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### "ENGAGE - ENJOY - SUPPORT" President's Message

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*"Back in 1961, when women wore Shirtwaist dresses and joined garden clubs, and drove legions of children around in seatbelt-less cars without giving it a second thought..."*

Is it just me, or does that sound like a put-down of garden clubs? It is the first line of a book I just read. (*Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus). I enjoyed the book very much and would recommend it. I just couldn't get over that first line.

Bright, educated women have been active in various movements for years. Clubs formed around many different issues including social reform movements, musical and literary societies, and beautification. Women's clubs were a way for women to shape the world beyond their homes.

Our club was formed in 1951. I'm thinking the members then were a group of interested, interesting, community-minded citizens. The club has evolved. We are not only interested in gardens and gardening practices, but we also now encourage the conservation of natural resources. And we work in partnership with several schools and provide scholarship assistance to local students. Our members work tirelessly in community gardens and beach clean up activities. We have monthly meetings and learn from experts. We take field trips to learn about our community. Oh, and our membership now includes many men.

Don't be shy about bragging about the Club's accomplishments and activities. I know The San Clemente Garden Club has made an indelible mark on San Clemente, and we are all part of that, and should be proud.

## December Meeting Program

### December 7, 2022

#### Annual Holiday Luncheon



200 Avenida La Pata, San Clemente

11:30 am Social Time

12:00 pm Luncheon

You are invited to bring an unwrapped child's toy to be donated to Family Assistance Ministries for distribution to local children in need.



### Las Palmas in the Garden, Nov 4

from Sarah Gould

Las Palmas School's last activity was a composting activity. We helped bring in items to compost and the students helped to find worms. They learned all about what worms do in the garden.

I was able to deliver grant checks to Palisades, Marblehead, Truman, Concordia, Lobo, Las Palmas Elementary and Shorecliffs Middle Schools.

#### LAS PALMAS

November 18, 8-9 am-cleanup

December 2, 8-9 am-clean up

December 9, 8-9 am-cleanup

December 16, 10:30 am-garden activity

We are in need of volunteers to help the schools with weeding and teaching lessons.

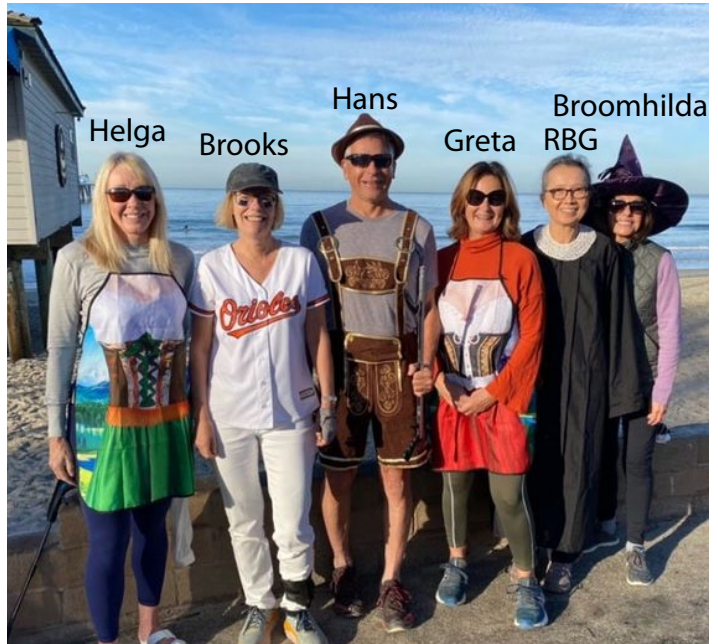
Please reach out to Sarah Gould: 310.597.0773.



### Eco Warriors Strike Again

from Weej Baggaley

The Eco Warriors showed up in costume and picked up a scary amount of trash on Halloween. We always recycle what we can, throw out what we must, and clean up and donate whatever looks like it could still be useful (flip flops, water bottles, pencils, t-shirts destined for reuse).





## Hypertufa Workshop from Kim Neal

On **Friday, November 18**, a Hypertufa workshop was held at the home of Launa Gould. This workshop has been very popular with club members in the past. That proved true again this year with 20 participants registered to attend.

The workshop was led by San Clemente resident **Cleo Demarco**, who is a Hypertufa aficionado, and graciously agreed to share her time and knowledge. There are two more workshops scheduled. The first is in January (Moss-Covered Terracotta Pots and Propagation) and the second will be held in March (Terrariums) of 2023. Complete descriptions can be found on the club website under Events on the Members tab.

## Moss-Covered Terracotta Pots and Propagation Workshop from Kim Neal

**Teresa Whitney** has, once again, graciously agreed to host the January workshop at her home. The workshop is scheduled for **Monday, January 23, 2023, 9 am**.

This workshop serves two purposes:

**Moss Covered Terracotta Pots:** Learn how to mix 'living paint' and coat an unglazed terracotta pot with the slurry. Then watch it grow over time. Cost: \$5, payable on the day of the workshop. Advance registration for this part of the workshop is due no later than **Friday, December 9**, to ensure that enough materials are on hand for all participants.

**Propagation:** Consider learning new propagation skills or just refresh your old ones. The propagation part of the workshop, led by **Launa Gould**, will cover techniques to ensure your success when propagating plants in your own garden. The skills we learn will be put to use on the day of the workshop as we propagate plants which will be sold at the **April GardenFest plant sale**. You do not have to create a moss-covered terracotta pot in order to participate in the propagation portion of the workshop.

Cost: No Charge

Contact Kim Neal by email at [kim\\_neal@cox.net](mailto:kim_neal@cox.net) to register.

### Some Famous Christmas Quotes:

*"It came without ribbons, it came without tags. It came without packages, boxes, or bags.....Maybe Christmas (he thought) doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more."*

—The Grinch, from Dr. Seuss

*"The rooms were very still while the pages were softly turned and the winter sunshine crept in to touch the bright heads and serious faces with a Christmas greeting."* —Louisa May Alcott

*"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear."* --Buddy, from the movie "Elf"

## Tree City USA from Patricia Holloway

Last October 18 the San Clemente City Council unanimously approved sending an application to the **National Arbor Day Foundation** to request designation as a Tree City USA. To be eligible, our city must meet four criteria:

1. **Maintain a tree board or department**
2. **Have a city tree ordinance**
3. **Spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry annually**
4. **Celebrate Arbor Day**

The city complies with these criteria and will be required to stay compliant in order to receive this annual designation. The council asked staff to update the existing City Tree Policy, which is over 20 years old. Two public workshops will be scheduled in the future to obtain community input, so feel free to share your thoughts when the time comes.

The city's Arbor Day celebration will be held on **April 28, 2023**, at **Forester Ranch Community Park**. Our Garden Club board generously agreed to donate \$620 to the city to plant two 24-inch box trees at the event. Our San Clemente Rotary, Sunrise Rotary, and local chapter of Citizens' Climate Education will also be donating trees and celebrating alongside SCGC.

More details to come in the new year about public workshops, Arbor Day, and expanding our "Village Forest."

Beautiful Coast Live Oak in median on Avenida La Pata (planted in 1980s)



## Help Santa Save Paper & Aggravation from Eco Warriors

Smart families sign up with the **Santa Green Plan!** They set out a large bag for each child on Christmas Eve, Santa comes and fills it with unwrapped gifts and then makes off with a cookie and a slug of egg nog on his way to his next stop. Santa and his elves love it because they save all that time wrapping! Happy Holidays!

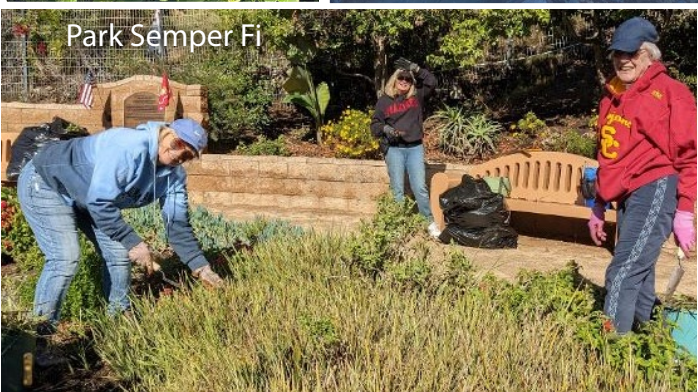
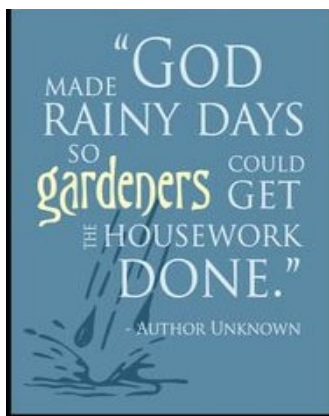
Psst... Keep an eye out for upcoming tours sponsored by your friendly Eco Warriors.



## Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan

A big Kudos to our big group of enthusiastic gardeners, **Kim Neal, Sherry Christensen, Nina Ostensen, Catherine Hall, Florence Hanan, Mary Blumé, Amanda Quintanilla, Phong and Kieu Doan**, who came to **Casa Romantica** garden on **Wednesday, October 19**. We planted 3 Popcorn Cassia plants in the Native Bowl garden and enjoyed seeing many Yellow Sulfur Butterflies flying all over the garden. We cut back several Lantana and Dusty Miller plants, pulled out lots of rag weeds under the CA buckeye tree, trimmed back dead Foxtail agave leaves and removed the dying Century plant by the ocean bluff. Even with the hot summer-like temperature, we enjoyed working in our community garden while learning and chit-chatting with our fellow members. Come to join us if you have a hour or two to spare and meet up with your fellow members.

A big thank you to **Bette Langford, Kim Neal** and **Deborah Spang** who came to **Park Semper Fi** to weed, deadheaded the Marguerite bush and trimmed the *salvia lavandulifolia* or Spanish sage. **Sandy Cushman** stopped by on her morning walk and deadheaded the Marguerite bush also. A gentleman from Minnesota came by the park and said, "our memorial park is the best one he has ever visited." It was a beautiful sunny morning to work in our garden after the much welcomed rain of the season. Come join us at 8:30 am on **Wednesday, Dec 14**, at Park Semper Fi and on **Wednesday, Dec 21**, at Casa Romantica to make our community gardens more beautiful.





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## Garden Therapy from Suzi Klickstein

Garden Therapy has a new home and that is the **Boys & Girls Club** in **San Clemente**. On the second Monday in November, at 3 pm, **Barbara McLaughlin, Tom Benton, Linda Fry, Kieu Doan, Heidi Gibson and Suzi Klickstein** met at the local Boys & Girls Club to lead fifteen eight to ten year-olds in making holiday wreaths. The children were very enthusiastic and the project went very quickly. The delightful students were very appreciative and had wonderful manners. We all enjoyed ourselves and are looking forward to next month at the Boys & Girls Club. Please note that we will meet on the **second Monday** of the month, each month through May. Volunteers should arrive at **2:30 pm** to help set up for the craft materials. If you have any questions contact Suzi Klickstein at **949.922.3734** or **suziklick@gmail.com**.



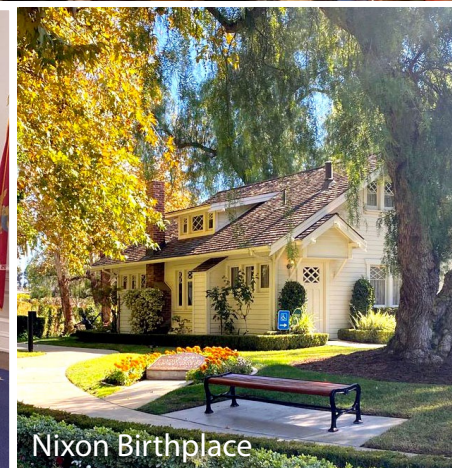


### Field Trip from Lisa Spinelli

Our field trip on **Nov 15** to the **Nixon Presidential Library & Museum** was very impressive--good history--fascinating and well designed exhibits (a lot of interactive), interesting birthplace house, and beautiful grounds and, of course, Garden Club member comraderie...all made for a wonderful day, thanks to Coordinator Lana Doyle!



The East Room



Marine One



Moon Exploration Exhibit







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## San Clemente Garden Club Activities

### December 2022

December 7	<b>Holiday Luncheon</b>	11:30 am
December 14	Civic Beautification Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
December 21	Civic Beautification Casa Romantica	8:30 am



## San Clemente Garden Club Membership Form 2022-2023

Dues: Individual \$25\_\_\_\_\_ Family \$40\_\_\_\_\_  
(members joining on or after February 1, 2023 pay half)

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