



# The Garden Trellis



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### "ENGAGE - ENJOY - SUPPORT" President's Message

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We finished out 2022 in the most wonderful way -- at our Holiday Luncheon!

Carol Luetz and Deborah Spang organized every detail perfectly. Deborah made the centerpieces, and they were raffled off. The theme was "shop local." Deb and Carol had walked all of San Clemente and received great donations from local stores. The raffle raised more than \$1,000 for Family Assistance Ministry. Members donated toys to FAM and they were delivered that day to help make the holidays brighter for local families.

We had a delicious lunch, great entertainment, and most valuable of all, ENJOYED the company of our garden club friends. Carol and Deborah, thank you for your hard work. We begin 2023 with energy and resolve.

Please support these businesses that donated to the raffle:  
Barnoa Wine Bar, Bella Colina, Erba, P J Harlow,  
Rainbow Sandals, Rascal's Ladies Boutique, Sam's Shoes,  
and Three Dog Bakery.

We are going to SUPPORT our community. We also want to pay more attention to Junior Gardeners this year. Volunteers are needed to assist teachers and parents. I know we have a lot of retired teachers in our club; if you can help organize volunteer efforts, please contact Sarah Gould or Diane Bennett.

Civic Beautification also is looking for extra help. After the recent rains, the weeds are flourishing, and more help is needed. You can work at your own pace, for as long as you want. That is also true for Eco Warriors. Their work will never end, but it makes a difference.

### January Meeting Program

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Marv Benda - Succulents

Marv Benda will share his passion and expertise on succulents. A retired Dana Hills teacher, Marv will share his many unusual succulents with us as well as give tips on their "care and feeding" and how to use them decoratively in planters for home and patio. We are hoping he will bring some of his specimens so we can shop and add or start a collection.



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

### DISTRICT MEETING

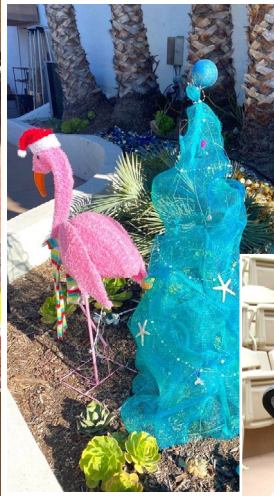
**Monday, Feb 27, 2023**

**10:30 am Social - 11:00 am Meeting**

**Lake Forest**

Contact: LaunaG@cox.net

## Casa Romantica Field Trip photos



## The Landfill Tour Is Back!

from Weej Baggaley

The Eco Warriors have arranged a free tour of the Prima Deshecha Landfill for our garden club members. We did this a few years back, and it was informative and fun. We will meet the falconer and his feathered partner again! Email me at weej@me.com to reserve a spot.

**Wednesday, January 25, 11:00 am**

Prima Deshecha Landfill

32250 Avenida La Pata

Maximum of 26 people

Allow 90 minutes + for the tour

We will be driven in vans and will walk on uneven ground, so bring some good shoes!

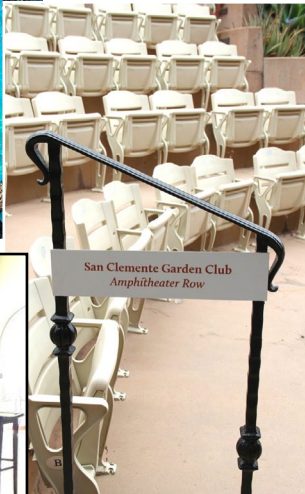
### Please note:

At times we will be walking short distances on gravel and getting into and out of a van (there will be a stepping stool to help with that). **Closed toed shoes are required.**

Landfill Tour, January, 2019



The Falconer



## Free Mulch and Compost

from Weej Baggaley

Did you know you could pick up free mulch and compost at the Prima Deshecha Landfill on Avenida La Pata? Go to this website and fill out a registration form <https://oclandfills.com/compost>. You can schedule your pickup for a Wednesday or Saturday morning. You need to bring your own shovel and containers.



*San Clemente  
Garden Club  
Annual  
Holiday  
Luncheon  
Dec 7, 2022*



## Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan

We were at **Park Semper Fi** on **Wednesday, December 14**, to work in the garden. It was a cold morning but it warmed up quickly with the beautiful sunshine and the camaraderie of working together and beautifying our community garden. **Bette Langford, Kim Neal, Amanda Quintanilla, Steve Watson, Susan Reveal, Phong Doan** and **Kieu Doan** trimmed the Cape Honeysuckle, Lantana, Coyote bush, and pulled out many weeds. Many beautiful red Lantana flowers and yellow Marguerite Daisies are blooming brightly in the garden. Everything looks great after the recent rain storms. Join us at **8:30 am** on **January 11** at **Park Semper Fi** and/or **January 18** at **Casa Romantica** as we work to help keep our community gardens more beautiful.



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## Garden Therapy from Suzi Klickstein

In December, volunteers Kieu Doan, Heidi Gibson, Tom Benton, Barbara Mclaughlin and Suzi Klickstein met at the Boy's and Girl's Club to make pinecone angels with the children. We had a group of about 15 enthusiastic eight to ten-year olds. We like to combine nature and recycling in our crafts whenever possible. This month we were able to use donated pinecones, wine corks and DVD discs to make the pinecone angels. The children each added their own personal spin to each angel. The children are exceptional, very creative, and well mannered. We all had a delightful time.



## A business note:

The Boy's and Girl's Club requires volunteers to complete a volunteer application and to have a background check completed. The background check is done free of charge for the applicant at **Coastal Postal**. It takes about 10 minutes and involves fingerprinting. If you would like to volunteer to help with Garden Therapy at the Boy's and Girl's Club, please contact **Suzi Klickstein** at [suziklick@gmail.com](mailto:suziklick@gmail.com) and request that the paperwork be mailed to you, or Suzi can bring you the forms at the next Garden Club meeting.

## Don't Step on Your Plants or Should You?

from Diane Riopka

I often, mistakenly of course, step on plants in my garden. Of course, it's usually a favorite plant or one with several buds about to bloom. My automatic response is to apologize for crushing or breaking their tender stems and leaves. So when I read an article in a recent *American Gardener* magazine, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that plants cannot feel pain. However, researchers at Lund University have found that plants do respond to mechanical stimuli and human touch, hungry animals, wind, and rain. When this occurs, the plant's defense system is activated and can become more resistant.

Why is this important? Researchers believe that mechanical stimuli might result in higher yields for farmers and improved stress resistance for crops. In fact, for centuries Japanese agriculturists have found that trampling grain during the growth phase results in abundant harvests. However, I don't suggest trying trampling in your garden.

For more information on this topic, go to [www.science.org/doi/10.1126/sciadv.abm2091](http://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/sciadv.abm2091).

## Count Your Garden

from Carol Burrows, Pacific Coast Church

*Count your garden by the flowers,  
Never by the leaves that fall;  
Count your days by golden hours,  
Don't remember clouds at all.  
Count your nights by stars, not shadows,  
Count your years by smiles, not tears;  
Count your blessings, not by troubles,  
Count your age by friends, not years.*



## Eco Warriors Braved The Cold

from Weej Baggaley

Our hearty Eco Warriors braved the November wind and the cold to banish trash from our shores. We warmed ourselves up afterwards with coffee and pastries in town.

Join us on **January 30** at the pier at **8:30 am**. In the meantime, join us in spirit by picking up trash wherever you see it!



**L to R:** Lesley, Marta, Kieu, Rosa, Lynn, Lee & Fred (all the way from Canada!!), Matt, Weej.

## Civic Beautification

From Kieu Doan Kim Neal, Deborah Spang, and Florence Hanan came to Casa Romantica on **Wednesday, November 16**, to work in the garden. We trimmed back the yellow flower Senna Cassia tree, many Matilija poppies, and Lantana bushes. The Native Bowl garden is looking better and better every time we come! Come join us as we beautify the garden while enjoying the comraderies of our fellow club members and the beautiful ocean view.



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**San Clemente Garden Club Activities**  
**January 2023**

January 4	Board Meeting	10:00 am
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January 11	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
January 18	Civic Beautification	
	Casa Romantica	8:30 am
January 23	Propagation Workshop	9:00 am