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## Seeds of Inspiration

President's Message  
from Cindy Burns

### San Clemente Garden Club

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### Happy New Year 2021 everyone!

Welcome 2021, good riddance to 2020! I hope you all found joy during the pandemic holiday season. Let's talk about **scaring off crows**, the bane of my lawn. I know, I may be one of the few members who still have this non-PC ground covering. We so love our thirsty green lawn. For years crows have been trying to destroy our lawn. These crows are oh so smart. How could we

mere humans outsmart them?

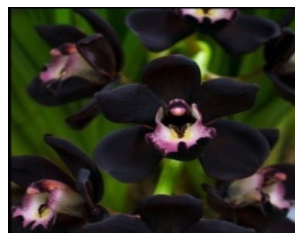
Well, Amazon to the rescue! Search and ye will find ... we bought a very lifelike dead-looking crow (very real looking feathers and hung it from an umbrella. This has greatly disturbed the crows, enough so that they've left for someone else's lawn. I'm proud of our non-violent solution.

I hope you are all participating in our new zoom general meetings and helping Kieu out with civic beautification, the most active events occurring right now.



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### Have You Ever Seen A Black Orchid?

Webinar January 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM

(see email flyer, 12/28/20)



What is it about orchids that turns sane people into obsessed collectors? Now you can find out. The Club welcomes back Fred Clark, of the Carlsbad Flower Fields and Sunset Valley Orchids. Fred created the world's first actual black orchid and he will tell us how he developed his award-winning Fredclareara After Dark, "the blackest flower ever witnessed." Fred is an immensely entertaining speaker and we will be sure to learn a lot.

# 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

Welcome to returning member **Donna Vidrine** and new member **Janett Capizzano**.

I am looking for the membership application from **Trish McAleer**. She has paid her membership but has not sent me the application. Does anyone know her? Please give her my email or phone # so we can include her in future mailings.

## Janett Capizzano

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Joined: 2020 Texting: No

## Welcome to Returning Member:

## Donna Vidrene

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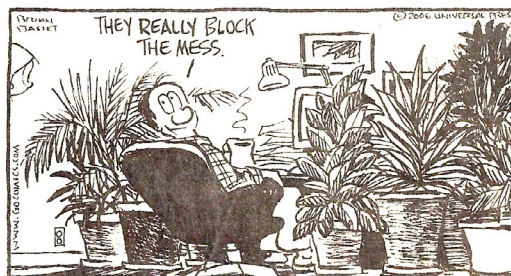
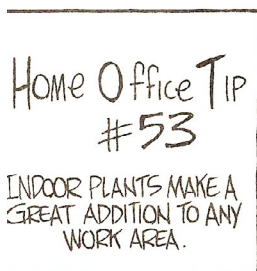
**949-202-7210**

rookgs@cox.net  
Joined: 2019 Text: Yes

*All the flowers  
of all the tomorrows  
are in the seeds of today.*

Chinese Proverb

AM By BRIAN BASSET



## Beach Clean-up from Weej Baggaley

Despite a rainy start, eight Garden Club members turned out to clean up Calafia State Beach and the beach trail on 12/14. It turned into a beautiful day to spend along the coast. Next cleanup will be in Jan/ Feb., Stay tuned.



Weej, Elyse Crane, Kieu Doan, Nina Ackmann, Cindy Burns, Mischelle Paton, Larry Ackmann. Not pictured: Lynn Wolf



Tumbleweed on the beach!

*What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have never been discovered.*

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

### Toy and Monetary Donations for FAM from Weej Baggaley

On December 14, Mary Mohr and Weej brought toys donated by the Garden Club and the Pilates group at the Senior Center to Family Assistance Ministries. We also donated a \$180 check. FAM representatives were thrilled to accept these donations for local families.



### Marine Monument from Wayne Eggleston

I wish to thank the Garden Club for all their hard work on December 8 at Park Semper Fi. The middle circle gardens were in need of a major over-haul.

And I especially wish to Thank Bob Luetz for the plantings and the re-alignment of the irrigation border wall at the very front of the Park. Now we need to tackle other areas of the Park which need major attention for pruning and re-planting in the months of January, February, and March.



Come with your gardening tools and gloves as Park Semper Fi needs to sparkle for our Memorial Day Ceremony that we can hopefully have this year.

Thanks so very much!

Wayne Eggleston, Executive Director  
The Marine Monument @ Park Semper Fi



### Civic Beautification From Kieu Doan

Launa G., Bob L., Carol L., Diane M. and Kieu D. came to work at Park Semper Fi on Weds., Dec 16.

We trimmed back many overgrown bushes such as the Blue African Basil, Cape Honeysuckle, Lantana, and even the Mallow tree by the front entrance of the park. We sure got a lot done in just over one hour. It was a great activity to participate in as we can now visit with other members at a safe distance while enjoying the fresh air.

We are changing our Civic Beautification schedule. We will meet at 9:00 am on the first Wednesdays of the month at Park Semper Fi and then on the third Wednesdays of the month at Casa Romantica. Our next outing will be on Wednesday, January 6, at Park Semper Fi and Wednesday, January 20, at Casa Romantica.

Hope you can make it and help beautify our community gardens.



Kieu D. and Sylvia S. came to work at Casa Romantica on Wednesday, Dec 2. We trimmed back the Lemonade Berry bush, Mantilla Poppy and pulled out many ragweeds.





### Saving Forests \$68 At A Time

from National Garden Clubs

NGC and the USDA Forest Service are proud to have formed a partnership sustaining our national and urban forests through this reforestation/forest education program.

Your Garden Club can participate in a meaningful and practical conservation project by contributing \$68.00 to a Penny Pines plantation as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees indigenous to a particular damaged area. Whether by fire or by other natural catastrophe, pine trees and other trees are replaced. You may designate a specific state you wish to have benefit from this contribution.

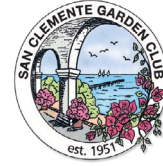
Under a conservation agreement, the forest service will do the planting, using your donation together with federal funds, and provide the plantation the same protection from fires, insects, and disease given other forested areas. The plantations are a part of the regular national forest reforestation program planted on burned-over and brush-covered areas which are potentially productive timberlands. Planting sites are selected by the supervisor of each national forest. These plantations provide soil protection, watershed protection, soil stabilization, future harvestable timber, as well as beauty and shade for recreation.

States, regions, districts, clubs, and/or individuals may participate in this program by donating in multiples of \$68. A \$68 donation may be made in honor or in memory of ONE individual, organization, or theme.

**Note:** Our club donates to Penny Pines annually in the spring.



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We love the San Clemente Garden Club!

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**We are very Grateful to our Sponsors!  
Please bring them your business.**

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

The directions are printed at the end of this newsletter.



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**San Clemente Garden Club Activities  
December, 2020/January, 2021**

Join these Virtual Events:  
(see email flyer, 12/28/20)

**San Clemente Garden Club's Inaugural  
Virtual Social Hour**

Wednesday, December 30, 5:00 pm

**Have You Ever Seen A Black Orchid?**

Wednesday, January 6, 1:00 pm

**Civic Beautification**

(Live Events with COVID protocols)

Wednesday, January 6, 9:00 am,

at Park Semper Fi.

and

Wednesday, January 20, 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.

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



### WEBSITE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

#### **IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YOUR REWARDS CARD ONLINE**

**NOTE: We have a secured website, these procedures apply to everyone who has not entered their email address and assigned a password.**

1. Log in to [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com)
2. Click on 'No Account' Register
3. Follow the easy steps to create an online account
4. You will be instructed to go to your email inbox to confirm your account
5. After you confirm your online account by clicking on the link in your email, return to [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) and click on 'Sign In', enter your email address and password.
6. View all your information and edit as necessary
7. Link your card to your organization by clicking on:
  - a. Community Rewards - Enroll
  - b. Type your NPO number or Name of your Organization
  - c. Remember to click on the circle to the left of your organizations' name
  - d. Click on Enroll to finish your enrollment process

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**(This means that you have already entered your email address and assigned yourself a password)**

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2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email address and password
4. Click on 'Your Name' (In the top right hand corner)
5. View all your information and edit as necessary
6. Link your card to your organization by clicking on:
  - a. Community Rewards – Re-Enroll
  - b. Type your NPO number or Name of your Organization
  - c. Remember to click on the circle to the left of your organizations' name
  - d. Click on Enroll to finish your enrollment process

Thank you,  
Community Contributions Staff