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"ENGAGE - ENJOY - SUPPORT"

President's Message

45% of Americans make New Years Resolutions – to lose weight, save money, get fit, things like that. I was so happy to read that 25% give up by the 2nd week of January. Made me feel good about myself! This year, however, is going to be different. I think I have identified a reachable goal. I am going to continue to reduce the use of plastic in my household. This is a great resolution because there is no measurement for failure or success. NO JUDGMENT. You just do your best.

Once you start paying attention, you realize plastic is everywhere. We've all seen the islands of plastics floating in our oceans and recognize the enormity of the problem. All we can do is our best.

Here are two products that I have been using, and I would recommend to you: 1. TRU EARTH laundry detergent. This company claims to have saved 5 million plastic jugs from landfills and the ocean. You will be inundated with emails once you order, but you can unsubscribe and just reorder when necessary.

2. WHO GIVES A CRAP toilet paper (I honestly think that 12-year-old boys are in charge of the branding/marketing)! Each roll is wrapped in colorful paper and delivered to your door with no plastic wrapping.

Both companies have other products you may want to try. It's hard not to feel overwhelmed by today's problems, and plastic is a huge problem. If more of us used eco friendly products, maybe the big manufacturers will take notice, maybe. We must try. Let's work to SUPPORT a healthier planet.

Attention all Members!!

Due to current California COVID-19 guidelines (mask mandate),the <u>board</u> meeting is cancelled. And out of an abundance of caution, the <u>January 5, 2022, meeting will be held via Zoom.</u>

To attend the meeting, join us at 12:55 pm by clicking the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85865647379?pwd=b3pQdmJpTVdiWEtvaEhkRnVPWVVJUT09

The Meeting ID: 858 6564 7379 The Passcode for viewing is: 051931

January Meeting Program

Date: **Wednesday, January 5, 2022** Time: 1 pm Place: Virtual via Zoom (see announcement above)

Subject: The Wonderful Life of a Dying Tree

Speaker: Gillian Martin

Learn about a dead tree's surprising contribution to the health and sustainability of forests. You are unlikely to view a dead tree the same way again. The club welcomes back **Gillian Martin** of the Cavity Conservation Initiative to tell us about a dead tree's contribution to the health of forests—even the urban forest. This talk is fascinating, you won't want to miss it.



Propagation Workshop from Launa Gould

The Propagation Workshop date has been changed to **Tuesday**, **January 18**, at **9 am**. Bring cuttings you want us to propagate, clippers and any pots to donate, especially 1 gallon.

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 need to apply through the college's Foundation office.

Cindy's Memorial from Betsy Dunn

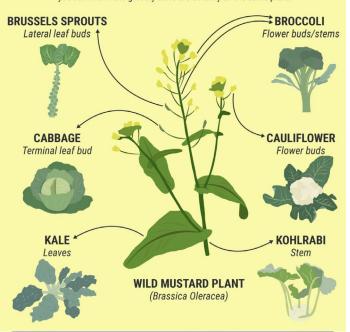
I am so happy to share the news that the marker honoring **Cindy Burns** has been installed in the gardens at Casa Romantica. It was inspirational to see Cindy working in the gardens through the years.

It's always nice to wander through the Casa's gardens. Now there is another reason to visit and to be reminded of our friend Cindy.



6 vegetables that are the same plant

Over hundreds of years farmers have been breeding one plant — called Brassica Oleracea — into dozens of different varieties. These six vegetables you can find in the grocery store are actually all the same plant.





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Park Semper Fi Beautification from Kieu Doan

It was a beautiful and sunny day when **Kieu Doan** and **Sally Mills** came to work at Park Semper Fi on **Wednesday, Dec. 8**. We weeded, trimmed and deadheaded around the two garden beds. Come join us on **January 12** at **8:30 am** and make our community gardens more beautiful.





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

Refreshments: Naples Islands Garden Club

The San Juan Capistrano (SJC) Historical Society is excited to welcome the OC District members to our 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 our town has been able to keep 40% of all property as open space. We were a "green" community 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.

Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan

Shenn-Yi Lo and Kieu Doan came to Casa Romantica on Monday, Dec. 13 to work at the Native Plant Garden area. We enjoyed the fresh air and the beautiful ocean view while we replanted the overgrown Aeonium arboreum and pulled out many Oxalis weeds.

Come join us on **Wednesday**, **Jan 19** at **8:30 am** to work at this beautiful garden.

Make our President's motto of "Enjoy, Engage and Support" your New Year's resolution and come work with us at our beautiful community gardens.





Saving Forests \$68 At A Time

from Launa Gould

We have donated five Penny Pines plantations in Memory of our treasured club members, Cindy Burns, Wilma Cogswell, Robert Crittendon, and Bertie Lloyd.

National Garden Clubs and the USDA



Forest Service have a partnership sustaining our national and urban forests. San Clemente Garden Club participated in this meaningful and practical conservation project by contributing \$68.00 per person for a Penny Pines plantation as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees indigenous to the Cleveland National Forest. Whether by fire or by other natural catastrophe, pine trees and other trees are replaced. These plantations provide soil protection, watershed protection, soil stabilization, future harvestable timber, as well as beauty and shade for recreation.

Pictures from the Holiday Luncheon, 2021 from Kim Neal













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San Clemente Garden Club Activities <u>January, 2022</u>

January 5	Board Meeting (Cancelled due to COVID)	10:00 am
January 5	Meeting and Program (Virtual via Zoom)	1:00 pm
January 12	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
TBA	Garden Therapy-Winter Craft	12:45 pm
January 18	Propagation Workshop	9:00 am
January 19	Civic Beautification	
January 19	Casa Romantica	8:30 am

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