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“ENGAGE - ENJOY - SUPPORT”

President’s Message



We see the word ‘hero’ a lot these days. Some heroes make headlines, some don’t. They deserve our thanks and admiration. Here are a few who haven’t made headlines. They all happen to be in the San Clemente Garden Club!

Bob Luetz handles all of our audio visual equipment. Every speaker who shows up to our meetings comes with their own requirements for their presentations. Bob is ready for them – using his knowledge to make this software work with that computer using this cable and that microphone....

and soon we in the audience are enjoying a professional presentation. I’m in awe of people like Bob.

If you’ve been to the Fall Plant Sale or the Spring GardenFest, you have probably heard someone shout: “Nina, what’s the name of this plant?” “Nina, does this grow in direct sunlight?” **Nina Ostensen** dashes over, answers the questions thoroughly and professionally and moves on. It is critical that Nina is present when we prepare and price plants. She knows plants – how to make them look their best and how to price them fairly. Thank you, Nina.

Mike Gould is a jack-of-all-trades. It’s hard to list the many ways he helps the club. He has served on our Board and has helped many of us with computer issues. He has handled AV equipment and is always at the ‘money table’ taking credit card payments. His home is where we keep many of our supplies and plants, and he does much of the heavy lifting – getting everything to the meeting or the sale.

These are just three of our Club’s unsung heroes. We have so many people who show up and get to work – it’s hard to thank them all. If you know of someone who deserves a shout-out, let me know. Our volunteers make our Club successful.

February Meeting Program

Date: **Wednesday, February 2, 2022**
Place: **Virtual via Zoom, 1 pm** (see email flyer for link)
Subject: **Gardening on a Grand Scale: Talega**
Speaker: **Brian Taylor**

A gardener’s work is never done. There are always new plants, new ideas, new bugs, new sprinkler leaks, more things to repair or replace. Now imagine your garden is 1,500 acres, and the existing hardscape on your lot includes 3,850 residential units, roads, tennis courts, a clubhouse, plus pools, schools, parks, and a shopping center. Overseeing all this is **Brian Taylor**, Executive Director for Talega. Brian will speak to us about the evolution of the landscaping in Talega, what challenges the community faces, and something of how it all gets done.



TALEGA
OF SAN CLEMENTE

GardenFest 2022 Plant Sale and Garden/Household Goods Flea Market

Set for Saturday, April 9, 2022

Locals invited to create "funky plant containers" for contest

GardenFest 2022 will be held from 8 am to 2 pm on **Saturday, April 9, 2022**, at the San Clemente Community Center on Avenida Del Mar at Seville.

The San Clemente Garden Club (SCGC) hosts the annual event in partnership with the City of San Clemente Parks & Recreation Department, offering incredible bargains on hundreds of plants with an emphasis on drought-tolerant species.

SCGC members and sponsors propagate and donate plants as well as flea market items useful for gardens, homes, and hobbies.

GardenFest includes:

- Gardening and craft activities for children
- Beekeeping and butterfly information
- Free garden tool sharpening offered through the Master Gardeners program
- Tips on water conservation
- Display and sale of local art

GardenFest proceeds fund scholarships for local horticulture and landscape design students, programs for junior gardeners, and civic beautification.

South County area residents are also invited to enter the annual **"Funky Plant Container Contest."** Attendees judge winners on site. Entrees are due by **8 am, Saturday, April 9.**



OC District Mtg from Launa Gould
 Orange County District Meeting
February 28, 2022
 Social 10:30 Meeting 11 am
 San Juan Capistrano Historical Society
 31831 Los Rios St., San Juan Capistrano 92675
 Host: **San Juan Capistrano Garden Club and Historical Society**
 RSVP to LaunaG@cox.net

The San Juan Capistrano (SJC) Historical Society is excited to welcome the OC District members to their site for their February meeting. The SJC Garden Club has been instrumental in returning our grounds to their history roots (no pun intended).

The Society is located on Los Rios Street in the oldest residential neighborhood in California. A brief history of the area will be presented. You will learn how San Juan Capistrano has been able to keep 40% of all property as open space. They are a "green" community even before the term was created.

Speaker, **Jan Siegel**, a lover of history and a detective who has discovered the source and connections of many a local tale and character, has given her many talents of organizing and writing skills to the city of SJC as well as to the local SJC Historical Society. She served on the city's Cultural Heritage Commission for 13 years, as a guide for the SJC architectural walks for 26 years and is on the Historical Society's board as museum curator for the Mission SJC's archives. She has been named Woman of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and has been inducted into the city's Wall of Recognition.

Scholarships Available from Diane Riopka *It's Scholarship time!*

Please encourage local students to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. The garden club anticipates awarding several scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each. Priority is given to local high school students and continuing college students who will be attending college in Fall 2022/Spring 2023 and plan to major in horticulture, landscape design, and related subjects (as outlined in the application).

Students interested in applying for a scholarship can find additional information on our SCGC website, sanclementegardenclub.com (see Scholarship tab at the right-hand top corner of the home page). Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date of **February 17, 2022**. Saddleback College students must apply through the college's Foundation office.

Bragger's Corner



Bragger's Corner from Lisa Spinelli

Haven't you always wondered what we have all had in our backyards? Since we've all been kinda secluded, the idea of bragging about our gardening successes seemed like a good idea. We are all such a friendly, jolly bunch this might be a good excuse to get to know each other better!... so send me or Jim your good photos and story and we'll have some fun bragging and snooping in our backyards. I'll go first-- I'm sure you can out do me! I dare you!

--LisaB. Spinelli (In addition to growing huge cucumbers, Lisa has been a sponsor of the SCGC for years. Thank you Lisa for your financial support as well as your professional designs that have greatly improved our publications!)

San Clemente Garden Club Scholarship Application Deadline: February 17, 2022.

Mother's Day Gift Friendship Gift
San Clemente Garden Club
2022
GARDEN TOUR Christmas
Saturday, May 14, 2022
Enjoy beautiful private gardens
Proceeds benefit scholarships,
school gardens, civic beautification,
and conservation organizations.
Birthdays
gardenclubsc@gmail.com

(See Flyer at the end of the newsletter)

Garden Tour from Weej Baggaley

Be sure to put the 2022 Garden Tour on your new calendars – May 14 from 10 am to 4 pm! Many Garden Club members indicated that they would like to help with the 2022 Tour, and there is plenty to do, both helping to organize the event and working that day. We have a wonderful committee that puts all the pieces in place in advance, from selecting the gardens, to publicity, to lining up docents, tastings, live music and much more. These duties are spread among a great group of Garden Club members, and we have a lot of fun planning this event.

Please consider joining our Garden Tour Committee! We had our initial meeting via Zoom on January 19, but would love to have additional participants at our upcoming meetings, dates TBD. If you would like to learn more about the Committee or the Tour, call Weej at 949-547-4693. (We will put out a call for docents later.)

Eco Warriors Beach Cleanup

from Weej Baggaley

Our Beach Cleanups are on the **last Monday** of the month at **8:30 am**. Meet at the **San Clemente pier**. Bring your own bags to reuse, or we will provide you with a bag. Our next cleanups are **January 31** and **February 28**. Come and join us for camaraderie, beautiful scenery, and the satisfaction that comes from making our ocean and beaches healthier.



2022 Plant & Flower Shows

from Ginnie Churchill

Sherman Library & Gardens

They present plant and flower shows throughout the year, in partnership with local plant societies. These shows usually include an exhibit, sale, family activities, and talks from experts.

Plant shows are free with garden admission and are always free for Members .

Mark your calendar for the following shows scheduled in 2022:

Saturday, March 5 & Sunday, March 6, 2022

Joyful Flowers: Ikebana Show

Presented by The Ikebana Sangetsu West Coast and Ikebana Lessons Groups

Saturday, April 2 & Sunday, April 3, 2022

Bromeliad Plant Show and Sale

Presented by Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society

Saturday, June 4 & Sunday, June 5, 2022

Fuchsia Show and Sale

Presented by Orange County Fuchsia Society

Saturday, June 18 & Sunday, June 19, 2022

Carnivorous Plant Show and Sale

Presented by Southern California

Carnivorous Plant Enthusiasts

Saturday, July 16 & Sunday, July 17, 2022

Plant-O-Rama Plant Sale

Sherman Gardens' Annual Sale featuring local plant societies

Saturday, August 6 & Sunday, August 7, 2022

Bonsai Show and Sale

Presented by Orange Empire Bonsai Society

✳ **Correction from Jan. Garden Trellis, page 4:** President Betsy with webmaster Kim Neal (On Betsy's right) chatting with a guest.



Junior Gardeners from Sarah Gould

The rain was so wonderful for the schools' gardens! The schools are thriving. We are looking forward to working with our junior gardeners. We will be having work days in **March** and **April**. Any questions contact Sarah Gould: 310-597-0773.

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**We are very Grateful to our Sponsors!
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Repurposed Dead Trees from Susan Pierce

When I learned that the January speaker's subject was about dead trees, I was reminded of a tour I took while on an Alaskan cruise.

One of my sightseeing trips was in **Juneau, Alaska**. I selected a garden tour thinking it would be a tour much like members often take. Much to my surprise this one was very different.

Glacier Gardens offers tours within a portion of the Tongass National Forest. The garden center owner spent a great deal of time and energy clearing many fallen trees after a severe storm.

Tour participants were told that the owner used all types of heavy equipment to clear these trees. Rather than turn them into lumber or compost or haul away, he dug very deep holes in the land. Next he placed a fallen tree upside down in the hole. Because Glacier Gardens is also a typical nursery, he planted a variety of plants into the roots (now facing the sky). These trees may also be referred to as flower towers. Relocating these trees allowed him to create a road throughout his portion of the forest, which provided tourists an opportunity to view these beautifully planted trees and the majesty of the rainforest.

It was definitely a creative way to save the barren ground after the snow and trees fallen by wind, landslides, and snow. It was beautiful to see.

If you ever find yourself in Juneau, I recommend you visit to see the beautifully planted upside down trees. The garden center is open May-September.

New Signage at Park Semper Fi

from Laura Bard

Come by and check out the informative Monarch Butterfly/Milkweed signage just installed at Park Semper Fi! A collaboration of **San Clemente Rotary Clubs** and **San Clemente Garden Club**, the signage is posted adjacent to native milkweed (*Asclepius fascicularis*) that was planted late last spring. The plants at Park Semper Fi and Casa Romantica were donated by **San Clemente Sunrise Rotary** and signage was donated **San Clemente Evening Rotary**.

Thanks to all involved and let's keep our West Coast native Monarch population on the rise.



Garden Club Website from Kim Neal

Do you ever sit in a Garden Club meeting and write as quickly as you can to make sure you have all the events information written down, only to discover later on that you missed something? Or perhaps you weren't able to attend a meeting and you missed it then. That was me.

When was the last time you went online and visited the Garden Club website? I encourage you to take the time to visit it now. Our website is evolving. New content and pages have been added, with more coming up soon. Be sure to visit often: sanclementegardenclub.com

Some of the new content includes:

- Calendar page
- Events page
- Executive Committee and Committee Chairs pages
- Speaker Presentations and Handouts
- Community Engagement page (i.e. Civic Beautification, Junior Gardeners, etc.)
- Photo Albums – Can you find a photo that you're in?
- Scholarships Page – and soon we'll have a Scholarship Alumni page

But most importantly, you'll always have the most up-to-date information on all of our events. And you'll be able to sit in the meeting and give it your full attention without trying to keep up with your pen and paper.

Park Semper Fi Beautification

from Kieu Doan

We had a productive day at Park Semper Fi on **Wednesday, January 12**. **Launa Gould, Sherry Christensen and Kieu Doan** came and trimmed the Lantana bushes, deadheaded the Marguerite plants and gave the Manzanita bush a good trimming to show off its beautiful burgundy trunk.

We had a great time and wish more people were there to help keep our garden in tip top shape. For next month, we will meet at **8:30 am on Wednesday, February 9**. See you there.



Casa Beautification from Kieu Doan

WOW! What a great turn out we had at the Casa Romantica garden on **Wednesday, January 19!** We must have broken our record of 13 people, the largest group for Civic Beautification: **Carol Luetz, Molly Fehrenbach, Sherry Christensen, Sylvia, Stevenson, Sally Mills, Launa Gould, Teresa Whitney, Rosa Kinoshita, Jim Proett, Catherine Hall, Shenn-Yi Lo, Kieu Doan** and newest member **Joan Resendez**.

We pulled out many Oxalis weeds, trimmed the coyote bush, the blue agave plants, deadheaded spent blooms and tidied up many different sections of the Native Plants garden. The soil was nice and soft from the recent rains which made our job a bit easier. With so many helping hands, we got a lot done and had fun seeing each other. We even had one brand new member who showed up and joined our club so that she can work in the gardens and attend all of the other fun activities.





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San Clemente Garden Club Activities
February, 2022

February 2	Board Meeting - Virtual	10:00 am
February 2	Meeting and Program -Virtual	1:00 pm
February 9	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
February 16	Civic Beautification	
	Casa Gardens	8:30 am
February 28	OC District meeting	11:00 am

**In accordance with announcements from CDC and WHO,
all activities and events for the ensuing 2021 season will be
subject to change.**

FREE ADMISSION



San Clemente Garden Club
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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

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

