



# The Garden Trellis



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### President's Message from Cindy Burns



Welcome April, my favorite month of the year, when blooms in Southern California burst open. I hope some of you have been inspired to capture our recent rain or start composting. Mine is working its magic right now. I'm so proud of our club. While surrounding clubs are struggling to stay afloat, our 170-member club has carried on, delivering our award-winning Trellis, beautifying our city, adding beach cleanup activities and getting more zoom attendees every month for our great general meeting presentations. If you haven't

attended, now is the time to join us. I want to thank all of our volunteers who keep our club so vibrant and active.

Talk about the wonder of nature, do you marvel at plants thriving in your yard that you never even planted? And talk about nature finding just the right spot! I have spider plants that fill in nicely under my side palms. I have holly ferns growing out of the cracks of my koi pond rocks. I could not have planted them there if I tried. The ferns were in my front yard. Now they are on my side and back yard. I know the birds must be my secret garden helpers. Nature will never cease to amaze me.

### APRIL 7 WEBINAR from Carol Luetz

Many of us look to nature and the garden for solace and comfort in these trying times. Join us on a tour of botanic gardens around the world and learn about programs and features of these most prestigious gardens. **Teena Spindler** from the **Great Park Garden Coalition** will then present her journey to create a world class garden at the Great Park in Irvine. Hear about recent developments which provide hopeful news for this much needed refuge in Orange County.

### UPCOMING WEBINAR:

Mark your calendars for **May 5** when **Adam Graves** from The San Diego Zoo will share his expertise in the horticultural aspects of the zoo.



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## Orange County District News

from Bette Langford

Currently, the Orange County District of CGCI has no events scheduled.

### Membership/Discount cards are ready

Stop by Betsy Dunn's house to pick your name badge and discount card.

32186 Via Barrida, San Juan Capistrano

To make arrangements to pick yours up, email Betsy: [betsyd143@gmail.com](mailto:betsyd143@gmail.com)

If you attended the Smart Pot webinar on November 18, you can pick up your FREE Smart Pot too at **Weej Baggaley's, 23 Via Lucena, SC.**

And we have tons left over @ \$5 a pop!

### Membership from Betsy Dunn

As we continue to move forward, we are all anxious to see what 'normal' feels like. We have missed so much this year, especially seeing friends.

May is going to be "Membership Month" for the Garden Club. We are planning a couple of activities (safe, of course) to make it easy to renew your membership for next year. You will be able to pay for membership with a check or credit card. We'll let you know details as we get closer.

In the meantime, think about next year's Garden Club. Where do you want to go? Do you want to volunteer more? Lets make next year better than normal! (new application at end of newsletter)

### Planting Option

from Susan Pierce

I found this posted on Facebook--interesting planting option and a good project for children's activity.

Grow seeds in eggshells and then put them directly in the ground. The shell will act as a fertilizer.



**\* Just a short reminder to members to check their email junk folders for Garden Club emails. \***

### Free Compost Buckets from Launa Gould

Recycle your kitchen green waste into your green cart or your compost pile. Pick up your free kitchen compost bucket provided by the City of San Clemente. Stop by anytime, buckets are inside the gate.

Launa Gould,  
1212 Avenida Buena Suerte



### Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan



Carol L., Bob L., Launa G. and Kieu D. came to work at Park Semper Fi on Wednesday, March 3. Good thing we got there early at 8 am as we saw the storm was coming. We planted more Sea Thrift or America plants and got a lot of weeding

and trimming done. We left the garden just in time before the rain started.

Wayne had also planted many Galvezia speciosa or "Fire Cracker" plants alongside the edge of the garden in the previous weeks. Hopefully, this will attract many hummingbirds to the garden.

We will be at Park Semper Fi on **Wednesday, April 7, at 9am** and at Casa Romantica on **Wednesday, April 21, at 9 am.** Hope to see you there at one or both

Carol and Bob Luetz, Jo Anne Moran, Diane Murico, Kieu Doan and Sherry Christensen

came and worked on the Native Garden at Casa Romantica on Wednesday, March 17.

The recent rain sure helped make the garden green. We pulled out many ragweeds and Oxalis. Bob also trimmed a couple tall and bushy ornamental grass plants. The Ceanothus and Cleveland Sage bushes are blooming beautifully.



### 2021-2022 Proposed Executive Committee from Launa Gould

The Nominating committee of the San Clemente Garden Club is presenting a slate of new officers. Additional nominations may be made, provided prior consent of the nominee has been obtained. A majority shall elect at the May General meeting. The proposed slate is as follows:

**President:** Betsy Dunn

**1st Vice Presidents, Programs:** Carol Luetz, Weej Baggaley

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## Tulip Time in Holland! Keukenhof Gardens in Amsterdam.





## GOT MONARCHS? from Mary Mohr



The recent article in the LA Times presents seven things gardeners can do to improve the dwindling numbers of the Western monarch butterfly. Why is this so important? First off, caterpillars are a critical food source for most songbirds, which rely heavily on the insects to feed their young. Second, butterflies, like bees, are important pollinators. Adult monarchs sip nectar from many blossoms, and as they flit among flowers, they are also spreading pollen, helping the plants produce seeds, which also feeds birds and other wildlife and, of course, help the plant to reproduce. And third, butterflies are just plain beautiful. These are all important reasons to do our part to protect and increase the numbers of our amazing butterflies.

As we look to spring and summer planting, here are things we can do as individuals:

- First and foremost is to rip out the showy tropical milkweed (deep orange flowers) you thought were helping and replace it with the native milkweed, generally available in nurseries in April. Some nurseries have stopped selling the tropical variety recognizing that the parasites they produce in their all-year growing cycle weakens adult monarchs, messing up their migration patterns, mating success, flight ability and lifespan.
- When buying native milkweed, like narrow-leaf milkweed, California milkweed and woollypod milkweed, be sure it's ORGANIC and native to your growing area. When it's organic, that means that the grower has not used systemic pesticides, which are toxic to any caterpillars that eat them. Aphids are a common pest to milkweed and may look unsightly to you, but they do not harm the plant or caterpillars. A strong stream of water can rid them if needs be.
- Use your voice and start asking for native milkweed at your nursery and don't buy the tropical variety. Nurseries will respond. Since native milkweed is not available all year because it's dormant, ask for seeds.
- Plant lots of nectar flowers. Adult monarchs happily sip the nectary from many flowers. Among the native nectar plants for Southern California are: black sage, bluedicks, sunflowers, seaside fleabane

and manzanita. Also native buckwheats.

- Don't try to 'rescue' monarchs. Butterflies raised indoors seem to lose their innate navigation system and can't migrate properly. If you raise monarchs, put them outdoors. Also, don't move monarchs from one location to another as it can introduce diseases to the wild population.
- Keep your eye out for monarchs as researchers track the butterfly's overwintering habits now through April 22. Take a photo (blurry is OK), note the date and location and submit your photo by email to MonarchMystery@wsu.edu.
- Lastly, don't use pesticides or herbicides in your garden. Milkweed used to grow wild in agricultural areas and alongside roads. With these chemicals in wide use, both commercially and residentially, much of the monarch's food source has been destroyed. We can do our part and support beneficial insects in our garden as well as in our food supply by lobbying our representatives and government agencies to phase out their use.



WESTERN MONARCH AWARENESS WEBINAR

Join us over Zoom on April 24, 2021 at 9:00am

Guest speaker and Conservation Specialist, Susie Vanderlip, will explain the decline in population of Monarch butterflies and ways we can help reverse this reality. This will be very impactful and informational. Spread the word!

\*\*A passcode will not be required to enter the zoom conference. Once you are in the waiting room, you will be admitted into the webinar by the host.\*\*

Zoom Meeting ID : 982 9484 5319

(See Flyer at end of newsletter)

## Eco Warriors Vanquish Litter

from Weej Baggaley

The Eco Warriors struck again, this time cleaning up the beach near our wonderful San Clemente Pier. Come join the fun next time:

**Monday, April 19 at 9:30 am, Calafia State Beach.** and help us look after our beaches and our wildlife.



Who are these masked people? Standing: Greg & Betsy Dunn, Kieu Doan, Sherry Christensen, Mary Mohr, Barbara (last name?), Launa Gould, Rosa Kinoshita. Kneeling: Weej Baggaley, Susan Reveal, Marta O'Neill, Lynn Wolfe, Mary Lynn Smith. Not pictured: Lesley Bindloss, Sylvia Stevenson.

## Garden Plant Sale, June 12

from Ana Gonzales

The 2021, Garden Plant sale is set for **Saturday, June 12, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.** It will be held at the San Clemente Community Center. This date and location is tentative due CDC Covid-19 guidelines and City of San Clemente guidelines.

We are encouraging all our member to propagate at there homes. Pots available at Launa Gould and Teresa Whitney homes. You may also drop off any cuttings or over grown potted plants you are not able to propagate yourself. If you have any questions, please give any one of us (Teresa, Launa or Ana) a call or email.

## Word Of The Day from Weej Baggaley

**Orchidaceous** (or-kə-DAY-shəs)

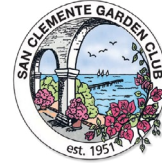
Part of speech: adjective

Origin: Latin, mid 19th century

1 Flashy, showy, as if an orchid.

Examples in a sentence: "My decorating tastes can be a bit orchidaceous."

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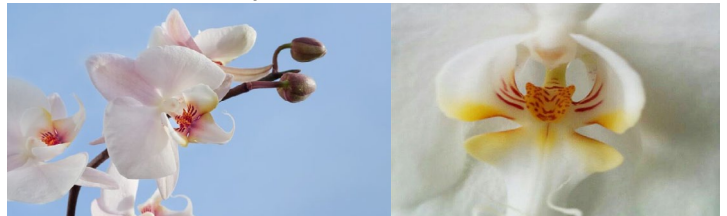
Asterisk (\*) indicates San Clemente Garden Club Member

## Ralphs Community Contribution Program

from Weej Baggaley

Our San Clemente Garden Club has partnered with Ralphs to raise money for our club through the Ralphs Community Program. After you link up your Ralphs card, Ralphs will donate a percentage of every purchase you make to our club, every time you shop and use your Ralphs card or linked phone number. (You can search for our club alphabetically, or use our code **AY273**.) [https://www.ralphs.com/asset/ralphs\\_instructions\\_2016-2017](https://www.ralphs.com/asset/ralphs_instructions_2016-2017)

The directions are printed at the end of this newsletter.







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## **San Clemente Garden Club Activities April, 2021**

Join these Virtual Events:

### **WEBINAR:**

**Wednesday, April 7**

**“Botanic Gardens of the World”**

with Teena Spindler from the Great Park Garden Coalition  
(email link to follow)

### **ZOOM MEETING:**

**Saturday, April 24, 9:00 - 9:50 am**

**“Western Monarch Butterfly Awareness”**

(See Flyer in this newsletter)

Live Events with COVID protocols:

### **Eco Warriors:**

Monday, April 19 at 9:30 am

meet at Calafia State Beach

### **Civic Beautification:**

Wednesday, April 7, 9:00 am,

at Park Semper Fi.

and

Wednesday, April 21, 9:00 am,

at Casa Romantica.

In accordance with announcements from CDC and WHO, all activities and events for the ensuing 2021 season are to be determined.



## San Clemente Garden Club Membership Form 2021-2022

Dues: Individual: \$25\_\_\_\_\_ Family: \$40\_\_\_\_\_  
(members joining on or after February 1, 2020, please pay half)

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Make checks payable to: **San Clemente Garden Club**

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**P.O. Box 3891, San Clemente, CA 92674**

(Note: your yearbook/name badge/nursery discount card can only be picked up at our General Meetings)

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**PRESENTS GUEST SPEAKER  
SUSIE VANDERLIP**

## *WESTERN MONARCH BUTTERFLY AWARENESS*

"As the Southern California 'Conservation Specialist' for Monarch Watch and 'Champion Contributor' to Western Monarch Advocates, my goal is to keep YOU informed."

*When: April 24, 2021 from 9-9:50am  
Where: On Zoom, Meeting ID -982 9484 5319*

As you may know by now,  
the Western Monarch Butterfly migration collapsed this year.

Under 2,000 monarchs were counted at both Thanksgiving  
and New Years across 400 overwintering sites  
in central coast California.

Put into perspective, monarch counts:

20 years ago - 2 to 4 million

5 years ago - 150,000

2019 - 30,000

2020 - under 2,000





## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



### WEBSITE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

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3. Follow the easy steps to create an online account
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7. Link your card to your organization by clicking on:
  - a. Community Rewards - Enroll
  - b. Type your NPO number or Name of your Organization
  - c. Remember to click on the circle to the left of your organizations' name
  - d. Click on Enroll to finish your enrollment process

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2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email address and password
4. Click on 'Your Name' (In the top right hand corner)
5. View all your information and edit as necessary
6. Link your card to your organization by clicking on:
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  - b. Type your NPO number or Name of your Organization
  - c. Remember to click on the circle to the left of your organizations' name
  - d. Click on Enroll to finish your enrollment process

Thank you,  
Community Contributions Staff