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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Sandi Campbell-McClain

Fall is here and our new garden club year has begun! We had a great time at the brunch to celebrate our new members. I'm so glad that we were able to meet so many of the new members and look forward to meeting those who weren't able to attend and getting to know all of them! Thank you to the board members and others who brought yummy dishes to share. And a huge thank you to my wonderful friend Kate Maxey who kept the buffet stocked throughout the event and cleaned up the kitchen.

Bette Langford has lined up for us a very interesting program with Sam Allevato on October 6th. He will be giving us a lot of information on the conversion of the El Toro Marine Base to the Great Park. Don't forget, the meeting and program start at 9:30 AM. We'll start the general meeting at 9:30, break for coffee and snacks, and start the program by 10:30.

In addition to the program, we've got a very busy month in October. I hope to see all of you at the great activities that are happening this month. We will need a little help with a new activity being done in conjunction with the Donna O'Neill Conservancy, A Date with Nature, on October 9th. We will need plant donations and a lot of help with the fall plant sale, setting up on the 15th and the sale itself on the 16th. And, of course, there are lots of opportunities to work in the community gardens, to work with Junior Gardeners, and help at the ever popular pumpkin decorating event at the RIO adult day care center.

TOGETHER we can assure the continued excellence of our outstanding garden club...**for the Love of Gardening!**

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SCGC Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2009
Time: 4:00 PM
Place: Sandi Campbell-McClain's home
Where: 31891 Paseo Terraza
San Juan Capistrano
Phone: 949-493-0173

All members are welcome to attend.

Orange County District, State, and National News/Events

October 4 OC District Meeting 9:30 AM

October 12 – 14 Flower Show School, Course 1, Sacramento, contact Mary Arakelian, 916-632-0220

November 4 – 5 Landscape Design School, Course 1, Palos Verdes, contact ASlafer@cc.rr.com

Front Yard Garden Contest

from: Suzi Klickstein

We are happy to announce our Garden Club is holding its fourth Annual Front Yard Garden Contest. Garden Club members and local residents are invited to submit nominations for noteworthy gardens they see when walking or driving around the area. The contest is open to both residential and business sites, and may include any type of garden.

A committee comprised of Garden Club members will conduct a "drive-by" viewing of all nominations, and will then select the winners before our October Plant Sale. We are accepting nominations now until September 28.

Please include the street address, city, and residence name (if known) and a few words about the nominated yard. Please email nominations to this newly established email address.

YardContest33@gmail.com.

The City of San Clemente is putting together a Water Smart Landscape Map. If you know of some water-wise home gardens for his project please contact Nathan Adams by email (AdamsN@sancllemente.org) with addresses and photos.



October Program

from Bette Langford

Date: October 6, 2010
Time: 9:30 AM
Place: St. Andrews Methodist Church
Subject: Introducing Your Orange County Great Park

Speaker: Sam Allevato

Sam Allevato is the Public Information Officer for the Orange County Great Park Design Studio. He will give an overview of the process to convert the vacant Marine Corps Air Station/El Toro to the first great metropolitan park of the 21st century. He will present a brief visual tour of the park that has a food farm laboratory, drought tolerant plants and vegetable gardens watered with recycled water. You will find this an exciting and informative program.

Butterfly Time

from Kris Ethington

Butterfly time finally arrived and I received feedback from some new butterfly gardeners. Vi sent a picture of her Monarch laying eggs on her new milkweed plants. Tanya's robust milkweed had caterpillar activity and a chrysalis on a nearby pot! A Concordia watering parent planted two milkweeds in pots and told me that she already had tiny baby caterpillars too.

The rewards just don't stop coming in!

A Date with Nature

from Bette Langford

A Date with Nature (ADWN), a community celebration of the wonders of Orange County Wildlands, will take place October 9 from 2-7 PM. The Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo and The Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy invited our club to sponsor a booth and share bluebirds and butterflies with the families of surrounding communities. ADWN will incorporate a wide range of outdoor family activities, e.g., digging for fossils, a scavenger hunt, a campfire, a twilight presentation on mountain lions, and more.

The ADWN event will be held at the Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy, which is located at 28672 Ortega Highway in San Juan Capistrano.

Junior Gardener Program

from Kris Ethington

It's been a busy month, getting back into the swing of things with the new school year. We started the year off with a successful pre-fall workday, which was followed two weeks later by our regular workday in September. Both enabled us to get the Concordia gardens prepped for the school year. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers. Our September workday was CRAZY! We had 34+ students who participated with weeding and collecting seeds. The excitement over seed collecting never ceases to amaze me! It was a banner Monarch week and during the workday, students, teachers, and parents were in awe watching two Monarchs emerge and another recently emerged one landing on a student's head! Thank you Simone, Isobel, and Sara. We couldn't have gotten everything done without your help!

This year we are developing a strong parent leadership group, and I am pleased to announce that Rachelle Vesque, mother of Tyler, a 2nd Grader, has agreed to fill the positions of PTA Garden Committee Chair and 2nd Grade Garden Co-Chair. Another parent, Michelle Johnson (mother of Hagan, also 2nd), has agreed to help Rachelle and me lead projects as needed. Rachelle is an avid gardener who was inspired by our program to begin butterfly gardening with Tyler this summer. She is a dynamo who is recruiting and inspiring others with her passion for butterflies and caterpillars. Michelle is an avid organic gardener. I look forward to introducing both of them to our Club.

To start the school year, Rachelle and Michelle assisted me with giving 2nd grade students a caterpillar talk and helping students collect sweet pea seeds to bring home. It seems the parents must be getting great feedback from their children as they are signing up to help in greater numbers than ever before; or maybe it's the volumes of Monarchs flying about! It's hard not to be mesmerized. During our caterpillar talk, the President of the Board of Trustees for the District happened to visit the garden with Mr. Gerhard. I had the opportunity to share with her what we were doing with the kids. She is inspired to plant these plants in her own garden and expressed the District's gratitude to the Club for all we've done for Concordia.

Please join us for our Jr. Gardener Workday, Thursday October 21, from 2:15-3:30 PM. Hope to see you there!
kethington@cox.net.

May the wings of the butterfly kiss the sun
And find your shoulder to light on,
To bring you luck, happiness and riches
Today, tomorrow and beyond. ~Irish Blessing

Membership

from Isobel Pelham

Please add the following new members to your membership book:

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Fall Plant Sale Workshop

from Erika Wehrle

Mark your calendar for the Plant Sale Workshop on Friday, October 15, at 9:00 AM. Bring your plant donations and help prepare for the annual Fall Plant Sale to be held on Saturday, October 16, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Many hands make for light work so join fellow members and help make this a successful event. Remember that the proceeds from this sale are for scholarship funds. See you there!

Field Trip

from Brigitte Wurn Christensen

Hello to all my garden friends. This month's trip will be on FRIDAY, October 22, at 9:15 AM leaving at 9:30 AM.

We will meet in the church parking lot on Frontera and travel to the world famous Balboa Park to see the gardens. There is an entrance fee to the gardens. Also, bring money for lunch. There are several restaurants in the park, so we can decide which ones sound good.

This is going to be a long day, so make sure you clear your schedule. It is going to be so much FUN. Join us for a great day in a beautiful garden in San Diego.

Civic Beautification

from Kathleen Scopaz

Thank you, Isobel, for your hard work, effort and dedication during your tenure as Civic Beautification Committee Chairperson. Your time, effort and instruction were invaluable to me in preparation for my new position.

The volunteers' passion for gardening is much appreciated. Your able assistance will go a long way towards preserving the integrity and beauty of the civic gardens.

On October 12 (8:30 AM), volunteers are invited to help plant the Library Garden with 12 new plants, purchased from Tree of Life. In the meantime, take a look at our September efforts -, 4 new plants pop in the Pier Garden, and 8 new plants bring fall color to the Marine Monument Garden.

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 43 of your membership book. Please bring your able hands. And, please let me know if you want to be a part of our email/phone reminder list. You can contact me at kscopaz@gmail.com or 949-429-1320.

We look forward to welcoming you to another year with our civic beautification gardening family!

Allow time each day to simply enjoy your garden. Don't dwell on the negatives - the weeds, the unfinished tasks, the plants nibbled by rabbits. Instead, focus your eyes on the beauty of details - a newly opened flower, dewdrops gleaming in the sun, a butterfly winging from bloom to bloom.

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.

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

Fall Plant Sale

from Lisa Goff

It's that time of year again where all gardeners are planning ahead for spring blooms and wanting to shop for a bargain! Come on out and enjoy the fall with us at the plant sale. We always have a great time, meet new friends, get to know each other, and help the community look for a bargain too. The plant sale will take place on Saturday, October 16, at the Community Center from 9 to 4 PM.

I have fliers to hand out and post so let me know if you need any for your gatherings. I can be reached at lisagoff@live.com or 291-7235. I will carry them around in my car and can be seen at various events around town or at the Casa Romantica on Mondays and Thursdays 9-1 PM.

Bring all of your plant donations to the community center on October 15 between 9 AM and 2 PM. We will be setting up on Friday before so come on down and enjoy the FUN!

If you can, provide plant names and a price you think your plants are worth. It is a fine balance between what people want to pay and what gardeners think they are worth so we need help. If you can make plant name labels or tags or an overall sign for all your plants that would be great!

If anyone has a raffle item, let me know and bring it to the October meeting. Last year we had a wonderful quilt that LaRae Fast won.

UCI Art and Flower Festival

from Tanya Johnson

The UC Irvine Arboretum's annual Fall Art and Flower Festival will be held Saturday, October 16, from 10 to 3 PM. Titled "The Art of Flowers," it features art inspired by California's landscapes and wildlands. It includes plein aire, photography digital media, jewelry, prints, ceramics, etc., plus all the plants and flowers from the arboretum and nursery. Fall blooms feature South African perennial plants.

All are available for sale. Plants do well in southern California gardens. Cost is \$2 per person. Children under 12 are free. Parking is free.

UC Irvine Arboretum is located just south of the corner of Campus Drive and Jamboree Rd, on the UC Irvine North Campus.

Plants for Fall

from Lisa Goff

Fall is the best time to plant, and October is the best month to plant in southern California, thus our Fall Plant Sale!

The Fall Plant Sale is a good time to sell bulbs of any kind! Please feel free to contribute any kind of bulb for the Fall Plant Sale on October 16. Let's remind people about forcing bulbs for the holidays and planting in October for a spring bloom. For those of you who are so led to start forcing bulbs or get them ready to sell, thank you. If you need an amaryllis container try a teacup. The best containers for Paperwhites are the low 6" round plastic or terra cotta pots.

Another item I am asked for a lot is houseplants. The best houseplants to clean toxins out of the air are dieffenbachia, philodendrons and palms. It is said that African violets along with prayer plant, ferns and spider plants can keep a cold away. Plants regenerate CO₂ into oxygen, thus providing a filter to clean and recirculate air. This all happens on a microscopic level so the more the merrier. Plus, greenery reduces stress; humans associate the calmness of plant material with relaxation. Breathe deeply.

It is best to display houseplants where they are going to get the best light exposure for their needs. Some plants don't need much light like mother-in-law tongue and spathophyllum. I keep plants near my electronic equipment; it is said they omit noise and electrostatic energy. So, I have one on top of my refrigerator, one by my printer and another along side my TV.

Trailing houseplants can be propagated by cuttings in water until you see the roots forming then move them to soil.

Drought tolerant plants of any kind are always good sellers and anything blooming. What blooms in fall or winter do you ask? Cyclamen, forsythia, cosmos, primula, geraniums, euryops, mums, companula, Does anyone have any cineraria?

He who is born with a silver spoon in his mouth is generally considered a fortunate person, but his good fortune is small compared to that of the happy mortal who enters this world with a passion for flowers in his soul. ~ Celia Thaxter

Garden Therapy

from Suzi Klickstein

In September, guided by the Garden Therapy volunteers, the delightful RIO clients constructed cute paper posies displayed in mini vases that the clients embellished.

Creating jack-o-lanterns from mini pumpkins has become Garden Therapy's annual October tradition at the RIO. For the last several years, Tom Benton has provided a pumpkin for each of the RIO's 60 clients and the Garden Therapy volunteers have assisted in the decorating of these pumpkins. This activity has become one of the client's favorites, which they look forward to each year.

Wednesday, October 27, at 1:15 PM is pumpkin decorating day this year. Please join us in helping the delightful RIO folks create their own Halloween jack-o-lanterns. We will be doing the preparation for this activity at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, October 19, at Suzi Klickstein's house. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Suzi Klickstien at suziklick@cox.net or at 366-2653.

Scholarship

from Cindi Allen

Hi Everyone, I hope all of you had a great summer. I suspect we have many summer like days yet to come since the season was so slow to arrive this year. I just wanted to be sure all of you realize that the money we raised from our Garden Tour in 2009 gave us the ability to award five \$1,000 scholarships to five very deserving students in Horticulture and Landscape Design at Saddleback College. I really appreciate Mary Mohr's ongoing dedication to this event and I know the rest of you do too.

In choosing our recipients, we had help from Dr. Farnsworth at Saddleback. It's difficult to leave out any of the applicants for the scholarships, so what we decided was that our garden club would select our five students based on the highest GPA's. I'm very proud to inform those of you who don't already know, two of the women who received \$1,000 each are members of our own club. The recipients are: Leslie Mowers, Brigitte Wurn-Christensen, Janis Smith, Gloria Rendon, and Rebecca Wilkes.

I will be asking all of our recipients to come and share their goals at one of our meetings. I know most of you would enjoy meeting them and living vicariously through them and their gardening goals.



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San Clemente Garden Club Activities

October 2010

October 4	OC District Meeting	9:30 AM
October 5	Board Meeting	4:00 PM
October 6	Meeting and Program	9:30 AM
October 9	A Date With Nature	2 – 7 PM
October 12	Pier Garden	8:00 AM
	Library Memorial Garden	8:30 AM
	Marine Monument	9:00 AM
October 15	Plant Sale Set-up	11 – 2 PM
October 16	Plant Sale	8 – 4 PM
October 21	Jr. Gardeners – Concordia	2:15 PM
October 22	Field Trip	9:30 AM
October 23 – 30	School Garden Week	
October 27	City Hall Rose Garden	9:00 AM
October 27	Garden Therapy (pumpkins)	1:15 PM
October 28	Casa Garden	9:00 AM