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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Bette Langford

The January 4th monthly meeting was well attended. It was exciting to see the room filled with so many enthusiastic gardeners. The speaker, Gini McCanne, came all the way from Claremont where her business, Violet Perfection by Gini, is located. She brought along with her many colorful violets: miniature, standard and trailing. I purchased a miniature in a self-watering pot along with the special (15-15-15) fertilizer. A few people suggested that we take a survey in May to see how we are doing raising our violets.

The Rose Pruning Workshop was held at the City Hall Rose Garden January 10th. Homer Wishek and Leslie Mowers gave their expert advice. We had a lot of help pruning and cleaning under the roses, and they are now ready for their spring bloom.

We will be holding a propagation workshop February 24th at 9:30 AM at Nancy Makowsky's home. Do plan to help and learn how to propagate for the plant sale April 14th. Kitty Coleman held a workshop at her home using cuttings from her garden this month. If you have the space and time to propagate a few of your plants for the sale I know they will be appreciated. Scented geraniums and herbs are always 'hot' items. I received an email from S. Coons who attended our last GardenFest and she said "the plants she brought are doing beautifully" and wanted the date of this year's event.

I know we all feel the loss of Bea Grow, a truly wonderful person and gardener. She was an inspiration, with a sweet smile and bright shiny eyes that welcomed us to her lovely garden no matter how busy she might have been when we dropped by for a visit. Several people wish to place a tree or plaque in a garden in Bea's honor. We will keep you apprised of these locations when plans are finalized.

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SCGC Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 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

Orange County District Meeting: February 13 at 9 AM. at Casa Romantica in San Clemente.

CGCI Winter Board meeting: February 6 -9, in Pismo Beach.

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

CGCI is extremely close to booking all of the staterooms in its block for the 8-day river cruise to Floriade. Dates are April 12 to April 20. If you are planning on joining, please contact [Chris Merkel](#) at 877-651-7447 or by [email](#) as soon as possible.

Orange County District Meeting

from Launa Gould

The next Orange County Garden Clubs District meeting will be held on Monday, February 13 at Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens, here in San Clemente. Social time begins at 9 AM, followed by the meeting at 9:30 and tours at 10 AM.

You will enjoy a tour of the historical home, the gardens, and the new Smithsonian exhibit depicting the History of the White House Gardens, which is an exclusive West Coast showing.

San Clemente Garden Club's hospitality committee will provide a continental breakfast. Contact Simone Costes 492-7133 if you would like to help with breakfast.

The reservation fee for the District meeting is \$5. Please give or send it to our Treasurer, Mary Gorelick as soon as possible so we know how many will be attending.



February Program

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

Subject: The Wonderful World of Bees
Speaker: David Marder

With the current concern over why bees are dying in such large numbers and the worry over pollination of California's agricultural economy, The Wonderful World of Bees should prove a timely program. Our speaker, David Marder, is president of the Orange County Beekeepers Association, and for the past 30 years has owned and operated Bee Busters, Inc., a "kind" bee removal service. Bring your questions and your curiosity - and your friends - to our next meeting.

Do You Know?

- * Honeybees navigate by using the sun as a compass.
- * The only food that does not spoil is Honey.
- * Honeybees visit about 2 million flowers to produce a pound of honey.

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 greatestescapes@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.

Any memorials I receive for Bea Grow will be forwarded to Susan Pierce for inclusion in a special newsletter insert.

Junior Gardener Program

from Kris Ethington & Stephanie Anfinson

I was not sure that I had much to report to you this month and felt a little guilty about my mini-vacation from students when I got an update from the **Shorecliffs' West View Learning Garden** team. To my delight, the school garden now has a very nice web page. During my virtual tour, I read about the progress and spent a lot of time viewing the slideshow of garden activities. I was pleasantly surprised to find someone videotaped me giving a tagging demonstration during the *Shorecliffs California Native Day* on October 8th. This was the day that students planted the CA native habitat funded by the Club on the garden bank. There are lots of photos and two videos worth watching <http://shorecliffs.schoolloop.com/garden>. For their workday on January 21st students will plant the succulents they propagated in the fall. They will also be celebrating their *first harvest* on **March 24th** with a **Grand Opening Picnic** featuring fresh faire cooked right from the garden, plant sales, and live music. Wouldn't that be fun to see in person?

Below is a mallow thriving on Shorecliffs' CA native butterfly habitat bank. I watched as a fast flying West Coast Lady Butterfly alighted on this plant (its host plant).



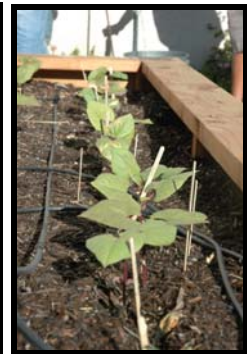
Students exploring and tending to the new vermi-composter. Hand feeding the worms as they finished their organic snacks.



Veggie beds planted with pea, beans, and lettuce!



Lettuce.....Beans



Thanks to the San Clemente Garden Club, 35 **Marblehead Jr. Gardeners** were able to make their own succulent garden to hang on the fence of their Kokua Garden. After learning that succulents have special adaptations that help them retain water, we added pumice and sand to soil. We added this soil to the planting containers we had saved. Next, we sorted through the hundreds of succulents that Launa Gould had donated - choosing our very favorite colors and shapes. Then we put them in little foam pails that we had found on the discount racks of our local craft store and we hunted down rocks, shells, and marbles for added interest. Lastly, we hung our creations on the fence at the far end of our garden. Oh, they look so colorful! It was fun learning about the special adaptations of succulents! *We meet again February 9th, Join Us!*



Civic Beautification Volunteers

from Kathleen Scopaz

Special Event



Lisa and Isobel (and Kathleen) spend extra time at Park Semper Fi assessing and cleaning up vandalism.

Casa Romantica



Civic Beautification Volunteers enjoy a Thursday morning tending the Gardens.

Rose Garden at City Hall



Isobel, Dee Dee, Jeannette, Vi, Bill, Bette, Simone, Emilie (and Kathleen) look on as Leslie and Homer demonstrate Rose Pruning to Ryan and Nolan of Glen's Landscaping.

Library Native Garden



Vi, Lynn, Isobel, Bette, Bill, Judy, (and Kathleen) plant five Erigeron Bountiful plants while tending the Library Garden.

Park Semper Fi



Vi, Nancy, Bill, Isobel, Simone, Bette, Jeannette, Dee Dee and Kathleen were joined by Wayne Eggleston and Glen's Landscape's Glen, Ryan, Nolan and three others to trim/prune plants and plant 14 Erigeron Bountiful, 3 Mexican Sage, and 2 Desert Snapdragons.

Pier Garden



Vi, Bill (and Kathleen) delicately prune the Strawberry Tree.

Membership

from Bertie Lloyd and Isobel Pelham

Membership updates this month include the addition of one new member: Diane Riopka and a returning member Patricia Buice..

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Happy Valentines Day!



Field Trip

from Brigitte Wurn-Christensen

Hello all my garden friends. This month's field trip will be on Wednesday, February 29th at 9 AM to accommodate the gardener we will be visiting. Please meet at the church parking lot on Frontera where our meetings are held. We need to carpool for this event. It is terribly hard to find. We will be going to the enchanting garden of Mr. Ken Pickar and his wife Sandy. This is a private estate in Rolling Hills on the Palos Verdes peninsula.

Here is a description of the garden you will not want to miss. The Pickar garden sits on 2-½ rolling acres. We will wander through hillside paths on terraced ravine enjoying a fruit terrace, pond, and waterfall. My personal favorite gem of this wonderful garden is its owners and their sunken Tuscan garden. You will also see a secret grotto, a vegetable garden, and wonderful statuary. Mr. Pickar will be showing us his spectacular garden himself. How lucky we are! We must be on our best behavior and thank this charming couple for the chance to enjoy their own private paradise.

Hope you can join us for a wonderful day in a wonderful garden. Sturdy shoes and water are required; lunch will be on your own, as I must return for a college class.

Garden Therapy

from Suzi Klickstein

For our first craft activity at the RIO in the New Year, the clients made unique shell critter note clips. The preparation for the shell critter craft was a lot more involved than expected. However, our wonderful volunteers, Tom Benton, Betty Langford, Simone Costes, Dolly Latteier, Mary Gorelick, Heidi Gibson, Aggie Hauswirth, Malvina King and even Marcella, a neighbor of Simone's, worked tirelessly until all sixty-five critters were ready for the RIO folks to complete.

February will find the Garden Therapy volunteers assisting the RIO clients, as they make three-dimensional hanging valentines. Please note: the day of the Valentine activity is Wednesday, February 8 and not Thursday, February 9. I apologize for the error. We will be prepping for this craft on Friday, February 3 at 10:30 at Suzi Klickstein's house.

Please contact Suzi at suziklick@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

Propagation Workshop

from Nancy Makowsky

It's that time of year to get ready for the spring plant sale which will be on April 14th this year. The propagation workshop is scheduled for Friday, February 24th from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. We have ordered bareroot strawberries to include in the sale.



Anyone is welcome to join us at 1305 S. Ola Vista in San Clemente and bring any plants and pots that you would like to

contribute for propagation purposes.

If you have any questions please call Nancy Makowsky at 949-683-0269.

Special Demonstration

from Kathleen Scopaz

Glen Frohlich of Glen's Landscaping will be demonstrating "reach-in" pruning of native plants at Park Semper Fi starting at 9 AM on February 14th beginning with Baccharis "Pigeon Point." All are welcome to attend the demonstration.



*Remember to send in your Bea Grow
memorials for next month's issue.*

Gardenfest

from Lisa Goff

It soon will be Saturday, April 14, 2012, and Gardenfest time.

This year's theme is "Outdoor Rooms," so please save and ready all of your garden room adornments for our flea market. We are accepting all outdoor furniture, architectural detailing, pavers, lanterns, chandeliers, decorative pots, trellises, cushions, birdhouses, bird baths, fountains, or anything you might like to see in an outdoor room.

Please don't hesitate to call or email me with any ideas you might have for our theme at Gardenfest. Do you have an outdoor room that you love and what makes it inviting for you? I would love to hear from you. You can contact me at 949-291-7135 or lisagoff@live.com

Narcissus Question

from Dolly Latteier

Why is it I get long beautiful green leaves, but no flowers? Can any one explain? I am ready to rip them all out.

Here are some answers the editor found on the internet. Perhaps you have others. If so, please share them.



1. Lack of fertilizer
2. Use of high nitrogen fertilizer
3. Competition for food with other plants
4. Poor drainage
5. Cutting leaves before turning yellow

6. Stress from transplanting
7. Lack of sun (need at least ½ day in full sun)
8. Lack of water after blooming (need watering for at least 6 weeks after blooming)

Silently a flower blooms,
 In silence it falls away;
 Yet here now, at this moment, at this place,
 The world of the flower, the whole of
 the world is blooming.
 This is the talk of the flower, the truth
 of the blossom:
 The glory of eternal life is fully shining here.
 - Zenkei Shibayama

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

by William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
 That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
 When all at once I saw a crowd,
 A host, of golden daffodils;
 Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
 Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
 And twinkle on the milky way,
 They stretched in never-ending line
 Along the margin of a bay:
 Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
 Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
 Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
 A poet could not but be gay,
 In such a jocund company:
 I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
 What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
 In vacant or in pensive mood,
 They flash upon that inward eye
 Which is the bliss of solitude;
 And then my heart with pleasure fills,
 And dances with the daffodils.

Lisa Goff suggests that we plant these Super Veggies now for good eating:

arugula	bok choy	broccoli
cabbage	kale	brussel sprouts
chard	cauliflower	radishes
turnips	lettuce - year round	

DIY Orange-Honey Sugar Glow

- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup honey
- 1 Tbsp water
- 4 drops sweet orange essential oil

Place all ingredients in a clean, shatterproof bowl. Blend thoroughly. While showering, apply to the body and massage thoroughly. Rinse and pat skin dry. Moisturize with your favorite body lotion.

Source: whole living magazine August 2011

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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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San Clemente Garden Club Activities

February 2012

January 31	Board Meeting	3:30 PM
February 1	Meeting and Program	1:00 PM
February 5	CA Western Monarch Day	
February 8	Garden Therapy – valentines	1:00 PM
February 9	Junior Gardeners – Marblehead	2:15 PM
February 13	OC District meeting (Casa)	9:00 AM
February 14	Civic Beautification – Pier Garden	8:15 AM
	Library	8:30 AM
	Marine Monument	9:00 AM
February 19	Pruning Demonstration – Marine Monument	9:00 AM
February 23	Civic Beautification – Casa Garden	9:00 AM
February 24	Propagation Workshop	9:30 AM
February 28	Junior Gardeners – Concordia	1:00 PM
February 29	Field Trip	9:00 PM