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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Bette Langford

Let me begin this message with warm wishes for a very happy New Year to you and your loved ones.

Tanya Johnson arranged a wonderful holiday luncheon at the Talega Golf Course. It was a beautiful setting, and we had a fun relaxed time visiting with our friends.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the first meeting of the New Year, Wednesday January 4th at 1:00 P.M. The speaker will be Gini McCarnne, a commercial grower of African Violets from Claremont. Please bring your friends to learn more about these beautiful indoor plants.

The Rose Pruning Workshop will be held at the City Hall Rose Garden on January 10th at 10:00 A.M. Our club members will be offering expert advice. So bring your gloves and pruning shears and invite your friends and neighbors to attend.

The Garden Tour Committee's first meeting of the New Year will be held on January 20, at 2:00 P.M at my condo. Our annual fund raiser will require an effort by everyone so we can guarantee our Scholarship Fund for college students as well as our support for the Junior Gardeners, to name only a few of our projects. See the Yearbook Page 45.

To keep our Club running smoothly we need volunteers for officer positions and committee chairs. The Nominating Committee will be working to fill the officer positions in the next few months. Please take a look at your yearbook, pages 4 and 5, to see if you might find just the right spot for your talents. Our wonderful Garden Club needs you in order to continue our many activities. Contact Bette Langford or a current board member with your recommendations.

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SCGC Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2012
Time: 3:30 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

CGCI Award applications must be postmarked on or before January 10, 2012. See the Award Manual at [CGCI's website](#).

Orange County District Meeting: Mark your calendar for Monday, February 13 at 9 AM. The meeting will be held at Casa Romantica. Our club will be hosting. After a continental breakfast and short meeting there will be a tour of a special exhibit, The History of the White House Garden, which traces the development of the grounds from the 1790s to present. RSVP to Mary Gorelick with \$5 fee by January 25.

CGCI Winter Board meeting: February 5 –9, in Pismo Beach.

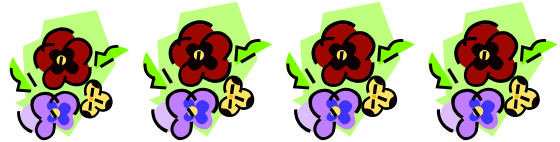
Flower Show Judges Symposium: February 12 – 14, in San Diego.

Bea Grow

from Susan Pierce

Many were able to visit with Bea Grow at the holiday luncheon and are now saddened that she passed away a week later after not "feeling well" for just a few days. She was 85.

I am asking those who would like contribute a remembrance of Bea Grow to forward it to me at SanClementeSue@hotmail.com. If you have a favorite photo of her forward it also. All comments received by February 10 will be included in a special tribute to Bea in the February newsletter.



January Program

Date: January 4, 2012
Time: 1:00 PM
Place: St. Andrews Church
2001 Calle Frontera
San Clemente, CA 92673

Subject: Being Successful with African Violets
Speaker: Gini McCanne

Gini is a commercial grower of African violets and has been raising and selling them since 1980. She will tell us all we need to know to successfully grow a blooming African violet. Her business is "Violet Perfection by Gini" and is located in Claremont.

Gini will be glad to answer questions about problem plants. If members want to bring a plant that is suffering for "Dr." Gini to diagnose, please bring it in a plastic grocery bag to avoid spreading the virus, bugs, whatever the problem might be to healthy plants. Gini will bring some of her favorite violets (like red ones and variegated leaves) if members would like to buy them. She will also have an assortment of pots and planting materials and ADVICE for the violet growers among us.



An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old one leaves. Bill Vaughan

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.



Junior Gardener Program

from Kris Ethington

According to Marblehead teacher-garden leader, Kendra Gerhard, the after-school Kokua Club junior gardeners had a great time during their workday recently. They pulled out the dying pumpkin patch, planted a companion bed of strawberries, and spent some time observing monarch caterpillars!



San Clemente State Beach Butterfly Trail Workday

From Kris Ethington

We had an excellent turnout of about 35 volunteers for the December workday on Butterfly Trail! Cryssie Brommer, Park Interpreter, and many club members were joined by 22 high school student volunteers from environmental science classes and other members from the community, including Mr. Carter, a 5th grade Concordia teacher, with his son and wife.

The late morning Sunday workday seemed to appeal to a lot of people. The morning began with a planting demonstration by Bill Fuller, for those new green thumbs. It was a pleasure to see student volunteers working in teams implementing their new skills. The club donated about 40 native plants from TOLN and wildflower seeds from Theodore Payne Foundation that were planted in each of the beds along the trail. The importance of the habitat restoration project was reinforced by the cluster of about 50 overwintering monarchs visible by volunteers with binoculars overhead; there are still about 90 making San Clemente their winter home from a peak of 175. Cryssie and I are discussing plans for a late winter or early spring (pre-Earth Day) educational and spring clean-up event on the Trail. Initial plans include another live butterfly exhibit, guided educational hikes, as well as seasonal maintenance. The wildflowers will be amazing, be sure to check them out in the spring!



Civic Beautification Volunteers

from Kathleen Scopaz

Special Event Butterfly Tagging



Earlier, Bill Schafer demonstrated Butterfly Tagging to Civic Beautification Volunteers at Casa Romantica Gardens.



December 2nd Tuesday - cancelled
Pier Garden
Library Garden
Rose Garden at City Hall
Park Semper Fi
BUT Simone braved this soaked Garden.
(She didn't get the email.)

Spanky's Story

The Spanky Chang Children's Garden was planted in 2008 by Launa Gould. It is dedicated to the memory of Spanky, the Chang Family's beloved dog. In the Garden, children visiting Casa Romantica are delighted to find:

- Fragrant flowers: Salvia, Cosmos, Carnations, Cool-aid plant;
- Herbs: Pineapple Sage, Rosemary (pruned in a dog shape), Basil, Lavender;
- Fun flowers throughout the year include: Lotus (with bird beak-looking flowers), sun-flowers, Lion's Tail, Lamb's Ear.

(See "Spanky" photo in next column.)

"Thank you... Beautiful!"

- Mayor Lori Donchak

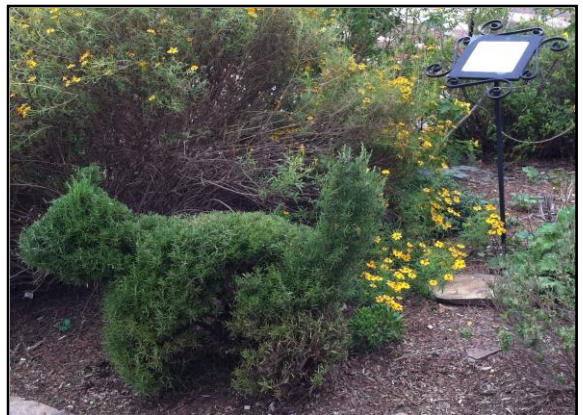
Casa Romantica



Shelly, Marcia, Jeannette, Heidi, Aggie and Bill stop for a moment near the Butterfly Garden while on a walkabout with Launa.



Bette, Heidi, Kathleen, and Judy C. in the Children's Storytime Circle.



Lisa Goff originally created "Spanky" in 2011 by pruning an Herb Rosemary in the Spanky Chang Children's Garden. An updated "Spanky," above, was pruned by Marcia Fulcher.

Membership

from Bertie Lloyd and Isobel Pelham

As 2011 comes to a close, we welcome the New Year with 154 members of our Club, 31 who have joined or rejoined after an absence of a year or more. Our 2011 members have a flower or butterfly on their nametag. Please look for them at our meetings and give them a special welcome. Thank you.

Note the following corrections for your yearbooks:

Marta Wynia's email address:

MarthaWynia@sbcglobal.net

Correct spelling: Purita Ferrer

I Didn't Get the Email

from Simone Costes

Well you know that old saying "I didn't get the memo"...I did not check my email Tues. AM. Park Semper Fi was quiet - a little overcast but I don't mind that...just me and the curious chip squirrels periodically checking on me. So cute...next time I'll bring peanuts. I cleaned up the food, butts and beer trash (a lot of trash - unbelievable) then weeded, made easy by the recent rain.

As I worked a man walked up to the Monument....I greeted him....he told me his story (I'm a new ear for him) - in part:

Retired Marine after 30 years... did not want to retire - mandatory at his age. He came to visit a new plaque on the Wall in his honor.... Master Sgt. Robert D. He visits often. (He is now caring for his son's children as his son is deployed). He thanked the SCGC for the care of the Park.

Back to weeding. Another man walked up...I greeted him. His son has been deployed 5 times (how stressful is that) and is now being transferred to Camp P. This man lives near by and visits the Park regularly and picks up trash. I thanked him. He also thanks the SCGC for our care of the Park.

Back to weeding. I pulled lots of weeds....I was there over 3 hours....I plan to weed again while the ground is soft....but this time with peanuts!

Garden Therapy

from Suzi Klickstein

For December's Garden Therapy activity at the RIO, volunteers Tom Benton, Simone Costes, Bette Langford, Aggie Hauswirth and Suzi Klickstein assembled sixty kits for making cute little liquid free snow globes. Feeling we were running short on our faux snow, Bette Langford offered to make a quick run to purchase some more. Who would have guessed that there must have been a big run on faux snow and Bette had to venture from store to store in search of our key ingredient. Not one to give up easily, our Bette kept going till she found some. Ironically, as it turned out, we may have been OK with what we had originally. We all had a good chuckle over that.

On December 21, donned in reindeer antlers our volunteers assisted the cheery RIO clients in creating their own snow globe ornament. Once more, I think the volunteers enjoyed themselves more than the clients.

Our activity in January is shell critters and will take place January 18 at 12:45 PM. Contact Suzi Klickstein at suziklick@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

Field Trip

from Brigitte Wurn-Christensen

Our next trip planned for January will be January 17. More information will be available at the January meeting.

Rose Pruning Workshop

from Kathleen Scopaz

A Rose Pruning Workshop, the club's annual event, with Homer and Leslie will be held at the City Hall Rose Garden on Tuesday, January 10 at 10 AM.

Come join us and learn how to properly prune roses. You may even be able to take home a cutting or two to nurture in your own garden.

Do you have an interesting story or experience to share? Send it to the editor and it will be included when space is available.

Holiday Luncheon Highlights

from Bette Langford

Tanya Johnson arranged a delicious Holiday luncheon. There were 68 in attendance and they enjoyed the lovely setting at the Talega Golf Course. Karen La Chance, wearing her fun Christmas hat, was enthusiastically selling raffle tickets to everyone.

The Madrigal Singers from San Clemente High School delighted us with a rendition the 12 Days after Christmas. We all had a good laugh at the lyrics.

Simone Costes donated two beautiful Succulent plants; Bobby at Shore Gardens donated a white poinsettia. An anonymous person donated a box of See's Candy and a basket filled with \$40.00 in small bills. In all \$172.00 was collected from the raffle. The donated unwrapped toys were piled high, and Erika Wehrle delivered them along with the money to Family Assistance Ministries (FAM).

Paella

1 large leek, white and light green parts only, sliced
 1 lb. butternut squash, cut into 1-inch pieces
 4 tbsp. olive oil, divided
 1 medium onion, diced
 1-3 tsp. cayenne pepper
 1 large pinch Saffron
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 2 cups Basmati rice
 2 1/2 cups chicken stock
 1 cup white wine
 1 cup frozen peas, thawed
 1 bunch asparagus tips
 1 large red bell pepper, diced
 4 large plum tomatoes, chopped
 1/2 lb Swiss chard, chopped

Preheat oven to 425°F. On baking sheet, place leek and squash, brush with 1 tbsp. olive oil and put in oven. Roast for 15-20 minutes, then remove and reduce oven to 350°F. In large paella pan, heat 3 tbsp. olive oil, then add onion and saute over medium heat until soft. Stir in cayenne and garlic. Add rice and cook while stirring for 2-3 minutes. Add stock, saffron, wine, leek-squash mixture, asparagus tips, peas, bell pepper, tomatoes and Swiss chard. Stir and simmer 5 minutes. Place paella pan in oven and bake at 350°F for 30 minutes, until rice is tender and stock is absorbed.

Enjoy!

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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2011



Christmas Luncheon



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San Clemente Garden Club Activities

January 2012

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| January 3 | Board Meeting | 3:30 PM |
| January 4 | Meeting and Program | 1:00 PM |
| January 10 | Civic Beautification – Pier Garden | 8:15 AM |
| | Library | 8:30 AM |
| | Marine Monument | 9:00 AM |
| January 10 | Rose Pruning Workshop, City Hall Rose Garden | 10:00 AM |
| January 12 | Junior Gardeners – Marblehead | 2:15 PM |
| January 17 | Field Trip | 9:00 PM |
| January 18 | Garden Therapy – shell critters | 1:00 PM |
| January 20 | Garden Tour Planning Meeting | 2:00 PM |
| January 26 | Civic Beautification – Casa Garden | 9:00 AM |
| January 31 | Junior Gardeners – Concordia | 1:00PM |