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President's Message from Cindy Burns



I've been pleased to be the President of the San Clemente Garden Club for the past two years. During our pandemic year, we actually gained more members than ever - 178! We know that people were craving all things nature and nurseries were considered essential businesses. Even so, I want to give the credit to **Betsy Dunn**. Weej created the Eco Warriors, to get us masking and social distancing while cleaning up our SC beaches. **Kieu** led the Civic Beautification volunteers, spiffing up Park Sempre Fi and the Casa.

Stephen Rees created our new website, ran our zoom meetings and sent our professional looking announcements to our members. **Jim Proett** created our monthly Trellis. Without a lot of SCGC activities to write about, every issue was packed with good content, thanks to all of the contributors. Thanks to all our volunteers, **Committee Chairs** and **Board members** who work so hard to make our club so fabulous. Our members plant sale run by **Teresa** at her home, helped us raise scholarship funds. **Diane Riopka's** Committee is awarding four scholarships this year. Please re-new your membership in May as we look forward to getting back to all of the great activities, events and field trips starting in September. I hope to see you at Bella Collina for our Installation Luncheon, June 2, and our upcoming plant sale, June 12.

THE PLANT SALE IS ON! (Need Trucks!)
Saturday, June 12, 8 am - 1 pm

We need volunteers on Friday for set up and also for the day of the sale on June 12.

If you have a truck or van and can haul plants that would be pretty important too.

Spring Celebration Luncheon and installation of officers.

Wednesday at Noon, June 2, Bella Colina

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Can't wait for the Garden Sale!

from Teresa Whitney

Mark your calendars for **Friday, June 11**, for set up, and **Saturday, June 12**, for the sale.

Everyone is gearing up for the first plant sale in what seems like years--of course we're excited!

The sale will be a little different this year but will be lots of fun as usual. We will all need to help keep our customers socially distanced and wearing masks even if we've been vaccinated--no big deal, we're used to it! If you've propagated plants and they look good and are well rooted, bring them to the setup on Friday, June 11, anytime from 9-12 am. We'd like to get them priced and set up into the room. Make sure they represent the SCGC and if you saw it, you'd want to spend money on it. We're also having a mini-flea market in the same Multi-purpose room that the plants are in, so if you have smaller garden items or pots you'd like to donate, bring those on Friday too!

We will need lots of volunteers to work both days and also to pick up plants and equipment from our storage on Friday. We are in desperate need of a couple of trucks so please call me if you have one and can help! Volunteers on Friday will help set up the room with plants and price and groom any donated plants that need it. Saturday volunteers will help with cashiering, moving people in and out of the sale as orderly as we can, and keeping the numbers in the room manageable and safe--as well as helping customers pick plants and clean-up at the end of the sale.

Volunteer times on Friday are from 9 -11 am and 11 am -1 pm. Volunteer times on Saturday will be from 8 -11 am and 11 am-2 pm--or come when you can, and stay as long as you can. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Remember, all proceeds go to the scholarship fund. Oh, and by the way, as a volunteer, one of the biggest perks is getting a first look at what's going to be on sale. Looking forward to a very fun day!

Let me know if you'd like to volunteer by calling or emailing me. It will be so great to see everyone in person again! **Teresa Whitney, 949-466-7151**

Whitneys55@cox.net

Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan

Kieu Doan, Diane Murico, Carol and Bob Luetz came to Park Semper Fi on Wednesday, May 5, to work on the garden. We pulled out many weeds, deadheading lots of spent blooms from the Marguerite bushes. The Blue African Basil and the Cleveland Sage were in full bloom. The Matilla Poppy plants are also in full bloom down the hill by the Pier's parking lot.

Come join us at 8:30 am on Wednesday, **June 2**, at Park Semper Fi and on Wednesday, **June 16**, at Casa Romantica. We can all work together to make our community gardens more beautiful.



Free Compost Buckets from Launa Gould

Recycle your kitchen green waste! Pick up your free kitchen compost bucket provided by the City of San Clemente. Stop by anytime, buckets are inside the gate.

Launa Gould,
1212 Avenida Buena Suerte, SC



Yearbook, 2021-2022 - Jim Proett, editor **"Drop Dead: August 1"**

Committee Chairs--there will be a new yearbook for 2021-22 available at our first meeting on:

September 1.

The book will have a page with descriptions of the various committee functions (scholarships, garden therapy, etc.). In order to allow the printer enough time to have all the necessary copies of the book completed by then, please send your descriptions of what your committee(s) will be doing to me by

August 1.

Mother's Day Gift

San Clemente Garden Club

2022

Friendship Gift

Christmas

GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Enjoy beautiful private gardens

Proceeds benefit scholarships, school gardens, civic beautification, and conservation organizations.

Birthdays

gardenclubsc@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR

Scholarship Committee Announces This Year's Recipients from Diane Riopka

The Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the 2021-22 scholarship recipients. All four awardees, **Alfred (Geno) Hakala, Marissa Santiago, Tracy Mostero, and Mehdi Hosseinyazdi**, are students of Saddleback College. These impressive students plan to continue their studies in horticulture and sustainable landscape design with the goal of advanced degrees and horticulture-related careers.

Thankfully, the club was able to continue its longstanding practice of awarding scholarships despite the loss of funds normally realized through our annual plant sales and garden tour. Thank you board members for continuing to allocate scholarship funds for our local students and committee members—**Lana Doyle, Bette Langford, and Mary Lou Wakefield**—for your service and patience throughout the process, including some difficulties with the online scoring.

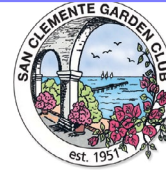
Orange County District News from Bette Langford

Currently, the Orange County District of CGCI has no events scheduled.

Egg Cartons Recycling from Lisa Spinelli

Be a "GOOD EGG"!...(Egg Cartons recycle / re-use .. for good cause !!) F.A.M. (Family Assistance Ministries) needs Clean, Used, Empty EGG CARTONS for distributing eggs. Please Drop off at FAM: 1030 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, CA 92673 (around back between 10AM-3PM), or drop off at Lisa Spinelli's house if you're near Max Berg Pk..

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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

Happy Father's Day!



New Garden Visitor from Mary Mohr

Seems like everything is happening in the garden. Spring has really sprung as the change and transformation from winter signal a new and promising growing season. Flowers and bees, fruit forming and winter veggies on the wane. Tomato plants are showing yellow flowers, promising tomatoes to come. Sun Flowers are about 4 feet tall, ready to reach the heights with a giant display. Our compost has been spread and our grey water system feeds old and new plantings alike.



The garden has provided hours of enjoyment, therapy, exercise and edibles now for over a year of Covid. Our daily trips to

the garden to weed, plant or harvest also provide an opportunity to talk to our resident lizards. They wait just inches from us while digging in the dirt to plant a seed or seedling, ready to devour any unearthed bug or grub. But the newest garden visitor is not tethered to the ground, but to both earth and sky. We call him Elmer, the resident Crow (American, of course). We see him almost daily as he swoops down to our yard to enjoy bathing in our fountain. A dip in the water, then a shake of his feathers, then he's on his way. I think we can be sure that Elmer has marked our backyard fountain as "his" as Crows are territorial.



And, San Clemente Crows don't migrate to warmer climates in winter since ours is temperate all year long.

Crows are among the most intelligent, inquisitive and adaptive of birds. Elmer has prompted us to explore some of the fun facts about Crows that are

amazing.

- Crows are able to recognize our faces and associate each person with good or bad experiences. Additionally, they can communicate that information to other Crows.
- Many types of Crows are solitary but often forage in small groups. A group of Crows is called

a Murder. When one crow dies, the murder will surround the deceased, not just to mourn the dead, but to find out what killed their member. Then the murder will band together and chase predators in a behavior called mobbing.

- Crows are omnivores so can be damaging to crops but may prevent damage by eating insect pests. Crows often forage in dumpsters at job sites where left over French Fries from worker's lunches are a favorite treat (per my husband).
- Crows and Ravens are important in mythology, fables and native cultures. They are often identified as clever tricksters. In some cultures, they are symbols of good luck; in others, they bring bad luck.

We've decided Elmer is definitely Good Luck. Our garden is thriving with birds, bees and lizards along with flowers in bloom, fruit and vegetables. The last fun fact about Crows is they symbolize transformation and change, just like our spring garden.

Nandina Results from Laura Bard

Are Nandina berries killing birds?---- as with so many things in the natural world, the answer is complicated.

The species *Nandina domestica* produces berries/fruit that contain cyanide and other alkaloids. Production of these compounds is a neat defense mechanism that has evolved in thousands of plant species. When a plant is stressed due to drought or other local conditions the concentrations of these compounds in the berries can increase.

Apparently there was an incident in Georgia wherein a group of Cedar Waxwings was found to have died from ingesting Nandina fruit. This seems to have resulted from a combination of stressed plants and the birds habit of gorging on food prior to migration.

Nandinas have been widely hybridized and are useful in many garden settings. They are vigorous, give seasonal interest and have low water needs. Many of the new cultivars are fruitless. Rather than pulling out all your Nandina's and no longer using them I would suggest a dose of practical thinking. If you have healthy plants that produce a lot of fruit then cut the fruit off when you see birds actively feeding from the shrub, typically in mid winter. Use the fruitless cultivars when replanting or planning new plantings, here's a few suggestions in wide use in Southern California.

Firepower

Gulfstream

Nana

Sienna Sunrise

Lemon Lime

Enjoy your Nandina's and our bird friends this Spring.



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San Clemente Garden Club Activities June, 2021

Live Events with COVID protocols:

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San Clemente Community Center

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at Park Semper Fi.

and

Wednesday, June 16, 8:30 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.



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(members joining on or after February 1, 2022, pay half)

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P.O. Box 3891, San Clemente, CA 92674

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San Clemente Garden Club



2021 Plant Sale

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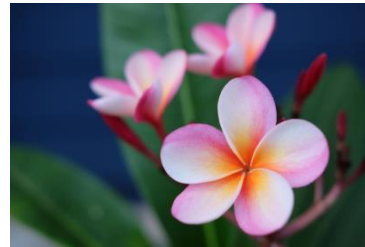
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SanClementeGardenClub.com
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Saturday, June 12, 2021

8am - 1pm

SC Community Center

Del Mar @ Seville



In partnership with the
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Recreation Department

