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### "ENGAGE - ENJOY - SUPPORT"

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Reading about how to prepare a garden for winter makes me very glad I live in California. I only do two things to prepare for winter:

1. Plant a few containers with color – and place them so I can see them from inside my house where I will be warm and cozy. Looking out the window and seeing something pretty can really lift our spirits on a gloomy day. I have a large Christmas cactus, and it's already blooming. It will be a superstar on my back patio.

2. Focus on houseplants. Don't be fooled by articles like "20

Impossible Ways to Kill Houseplants" – just buy what you like and do your best. I love bromeliads. You really get your money's worth -They are colorful, and exotic, and last for months. Also, I found a great succulent called "Little Pickles" (*Othonna capensis*). It has a green pickle shaped leaf and a purple stem. I have two growing like crazy indoors. Just the name makes me smile.

I wish everyone a wonderful, colorful December. And remember these wise words from Erma Bombeck:

Seize the moment! Remember all those ladies on the Titanic who waved off the dessert cart. Eat dessert first!

#### January Meeting Program

Date: **Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

Time: 1 pm

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

Subject: **The Wonderful Life of a Dying Tree**

Speaker: **Gillian Martin**

Learn about a dead tree's surprising contribution to the health and sustainability of forests. You are unlikely to view a dead tree the same way again. The club welcomes back **Gillian Martin** of the Cavity Conservation Initiative to tell us about a dead tree's contribution to the health of forests— even the urban forest. This talk is fascinating, you won't want to miss it.



### **Propagation Workshop** from Launa Gould

The Propagation Workshop date has been changed to **Tuesday, January 18, at 9 am**. Bring cuttings you want us to propagate, clippers and any pots to donate, especially 1 gallon.

### **Garden Therapy** from Suzi Klickstein

On Wednesday, October 20, volunteers **Tom Benton, Barbara McLaughlin, Mary Mohr, Dolly Latteier, Simone Costes, Sylvia Stevenson and Suzi Klickstein** met at the RIO to assist the clients in making a garden related craft for the last time. The RIO building has been sold and we are not sure what business will be moving in. The RIO is now closed and has been renamed "**Reimagine.**" By the end of October the facility will have moved to Santa Ana.

It has been at least two decades that the Garden Club has conducted activities with the adults with disabilities at the RIO. The clients who were always so cheerful, welcoming and appreciative will be greatly missed by our volunteers.

Garden Therapy will be seeking a new venue. We are exploring some of the assisted living places and various schools that accommodate special needs students. We will keep you posted as to what we decide upon.

### **Park Semper Fi Event** from Lisa Spinelli

It was a beautiful sunny day at the **PARK SEMPER FI** Event on **Sunday November 14**. The Ringing of the Bell tribute to The Marines/Navy killed at the Kabul airport August 26, 2021, was emotional and heartfelt followed by the eulogizing memorial with plaque to the renowned Marine General J.K. Davis, our beloved local resident who died recently. All Veterans were recognized as well as the tribute to the 2nd Battalion 1st Marines South Coast Detachment, Marine Corps League.

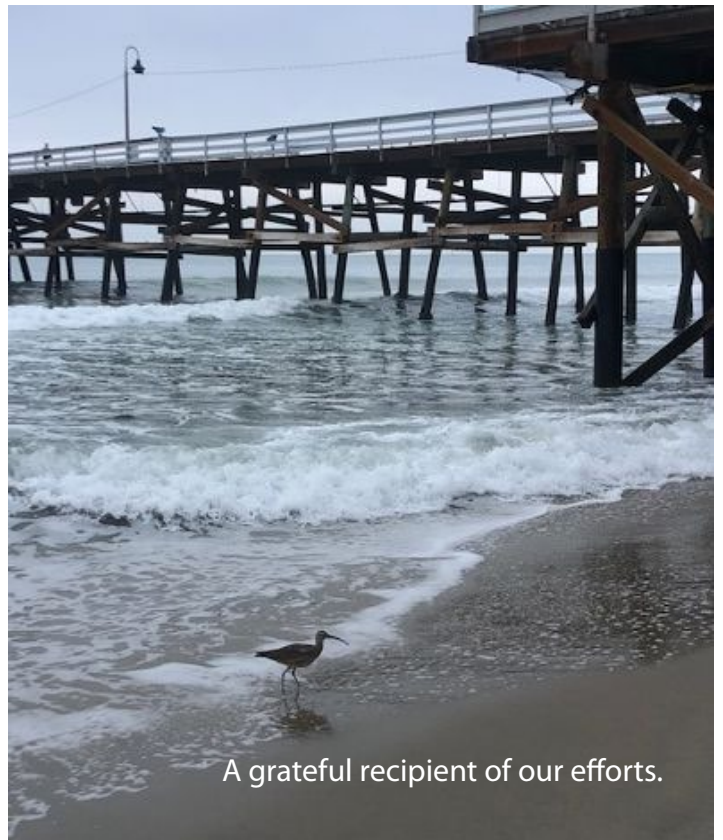
Our San Clemente Garden Club's vivacious Civic Beautification Chairwoman, **Kieu Doan**, was recognized by **Wayne Eggleston** along with her gung ho volunteer team for their work creating the park gardens to be so absolutely stunning.





### Eco Warriors vs. Beach Litter

from Weej Baggaley  
The Eco Warriors came, saw and conquered litter at the pier on November 1. Come join us AT NORTH BEACH for our next beach cleanup: **Monday, November 29 8:30 am** Meet at the North Beach Train Station



A grateful recipient of our efforts.

### ECO WARRIORS ROCK!!

... and Take No Prisoners! (where trash is concerned.)



Valerie and Terry (guests), Rosa, Susan, Lynn, Weej (Lesley not pictured)



Hypertufa Workshop  
Home of Launa Gould  
October 27, 2021



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### Park Semper Fi Beautification from Kieu Doan

A big thank you to our Civic Beautification team for coming on **Wednesday, November 10**, to work at Park Semper Fi garden. As a result, the garden looked beautiful for the Veterans Day Ceremony. We enjoyed seeing many red and orange blooms from the Lantana plants and were happy to see a few Monarch butterflies visiting the garden. Our next outing will be at **8:30 am on Wednesday, December 8**.



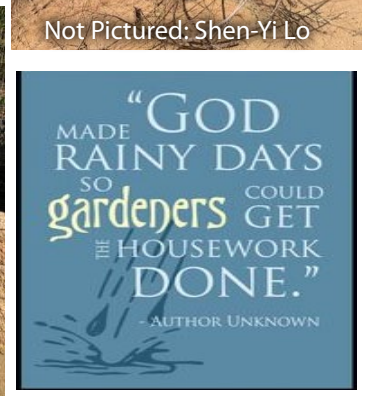
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Kieu Doan with Phong Doan (Kieu's husband)



### 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**.) or go to: [https://www.ralphs.com/asset/ralphs\\_instructions\\_2016-2017](https://www.ralphs.com/asset/ralphs_instructions_2016-2017)



### Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan

**Catherine Hall, Sally Mills and Kieu Doan** came to the Casa on November 17 to work in the garden. We trimmed back the tropical milkweeds, the Mexican Petunia and pulled out many oxalis weeds. Come out and join us next time on **Wednesday, December 15 at 8:30 am**.

