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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Sandi Campbell-McClain

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It's been a wonderful year! You should all be proud of the many things our wonderful club has accomplished this year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday with loved ones! And I hope you had an opportunity to help someone. Sharing yourself with others in need is the greatest gift of all!

I know I've been neglecting my garden a bit, but it seems to be behaving itself pretty well without a lot of attention. The weather has been pretty crazy...one day super cold...the next day very warm. One of our trees is very late in shedding its leaves, so we have that mess to contend with. I feel that many of our plants are quite confused with the strange weather. We even lost a couple of plants to frost over that very cold spell. But then I look at the news and see the weather across the states. I am so very thankful for the wonderful days we have been given here in Orange County! We have even enjoyed some beautiful sunset walks recently.

We had a great time at the Holiday Luncheon! I know there are many competing forces for parties at this time of year. If we missed you this time, I hope we will see you again soon at another event.

Bette Langford has lined up a couple of terrific programs for us for January. Julia Bawden Davis will help us decorate with houseplants at our meeting on the 5th. At the Community Evening Meeting, Tom Jesch will talk about roses and pruning. I hope you can make it to both programs – and be sure to bring some friends and neighbors to the community event on the 19th! This club is a valuable asset that more people should know about.

Looking for some new year's resolutions? How about helping Kathleen with the civic beautification or Suzi with garden therapy or Kris with the junior gardeners? There are so many fun things to do together...for the love of gardening!

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SCGC Board Meeting

T Date: Tuesday, January 4, 2011
Time: 4:00 PM
Place: Bette Langford's home
Where: 102 Calle Cuervo
San Clemente
Phone: 949-498-3317

All members are welcome to attend.

Orange County District, State, and National News/Events

January 27 - 28 - Landscape Design School, Course 2, Palos Verdes, contact Aslafer@cc.rr.com

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

March 17 – 18 Landscape Design School, Course 3, Palos Verdes, contact Aslafer@cc.rr.com



Community Meeting

January 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Roses in the Landscape and Pruning Without Making "Balls and Boxes"

Tom will share a wealth of knowledge from pollywogs to mulch piles on one hand while he is teaching you with good humor on the other hand.

Tom and Jackie Jesch created their dream, Daylily Hill, located in the rolling hills of north San Diego County. It is a beautiful setting for their display gardens, ponds, and a picnic site. Stroll through the wonderland of flowering perennials, vines, specialty trees and shrubs, roses, ornamental grasses, and a large assortment of exotic cactus and succulents.

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



January Program

from Bette Langford

Date: January 5, 2011
Time: 9:30 AM
Place: St. Andrews Methodist Church
Subject: Decorating Your Home with Houseplants
Speaker: Julia Bawden Davis

Julia is a Master Gardener, member of the Garden Writer's Association of America and a volunteer garden written for *The Orange County Register*. She will share the great advantages of houseplants and how they enhance your home.

Indoor plants are great decorator pieces. You carefully match your paint and wallpaper to your window coverings and other décor. Go a step further and decorate with houseplants. Julia will tell you how. Her garden, which is in Orange, is a certified Wildlife Backyard Habitat. She will also bring her book, *The Strawberry Story*.

Membership

from Isobel Pelham

We have another new member who joined at the succulent wreath workshop. Please add the following information to your yearbook:

Annie Marocchi
133 W. Mariposa
San Clemente, CA 92672-4616
Tel: (949) 366-6938

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.

January is the quietest month in the garden. But just because it looks quiet doesn't mean that nothing is happening. The soil, open to the sky, absorbs the pure rainfall while microorganisms convert tilled-under fodder into usable nutrients for the next crop of plants. The feasting earthworms tunnel along, aerating the soil and preparing it to welcome the seeds and bare roots to come.

~ Rosalie Muller Wright, Editor of *Sunset Magazine*, 1/99

Junior Gardener Program

from Kris Ethington and Stephanie Anfinson

It's been another awe inspiring month in the lives of hundreds of San Clemente Jr. Gardeners thanks to so many dedicated volunteers who have collaborated to create the next generation of future scientists! As a 10-year butterfly gardener myself, I thought I had seen everything, learned everything I could about Monarchs. It's been a pleasure to be proven wrong with all that we've recently learned about the Monarch migration through our opportunity to study a wintering population at San Clemente State Beach. During and after Thanksgiving break, Concordia, Marblehead and SCHS students were given the opportunity to learn how to tag and test Monarchs for O.E. (a protozoan parasite) through field trips at SC State Beach. I don't think that any of us imagined our *Learning Through Nature* Jr. Gardener Program at Concordia would in just three years expand to include students in migration tagging studies and scientific testing. Third grade students will review O.E. samples under the microscope in the Splash Lab from butterflies they raised and tagged at school. The Concordia fieldtrip that included scientists from the Monarch Program (David Marriott, Seiko Sudo) and Bob Allen, also attracted the attention of the KNBC news, for video clip:

http://www.nbclosangeles.com/around-town/events/Migrating_Monarch_Butterflies_Visit_San_Clemente_Los_Angeles-111160834.html



Bob Allen, scientist and biology professor, teaches students how to determine the sex of Monarchs. The male has symmetrical black dots/scent glands on the lower wings. Concordia/Marblehead Jr. Gardeners watch and learn how to tag Monarchs from newly trained Garden Club members at SC State Beach.

Concordia 1st graders also had the opportunity to harvest their bountiful veggie garden just before the holiday break. Each student picked 2-3 lettuce leaves or a radish that they started from seed in September. Then volunteers prepared small plates of food, including salad and a radish/cream cheese cracker sandwich! The majority tried their garden sample and dozens came back for seconds or thirds! Since this is the second year they planted and harvested veggies, it was clear they were pros and had already benefited from their earlier Jr. Gardener experience in Kindergarten.

We are also ramping up beautification efforts to include Concordia's school gardens on the SCGC Garden Tour in June. Funded by the PTA, an effort is underway to spruce up the front entrance to the school with California native habitat and Native American plants. A big thanks to Bill Fuller, garden club member and landscape designer, who has volunteered his time and expertise to this project. In December, Bill, Dave Ethington, Erika Werhle, Rachelle Vesque, and I removed existing plants and more than a dozen students with parents followed with preparing beds for amendments. A grandfather, Bob Vesque, also donated the use of his trailer and hauled away the debris. Planting should be complete by January. For Concordia Jr. Gardeners, contact Kris Ethington kethington@cox.net. Join us for Concordia's Jr. Gardener Workday, January 20th from 2:15-3:30.

Marblehead's Jr. Gardener December workdays were very successful! Stephanie Anfinson reported, "We built thirteen raised beds and filled ten of them. You should have seen the look on the seven-year-old faces when over 11,000 pounds of soil and compost was delivered by dump truck. What a mountain of soil they got to climb, dig in, and move by bucket and wheelbarrow! Two thirteen-year-old students from our local Boy Scout Troop 745 are working on their Eagle Scout projects. Sean Watson made eleven raised beds for classes in Kindergarten through grade 3 and capped the current sprinkler system and Barrett Croft is building an arbor and a picket fence to go around two sides of the garden. We will need the expert planting guidance of club members when we work with children and parents to plant our first beds in early January." If you would like to participate in any capacity in our Kokua Garden, Jr. Gardener Program, please email Stephanie Anfinson at msanfinson@sbcglobal.net.

Rose Pruning Workshop

from Erika Wehrle

Happy New Year!!

To those of you who ever had a question about roses but were afraid to ask, this is the workshop for you. Plan to attend the annual rose pruning workshop on January 26th at 9:00 AM at City Hall. Join fellow club members and our own experts and learn the proper pruning methods and care of roses. I encourage new members to attend, as it is a wonderful way to get to know one another. Invite a friend or neighbor. Bring gloves, clippers or small loppers and a rake.

See you there!

Civic Beautification

from Kathleen Scopaz

Volunteers did much needed trimming in the parking lot gardens of Casa Romantica providing a lovely entrance just in time for the Casa Christmas.

The City Hall Rose Garden is in a calm and serene winter mode, needing a few nips and tucks. The Pier Garden begged attention and received several new plantings. The Library Garden required an unexpected quick cleanup. The Marine Monument Garden was where we lingered. Don't know why, exactly – yes, there was work to be done, but I think it was the setting – including the myriad of birds we could see settled on the oceans' waters just beyond the pier. Altogether, a delightful way to greet 2011.

Happy New Year!

Christmas Luncheon

from Bette Langford

The luncheon held at the Talega Golf Course was delicious. Seventy members and their guests attended and the toys collected were given to the Family Assistance Ministries. Sandi Campbell put together the centerpieces from plants donated by Bea Grow, and Simone Costes donated two beautiful succulent containers. A raffle was held and over \$135.00 was collected and given to FAM.



Garden Therapy

from Suzi Klickstein

On Monday, December 6, our ever-increasing number of Garden Therapy volunteers could be found joyfully assisting our 60 wonderful friends at the RIO as they embellished cute little Christmas reindeer. The reindeer were constructed from recycled wine corks donated by Garden Club members. Tom Benton, Mary Mohr, Cindi Allen, Malvina King, Ann Sarrade, Ginnie Churchill and Suzi Klickstein shared the prep work for the reindeer. As always, the RIO clients were thrilled with their creations and the smiles and thanks we receive from them were priceless. At the conclusion of our visit, Ginnie Churchill led the volunteers and clients in singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." What a heartwarming way to begin the holiday season.

Simone Costes, Dolly Latteier, Shelly Gilmore, Stephanie Anfinson, Erika Wehrle, Mary Jones, Bertie Lloyd, Ginnie Churchill, Tom Benton, Malvina King and Suzi Klickstein assisted with the reindeer craft. I am sure that I speak for everyone when I say that with each visit to the RIO I grow fonder of those terrific, inspiring and appreciative RIO folks.

We will not have a Garden Therapy activity in January. On Monday, February 7, 2011 at 1 PM Garden Therapy volunteers will be helping the RIO clients create a lovely Valentine card. The prep work for the Valentines takes place at 10:30 AM, Friday, January 28, at Suzi Klickstein's house. Please give her a call at 366-2653 or suziklick@cox.net if you are able to help.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and that we can all enjoy a New Year filled with love, laughter and abundance.



Field Trip

from Brigitte Wurn Christensen

Hi all my garden friends:

This month's field trip is on Friday, January 21. Wear your tennis shoes and join us for a hike in Laguna Beach's historic home section. Yes, we will see gardens too! We will be walking in a hilly area so bring some water! Spend a beautiful day in Laguna Beach. We can also go by the wonderful Laguna Nursery for some shopping. See you soon.

Sharing Table

Bring to the meeting your extra bulbs, cuttings, plants, even garden magazines to share with other members. Identify them and yourself so interested members can learn more about the item you are sharing. Start a 'Friendship Garden' with plants from club friends and neighbors.

Propagation

This is a reminder to continue to propagate your plants for our big community GardenFest and Plant Sale on April 9, 2011.

UCI Arboretum Plant Sale

January 22, 2011, 9-3 PM

The UCI's plant sale features unusual yet easy to grow perennials, succulents, and blooming bulbs from the Arboretum nursery. Typical selections in January include perennials such as Arctotis 'Burgundy' blooming bulbs such as the Starfish Flower (*massonia echinata*) and an assortment of Aloes, Echeverias and other succulents.

Admission and parking are free for the event. The UCI Arboretum is located just south of the corner of Campus Drive and Jamboree Road on the UCI North Campus. Call 949-824-5833

Show your Membership Card!!

Club members receive 10% discount at Shore Gardens, Ito Nursery, Plant Depot, and Armstrong Garden Centers (SJC and Laguna Niguel)

New Year's Breakfast Recipe

from Susan Pierce

This recipe can be prepared in advance then assembled and baked while watching the New Year's Day parade.

HAM-CHEESE DELIGHT

- 1/2 cup finely chopped onions, browned
- 2 cups chopped cooked ham (1 pound)
- 3 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 cup sharp cheese, shredded
- 2/3 cup fine cracker crumbs (1 column saltines)
- 1-1/2 cup milk
- Dash pepper

Mix well and turn into 10 x 6 - 1-1/2 inch or 9 x 9 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees 45-50 minutes or until knife comes out clean.

Makes 6 servings.

Articles Requested

Do you have a favorite recipe, poem, information about a plant, or other topics that would be of interest to our newsletter readers?

Send your favorite to the editor, Susan Pierce, sanclementesue@hotmail.com



CGCI Awards Meeting

from Susan Pierce

If you still need assistance in preparing your award application, please contact me. Applications should be submitted to me as soon as possible (call before coming please) or bring to at my house, 806 Avenida Salvador, San Clemente on Thursday, January 6 at 10 AM. 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 to let me know if you will be attending. See you there!



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San Clemente Garden Club Activities

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January 4	Board Meeting	4:00 PM
January 5	Meeting and Program	9:30 AM
January 6	Awards Application Meeting	11:00 AM
January 11	Pier Garden	8:00 AM
	Library Memorial Garden	8:30 AM
	Marine Monument	9:00 AM
January 19	Community Evening Meeting	7:00 PM
January 20	Jr. Gardeners – Concordia	2:15 PM
January 21	Field Trip	9:30 AM
January 26	Rose Pruning Workshop	9:00 AM
January 26	Garden Therapy (patio plant care)	1:15 PM

Happy New Year!