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### "SEEDS FOR GROWTH" President's Message

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#### **Deadline for Articles**

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We had another great speaker at our November meeting. **Kathe Hayden** is truly gifted in floral design and teaching her craft. I just hope I will be able to follow her example when I begin hosting parties for the holidays. She provided such great ideas and many of our members went home with a special floral arrangement.

This summer I started my first garden. I was successful with tomatoes and cucumbers, but not so with zucchini squash. I just started my winter garden.

Where did people find their food before there were supermarkets? People purchased food from local farmers, specialty stores like a butcher shop, or from a dairy. Many also had their own gardens. The first supermarket to open was the Piggly Wiggly in 1916 in Memphis, TN. Ten years later the first supermarket was established in California by Los Angeles grocer George Ralph. My small garden could not feed my family, but it is a start. I am thankful and grateful for what my garden provides.



### **December 6 Program**

Annual Holiday Luncheon

**San Juan Hills Golf Club**

32120 San Juan Creek Road

San Juan Capistrano

11:30 am Social Time

12 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.



**January Field Trip** from Lana Doyle  
 Our upcoming field trip for January 2024 will be to Sherman Library and Gardens in Corona Del Mar. Limited to 30 attendees. Meet at Sherman gardens at 10:30. Tour starts at 11 am. Entrance fee is \$5 unless you are a member of Sherman Gardens, Casa Romantica, or a member of the American Horticulture Association. ID is required. Parking is free. The tour is approximately one hour. If you want to eat at the Dahlia restaurant, you will need to make reservations. You can call, text or email me (909-556-9510), if you have any questions or want me to put you on the list. If there are slots still open at the January meeting, I will have a sign up list.

**Thank You To Our Sponsors** from Mary Lou Wakefield

We reached out to our Sponsors with a Thanksgiving gift to thank them for their continued sponsorship of the San Clemente Garden Club. Pumpkins were gathered and we harvested succulents from our gardens. We met at Launa Gould's home to put our artistry to work in decorating the pumpkins. Our artists were: **Betty Langford, Dolly Latteier, Elyse Crane, Launa Gould, Paula Laskelle, Regina Hurley, and Sheri Gilman** were our delivery persons. Our sponsors were very pleased with our gifts. Working together allows us to give back to the community of San Clemente. For this we are grateful.



**Eco Warriors** from Weej Baggaley  
 The Eco Warrior group was small but spirited on Oct 30. Come join us for our next beach cleanup at 8:30 am on **Monday, November 27**, at the pier.

**2023 Jingle & Mingle Holiday Luncheon** from Kim Neal

This is a reminder for everyone who has registered and paid to attend the Holiday Luncheon on December 6 at 11:30 am. There are several events scheduled:

**White Elephant Gift Exchange:** Bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$5 to \$10 to exchange. This isn't your typical White Elephant Gift Exchange; it's going to be quick and lots of fun!

**Annual Toy Drive:** Every year at our Holiday Luncheon we ask our club members to bring an unwrapped toy to be donated through our local Family Assistance Ministries (FAM). Let's make the holiday a bit more special for children in need.

**Opportunity Prize Drawing:** A drawing will once again be held. There are definitely some amazing prizes to be won! A full list of the prizes and photos can be viewed by clicking:

<https://www.sanclementegardenclub.com/>

Some of the prizes waiting to be won are:

**"Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"** - A vintage jewelry Christmas topiary, made exclusively with vintage sequined appliques, vintage jewelry, and bits. This exclusive Christmas topiary is a Lili B Original; created specifically for this year's Jingle Mingle Holiday Luncheon.

**"Hostess With The Mostest"** - Cook up a storm with olive oil & balsamic vinegar, cookie mix, and kitchen gloves from Oliver's on Del Mar. Plus - a salad bowl and utensils, mixing bowl and holiday utensils, an apron, and pasta.

**"Heaven Sent"** - Pink gin and chocolate liqueur from Beach Fire Grill, French truffle chocolate, coasters, pink martini glasses, pink and brown cordial glasses, and medium size basket with lid.

**"Another Day, Another Chance to Sparkle"** - A \$200 gift certificate to Paradise Jewelers!

**"Coffee, Tea or a Tea Party"** - \$39 gift certificate from Schmid's Chocolate, \$50 worth of Starbucks gift card, teas, French press, matching cookie stand and tea pot, biscotti, honey spoons, meringues, and four cups and saucers.

**Location:** San Juan Hills Golf Club | 32120 San Juan Creek Road | San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

**Parking:** Carpools are strongly suggested. If the parking lot is full, parking is available across the street along San Juan Creek Road.



## Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan

We had a productive day on **Wednesday, November 8**, as **Amanda Quintanilla, Bette Langford, DeAnne Hanley, Deborah Spang, Diane Riopka** and **Kieu Doan** came and worked at Park Semper Fi. We trimmed back the big woody Lantana bush, deadheaded the many Marguerite flowers, and pulled out many weeds in the garden circles. We were glad many of us came and worked to tidy up the garden so the garden will be looking its best for the Veterans Day celebration on Saturday, November 11.

Even with the rain in the forecast, **Deborah Spang, Marsha Medina, Kieu Doan** and **Sherry Christensen** came to work at Casa Romantica on Wednesday, November 15. We pulled weeds, trimmed back tropical milkweeds, and spread mulch at the Butterfly Waystation garden. We also cut back the woody coastal rosemary by the story circle area while admiring the beautiful ocean view. At least we got some work done before it started to rain. We can't wait to come back to Casa to see all of the construction projects that are happening at the different areas of the gardens. **Noah Guild** has been very busy planting many flowering shrubs and annuals around the Casa. With the cooler weather and the recent rainfalls, the garden will look spectacular for the holidays.

Come join us at **8:30 am** on the **second Wednesday** of the month at **Park Semper Fi** and on the **third Wednesday** at **Casa Romantica**, as we are always looking forward to seeing the members at our beautiful community gardens.

### At Casa Romantica



### At Park Semper Fi





## Garden Therapy from Suzi Klickstein

For November's Garden Therapy, volunteers **Barbara McLaughlin, Dollie Latteier, Heidi Gibson, Suzi Klickstein, and Tom Benton** met at the local Boys & Girls Club. In honor of Thanksgiving, we had the delightful students make turkeys using pinecones and recycled wine corks. The children added beaks, wattles, and colorful feathers to each turkey. The volunteers helped the eager students glue on little turkey feet to balance the turkeys. It is always fun working with the children at the Boys & Girls Club. If you would like to join us on the **second Monday** of each month, contact Suzi Klickstein ([suziklick@gmail.com](mailto:suziklick@gmail.com) or (949) 922-3734) for paperwork needed for a background check that is required nationally for all the Boys & Girls Clubs.



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## Hypertufa Workshop from Kim Neal

On Friday, November 10, a Hypertufa Workshop was held at the home of Launa Gould. This workshop has been always been very popular with club members. That proved true again this time. There were many attendees who were participating for the first time.

There were a variety of things created using Hypertufa. They included pots, stepping stones, hypertufa filled gloves and even a free form dish using a leaf. You can view photos from the event by clicking:

<https://www.sanclementegardenclub.com/>  
Mark your calendars for the January Propagation Workshop which will be held on **Friday, January 12, 2024, 9 am**, at the home of Teresa Whitney. Be sure to save your plant containers and trays from nurseries for the workshop.

## Future Workshops:

**Propagation Workshop**  
**Friday, January 12, 2024**  
Host: Teresa Whitney

Learn new or refresh your skills while propagating plants in preparation for **GardenFest 2024**.



**Succulent Wall Art Workshop**  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

Host: Launa Gould  
Learn how to create a living picture utilizing succulents that you can display in your home or garden.



## Orange County District, State, and National News/Events

**Orange County District**  
Meeting: June 10, 2024

**California Garden Clubs**  
Winter Board Meeting (virtual):  
January 29-31, 2024

Convention: May 18-22, 2024  
Sacramento, CA

**Pacific Region**  
Convention, Anchorage, AK  
August 20-23, 2024

**National Garden Clubs**  
Convention: Westminster, CO  
June 2-5, 2024



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## **San Clemente Garden Club Activities**

### **December 2023**

December 6	<b>Holiday Luncheon</b>	11:30 am
December 11	Garden Therapy-Christmas	2:30 pm
December 13	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
December 20	Civic Beautification	
	Casa Romantica	8:30 am