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Deadline for Articles

15th of each month



My granddaughter is passionate about the environment and ecology, so I asked her for help with this article.

1. Scientists are using the mechanics of owl wings to design aircraft and wind turbines to be more silent.
2. The elk population in Yellowstone became uncontrollable because there was no longer an organism at the top of the food chain to control their numbers. Wolves have been reintroduced to reestablish the food chain.

3. Science is trying to conserve the Monarch Butterfly forest in Mexico. A mix of natural restoration, soil conservation, and active reforestation is being used for a natural remediation of the landscape. This holistic approach should assist natural regeneration where the environment no longer allows it to occur.

These are all good news stories. On a smaller, local level, I am so proud of what the San Clemente Garden Club has accomplished and continues to accomplish.

1. The **San Clemente Garden Club** joined with other community groups on Arbor Day to plant 14, 24-inch box trees at Forester Ranch Community Park!
2. The **Eco Warriors** continue to pick up trash along our beaches. It may seem like a small thing; but, not only are they picking up trash, they are raising awareness that our beaches matter.
3. Our **Civic Beautification** teams continue to maintain community gardens for everyone’s enjoyment.
4. **Junior Gardeners** are learning early that the environment matters. We can accomplish much if generations work together and community organizations work together, and Garden Club members continue their volunteer efforts to make a difference.

Summer Social & Installation Luncheon

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Social Time 11:30 am

Lunch 12:00 pm

San Juan Hills Golf Club

32120 San Juan Creek Road
San Juan Capistrano



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

DISTRICT MEETING

Monday, June 12, 10:30 am

Lake Forest Contact: LaunaG@cox.net

CGCI ANNUAL CONVENTION

Monday - Friday, June 5 - 9

Palm Garden Hotel, Thousand Oaks, CA

Host: Southern California Garden Club

Chairman: Rita Desilets

**From Mary Blumé,
Membership Chair**

**NOW is the time to renew for
next year!**

Please use the form in this Trellis, or if you prefer, join online. We will have more forms at our next few meetings. We'll be looking forward to another great year.

**Deadline: July 1
(to be included in the Yearbook)**

Yearbook, 2023-2024 - Jim Proett, editor

Deadline: August 1

Attention: Committee Chairs--there will be a new yearbook for 2023-24 available at our first meeting on:

September 6

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



The 2023 - 2024 Board

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

President: Elyse Crane

1st VP – Programs: Laura Bard, Mary Mohr

2nd VP – Membership: Mary Blumé, Susan Reveal

3rd VP – Ways and Means: Donna Vidrine

Treasurer: Mike Gould

Recording Secretary: Diane Murico

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Scholarship Committee Announces This Year's Recipients from Diane Riopka

The Scholarship Committee is proud to announce this year's scholarship recipients. Students selected to receive scholarships include **Adelaide Brislen** and **Kyla Laughlin** of San Clemente High School, and **Paulina Gonzalez** and **Christine Villa** of Saddleback College. All have impressive academic records and a history of volunteer service, extracurricular activities, and internships.

With the garden club's monetary support, these students plan to pursue advanced studies in the areas of Conservation Biology, Environmental Science, Marine Science and Sustainable Horticulture.

Special thanks to **Pat Corless**, **Lana Doyle**, and **Bette Langford** for their continued service on this important San Clemente Garden Club committee.



San Clemente High School Scholarship recipients with Bette Langford.



2023 – 24 Workshops from Kim Neal

Remember when we were all children and it seemed like the years were so long? But now, the older we get, the faster time seems to fly. This past garden club year really flew by! But with the year now behind us, it's time to plan and announce the 2023-2024 Garden Club Workshop Schedule.

Get out your calendar and add the following workshops to it. Additional information and sign-up sheets will be in the back of the room at our September meeting.

Propagation Workshop July 28, 9 am

Teresa Whitney's Home
(See Yearbook Directory for the addresses)
Bring clippings from your yard!

Succulent Art Workshop September 26, 9 am

Launa Gould's Home

Hypertufa Workshop November 10, 9 am

Launa Gould's Home

Propagation Workshop January 12, 9 am

Teresa Whitney's Home

Gardens in the Schools from Sarah Gould

This has been a fantastic year for the school gardens. We were able to be at many of the schools.

The fourth graders at **Palisades Elementary School** had a wonderful worm lesson taught by **Diane Bennett-Cheek**. The students used magnifying glasses and had their notebooks and pencils ready to take notes and study the worms.

Las Palmas Elementary School had an amazing Earth Week. Many of our Garden Club members were able to help the students learn in the garden by using the five senses.

Shorecliffs Middle School has an activity every week. The teacher in charge did a fabulous job helping the students learn about growing, harvesting, and maintaining the garden.

I was able to go with **Butterfly Bill** to a preschool in Laguna. Bill had all the children raising their hands and asking all sorts of butterfly questions.

I hope the next school year will be even better. The dream is for each school to have two or three Garden Club members ready to help guide the schools so that their gardens will be able to thrive.

For more information, please contact **Sarah Gould** at 310-597-0773/sarahpgould@gmail.com.



Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan

We had a productive day at **Park Semper Fi** on **Wednesday, May 10**. **Wayne Eggleston, Sherry Christensen, Bette Langford, Kim Neal, Deborah Spang, Jim Proett** and **Kieu Doan** planted six Cleveland Sage, and four Mexican Sage. We deadheaded many spent blooms of the Marguerite bushes, pulled out lots of weeds and trimmed back the dead branches of the beautiful Manzanita tree. While working and visiting, we also enjoyed the many beautiful blooms of the Matilija Poppies, Yellow Tree Poppy and Purple ceonothus. The garden is looking spectacular and ready to welcome guests to the Memorial Day Celebration on Monday, May 29.

We will be working in the gardens during the summer months, so if you are free, join us at 8:30 am on the **2nd Wednesday** at **Park Semper Fi**, and on the **3rd Wednesday** at **Casa Romantica**.

We were all so devastated and shocked to learn what happened to the garden slope at our precious **Casa Romantica** garden! It was the week before on **Wednesday, April 19**, when I was so delighted to see that 15 of us came and worked at the Casa, even though we couldn't work in our Native Bowl Garden. We spread out into different areas and tackled the weeds that had been growing out of control because of the rain. Fortunately, Casa will be open with limited capacity so we will still be able to work in the garden. Come join us at **8:30 am** on **Wednesday, June 14**, as we enjoy each other's company and get to know our new fellow garden members.

A big thanks to **Sally Mills, Susan Reveal, DeAnne Hanley, Jim Proett, Vi McMahon, Catherine Hall, Sherry Christensen, Florence Hana, Deborah Spang, Ginette and Steve Watson, Mary and Harlow Nasaaz, and Phong Doan**. It's a new Civic Beautification record!



Arbor Day Festivities from Patricia Holloway

On Arbor Day the City of San Clemente made *The Lorax* proud by planting 22 trees including 10 native Coast Live Oaks and 4 New Zealand Christmas Trees at **Forster Ranch Community Park**, and elsewhere around town. The tree planting ceremony was the result of friendly cooperation between the city and several nonprofit groups.

Thanks to our **San Clemente Garden Club, Citizens' Climate Education, Sunrise Rotary and San Clemente Rotary** for collectively donating \$4,500 to the city to purchase these trees. High praise is also due **Public Works Director Kiel Koger, Maintenance Manager Randy Little and Arborist Steve Fritzs**ch for organizing a safe and professional event, and for applying, with the blessing of our City Council, to become a **Tree City U.S.A.** **Mayor Duncan** happily announced at the event that San Clemente has been granted Tree City status by the National Arbor Day Foundation. This is good news for our town and a vital step toward making us a healthier and more beautiful community.

Tour of Niguel Botanical Preserve

by Weej Baggaley

The **Eco Warriors** visited the beautiful Niguel Botanical Preserve on **Thursday, May 4** for a tour led by volunteer docent **Monty McDivit**. The flowers were in full bloom, and every attendee learned something new. Go and visit when you get a chance. It's nearby and really a special place.



Truffula Trees are what everyone needs. Plant a new Truffula. Treat it with care. Give it clean water. And feed it fresh air.
--from *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss



Ricky Rodriguez, Chairman, SC Chamber of Commerce, Rod's Tree Service; **Jim Rutter**, Sunrise Rotary; **Tyler Boden**, San Clemente Rotary; **Melinda Lester**, Sunrise Rotary, **Chris Duncan**, Mayor; **Patricia Holloway**, Citizens' Climate Education; **Steve Fritzs**ch, City Arborist; **Larry Kramer**, Citizens' Climate Education; **Betsy Dunn** and **Elyse Crane**, San Clemente Garden Club.



San Clemente Garden Club Volunteers: **Regina Hurley, Bette Langford, Carol Glasheen, Elyse Crane, Betsy Dunn, Jim Proett** and **Patricia Holloway**

The Veteran's Memorial Rose Garden from Laura Bard

What's a rose garden without roses? One could ask the that question of the small plot of land at **Max Berg Park** with the marker stating 'Memorial Rose Garden, San Clemente Post 423.

The original Veteran's Memorial Rose Garden was developed by the **San Clemente Military Council** in 1950. As per the Sun Post article from the 1980s, the plaque is **American Legion Post 423**. The original garden was planted by the **VFW post** in 1950. The roses memorialized San Clemente residents who lost their lives in WWII. **Rosa 'Peace' shrubs** were added in 1970 and dedicated by then **First Lady Pat Nixon**.

The original **Veteran's Memorial Rose Garden (VMRG)** was removed during the park renovation in the 1980s. The 'Peace' roses that First Lady Pat Nixon dedicated were dug up and transplanted around the City, City Hall, City Golf Course, and a City Council member's home. Over the years, **Jim Gatacre** and his wife **Pat** purchased and planted nine 'Peace' rose shrubs in the remaining VMRG. Jim's father died in combat in 1942 and Pat's father fought in and survived the Battle of Okinawa. The roses pay tribute to their fathers and all those who have sacrificed for their country.

The City decided to remove anything that could hide a person after a shooting incident in the park in the summer of 2022, so there we were with a lovely marker and no roses. The local **Historical Society**, the American Legion Post 423, and several folks who live in the neighborhood of the park decided to take action. The City was contacted and eventually added irrigation to several beds bordering the existing pavilion and adjacent to the existing marker. Jim Gatacre generously donated shrubs that are all consistent with the theme of peace and remembrance. Our Garden Club volunteers rallied in record time to dig the holes for the new shrubs. Soon, we will have a beautifully blooming Veteran's Memorial Rose Garden!

Many thanks to the following people for making this happen and preserving a lovely bit of San Clemente history: **Jim Gatacre, Kieu Doan, Launa Gould, Weej Baggaley, Matt Duncan, Larry and Jaine Culbertson, Jim Proett and Phong Doan.**



From Kieu Doan
Here are the pictures of the holes for the rose bushes. We had a great turnout and eight of us came and dug eight holes: **Larry, Jaine, Launa, Jim, Matt, Weej, Kieu, and Phong.**



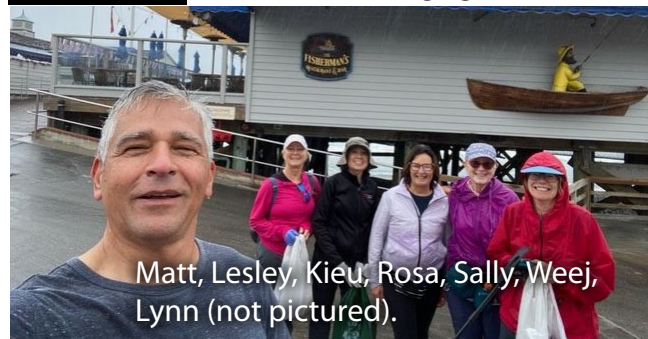
Beach Cleanup, Rain or Shine!

from Weej Baggaley

We had a committed group of Eco Warriors cleaning up our beaches despite the miserable weather. There was more trash than usual on **Tuesday, May 30**, after the Memorial Day weekend.



Also, because of the rain, we witnessed first hand how litter and other nasties come straight out to the beach through the storm drains, and right where the surfers are surfing--gross!



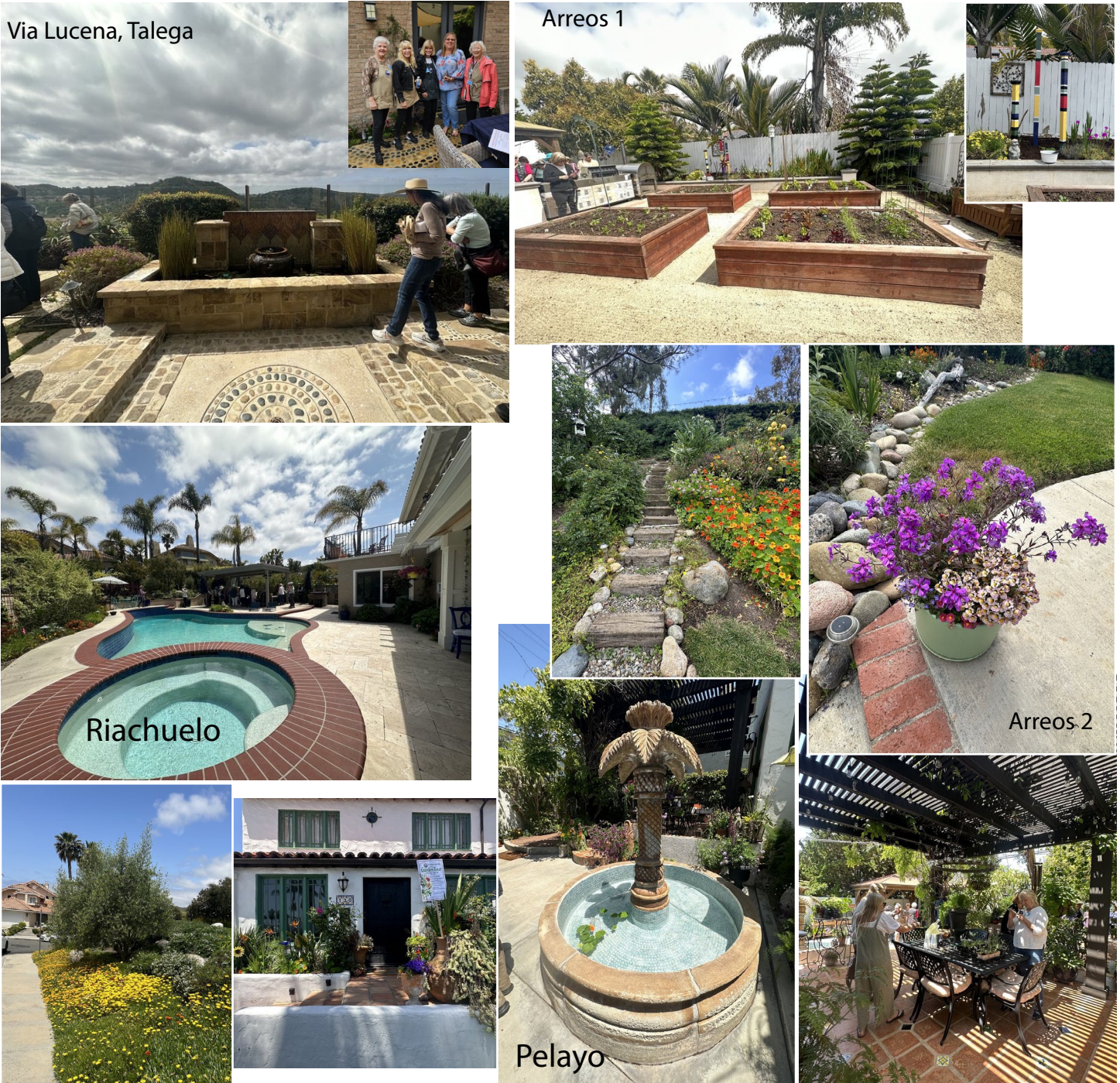
Matt, Lesley, Kieu, Rosa, Sally, Weej, Lynn (not pictured).

Garden Tour 2023 from Kim Neal

Thank you to the five homeowners who graciously agreed to participate in the 2023 San Clemente Garden Club Garden Tour. Without your willingness to invite garden enthusiasts into your gardens, this event would not have been possible. The passion, vision, time, and effort you, as homeowners, invested into your unique garden was clearly evident on tour day.

The Club would also like to thank everyone who has made our 2023 Garden Tour a success: the sponsors, musicians, and our hardworking San Clemente Garden Club members who devoted many volunteer hours to ensure that the event went smoothly from planning to execution.

Lastly, the Club would like to thank all of our guests who supported this fundraiser by purchasing tickets. Without you, we would not be able to provide funding for the San Clemente Garden Club Scholarship and Junior Gardeners program, as well as funds towards conservation organizations and the Civic Beautification projects the Club participates in within the City of San Clemente.



Tree City USA Guest Opinion by Patricia Holloway

(Reprinted with permission from the San Clemente Times, April 20, 2023, issue, page 9: https://issuu.com/sanclementetimes/docs/sct_0420)

Last fall, the City of San Clemente applied to the National Arbor Day Foundation to become a Tree City USA. Communities seek this special designation for guidance in expanding their Urban Forest.

To qualify, a city complies with four standards:

1. Establish a Tree Board
2. Enact a Tree Ordinance
3. Budget for Tree Care
4. Celebrate Arbor Day

Based on a recent inventory, San Clemente maintains 15,000 public trees. Currently, the city removes more trees than it plants. We must help reverse this trend. Trees have it rough. Between prolonged periods of drought, disease, vandalism, storm damage and old age, it's not easy being green! Together with trees on private land, the city's canopy coverage is 21%. This is less than the national average of 27% and that of neighboring cities.

This Arbor Day gives us an opportunity to turn things around by fostering a culture of care for trees. The Garden Club, Citizens' Climate Education, and both Rotary Clubs are donating time and treasure towards helping San Clemente plant large trees at Forester Ranch Community Park. Come by at 9:00 am, Friday, April 28th to join the action.

People ask what they can do to support trees in their yards and neighborhoods. Here are some answers:

- **Protect mature trees.** Mature trees are at their peak environmental powers. Their leaves absorb CO₂ and release oxygen; their shade cools the air and ground; well-developed root systems draw water to the surface in dry times and retain water in wet times; they provide wildlife habitat, improve human health, and increase property values. They're beautiful!
- **Don't top or severely prune trees.** Topping causes permanent damage and weakens limbs. Also, no more than 25% of a tree's foliage should be removed at once. Without leaves a tree cannot feed itself. This shortens its lifespan.
- **Water trees, even during drought.** Trees are exempt from water conservation restrictions, so please water trees even when constrained in watering your lawn or shrubs.
- **Water new trees weekly.** Apply 15-20 gallons of water, especially in hot weather. Create a moat around the tree 2-4 feet away from the trunk. Turn hose on low and measure how many minutes it takes to fill a 5-gallon bucket. Multiply that by 3 or 4 and leave the hose trickling in the moat for that length of time.
- **Water mature trees monthly.** Place hose by drip line (where tree's canopy ends). Water slowly to a depth of 18 inches.
- **Replace trees.** If you must remove a tree, buy a new one to take its place. If a tree is removed on your street or HOA common area, ask the city or HOA to replant one in an appropriate location.
- **Support funding.** Ask Council to allocate additional dollars toward planting trees in its annual budget. Trees are the only "infrastructure" to increase in value over time.

By planting trees on Arbor Day and throughout the year, San Clemente will enlarge its village forest and truly become a Tree City USA.

Patricia Holloway has lived and worked in San Clemente for 40 years. She has a B.S. in Environmental Planning from UC Davis and a Master's in City and Regional Planning from UC Berkeley. She's a member of the local chapter of Citizens' Climate Education and can be reached at pat13holloway@gmail.com.



Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*)
photo by Patricia Holloway

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Garden Therapy from Suzi Klickstein

In May, volunteers **Barbara McLaughlin, Tom Benton, Kieu Doan, Dolly Latteier and Suzi Klickstein** met at the San Clemente Boys & Girls Club for Garden Therapy with 15 students. Our craft for May was to make a suncatcher to be hung in a sunny window. Using a cottage cheese container lid, clear Elmer's Glue and flattened marbles, the children fashioned a variety of colorful suncatchers. The project went very well and we all had fun, although the children will need to wait until the end of the week when their sun catcher is dry in order to take them home.

This was our last Garden Therapy until next September when we will continue to meet at the Boys & Girls Club.



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/i/community/community-contribution-program>



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San Clemente Garden Club Activities

June 2023

June 7	Installation Luncheon	11:30 am
June 5 -11	National Garden Week	
June 12	OC District meeting	10:30 am
June 14	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
June 21	Civic Beautification	
	Casa Romantica Gardens	8:30 am



San Clemente Garden Club Membership Form 2023-2024

Dues: \$25 _____ Family \$40 _____

(Members joining on or after February 1, 2024, pay half)

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