



# The Garden Trellis



Newsletter for the SAN CLEMENTE GARDEN CLUB,  
Member of California Garden Clubs, Inc., Orange County District

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## “ENGAGE - ENJOY - SUPPORT”

### President’s Message

Summer is supposed to be the best time for festivals and events because the weather is warmer and days are longer. However, for the San Clemente Garden Club – this spring has been amazing!

In addition to our monthly meetings, we were able to enjoy a Members Only Tour, a Field Trip to the Museum of Music, the GardenFest and the Garden Tour. It was a rewarding, busy time. You can see photos from the activities on our great new website.



I’m so grateful to all of volunteers who made these events happen. I am especially grateful to **Weej Baggaley** and **Carol Luetz** for serving for the past two years as Vice Presidents for Programs. They have done a terrific job of planning and organizing our programs, finding speakers, and arranging luncheons. When we couldn’t meet in person, they got us into ZOOM meetings, allowing us to enjoy presentations and see glimpses of each other during that gloomy time of so much isolation. Thank you, Thank you!

I hope to see all of you at our Installation Luncheon on June 1. We will be celebrating our scholarship winners, announcing other awards and will introduce next year’s Board. We’ll also have the popular raffle with some great donated items.

Enjoy your summer!



### June Meeting Program

**\*Installation Luncheon\*** Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Time: 11:30 am, Social Time; 12:15 pm, Luncheon

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**NOTE:** The San Clemente Recreation Supervisor would like SCGC to create the florals on the stage for Memorial Day. We always place a wreath of flowers on the Memorial wreath area. Contact Lisa Spinelli.

Place:



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## Eco Warriors Beach Cleanup

from Weej Baggaley

Please join us on **TUESDAY, May 31**, at **8:30 am** at the San Clemente pier. Bring bags to reuse. We'll have gloves for you if you need them. We can treat ourselves afterwards for a job well done.

See you there!

**This will be the cleanup after the Memorial Day Weekend, so there should be a lot to pick up!**

**We'll be needing All Hands!**

**Your beaches need you!**

(We'll be meeting on June 27 as well)



**King Neptune says: Summer's here so**

**I want YOU  
for Eco Warriors!**

### THE 2022-2023 BOARD

The nominating committee presented an uncontested slate of officers. The new board was accepted at the May General meeting.

**President: Betsy Dunn**

**1st VP – Programs: Laura Bard, Mary Mohr**

**2nd VP – Membership: Mary Blume**

**3rd VP – Ways and Means: Donna Vidrine**

**Treasurer: Elyse Crane**

**Recording Secretary: Diane Murico**

**Corresponding Secretary: Carol Glasheen**

### Orange County District Meeting

**Monday, June 27, 2022,  
at Sherman Gardens**

10:30 am social; meeting 11 am  
in the Tea Garden

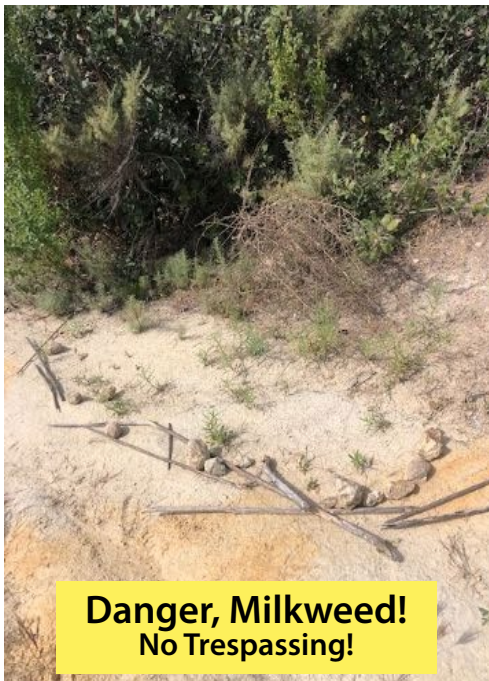
\$5 entrance fee to Sherman Gardens

Award winners will be announced, we'll hear about the CGCI convention in San Diego and participate in our annual silent auction fundraiser for the district.

This fundraiser helps the District to provide an additional scholarship to one of our district club scholarship winners.

RSVP to Launa Gould ([LaunaG@cox.net](mailto:LaunaG@cox.net)) to arrange for car pooling or just show up.  
Launa Gould, District Director

*Happy Father's Day!*



From Weej Baggaley and Molly Fehrenbach

We know monarchs need native milkweed. When we discovered a precious patch of native milkweed in a hiking trail, we did our best to protect it. Won't hurt, might help.

**Danger, Milkweed!  
No Trespassing!**



## Scholarship Committee Announces This Year's Recipients from Diane Riopka

The Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the 2022-23 scholarship recipients: **Nathan Alanso**, a senior at San Clemente High School, and **Christine Villa** of Saddleback College. Christine plans to continue her studies with the goal of a bachelor's degree in agricultural sciences. Nathan's goal is to receive an advanced degree in biological science. Both students have impressive records of community service that include volunteer work and internships with the Community Outreach Alliance that provides food for the needy, Ecology Center, Encinitas Unified School District's Farm Lab, and Tree of Life Nursery.

This year the club was once again able to award scholarships despite COVID restrictions that scaled down our fundraising events—our garden tour and twice yearly plant sales. The club is fortunate to have excellent board members who continue to support scholarship funding for our local students. And many thanks to my fellow committee members **Pat Corless, Lana Doyle, Bette Langford** and **Mary Lou Wakefield**, who again volunteered to serve on this important committee.

## Follow-Up From A Former Scholarship Recipient from Diane Riopka

Our president, **Betsy Dunn**, recently received a note from **Marjie McGraw**, one of our 2014 scholarship recipients. As a result of the club's support, Marjie attended the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she received a bachelor's degree in environmental studies. As an undergraduate, she also had the opportunity to intern in a number of school gardens and classrooms. Marjie later went on to earn a teaching credential and a graduate degree in curriculum development and education.

She emphasized that due to the club's support, she was able to have a career that followed her passion for environmental stewardship. She is currently teaching full-time as a kindergarten through eighth-grade specialist at Community Roots Academy in Orange County.

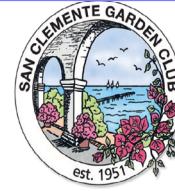
## Garden Club Website from Kim Neal, webmaster

Over the past 30 days, our garden club website had 1,701 unique visitors. The Garden Tour definitely drove traffic to the website, but while they were there they also viewed other areas as well. One of those areas was [Join The Club](#). Perhaps some of these visitors will become new faces at our monthly meetings in the fall.

Would you like to see photos from all of the recent events? Maybe you'll find yourself in one. The photos are ready to be viewed! They can be found in the [Photo Albums](#) section of the website. You'll find the link to the section under the [Members tab](#) on the navigation bar.

Another new webpage that has been added to the website is the [News and Publicity page](#). As the garden club is featured in the news, links to the articles will be featured on this page. The most recent news articles can be viewed by clicking the links. Older articles will be added as the articles are identified. If you have any photos that you are willing to share, please email them to me at [kim\\_neal@cox.net](mailto:kim_neal@cox.net).

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

Asterisk (\*) indicates San Clemente Garden Club Member

# Bragger's Corner



Mary Mohr's County Fair size cabbage. Coleslaw anyone?

## Jr. Gardeners from Sarah Gould

On Monday, **May 16, 2022, 9:25 pm**, **Diane Cheek** did a worm presentation at **Shorecliffs Middle School**. She also helped **San Clemente High School** set up a composting bin.

We now have permission to help at **Concordia!** They will need help this summer with weeds and vine removal so they will be ready in the fall for the students. Please contact me if you are able to help.

**Shorecliffs Middle School** has been a grant recipient for many years and the teacher in charge of their garden was very excited to inform me that they are having an irrigation system installed.

**Las Palmas** had an amazing Earth Week! They had many activities and welcomed us on campus. We will continue to help them and look forward to being in their garden this fall.

**Palisades Elementary** has a beautiful garden. In the fall they will be able to welcome us on their campus.

**Marblehead** has a new teacher in charge of their garden and I look forward to working with her.

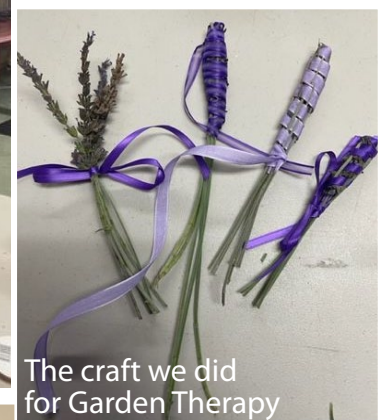
**Lobos, Truman, and Vista del Mar** elementary schools have Gardens and I'm hoping we can work more with them this next fall.

If any members of the Garden Club live by these schools please contact me.

Thank you,  
Sarah Gould ([sarahpgould@gmail.com](mailto:sarahpgould@gmail.com))

## Garden Therapy from Suzi Klickstein

In April, **Kieu Doan, Barbara McLaughlin** and **Suzi Klickstein** met at the San Clemente Villas to guide some of the residents in making fragrant lavender wands. Barbara provided a plethora of fresh lavender cuttings from her yard. Residents were shown how to fold together five cuttings in a certain way so that one could weave colorful narrow ribbon in and out of the stems creating a basket weave effect, thus producing a scented wand. The participants were quick to learn the technique and everyone enjoyed the thick aroma of fresh lavender that filled the room.



The craft we did for Garden Therapy



My long-time friends Al and Carolyn Pierce

### Garden Tour Glow from Weej Baggaley

After a two-year pandemic delay, we were so pleased to hold our annual **Garden Tour** on **May 14**, and it could not have been better! The gardens were gorgeous, the weather was perfect, and our guests and volunteers were full of smiles. We sold far more tickets than ever before (700?!). Proceeds go to our scholarships, school garden grants, and community and conservation projects.

Thank you, **EVERYONE**--homeowners on the tour, GardenTour Committee, docents, sponsors and musicians. Wow!



Donna and Lana at the Penasco house



Donna & Warren Vidrine's garden on Domador

### Earth Day/Arbor Day Activities from Patricia Holloway

On Earth Day, **Patricia Holloway** (in the black hat), member since 2013, coordinated with the City of San Clemente on behalf of **Citizen's Climate Education (CCE)** for a tree planting at **Vista Hermosa Sports Park**. It was so fun! We planted 14 trees: 6 **Coast Live Oaks**, 4 **Stone Pines** and 4 **Little Gem Magnolias**. CCE members attended along with a couple of SCGC folks, **Kieu Doan** and **Jim Proett**. Councilman **Chris Duncan** also participated. Patricia has 'volunteered' to be the Garden Club **Chairperson for Earth Day/Arbor Day**.

Patricia is passionate about planting trees and will be sharing information with us on a regular basis. If you would like to initiate a tree planting project, you can contact Patricia at [pat13holloway@gmail.com](mailto:pat13holloway@gmail.com).



## Park Semper Fi Beautification from Kieu Doan

What a great "May Gray" day for many enthusiastic members who came out and helped spruce up the garden beds at Park Semper Fi in preparation for the Memorial Holiday Ceremony. **Wayne Eggleston, Izi Hinds, Susan Reveal, Sally Mills, Jim Proett, Ana Gonzales, Kim Neal, and Kieu Doan** came and trimmed back the Cleveland Sage and the White Sage. **Sandy Cushman** deadheaded many Marguerite flowers after her beach walk on Monday, May 9. We planted several Salvia Greggii, and Bulbine Frutescens plants. The garden beds are filled with beautiful blooms from the colorful orange-red Lantana, California Fuschia, and Plumbago Auriculata or Imperial Blue.



## Casa Beautification from Kieu Doan

**Deborah Spang, Kim Neal, Izi Hinds, Rosa Martinez, Susan Reveal, and Kieu Doan** came to Casa Romantica on **May 2** to work in the Native Bowl garden. We pulled many weeds, deadheaded the Senecio Barbertonicus plant and trimmed the Tree Mallow plants. **Deborah** and **Kim** returned back to Casa again on **May 9** to trim back all the many spent blooms of the big bushy Crotalaria Capensis.

We came to Casa garden again on **Wednesday, May 11** -- all 11 of us: **Deborah S., Diane R., Izi H., Jim P., Kieu D, Kim N., Launa G., Nina O., Sally M., Sherry C., Weej B.!** We worked in the Native Bowl and around the different garden areas to trim, weed, prune, and tidy up the ground. It took 6 or 7 of us to cut, saw, and remove the huge blue agave plants blocking the view of the Serenity Point overlooking the Pier. **Jim** swept and cleaned the cement path by the Amphitheater, which was covered with sand because of a leaky sprinkler. **Deborah** and **Kim** removed many dead leaves from the Pony Tail Palms.

We sure had a busy month at the Casa to prepare this historic garden for our Garden Tour on May14!

Come join us monthly as we work to beautify our community gardens. We meet at **8:30 am** on the **second Wednesdays** of the month at Park Semper Fi, and on the **third Wednesdays** of the month at Casa Romantica. Bring a friend and stay as long as you can. Bring a hat, gloves, clippers, and a bucket to collect trimmings.



# WELCOME!

## New Members

(None This Month)

**Renew Your Membership Now!**

**Deadline: July 1**

**(for inclusion in Yearbook)**

**From Our Rose Sponsor** from KK Ciruli

**Distinctive Coast Properties**, our **Rose Sponsor**, a locally-owned boutique real estate firm, has been a top-level sponsor of the San Clemente Garden Club since 2016. Located on Del Mar Avenue in downtown San Clemente, DCP is recognized as one of the premier independent real estate offices in our area. Our team of agents brings decades of experience to the table, striving to offer "out of the box" solutions, creative strategies, and reliable methods to accomplish our clients' goals.

DCP owner and Garden Club member **KK Ciruli** says, "Investing in our community is a vital part of doing business in our community. We are proud to support the San Clemente Garden Club's worthy mission, and I value the many friendships I've made through our association with SCGC over the years."

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(plants only)

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**Potting With Diapers** from Susan Pierce

I recently read an article about an unusual way to keep potted plants from drying out in the hot weather. As we know, clay pots loose moisture more frequently than other types of containers. To help retain moisture in the soil, you simply put the contents of this unusual item into the potting soil. What is it? Disposable diapers. They have hydrogel in them to make sure they absorb and retain liquids. This is what garden stores sell as water retention crystals.

Just buy the least expensive box of disposable diapers you can find. Then simply tear open a diaper and pour the contents into a mixing bowl. If there are little pieces of cotton in the bowl, leave them as they also help absorb water. Next add water to the mixture until there is a gel consistency, then add equal parts of potting soil. This combination mixture can be used in pots for your new plants. It must not be used in plantings for fruit, herbs, or vegetables, however.

If you are the person who doesn't want to have dirty hands, there is another option to use the disposable diaper. Peel away the part that would be against a baby's bottom and place in the bottom of the pot. For larger pots or planters, one or more diapers might be needed. Cut holes in the bottom part of the diaper so the soil can drain and not drown the roots. Also, remember that this method is for non-edible plants too.





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**San Clemente Garden Club Activities**  
**June, 2022**

June 1	Installation Luncheon	11:30 am
June 5 -11	<b>National Garden Week</b>	
June 8	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
June 15	Civic Beautification	
	Casa Romantica Gardens	8:30 am
June 27	OC District meeting	11:00 am
June 27	Eco Warriors	
	San Clemente Pier	8:30 am





## San Clemente Garden Club Membership Form 2022-2023

Dues: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

(Members joining on or after February 1, 2023, pay half)

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If you wish to pay online, use our website at [sanclementegardenclub.com](http://sanclementegardenclub.com)

(Please note that your yearbook/name badge/nursery discount card can only be picked up at our general meetings, starting September 2022.)

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