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We had a great holiday celebration at our Jingle and Mingle Luncheon. We want to thank Deborah Spang for all her organizational skills and for everyone who helped her put on such a special event. Her committee did a fantastic job with the check-in table, centerpieces, take home gifts, and raffle. The raffle prizes were incredible and we made a considerable donation to **Family Assistance**

Ministries. We had so many toys donated that it took three cars to deliver them. We were fortunate to have **Carol Vallens**, the California Garden Club president, in attendance. "Twas the Night Before Christmas" game was fun and beautifully read by Brook Gardner. We also recognized four members, **Suzi Klickstein, Launa Gould, Mike Gould, and Ginny Churchill** for their **20-year Garden Club membership.**

What resolutions are you making for the New Year? One article I read stated to focus on goals that are attainable. Not something you will give up in a couple of weeks. We need to slowly adapt to changing our routines and habits. First, be available for your family. They are important. Secondly, organize one area or room. Get rid of things you have not used in years. Do not forget we have a **Flea Market** in April at **GardenFest** for those items. Lastly, find a group of people with similar interests (Oh, we are already doing that as members of the SCGC!). We look forward to another fantastic new year!

January 3, 2024 Joanne Schwarz Fungi



Explore the fascinating world of the kingdom of fungi with amateur mycologist Joanne Schwartz. She will describe methods for locating and identifying wild mushrooms in Southern California and beyond, as well as understanding their place in nature – oaks, pines, orchids, and more are dependent on fungal associations. We will hear tales of fungal folklore, and consider eating and

growing them. Joanne will bring her collection of mushroom hunting gear and ID resources, and mushrooms too, if they are fruiting locally.

Her recent collecting has focused in the Redwoods and southern Sierra, as well as Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and throughout Orange County. Her presentation will feature recent finds from these locations and others.

Joanne Schwartz is an avid mycologist, having studied fungi since the 1960s. She has collected and photographed fungi throughout the new and old world and has participated in field studies in Japan, Peru, and Bolivia as well as the Redwoods of coastal California. Joanne is often found looking down while hiking searching for fungi to study, photograph, and identify. She is also an eager mycophagist (fungi-eater) and prepares wild fungi for tasting and for the dinner table whenever possible.

January Field Trip from Lana Doyle

Our January field trip will be to **Sherman Library and Gardens on Wednesday, January 17**. Doors open at 10:30 am and tours start at 11 am. Allow time to pay the \$5 entrance fee if you are not a member of Sherman Gardens or Casa Romantica. If you want to eat at Dahlia Restaurant, you will need to make your own reservations. I will have a sign up sheet at our January meeting or contact me to sign up now. **Lana Doyle 909-556-9510 or 949-498-6017.**

Blue Star Memorial Plaque

from Weej Baggaley

Weej and Matt found another Blue Star Memorial Highway plaque. This one is in San Simeon — the Hearst Castle is just out of sight on the hill off to the left. It's sponsored by the Montaña de Oro Garden Club. The one sponsored by our San Clemente Garden Club is at the San Clemente Community Center, and was recently renovated by Kim Neal. Thanks, Kim!



Betsy Dunn from Launa Gould



Betsy Dunn, SCGC Garden Club President from 2021-2023 and the Membership Chairman for several years prior to that, is in the care of hospice. She was recently diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD). You can send her a card at **32186 Via Barrida, San Juan Capistrano, 92675** to let her know that you are thinking

about her.



Propagation Workshop from Kim Neal

Mark your calendar and join us for the January Propagation Workshop. Learn new or refresh your old skills while propagating plants in preparation for GardenFest 2024.

Date: Friday, January 12, 2024

Time: 9 am

Host/Location: Teresa Whitney, 4010 Calle Bienvenido, San Clemente

What To Bring: Gloves, garden clippers, plant clippings from your garden, and a bottle of water to stay hydrated.

We are always in need of pots and trays. Remember to save them when you purchase plants. If you cannot attend, but have pots or trays to donate, contact Kim Neal or Launa Gould to arrange for pick-up or drop-off. See you there!



Seeking Scholarship Applications

from Pat Corless

Every member of our club has an opportunity in the next few weeks to spread the news that we are seeking applicants for scholarship awards. Local high school seniors and continuing college students who are pursuing studies in agriculture, agronomy, biological sciences (excluding pre-med), botany, environmental science, environmental education, floriculture, forestry, horticulture, landscape design, plant sciences, viticulture, wildlife and marine sciences and other related subjects are invited and encouraged to apply.

Students who wish to apply can find additional information and the application on our website, sanclementegardenclub.com. (click the scholarship and grants tab at the top of the homepage). Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date of **February 23, 2024**. Saddleback College students must apply through the college's foundation office. Saddleback students can learn more about the scholarship program by contacting the college counseling office.

Pat Corless
Scholarship Committee Chairman
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San Clemente Garden Club Jingle & Mingle Holiday Luncheon Dec 6, 2023

from Kim Neal: The 2023 Jingle & Mingle Holiday Luncheon could not have taken place without club members who stepped up when the call for volunteers went out. The club would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to the following members:

Luncheons Chairman: Deborah Spang Website, Reservations, Posters/Signage, Flyers, Etc.: Kim Neal

Centerpieces & Favors: DeAnne Hanley & Erin Spriggs Opportunity Prizes: Lili Brandt and Carol Luetz

Opportunity Tickets: Pat Lussier, supported by Liz Roll, Ginny Churchill, and Weej Baggaley

Toy Drive: Suzi Klickstein Budget/Event Treasurer: Launa Gould

Welcome Committee: Paula Laskelle and the following ambassadors: DeAnn Hanley, Joanne Moran, Kieu Doan, Mary Blume, Rosa Kinoshita, Sheri Gilman, Sherry Christensen, Susan Reveal, Suzi Klickstein



Our 2023 Toy Drive for Family Assistance Ministries

from Suzi Klickstein

FAM was a big success this year. Our generous club members donated over 201 pounds of toys. FAM weighed the entire donation. We needed more than one vehicle to deliver the toys to FAM. I want to thank all the members who helped with delivery to FAM: **Dolly Latteier Jim Proett, Molly Hutchins Patricia Holloway, Susan Pierce.** And who helped load the cars with toys and drove them over to the FAM facility: **Dolly Latteier, Molly Hutchins, Patricia Holloway, Suzi Klickstein.** FAM was very appreciative of our donation. Thanks to all who donated.

Ocean Institute Field Trip

from Kim Neal

When was the last time you touched a living starfish? On **December 7**, members of SCGC attended a field trip to the Dana Point Ocean Institute. The field trip took the group through the various building and provided valuable knowledge. In the photos accompanying this article, can you identify which photo is of Sea Jelly and which is not? Sea turtles and Ocean Sunfish are some of the animals in the ocean that consume Sea Jelly daily. While it's a bit easier to tell the difference in these photos, standing in front of the tanks as they were moving around, it was almost impossible to tell which tank was of Sea Jelly and which one was of plastic bags. Yes, you read that right, plastic bags.

Garden Therapy from Suzi Klickstein

In December, volunteers **Barbara McLaughlin, Dolly Latteier, Nadine Skutnik, Tom Benton, and Suzi Klickstein** met at the Boys & Girls Club to assist the energetic students in making little snowman picks for a planter. The snowmen were fashioned from wine corks spray painted white complete with a black felt hat, carrot nose and festive scarf. The children completed the craft in record time, so before we knew it, the volunteers were in clean-up mode. We meet at the Boys & Girls Club the **second Monday** of each month at **3:30 pm**. If you would like to join us, just let **Suzi Klickstien (949) 922-3734** or **suziklick@gmail.com** know and she can send you paperwork needed for a background check that is required nationally for Boys & Girls Clubs.



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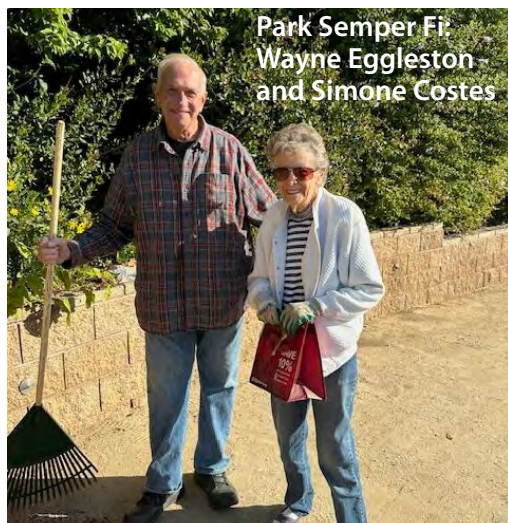
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Park Semper Fi:
Wayne Eggleston
and Simone Costes

Future Workshops:

Succulent Wall Art Workshop Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Host: Launa Gould

Learn how to create a living picture utilizing succulents that you can display in your home or garden.



Orange County District, State, and National News/Events

Orange County District Meeting, June 10, 2024

California Garden Clubs Winter Board Meeting (virtual) January 29-31, 2024

Convention, May 18-22, 2024 Sacramento, CA

Pacific Region Convention, Anchorage, AK August 20-23, 2024

National Garden Clubs Convention, Westminster, CO June 2-5, 2024

Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan

Amanda Quintanilla and Kieu Doan came to Casa Romantica on Wed, December 20, and worked in the Story Circle area and trimmed back the big coyote bush.

Please come join us for the next Civic Beautification at 8:30 on Wed, Jan 10, at Park Semper Fi and at 8:30 on Wed, Jan 17, at Casa Romantica.



At Park Semper Fi: (L to R) Laura Bard, Simone Costes, Amanda Quintanilla, Kim Neal, Marsha Medina, Deborah Spang





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San Clemente Garden Club Activities		
<u>January 2024</u>		
January 3	Board Meeting	10 am
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January 8	Garden Therapy-Winter Craft	2:30 pm
January 10	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
January 12	Propagation Workshop	9 am
January 17	Civic Beautification	
	Casa Romantica	8:30 am