine boxes on Thursday, February 5 at 10:30 at Suzi's house. Hope you can join in the fun for one or both of our activities. Contact Suzi Klickstein at suziklick@gmail.com help at the RIO.

Sleepy Time

from Emilie Matthews

Time for all good tortoises to be asleep (except for babies). They must be fed and kept warm for another year. You see they have not built up any fat reserve to withstand going to sleep for 5 to 6 months. Yes even in our moderate weather.

Princess, my 40 year old girl, feeds on her favorite hibiscus flowers, rose petals, veggies and assorted weeds from my lawn. Because it was so warm, she didn't stop eating till about Thanksgiving.

Her winter hideaway is a bank box with an old sweatshirt to sleep on and covered with a tee shirt. She is very comfortable. I understand all the bedding is for my benefit because she is cold blooded.

Princess is checked on often to make sure a rodent isn't nibbling on her toes. Usually I am greeted with a cold, bleary eye around Easter or before when temps are warming and I put her box in the partial sun. When she eats a dandelion, it's time to enjoy spring and her outdoor house.

Do you have a garden story you would like to share? Send it to the editor and when space is available, it will be included in *The Garden Trellis*.

A Favorite Plant

from Carol Huss

Dicentra or what's commonly called Bleeding Hearts, is naturally a woodland plant that blooms in the spring and recurrently blooms as a perennial; wildflower. In suburbia they require humus rich and well drained soils with partially shaded sun exposure. I grow mine in pots to take the cooler temperatures in the shade, and foliage may last until fall. They are typically suited for Zones 2 -9, but grown in pots helps to keep them 2 Zones less than where you are. They can be set out in the early spring in the back row of your flower bed to accommodate their dormancy. They are herbaceous. They need to be well watered and are not drought tolerant. They are a little picky, but quite beautiful and make a nice Valentines gift.



Scholarship Program

from Kris Ethington

Accepting Applications - \$1,000 College Scholarships!

The San Clemente Garden Club is proud to offer \$1,000 Scholarships for Graduating SCHS Seniors and Current College Students attending accredited 2 or 4 year colleges or universities in the fall of 2015. Both applicants will have a minimum. GPA of 3.0.

H.S. Applicants will be planning a future in environmental science, ecology, biology, entomology, wildlife or marine science, horticulture or botany, landscape design, and related studies. **College**

Applicants will be pursuing studies, certifications, or degrees related to Horticulture, Agriculture, Landscape Design, Ecology, Biology (excluding health sciences), Wildlife or Marine Science, and other Environmental based studies. See application guidelines for complete details. Members, please help us spread the word to eligible applicants! Application Deadline:

March 2, 2015. Download your application form via www.SanClementeGardenClub.com – Scholarships Tab.

Orange County District Meeting

from Launa Gould

- Date: Monday, February 9, 2015
- Time: 9:00am refreshments and business meeting the speaker immediately following
- Fee: Submit your \$5 registration fee to our treasurer Heidi Gibson by Feb. 1.
- Location: Crystal Cove state beach, commons area, Newport coast, California
- Program: Please join us to hear about the latest developments and volunteer opportunities at Crystal Cove followed by an opportunity to explore the beach and park on your own and stay for lunch. We can carpool from the church parking lot leaving at 8:15am.
- Directions: Pacific Coast Highway to the traffic light at Los Trancos/Crystal Cove.
- Parking: Park at the crystal cove parking lot and either take the shuttle to the park or walk down. There is a \$1.00 charge each way for the shuttle ride. Parking fee will be waived for meeting attendees.
- Lunch: If you would like to stay for lunch after the meeting you have the option of climbing the stairs up to Ruby's, enjoying lunch at the Beachcomber or bring a brown bag lunch and join some of your friends on the picnic benches by the beach.



Field Trips

Stayed tuned for the next field trip. It will be announced at the February meeting. The destination usually is not confirmed until after the newsletter deadline.



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San Clemente Garden Club Activities

FEBRUARY 2015

FEBRUARY 3	Board Meeting	1:00 PM
FEBRUARY 4	Meeting and Program	1:00 PM
FEBRUARY 5	Junior Gardeners – Marblehead	2:15 PM
FEBRUARY 9	OC District at Crystal Cove	9:00 AM
FEBRUARY 10	Civic Beautification – Pier Garden	8:30 AM
	Marine Monument at Park Semper Fi	8:45 AM
	City Hall Rose Garden	10:00 AM
FEBRUARY 11	Garden Therapy – Valentines	1:00 PM
FEBRUARY 19	Civic Beautification – Casa Romantica Garden	9:00 AM
FEBRUARY 23	Junior Gardeners – Concordia	2:15 PM
FEBRUARY 25	Field Trip	9:30 AM

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