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## Together...for the Love of Gardening!

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Sandi Campbell-McClain

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I think the holidays are the best time of year for a lot of reasons. One reason is because we take the time to express thanks and appreciation to important people in our lives. I want you to know how much I appreciate all you do.

As you read this issue, you will see what fun can be had with the club in December. You can have fun helping Suzi at the RIO on the 6th. You can help at one of the Civic Beautification gardens on the 14th. You can enjoy watching the Monarchs at San Clemente State Park before the middle of the month. You can also participate with the junior gardeners at Concordia on the 16th.

And I hope to see all of you at the Holiday Luncheon on the 15th. Please get your check for \$20 and your lunch priority to Tanya Johnson.

Have some fun together...for the love of gardening!



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## SCGC Board Meeting

There will be no Board meeting this month. Board members will reconvene January 4, 2011, at 4 PM.

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

December 3 - 5 - Cactus & Succulent Sale, 10 AM-4 PM. For more information contact The Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton. (657) 278-4010 [www.fullertonarboretum.org](http://www.fullertonarboretum.org)

December 6 - Palomar District Floral Design Forum, 12:30 – 3 PM, Carlsbad. For information call 760-749-4976

January 27 - 28 - Landscape Design School, Course 2, Palos Verdes, contact [Aslafer@cc.rr.com](mailto:Aslafer@cc.rr.com)

February 4 - 6 CGCI Winter Board, Costa Mesa, Ayres Hotel, OC District hosts

## Field Trip

from Brigitte Wurn Christensen

Hope you all have a Wonderful Holiday!!! The next field trip will be in January! See you at the Christmas party!

There is still time to plant sweet peas, poppies, bulbs, and most trees and perennials, and do not forget the annuals like stocks and nemesias.

Keep gardening!

*Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own. Charles Dickens*

## Cranberry Salsa

1 cup cranberries, fresh or frozen and defrosted  
 2 teaspoons grated orange zest  
 ½ cup frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed  
 3 tablespoons minced red onion  
 1 tablespoon minced cilantro  
 ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper  
 ½ cup softened Neufchatel or reduced-fat cream cheese

Blend all ingredients in food processor or in blender until very smooth. Spoon into serving dish and serve chilled. Makes 2-½ cups.

*Note:* Can omit cream cheese and use like a dip.



## December Holiday Luncheon

from Bette Langford

Date: December 15, 2010  
 Time: 11:30 AM social time  
 12:15 PM luncheon  
 Place: Talega Golf Course  
 990 Avenida Talega  
 San Clemente, CA 92673

You are also invited to bring an unwrapped toy for a child to be distributed by Family Assistance Ministries. We are looking forward to seeing you at this event.



## Membership

from Isobel Pelham

Two new members submitted applications at our last meeting. This increases the membership to 161.

The flower on a nametag designates "new member." Keep an eye out for all new members and give them special greetings at our functions. Thank you.

Please add this information to your yearbook.

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## Holiday Luncheon Reminder

from Tanya Johnson

Remember to send in your reservations for the December 15 holiday party. Reservations should be made before December 1. Checks should be made payable to SAN CLEMENTE GARDEN CLUB and sent to Tanya Johnson. Cost is \$20.

Be sure to indicate your luncheon selection: pork medallions or Caesar salad with chicken.

## Junior Gardener Program

from Stephanie Anfinson

In Hawaiian, "Kokua" means "cooperation" so it seems to be the perfect name for Marblehead Elementary School's new garden program. With the monetary support of the San Clemente Garden Club and Marblehead PTA, the knowledge and mentorship of the Junior Gardener Chair, Kris Ethington, and the enthusiasm and efforts of over sixty parents and children, Phase One of the Marblehead School Kokua Garden is complete!

After two organizational meetings with interested parents and San Clemente Garden Club members, two workdays were scheduled for November 11 and 12.

Our first workday morning was a big success. A dozen moms took turns "wrestling" with the rented sod cutter while children followed behind, hunting for worms, collecting cutworms, using magnifying glasses, rolling and hauling sod, lifting and loading sod into pick-up trucks, pushing brooms, digging sod around sprinkler heads and obstacles, making new friends, all in the Aloha Spirit of Marblehead School!

Our 52' x 45' plot is now ready for our next workday of working on our watering system and building three of our perimeter beds. Two thirteen-year-old students from Bernice Ayer Middle School (BAMS) and our local Boy Scout Troop are going to work on two Eagle Scout projects. One will make eleven raised beds for each class in Kindergarten through grade 3 and cap the current sprinkler system and another will build an arbor and a picket fence to go around two sides of the garden, to hopefully keep the bunnies out!

I have also begun the task of writing grants for the additional funds necessary to complete our garden project. If you have new or used garden items (hand shovels, rakes, digging shovels, wheelbarrow or cart, buckets for tools, watering cans, and the like), we'd love to get gently used items for use in our garden.

It won't be long before our beds are full of soil and we'll be asking for your Garden Club help in planting just the right plants! Already, Brigitte Wurn-Christensen has volunteered to use her talents to lay out a planting design. If you would like to participate in any capacity in our Kokua Garden Jr. Gardener Program, please email me: Stephanie at [msanfinson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msanfinson@sbcglobal.net) and I will keep you informed as we schedule our activities.



1<sup>st</sup> Workday - Kokua Garden Crew



## October Program Recap

from Susan Pierce

Many members and guests enjoyed the colorful and informative talk by Annie Hall at the November meeting. She presented photos of many shrubs, perennials, ground covers, and annuals that add color and interest to your garden all year long.

If you missed the presentation or didn't receive her summary handout, it is reprinted below.

## Great Plants for Year Round Color

### Terms, Tips & Design Ideas

- ❑ Annuals, perennials, biennials, bulbs...
- ❑ Soil amending and Fertilizing
- ❑ Styles and design ideas

### Plants with Interesting Foliage:

Purple Leaf Plum, Agave, Ajuga, Hydrangea, Nasturtium, Coleus, Euphorbia, Echivera, Lamb's ears, Fountain Grass, Agave, Flax, Pride of Madera, Sage & Rosemary.

### Great Repeat Bloomers

Roses, Abutilon, Alstromeria, Angel's Trumpet, Anigozanthos, Geranium & Salvias.

### Spring

Geranium, Salvia, Asclepias, Impatiens, Begonia, Blue Hibiscus, Sweet Pea, Clematis, Columbine, Foxgloves, Hellebore, California Poppy, Philadelphus.

### Summer

Ballerina Rose, Hydrangea, Convovulus, Salpiglossis, Crepe Myrtle & Matilija Poppy.

### Fall

Coreopsis, Polygala, Penstemon, Lavender, Gloriosa Daisy, Sage & Obedient Flower.

### Winter or Early Spring

Camellia, Azalea, Snapdragons, California Lilac, Hellebore, Pansies, Violets, & Rosemary.

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## CGCI Awards Meeting

from Susan Pierce

If you still need assistance in preparing your award application, please contact me as soon as possible. Bring your application Thursday, January 6, at 11:00 AM for final review at my house, 806 Avenida Salvador, San Clemente. Completed applications will be bundled and mailed to meet the January 10 deadline. Let's make 2010 another award winning year!

Contact me at [sanclementesue@hotmail.com](mailto:sanclementesue@hotmail.com) or 949-498-3225 to let me know if you will be attending or dropping off . See you there!

## Workshop

from Erika Wehrle

I want to thank everyone who attended the succulent wreath workshop. We had over 30 attendees, many who brought cuttings, which provided an array to choose from. Launa led the group with a step-by-step demonstration and soon everybody was creating their own succulent wreath.

This is a really great workshop and has become quite popular. We had two special guests Rose and Fran, from the Long Beach Garden Club. There was sharing of succulents as well as creativity and a wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know fellow club members. The best part was taking your wreath home and watching it grow.

Remember to keep it watered and leave it flat for at least two months for proper rooting.

A very special thanks goes out to Launa and Mike Gould for once again inviting us into their lovely home.

I would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!! See you at the luncheon.

## Reaching Out In Friendship

from Ginnie Churchill

If you know anyone in our club who is celebrating something special or needs our support with a phone call or card, please let me know at 949-487-4814 or email me at [725calledivino@cox.net](mailto:725calledivino@cox.net).

We are such a friendly club and remembering the small thoughtful things can mean so much. Let me know how I can help. Thank you

## Civic Beautification

from Kathleen Scopaz

Isobel and Launa worked the City Hall Rose Garden to its loveliest.

Bette, Lisa, Jeannette, Marcia (welcome!!), Isobel, and Kathleen joined together at Casa Romantica to spruce up the parking lot garden areas. Isobel, Tanya and Kathleen found the Pier Garden looking good. It didn't need much work, just a few tweaks.

We then went over to the Library Garden where Mark Chavez of the water department drove up with a much needed spigot key. Now, no one will have to haul water from the library kitchen on the other end of the parking lot. Thanks, Mark!

At the Library Garden, Isobel, Tanya, Kathleen, and Launa weeded and clipped and were delighted by finding lovely buds on a few plants. Then, on to the Marine Monument Garden. Simone was already there planting plants from the plant sale. Vi came along with plant signs. Isobel, Launa and Kathleen joined them with planting, weeding, and clipping to bring the Marine Monument Garden to full glory in preparation for Veteran's Day services. A good month. A very good month....

If you would like to share your green thumb, please refer to the times and dates on the calendar located on the back page of "Garden Trellis." This information can also be found on page 10 of your membership book. And, please let me know if you want to be included in our email/phone reminder list.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Civic Beautification gardening family!



Simone, Vi, Isobel, Launa

## Garden Therapy

from Suzi Klickstein

A bright sunny November day found our warmhearted group of Garden Club volunteers cheerfully guiding the affable RIO folks in making their own unique dry floral arrangements. Tom Benton and his friend Sally Parent, Heidi Gibson, Mary Mohr, Simone Costes, Dolly Latteier, Shelly Gilmore, Ginnie Churchill, Bette Langford, and Suzi Klickstien distributed the materials and assisted the RIO clients in creating their designs. Everyone seemed delighted and proud of his or her completed arrangement.

The many dry floral pieces were donated from the gardens of club members. A special thanks to the Prescott's for donating a plethora of various, carefully dried flowers. The materials were prepared before hand with the help of Mary Gorelick, Heidi Gibson, and Rachel Masterton.

On Monday, December 6 at 1:15 PM, Garden Club volunteers will be helping the merry RIO folks embellish cute Christmas reindeer, constructed from wine corks, which were happily donated by club members. Assisting with a Christmas craft at the RIO is a terrific way to get in the holiday spirit. I encourage you all to join in the fun. We will be prepping for the reindeer craft on Tuesday, November 30 at 10:30 AM at Suzi Klickstien's house. Please contact Suzi at [Suziklick@cox.net](mailto:Suziklick@cox.net) or 366-2653 if you can volunteer and/or help with the prep work. Hope to see you at the RIO and our holiday luncheon.

Please note: We are still collecting wine corks to use in other RIO crafts. Thanks to all of you who have donated.

## Land-Bound Pest Control

from Susan Pierce

During the "Ask Homer" segment at the October meeting, a couple of pest control suggestions were offered.

Do deer or raccoons frequent your yard? Hang bags of fragrant, heavily perfumed soap such as Irish Spring on stakes throughout your garden. (Place some close to the ground if you are trying to deter rabbits.) Leave paper wrappers in place and drill a hole through the bar. Mist the soap with water in early evening, just before deer begin to feed. Soap will keep pests at bay until they become accustomed to the fragrance. Or place dishes of PineSol around the yard.

Place sticks of Juicy Fruit gum in gopher holes to deter the sneaky, little pest.

## San Clemente State Beach Western Monarch Migration

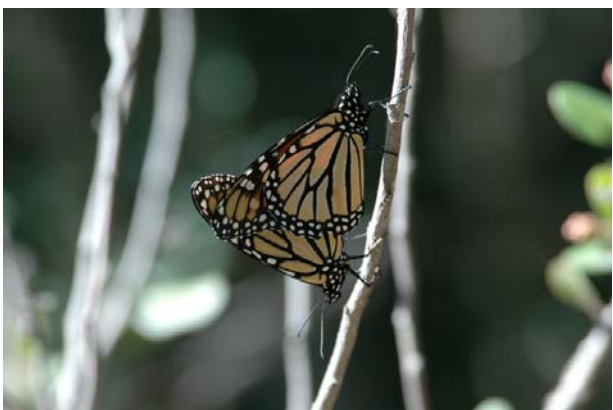
from Kris Ethington

Did you know that you could witness the amazing migration of our Western Monarchs, here in San Clemente? San Clemente State Beach at Calafia is a natural treasure of wildlife, here in our own backyard. Last year I learned that the migrating phenomenon of Western Monarchs was taking place here and has been officially documented for 20 years by David Marriott and his team at the Monarch Program in Encinitas [www.monarchprogram.org](http://www.monarchprogram.org). David and his program was an inspiration to me ten years ago when I purchased my first caterpillars from him. I knew he was an amazing resource and expert on the subject, but my head is spinning today from all that he explained and taught us about our migrating Monarchs.

Beginning on November 5<sup>th</sup> we began observing a great number of Monarchs at the Park. By November 11<sup>th</sup>, I estimated the number to be around 200 butterflies! After hearing about our observations, David invited us to join him on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> for his official butterfly count. There were about 15 people in attendance including Club members (my family, Simone and Dolly), Cryssie Brommer (Park Interpreter), Bob Allen (biology professor and native habitat gardener), Jean and John Vanderford (Casta del Sol Heritage Garden Club), and David's team.

David completed the count with 240 butterflies recorded, up from only 15 counted last year! The Park's peak was 150 until now, so all our efforts in the schools and the community is paying off with record numbers of local and migratory Monarchs!

We learned about detecting signs of OE (Ophryocystis elektroscirrha), a protozoan parasite on adult Monarchs. Wild Monarch and Queen populations are being infected and killed by OE. David showed us how to tag Monarchs, and then how to mark them as male or female on the wings. Bob Allen has agreed to do another tagging session with us at the Park soon. We learned that the Park is a bivouac or temporary overwintering site, with the majority of the butterflies moving on to the central coast for the winter. So, if you want to see some clusters, visit the Butterfly Trail at State Beach by the cement picnic table before mid-December, as they won't be here long! Bring binoculars. The best time to view clustering is early morning (7am-9am) or late afternoon (3:30pm-4:30pm), depending on temps.



# Western Monarch Migration



Butterfly enthusiasts learn from David Marriott



Teaching us how to mark tagged Monarchs



David Marriott and team officially count Monarchs wintering at San Clemente State Beach. The 2010 total is 240 butterflies, up from an all time low of 15 in 2009!



David teaches about OE, a protozoan parasite that infects and kills wild Monarch and Queen butterfly populations.

At the Park, a Monarch nectars on a favorite Eucalyptus tree.



Tagging Monarchs

photos by Kris & Dave Ethington



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## San Clemente Garden Club Activities

### December 2010

December 6	Garden Therapy (holiday craft)	1:15 PM
December 14	Pier Garden	8:00 AM
	Library Memorial Garden	8:30 AM
	Marine Monument	9:00 AM
December 15	Holiday Luncheon	11:30 AM
December 16	Jr. Gardeners – Concordia	2:15 PM

### *Save the Date*

January 19, 2011 Community Evening Meeting 7:00 PM