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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Bette Langford

The gardens are in full bloom, and we are busy getting ready for the Annual Garden Tour, June 9th. Tanya Johnson and Dolly Latteier are arranging the Installation luncheon, June 13th, at Launa and Mike Gould's home.

As Chair of the Garden Tour, I want to encourage all of you to consider being a docent. You would be required to spend three hours in one of the gardens. All garden docents must purchase tickets. There will be plenty of time to enjoy all the gardens before or after your shift. The discounted price of the ticket to you will be \$12.50. Thank you in advance for volunteering to meet and greet our garden guests. Please call Simone Costes at 492-7133 or 2simone@sbcglobal.net.

Tickets purchased before June 9th are \$25 and on the day of the tour \$30 each. Please call me to pre-purchase your ticket by credit card or send a check made out to the San Clemente Garden Club and mail to Bette Langford, 102 Calle Cuervo, San Clemente, CA 92672.

The field trip to several members' gardens was amazing. There were about thirty of us who attended the tour and enjoyed a potluck at Cindi Allen's home. It was fun driving to Brigitte Christensen, Marcia Fulcer, Patricia Buice, Nancy and Bob Schoner, Erica Wherle and Tom Benton's gardens. We had time to discuss each beautiful garden with our car mates before reaching the next wonderful garden. We want to make this an annual event. Think about joining in the fun and showing off your garden to a bunch of eager gardeners.

I want to thank everyone for their help in making our club so friendly and fun. And a very special thank you to the board and committee chairs for stepping up to make our club the finest in our community and making my position as president so pleasant.



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SCGC Board Meeting

There will be no Board meeting this month. Next meeting will be in September.

Orange County District, State, and National News/Events

CGCI Convention June 3-6, Sacramento

OC District Meeting June 11, Crystal Cove Historic District, Newport Coast.

Pacific Region Convention July 26-28, Alaska

Orange County District Meeting

from Launa Gould

The next Orange County District meeting will be held at Crystal Cove State Park on Monday, June 11. The agenda includes:

9:30: District Meeting
10:30: Historic Crystal Cove State Park Tour
Noon: Community Salad Luncheon & Celebration

Join the celebration of our District clubs' accomplishments/awards for the past year and our District's involvement in the restoration of the gardens at the Historic Cabins at Crystal Cove State Park.

Orange County District of California Garden Clubs, Inc., under the direction of Annie Hall Bosche, has recreated and maintains the newly restored gardens at Crystal Cove State Park. Dedicated District members from all over Orange County including many San Clemente Garden Club members have participated weekly in planting and maintaining these gardens throughout the year.

In keeping with the historic tradition of community potlucks at Crystal Cove, we will celebrate our meeting with a salad potluck. Please bring a quart or gallon size baggie of something to add to our salad.

When you arrive at the Crystal Cove parking lot, take the shuttle (\$1) or walk the trail to the beach.

Come celebrate with us at beautiful Crystal Cove State Park!

45 Crystal Cove, Newport Coast, CA 92657
(949)376-6200

<http://crystalcovebeachcottages.com/CCAWeb/>

Installation Luncheon

Date: June 13, 2012
Time: 11:30 AM social time
12:15 PM luncheon
Place: Launa and Mike Gould's deck
1212 Avenida Buena Suerte
San Clemente, CA 92672

Come celebrate the end of the Garden Club year. This will be a casual and fun time with installation of officers, award announcements, and presentation of scholarship recipients

Be sure to send your check for \$12 made payable to the San Clemente Garden Club to Tanya Johnson at 103 W. Avenida Cordoba, San Clemente, 92672.

All through the long winter, I dream of my garden. On the first day of spring, I dig my fingers deep into the soft earth. I can feel its energy, and my spirits soar. ~ Helen Hayes

Club Motivation

from Bette Langford

What is it that we do that motivates members and how do we develop ways of encouraging their continued interest over time?

1. Learning something new. Clubs offer the chance to learn from other experienced members and experts.
2. Using specific skills or talents. Members come to clubs with a huge base of different talents and skills and are able to apply them in a new setting, time or place.
3. Giving back to the community. How often have you heard "It makes me feel good?" Civic beautification projects insure a legacy for future generations.
4. Having Fun. Social times give us a chance to get to know one another better, share a few stories or experiences, and often make a new friend.
5. Interacting with others who share similar interests. Some serious gardeners want the benefit of interacting and sharing ideas with other experienced colleagues.

I hope each of you will find what sparks your interest and your motivator.

~~Adapted from a *Golden Gardens* article by Rita Desilets~~

Junior Gardener Program

from Stephanie Anfinson

Marblehead's After School Kokua Garden Club in May was truly a Work Day! To see fifteen parents and grandparents with over thirty children busy in the garden was thrilling! Thanks to the SCGC we were able to add compost to every bed, plant flower and veggie seedlings, spread mulch to every pathway, and add gravel near the faucet. We also purchased a demonstration table, a cupboard to hold our tools, magnifying glasses, and garden guides, and a redwood potting bench. It was so fun to see how eager the children were to volunteer to do these jobs. It truly is THEIR garden! You can see their pride in their faces!



Scarecrow gets a new head!



Adding compost



So proud of her bed!



Mulch Mountain!



Hauling the easy way!



Team work!



I love mud and strawberries!



I love worms!



Putting together a new potting bench

Civic Beautification Volunteers

from Kathleen Scopaz

Pier Garden



Diane, Bill, and Kathleen noticed that although the leaves of the Strawberry Tree are browning, new growth regularly appears. Any suggestions for a happier Strawberry Tree??

City Hall Rose Garden



Diane, Doris (Welcome!), Launa, Emilie, Bill, Leslie and Kathleen take a break while spreading amendment from (Sponser) Serrano Creek Soil Amendments and pruning the lower third of each rose bush.

Library Native Garden



Bill plants one of four Erigeron Bountiful plants donated by Tree of Life Nursery, as Kathleen, Launa, and Diane also plant and water.

Casa Romantica Gardens



Shelly and Launa carry the Agave mother plant, which died after blooming. It produced pups at its base. This Agave grew in a curved formation; others grow vertically.



Diane, Launa, Anna, Jeannette, Bill, and Shelly pose for Kathleen as they begin their morning of gardening.

Park Semper Fi



Diane and Launa joined Kathleen, Bill and Simone to edge, prune and weed in the sun.

Thank you for the grace & beauty you bring to City Gardens of San Clemente, our City by the Sea.

San Clemente Garden Club Garden Tour Sponsors

Please support these businesses that sponsored our 2011 Garden Tour:

Dana Point Nursery 34100 Coast Highway,
Dana Point (949) 496-5137

Bemus Landscape
San Clemente (888) 557-7910 www.bemus.com

DeNault's Hardware
535 N. El Camino Real, San Clemente
(949) 492-3801 www.denaultshardware.com

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Native Plant Specialist, San Clemente
(949) 492-6492 www.glenslandscape.com

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(949) 837-3040 www.greenthumb.com

Ito Nursery
31825 Los Rios St., San Juan Capistrano
(949) 661-7291

Living Gardens Landscape Design
(949) 218-7459
www.Livinggardenslandscapedesign.com

Luna Landscape/Luna Tree
114 W. Paseo de Cristobal, San Clemente
(949) 492-3208

Nick's San Clemente
213 Avenida Del Mar, San Clemente (949) 481-2200

Plant Depot
33413 San Juan Creek Rd., San Juan
(949) 240-2107 www.plantdepot.com

San Clemente Inn
2600 Avenida del Presidente, San Clemente
(949) 492-6103 www.sanclementeinn.com

Serrano Creek Soil Amendments
25201 Trabuco Rd., Lake Forest
(949) 768-1008 www.serranocreeksoils.com

Shore Gardens Nursery
201 S. Ola Vista, San Clemente (949) 492-3526

Tom Benton
Century 21 OMA,
(949) 285-1945 Benton4re@cox.net

Trevor, Travis, Kayla and Luke
hear Gran'ma and Zaydee say:
"WATER WISE GARDENERS ROCK!"

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Garden Therapy

from Suzi Klickstein

In May, for our last Garden Therapy activity this year, we borrowed Kris Ethington's adorable caterpillar and butterfly craft idea, which uses little pompons, pipe cleaners, goggle eyes, clothes pins and paper butterfly wings. Tom Benton, Simone Costes, Dolly Lattieier, Bette Langford, Emilie Matthews, Malvina King, PJ Peterson and new member, Doris Weinbaum assisted the eager RIO clients in gluing colorful pompons onto a popsicle stick and clothespin to form the caterpillar. While the glue dried on the caterpillars, volunteers distributed paper butterfly wings, which the clients decorated with stickers and glitter. Then the two parts were joined to form a butterfly. Each client was thrilled and proud of his or her finished product, which each happily took home to display.

Each time that we arrive at the RIO, we receive a hero's welcome that warms us to our toes. There are 60 - 65 clients at the RIO adult day care center, and with each visit, we haven gotten to know the clients better. Their upbeat spirit is always an inspiration and the stories they share are delightful. It takes so little to bring them joy that it is humbling. Bertha, a cute little octogenarian, who is a constant at the RIO and their self-appointed greeter, always draws Tom Benton aside to tell him "Honey, you made my day." Well Bertha, I know I speak for all the volunteers when I say the pleasure is all ours and we will truly miss seeing everyone over the summer.



(See page 6 for Garden Therapy kudos from others.)

Heartfelt Friendship

from Heidi Gibson

A kind note is a sure fire way to brighten someone's day. If you would like a special note or card sent to someone in the club who needs our support, please don't hesitate to let me know. Call me at 949-361-0446 or email me at greatestscapes@cox.net. I have lots of stationery and lovely cards with heartfelt messages just waiting to be sent to a deserving club member, or even a friendly phone call would be appreciated as well.

Garden Tour 2012

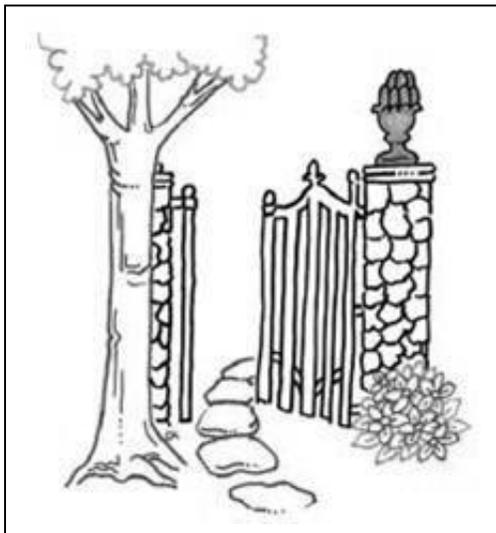
from Bette Langford

The San Clemente Garden Club presents its annual Garden Tour on Saturday, June 9, 2012 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Visit six unique coastal gardens tended by passionate gardeners. See spectacular ocean views, unusual trees, sweeping canyon views, tropical and sub-tropical plants, cottage gardens and many lovely 'outdoor rooms'.

\$25.00/advance tickets include a self-guided tour. See enclosed order form. Tickets purchased June 9th will be \$30.00 at the door.

For more information, please contact Bette Langford, 949-498-3317 or blang41096@aol.com.

As a garden club member, you are encouraged to support this fundraising event.



Membership

from Co-chairs Isobel Pelham & Bertie Lloyd

With the due date passed for membership renewal of May 1st, we have received 80 memberships and 7 new member forms for the 2012-2013 year. This number will increase as more renewals are received in the next month. In addition, we have 6 Honorary members; members who have reached their 90th birthday and are no longer obligated to pay annual dues but wish to remain participants in Club activities. New yearbooks will be printed over the summer and distributed at the September meeting along with 2012-2013 discount cards and nametags. Please give a special welcome to our new members who will have a butterfly/flower on their nametag to distinguish them.

From your editor

Here it is – the end of another year for the San Clemente Garden Club. I missed so many of the meetings with so many varied programs planned by Tanya Johnson. And I missed those field trips to exciting and hidden treasures that Bridgette Wurn-Christensen discovered. So you wonder what kind of member can I be? Who am I?

Although I am unable appear at any regularly scheduled activity, I spend many hours preparing your newsletter with interesting stories, happenings, poems, etc. All of this could not be possible without the participation of many officers and committee chairpersons who prepare a draft of interesting items to include in the monthly issues of *The Garden Trellis*. Kris Ethington prepares the entire page filled with Junior Gardening happenings and photos; I don't have to do anything. Kathleen Scopaz sends me her text and photographs of the garden transformations by the civic beautification volunteers and I merge them together. Suzi Klickstein writes poetically about the clients at the RIO and her team of energetic assistants while Tom Benton forwards photos of the garden therapy activities. Isobell Pelham and Bertie Lloyd keep us up-to-date with membership information. Interesting tidbits come from Simone Costes. Original poems by Clara Folger are a delight to include. Contributions of special projects come from Lisa Goff. Launa Gould, our District Director, provides updates on district happenings. Thanks to all of these contributors and those I forgot to mention. You are the best!

If you receive your newsletter electronically, you often have more information than the mailed version due to postage and printing costs. The electronic version is more colorful too. If you are receiving your copy by mail, please consider switching. Below is a request I put at the bottom of the email sent to your president who forwards the electronic version. Let's save a tree and keep America beautiful! Go electronic!



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

HOSPITALITY

from Simone & Dolly

To all our generous members providing a great variety of goodies for our monthly meetings ~ we had a delicious year. Thank You Very Much. We'll do it all again next year 2012-13.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable summer.

Garden Tour – Docents Needed

from Simone Costes

As you know, docents are very important - we are the friendly greeters representing SC Garden Club assuring an enjoyable visit to each garden by our tour guests. This year we have 4 gardens in San Clemente and 2 in Capistrano Beach. Each garden requires 4 morning docents from 9:45 AM to 1:00 pm and 4 afternoon docents from 12:45 to 4:00 PM.

Gardens	shifts available as of 5/8/12	
	morning	afternoon
San Clemente		
108 Via Toluca	3	4
42 Calle Almeja	4	2
2235 Salvador	0	3
303 Poco Paseo	1	4
Capistrano Beach		
35031 Camino Capistrano	2	4
34691 Camino Capistrano	2	3

Docents must purchase tickets for the tour - but at the reduced price of \$12.50 - and should have time to tour the gardens before or after their shift. Please contact Simone at 949-492-7133 or email 2simone@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for helping.

Kudos for Garden Therapy

from Bette Langford

I want to give special thanks to Suzi Klickstein and Tom Benton for all the effort they put in to making the RIO Adult Day Health Care Center projects so special. They are both busy people. Each month Suzi takes the time to develop hands-on activities that require a great deal of thought and creativity and our members are given the opportunity to interact with the delightful adults at the RIO. The exuberant RIO clients love Suzi and Tom (and his camera) and all the attention they receive from the SCGC members who come along to help. It is a very rewarding hour for everyone who attends.

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from Tom Benton

Thank you to all that helped with this activity yesterday (May 16). A special thank you to Suzi and the many SC Garden Club Members for all their help at prep sessions as well as assisting at RIO with various projects this year.

Thank you also to Diane and the staff at RIO for their assistance with our monthly activities this year. This was a very rewarding experience for all involved.

Garden Club Tour Flyer Mailing

from Bette Langford

Judith Clements welcomed over 15 members to her beautiful home and gardens to fold, stamp and label over 1,600 flyers for the June 9th Garden Tour. With so many hands to help, we made short work of this project. Of course, we talked and laughed the whole time and my Granddaughter Morgan from Boston joined in the fun. She remarked everyone was "very friendly" and how lucky we are to have such a happy congenial group.

I want to thank everyone for coming out to help on a Friday afternoon in April. I know we can count on your help on the day of the Garden Tour. Please contact Bette Langford, 949-498-3317 or blang41096@aol.com.



Jeannette, Isobel, Stephanie, Judy, Mary, Lisa, Kathleen, Heidi, Erika, Tina, Dolly, Bette, Leslie

Your cupboard contents can help

When it comes to composting, kitchen food scraps can be put to good use to help improve soil conditions.

Coffee grinds will add nitrogen and minerals to your plants. The calcium, copper and potassium found in caffeine products will enrich alkaline soil.

Eggshells will add calcium and nitrogen to potted plants, around fruit trees and throughout vegetable gardens.

Banana peels will add potassium and act as an organic fertilizer, helping plants grows flowers and fruit.

Source: <http://www.homedepotgardenclub.com/>



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San Clemente Garden Club Activities

June 2012

June 3-6	CGCI Convention	Sacramento
June 5-7	National Garden Week	
June 9	Garden Tour	10 AM – 4PM
June 11	OC District meets at Crystal Cove	9:30 AM
June 12	Civic Beautification – Pier Garden	8:15 AM
	Library Memorial Garden	8:30 AM
	Marine Monument at Park Semper Fi	9:00 AM
	City Hall Rose Garden	10:00 AM
June 13	Installation Luncheon	11:30 AM
June 14	Junior Gardeners – Marblehead	2:15 PM
June 25	Junior Gardeners – Concordia	1:00 PM
June 28	Civic Beautification – Casa Romantica Garden	9:00 AM

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

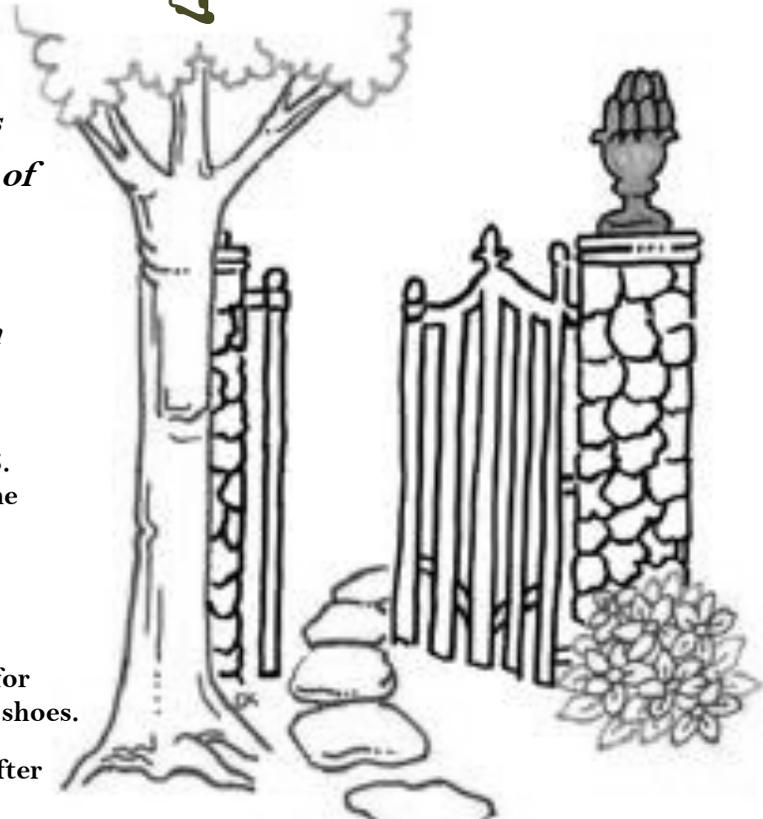


San Clemente Garden Club
presents its 2012

GARDEN TOUR

Explore specially-selected coastal gardens tended by passionate gardeners. A variety of garden styles, horticulture and hardscape await the garden tourist. This self-guided garden tour provides ideas and inspiration for everyone!

- Advance tickets are available through June 8 for \$25. Tickets purchased on the day of the tour at any of the gardens are \$30 each.
- Use form below or purchase tickets online at: SanClementeGardenClub.com.
- Gardens are not wheelchair accessible, nor suitable for small children. Please wear comfortable, low-heeled shoes.
- Tour tickets with garden directions will be mailed after May 24th. The tour will take place rain or shine, no refunds.



Saturday, June 9th 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

All proceeds from this fundraiser support the SCGC scholarship fund and community horticulture projects. For more information visit the club website at www.sanclementegardenclub.com or contact Bette Langford: (949) 498-3317 • blang41096@aol.com

**ADVANCED TICKETS
AVAILABLE NOW**

San Clemente Garden Club's 2012

GARDEN TOUR

To order tickets, complete this form,
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SCGC Garden Tour 2012
c/o Bette Langford
102 Calle Cuervo
San Clemente, CA 92672

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Send ____ (#) tickets at \$25 each Total Amount \$ _____

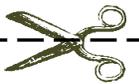
Make check payable to San Clemente Garden Club

Charge my MasterCard or Visa Expiration Date: _____

Credit Card #: _____ 3 digit security code _____

Signature _____

(signature required with credit card payment)





San Clemente Garden Club Membership Form 2012-2013

Dues: _____ \$25.00 Individual; _____ \$30.00 Family
Quarterly Subscription to Golden Gardens (Optional) _____ \$6.00

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: San Clemente Garden Club

Mail to: Isobel Pelham, Membership Chair
201 La Paloma, San Clemente, CA 92672-5115

Name First: _____ Last: _____

Name as you wish it to appear on your name tag: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ +4 _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Birthday: Month _____ Day _____

For Family Memberships: Spouse Name: _____ Spouse Birthday: Month _____ Day _____

The Garden Club is a very active organization; we would like to know your interests.

Please check all areas in which you would like to participate!

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Tour Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall & Spring Plant Sale |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. Gardeners Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Front Yard Garden Contest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity or Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> City Sponsored Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality at Monthly Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Website updates |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Floral design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Planning | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butterflies at San Clemente State Beach park | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Therapy (Adults with Special needs) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Beautification (Community Gardens) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

I prefer to receive my newsletter via email _____ OR in hard copy via postal service _____

Thank you! Please use the back of this sheet to write comments/suggestions.

Contact Isobel Pelham, Membership Chair, with any questions:

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