



# The Garden Trellis



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## Seeds of Inspiration

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### President's Message from Cindy Burns



### Welcome February!

I hope you are all getting your COVID vaccines, so that we may all gather together soon. In the meantime, we are having fabulous **zoom meetings** with great presenters. I'm inspired by Corey Welles from Lotusland in Santa Barbara who spoke about organic gardening. One thing I've never tried is making my own compost. So, this will be my new San Clemente Garden Club inspired activity for 2021.

Homemade compost happens! It's better than money can buy! All you need to make it can be found in your garden and kitchen. Spent plants, fallen leaves and lawn clippings can supplement your kitchen scraps.



Ready to start making some black gold? I have contacted the City of San Clemente and have been told that every member can get a **compost kitchen bucket** for free! The City was working on a pilot compost program for 2020 that was cancelled due to COVID. Then I found out that our member, **Launa Gould**, is a trained "master composter." So, we have arranged for Launa to distribute these buckets from her home (1212 Avenida Buena Suerte, SC). You will also receive informative composting handouts. What a bonus! Stop by any time; the buckets will be available on the side of her house.

### Webinar Series

Join us **February 3 at 1:00 pm** for  
"Live with Launa"

A plant propagation demonstration. Mark your calendars for this informative "Live with Launa" event. Launa will show you "the how to":

- Propagate - Begonias, Geraniums and more.
  - Divide - Bulbs.
  - Plant a container with succulent cuttings.
- (Watch for the email link.)



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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.

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

### Membership from Betsy Dunn

I would like to introduce you to two members who are making a difference in our community.

New member **Sarah Gould** grew up in Utah and has always loved gardening. She moved to San Clemente 5 years ago. In addition to gardening, she bikes, snow skis, hikes, paddleboards, and loves the beach. What really keeps her busy is her five children! They help in the garden and request certain vegetables. Sarah hasn't had any luck growing cauliflower or broccoli – any suggestions?

Sarah went to cooking school in Santa Monica and would love to open a baking school here in San Clemente. Chocolate chip cookies and souffles are her specialties.

Sarah has taken over Junior Gardening during this challenging time when schools are closed, and visitors are not allowed on campus. She is working to support the schools in any way she can, including getting volunteers on campus on weekends.

When **Jim Proett** retired from the Air Force in 1995, he decided to get busy. He moved to San Clemente and volunteers for the Kiwanis, The SC Art Association, the Historical Society, the Dana Point Historical Society, The Ocean Institute, and The Master Chorale of Saddleback Valley. He joined the Garden Club in 2013 and is one of our most active volunteers. He uses his Computer Graphics and Internet Design skills to edit our newsletter, "The Trellis." He is a regular at Civic Beautification projects at Casa Romantica and the Marine Monument. His home is on a double lot (with 20 trees), where he does all of his own gardening and composting.

### Garden Trivia & Facts from Yates Website.

Butterflies might be more attracted to your weeds than your flowers. Colorful blooms aren't the chief reason these insects love your garden – it's more about the fragrance and nectar. So everyday weeds, like dandelions and clovers, might actually be the most appealing things in your yard to butterflies.

## 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 are tentative due to CDC Covid-19 guidelines.

Our March 11 propagation is cancelled. We are encouraging all of our members to propagate at their homes. We will be holding a virtual propagation class given by **Launa Gould, Wednesday, February 3**, the same date and time as our monthly meeting.

We will have pots available at Launa Gould and Teresa Whitney's homes. You may also drop off any cuttings or over grown potted plants that 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.

### Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan

We had another productive day on Wednesday, January 6, at Park Semper Fi. A big thanks to **Carol L., Diane M., Jim P., Jo Anne M. and Sherry C.**

We trimmed back the Cape Honeysuckle, Marguerite flowers and Mexican sage bushes. We deadheaded the Bulbine Hallmark bushes and replanted some cuttings. **Jim** was able to retrieve 3 Palm plants for our club's future plant sale. We hope you will come join us on **Wednesday, February 3, 9:00 am**, at **Park Semper Fi** since we will be planting new shrubs and flowers there. We will be at the **Casa Romantica on Wednesday, February 17, 9:00 am**, to work at that beautiful garden.



### Garden Peeps from Julie Bawden-Davis

When asked the question, If I had to choose, I'd say my favorite thing about gardening is:

- 11% answered: Gardening takes me away to another world where all is fun and carefree.
- 40% answered: Gardening helps calm and center me, leading to a more peaceful life.
- 10% answered: To me, plants are like my pets. I find solace and fulfillment caring for my green companions.
- 39% answered: Gardening elevates my life by surrounding me with beauty and yummy foods coming straight from Mother Nature.



## History of the Marine Monument Garden at Park Semper Fi from Launa Gould

In June of 2005, soon after being installed as President of the San Clemente Garden Club, I reviewed the New President's binder and came across a grant that was being offered featuring a civic development project honoring those who serve our country.

The community of San Clemente was in the process of designing and creating a tribute to the Marine Corp. I contacted **Wayne Eggleston**, founder of the **Heritage of San Clemente Foundation** and driving force behind the Marine Memorial Monument. Wayne was thrilled that the garden club was willing to participate in the design, planting and maintenance of the gardens around the monument.

With the exciting potential of our club contributing to this major community project, I approached our board and was given the support to pursue this project.

Club members were asked to participate in the design and implementation of the gardens which needed to be completed before the November 12, 2005, dedication date. A daunting task!

The **ground breaking ceremony** was held on **September 7, 2005**, which included the City Council, Marines and the San Clemente Garden Club among other contributors to the project.

On October 20, 2005, the Club organized a planting day and invited the Marines and community to participate. Club members, Marines, and community volunteers took this bare plot of land and through the process of design and planting, created a beautiful native garden that attracts butterflies and hummingbirds.

The Marine Monument was **dedicated** on **November 12, 2005**, at a ceremony organized by the Heritage of San Clemente Foundation to commemorate the 230th birthday of the US Marine Corp.

In March of 2006, our club was awarded a \$2000 grant sponsored by National Garden Clubs, our parent organization. The club match the funds and major plantings began. In May, our club was presented an appreciation plaque by Mayor Wayne Eggleston. On July 4th, club members served as docents in the gardens during the fireworks celebration at the pier.

Veteran's Day in November 2006, we celebrated the One-Year Anniversary of the Marine Monument at Park Semper Fi.

The Marine Monument Garden Project of the San Clemente Garden Club started out as an idea that the Club could become a significant part in creating this tribute to the Marine Corp. The significance and emotional impact on the community and neighboring Camp Pendleton has far exceeded the expectations of the original idea for the Marine Monument at Park Semper Fi.



## The Natural Garden, January 2021

from Mike Evans, Tree of Life Nursery

It's too early to call it a "dry year." Our long term forecast shows no rain in sight for the first 3 weeks of January. We who work with native plants do not find these facts worrisome because our plants can take it.

**Watering:** Suffice it to say rainwater is better than hose water. We got about 1.3" just before year's end, which probably soaked to a depth of about 10". In winter our plants do not use much water for cooling and growing, and especially with natives, the nighttime dew does wonders in keeping a dry landscape looking good. Still, the root zone will need water in a few months. Your soil should have a healthy level of moisture and now your job is to keep it moist until the next rain. If somehow your soil happens to still be dry, and your plants are not suffering, it is because native plants are adapted to just about any condition nature can throw at them.

Since we like to "garden ahead," we want to assure uniform moisture to a depth of 2-3+ feet when spring arrives in late March. We need to water accordingly during these extended wet-season dry spells. When (if) the rains come, we'll hold back on watering and reach the same goal. An easy way to achieve a Deep Soak in a winter dry garden would be to use a hose end mini-sprinkler with the hose barely on, watering a spot here, then a spot there, and moving the sprinkler around. Assuming the sprinkler is watering an area around 3-5' diameter, it is delivering very little water and can be left in one place for 24+ hours. You can do the same with the hose set at a trickle. The advantage of the sprinkler is that it spreads the water out a little better.

**Pruning:** Any other pruning you do in January is done because you didn't get around to it in October/November. If you have deciduous fruit trees (i.e.; peach, pear, cherry, plum, etc.) this is the month to prune them. Also, January is time to prune dormant rose bushes, a most basic garden task.

**Weeding:** Mid-winter weed control is easy since the weeds are just starting to germinate. Sometimes an inch or two of mulch will smother them and deprive them of light. By hoeing them out, you get them while they're small and work the biceps and abs at the same time. You can also use a 3-prong cultivator to break up the soil crust. No chemical herbicide sprays please.

**Mulching/Top dress:** The best top dress is the "leaf litter" that accumulates directly under the canopy of native plants as they lose and replace leaves over time. Importing "mulch" can be risky business, as when you spread any foreign material onto the soil surface in your garden you will have to live with the positive and/or negative effects of this action for a long time. If you bring in alien mulch, use only clean material, preferably of a known source or from a reputable provider. Late fall and late spring are the best times to do this, so it is not recommended for January unless your soil is bare and you need to top dress now. Consider shredding the fallen leaves from neighborhood trees such as sycamore or liquidambar to make a light, flaky top dress.

**Feeding:** It's too cold to feed with any effect or result.

**Adding New Plants:** In the January winter garden all nature is taking a rest. Focus on your open ground and visualize new plants for this spring. Any winter day is a perfect day to add new plants to your garden.

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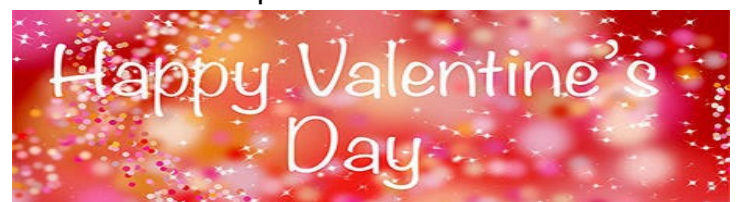
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## Ralphs Community Contribution Program from Weej Baggaley

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The directions are printed at the end of this newsletter.







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

Join this Virtual Event:

### **Propagation Class -"Live with Launa"**

given by Launa Gould

Wednesday, February 3, 1:00 pm

(email link to follow)

### **Civic Beautification**

(Live Events with COVID protocols)

Wednesday, February 3, 9:00 am,

at Park Semper Fi.

and

Wednesday, February 17, 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.

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