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## "ENGAGE - ENJOY - SUPPORT"

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#### WHAT IS IT ABOUT SPRING?

Even in mild Southern California, there is something about spring that makes us giddy. We're not coming out of a freezing, snowy winter! We are able to enjoy the outdoors (mostly) year-round here. But still, we feel it – hope, renewal, rebirth, growth – at least a little.

So many great events happen in Spring – garden tours, Tomatomania, flower shows – a busy fun time for gardeners.

Some of my favorite quotes about Spring:

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." (Margaret Atwood), "The earth laughs in flowers." (Ralph Waldo Emerson), "Spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil." (Bishop Reginald Heber), and my personal favorite: "Spring is nature's way of saying 'Let's Party!'" (Robin Williams).

Volunteer, donate, engage, enjoy this season of hope!



## April Meeting Program

Date: **Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 1 pm**

Place: St. Andrew's by the Sea Methodist Church  
2001 Calle Frontera, San Clemente 92673

Subject: **Magnificent Seven**

Speaker: **Leeta Latham**

The Nature Reserve at Mission Viejo is a habitat reserve with a wide array of flora and fauna.

**Leeta Latham**, Executive Director of the Reserve, will discuss seven of the endangered species on the reserve--what they are, where they live, and what laws protect them. See how Nature Reserve lands are managed and monitored for the benefit of these species and what you can do to help.



# GardenFest 2022 Plant Sale and Garden/Household Goods Flea Market Saturday, April 9, 2022

Club members and residents are invited to create "funky plant containers" for a contest. Attendees judge winners on site. Entrees are due by 8 am, Saturday, April 9.



## Members' Only Garden Tour from Lana Doyle

Mark your calendar for Members' Garden Tour on **April 12 at 10:00 am**

Our first stop will be at

**Marsha Medina's garden, 34901 Calle Fortuna, Capistrano Beach, 92624, 949.370.7535.**

A map with the addresses of the other gardens will be provided at Marsha's garden.

Refreshments will not be served this year.



## Museum of Making Music Field Trip

from Lana Doyle

Join on **Wednesday, April 20 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am** at the Museum of Making Music in Carlsbad. The museum tells the story of how instruments were made, used and sold through unique exhibitions and innovative educational programs. Cost is **\$8 per senior and parking is free.** Members are to arrange their own transportation and carpool. For more information or to sign up, contact **Lana Doyle at lanajdoyle@gmail.com or 949.498.6017** as soon as possible so that she can arrange to have enough docents for the attendees.

## Garden Tour, 2022 from Weej Baggaley

We are so excited to hold our 2022 Garden Tour on **May 14**. We have a fantastic lineup of San Clemente gardens to show off! Please encourage your friends and neighbors to come out for a wonderful day in these unique gardens. The Garden Tour is our major fundraiser, and is a wonderful way to enjoy our town. See the flyer attached to this newsletter, or buy tickets at [sanclementegardenclub.com](http://sanclementegardenclub.com). If you're interested in volunteering as a docent, please contact **KK Ciruli at 949-547-8494 or kkciruli@aol.**



## Eco Warriors Beach Cleanup from Weej Baggaley

We had a smaller group on February 28, but collected lots of styrofoam pieces, cigarette butts, and plastic threads from deteriorating sand bags.

Come join us the last Monday of the month (March 28, April 25) at 8:30 am at the San Clemente Pier.

**Our beaches need you!**

Thanks to Kieu, Rosa, Lesley, and new member Izi Hinds.

So join us next time:

**March 28, 8:30 am @ San Clemente Pier**



Kieu, Rosa, Lesley, Izi



Plastic sand bag strands.

## Spring Social & Installation Luncheon from Carol Luetz

Please join us as we celebrate another successful garden club year at the beautiful **Bella Collina Golf Club** on **Wednesday, June 1, 2022**. It's the club's last event of the season and you won't want to miss it!

Enjoy lunch, chat with fellow members, and acknowledge incoming and outgoing board members. Complete the reservation form that is attached at the end of the newsletter or make your reservations online at:

[sanclementegardenclub.com](http://sanclementegardenclub.com)

**Reservation deadline is  
Wednesday, May 18**

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Please bring them your business.**

Asterisk (\*) indicates San Clemente Garden Club Member



Garden Tour committee listens to Warren Vidrine discuss his fruit trees. Their all-edible garden is on our Garden Tour!

# Bragger's Corner

## Park Semper Fi Beautification

from Kieu Doan

We had a big group of hardworking members at Park Semper Fi on **Wednesday, March 9**. A big thank you to **Sherry Christensen, Izi Hinds, Shenni-Yi Lo, Sally Mills, Jim Proett, Deborah Spang, and Susan Reveal** who came to work in the garden. We trimmed off more Lantana plants, pulled out weeds, and planted many cuttings of the Bulbine Frutescens from Izi's garden. Jim even retrieved a two-foot tall palm tree from the garden's slope. We had a productive morning while busy visiting and enjoying the beautiful weather. Our next outing will be on **Wednesday, April 13 at 08:30 am**. Come out and join us.



Warren and Donna Vidrine show off their giant Parsnip in anticipation of the The Garden Tour coming to their all edible gardens on May 14!





### Casa Beautification from Kieu Doan

Big Kudos to **Deborah Spang, Izi Hinds, Rosa Kinoshita, Shenn-Yi Lo, Vi McMahon and Susan Reveal** who came to Casa Romantica on Wednesday, March 16, to work in the Native Plant Garden! We pulled out many Ragweeds and Oxalis. We cut back the tall Laurel Sumac (*Malosma Laurina*) tree and trimmed the Deergrass (*Muhlenbergia Rigens*) bushes. Our next outing will be on **Wednesday, April 20, at 08:30 am**. Come join us as we prepare the garden so it will be in tip top shape for our annual Garden Tour.



### Orange County District Meeting

from Launa Gould, District Director

Sixty-two gardeners from Orange County garden clubs attended the District meeting on Los Rios Street in San Juan Capistrano on February 28. Ten clubs were represented and thirteen San Clemente garden club members attended. The speaker Jan

Siegel, local historian, fascinated us all with her interesting history of San Juan Capistrano. She shared the history of horticulture/agriculture in south Orange County and Southern CA, including the plants and seeds brought here by early residents and visitors to SJC. We had an opportunity to view the historic O'Neill house, carriage house and old adobe on the property. Baskets of produce, lemons, limes, tangelos, and avocados grown on the property were given out to all attendees. Short reports were heard from each club then some of us enjoyed lunch nearby.





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## San Clemente Garden Club Activities

### April, 2022

April 6	Board Meeting	10:00 am
April 6	Meeting and Program Nominating Committee Report	1:00 pm
April 8	<b>GardenFest Set-Up</b>	9 am - 2 pm
April 9	<b>GardenFest</b>	8 am - 2 pm
April 13	Civic Beautification Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
April 20	Civic Beautification Casa Romantica Gardens	8:30 am
April 25	Eco Warriors San Clemente Pier	8:30 am

**FREE ADMISSION**



**San Clemente Garden Club**  
in partnership with  
The City of San Clemente Parks & Recreation

**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
*Garden Tour May 14th*

# Garden Fest

**Saturday - April 9, 2022**

**8 am - 2 pm**

**San Clemente Community Center**

**HUGE PLANT SALE**

**GARDEN FLEA MARKET**

**Master Gardener Tool Sharpening**

**Exhibits • Demonstrations**

**City Water Conservation Info.**

**Local Art • Funky Container Contest**

**Kids Gardening Activities**

[sanclementegardenclub.com](http://sanclementegardenclub.com)

Proceeds benefit horticultural scholarships, junior gardeners, and civic beautification.

The Perfect Gift for  
Mother's Day & Friends!



San Clemente Garden Club

# 2022 Garden Tour

Saturday, May 14, 10am-4pm

**Enjoy Unique Local Gardens  
and Live Music!**

- Advance tickets \$30 each (4 or more @ \$25 each) through May 13.
- Tour day tickets \$40 each at any of the gardens.
- Use form below or order online: [sanclementegardenclub.com](http://sanclementegardenclub.com)
- Ticket/Program mailed or emailed with directions after April 25.
- Tour takes place rain or shine. No refunds.
- Gardens not wheelchair accessible or suitable for small children.

**[sanclementegardenclub.com](http://sanclementegardenclub.com)**

Tickets: Bette Langford: 949-246-3168, [blang41096@aol.com](mailto:blang41096@aol.com)

General Info: Weej Baggaley 949-547-4693, [weej@me.com](mailto:weej@me.com)

*Proceeds benefit scholarships, school gardens, civic beautification, and conservation organizations.*

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## ORDER TICKETS OR GIFT CERTIFICATES TODAY!

### ADVANCE TICKET PRICE

Through May 13  
\$30 ea. (4 or more @ \$25 ea.)

San Clemente Garden Club

2022  
Garden Tour

Complete this form, detach & mail  
with your check payable to:

**San Clemente Garden Club**

102 Calle Cuervo, San Clemente CA 92672

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PLEASE SEND: (1-3) \_\_\_\_ Tickets at \$30 each Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(4+) \_\_\_\_ Tickets at \$25 each Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TO RECEIVE TICKET or GIFT CERTIFICATE: Email \_\_\_\_ or US Mail \_\_\_\_

Tickets also available on-line by Credit Card at  
**[sanclementegardenclub.com](http://sanclementegardenclub.com)**





## Spring Social & Installation Luncheon

Join us as we celebrate another successful garden club year and recognize incoming and outgoing board members.

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Social Time 11:30, Lunch 12:00 PM

Bella Collina Golf Club  
200 Avenida La Pata  
San Clemente

Chicken a la Toscana or Vegetable Risotto

Cost: \$30/person    House Wine: \$8/glass

Payment due by Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

*Pay online at [sanclementegardenclub.com](http://sanclementegardenclub.com)  
or make checks payable to SCGC*

-----Detach and Return Form Below-----

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_Chicken a la Toscana

\_\_\_\_Vegetable Risotto

Please mail your check payable to SCGC and reservation form to

Carol Luetz  
2607 Canto Rompeolas, San Clemente, CA 92673