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## “ENGAGE - ENJOY - SUPPORT”

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One of the best things about the San Clemente Garden Club is that members can join and do as much or as little as they want. If you just want to come to the meetings and listen to the speakers, you are welcome. You may want to join us on an occasional field trip and that’s great. Please come and meet people and have fun.

But if you want to get engaged and volunteer for activities, this is the time to do it. We have events coming up and need all sorts of help. Most jobs are easy and fun. Our **Spring**

**GardenFest** and the **Garden Tour** are huge fundraisers. In June, we will award scholarships to local students. It is very rewarding to see the results of the work we’ve done.

Volunteers are the glue that holds the Club together. Their work allows us to connect with our community and make it a better place. We see that during this busy spring season. Working at the GardenFest or the Garden Tour allows you to be part of making our community a better place.



### March Meeting Program

Date: **Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 1 pm**

Place: St. Andrew’s by the Sea Methodist Church  
2001 Calle Frontera, San Clemente 92673

Subject: **California’s Own Native Landscape Design**

Speaker: Greg Rubin

A native landscape can be an ecologically responsible way to create defensible space and protect your home from wildfire. **Greg Rubin**, who founded California’s Own Native Landscape Design, will discuss the research as well as general principles for successful native landscape design, installation, and maintenance.



## GardenFest 2022 Plant Sale and Garden/Household Goods Flea Market

Set for Saturday, April 9, 2022

Club members and residents are invited to create "funky plant containers" for a contest.

Attendees judge winners on site. Entrees are due by 8 am, Saturday, April 9.

## Enthusiastically planning for our April 9 GardenFest 2022 from Donna Vidrine

Planning meetings scheduled:

**March 18 (Friday) at 1pm**

Location is: Launa Gould's house

1212 Avenida Buena Suerte, San Clemente 92672

Call, text, or email me if you have any questions:

949-202-7210, rookqs@cox.net

## It's Your Website from Kim Neal

The Garden Club Website is your website. As such, it needs to provide information that is beneficial for you. A couple of things that are planned for future updates:

- **Look What's Blooming/Growing!**

This will be a page for photos to be posted of our gardens, plants and blooming flowers you happen to run across. The next time you see something awesome, snap a photo of it and email it to Kim Neal.

- **What To Do In Your Garden This Month**

This will be a 'To Do List' by month of activities to maintain your garden.

Hopefully, by now you've visited the website and have become familiar with the latest updates. If not, check it out. Then, think about what you would like to see included on your website and let me know.

## Garden Club Website from Kim Neal

Check out our new Garden Club website!

Be sure to visit often: [sanclementegardenclub.com](http://sanclementegardenclub.com)

- **Calendar page:**

<https://www.sanclementegardenclub.com/calendar>

- **Events page:**

<https://www.sanclementegardenclub.com/events>

- **Executive Committee and Committee Chairs pages:**

<https://www.sanclementegardenclub.com/executive-committee>

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- **Speaker Presentations and Handouts:**

<https://www.sanclementegardenclub.com/presentations-handouts>

- **History Page -- Lots of Documented History:**

<https://www.sanclementegardenclub.com/history>

## Garden Tour, 2022 from Weej Baggaley

Make your plans for a wonderful day of garden touring on **May 14!** The 2022 San Clemente Garden Tour will feature wonderful gardens and live music. The Garden Tour is our major fundraiser and benefits the scholarship fund, community projects, school gardens, and more. Docents qualify for half price tickets and can preview all the gardens before the big day. Docent sign-up sheets will be available at the March meeting, or contact KK Ciruli at 949-547-8494 or [kkciruli@aol.com](mailto:kkciruli@aol.com).



## Garden Club Needs YOU! from Mary Mohr

It's that time again when the Nominating Committee comes calling. Since the beginning of the San Clemente Garden Club in 1951, The Executive Committee along with many Committee chairs, have kept this Club vital to the community and its members. As volunteers for a year, each Executive Committee member can elect to sign on for another year. We are fortunate this year to have all current Board members continuing with the except of one position, 1st Vice President. The duties of that position include planning the program/ speaker for our monthly meetings. This volunteer position can be shared with most of the planning done in the early summer for the Garden Club calendar year. **Carol Luetz** and **Weej Baggaley** have done an outstanding job these past few years and will provide guidance and a list of potential speakers to the new volunteer. Please contact me if you are interested in this position.

The Nominating Committee will present its slate of officers for the 2022-2023 year at the April meeting and be voted on at the May meeting. Sooooo . . . . get involved, get creative and answer the call!

Your Garden Club Needs YOU!  
**Mary Mohr, Go4mohr@cox.net**

## Eco Warriors Beach Cleanup

from Weej Baggaley

The **Eco Warriors** cleaned up the beach by the pier on Jan. 31. We would like to ask every one of our Garden Club members: **Please! Refuse Styrofoam!** (And also beware of those **clear plastic food storage bags** which tend to resemble jellyfish when underwater!) It is disheartening to see all the bits of styrofoam littering our beaches and oceans, and destined to be consumed by our innocent sea life--very sad! We cheered ourselves up by getting croissants and coffee after the cleanup (that's the spirit!). So join us next time:

**March 28, 8:30 am @ San Clemente Pier**



Lesley, Rosa, Kieu, Susan, Weej, Mighty Matt

## Arbor Day March 7 from CGCI

California's **Arbor Day** is celebrated on March 7 in honor of famed horticulturist Luther Burbank's birthday. The celebration may continue until March 14. Thanks to the passion and gusto of a tree-lover named **J. Sterling Morton**, Arbor Day was first celebrated in Nebraska on April 10, 1872, by planting an estimated one million trees on the treeless prairie. Since its inception in the 1800's, Arbor Day has been celebrated around the nation as a day to plant and care for trees.

Morton believed that the beauty of trees was a reason unto itself: "To preserve beauty on the earth, to plant trees, and renew dead landscapes with the shadow and light of plant life flitting through the pendant limbs, the willowy boughs and the waving foliage of sturdy, yet graceful woods. Our ancestors planted orchards to fruit for us, and homes to give us shelter. Each of those repose upon the past, while Arbor Day proposes for the future. It contemplates, not the good and the beautiful of past generations, but it sketches, outlines, establishes the useful and beautiful for the ages yet to come."

A century after the holiday was first celebrated, the Arbor Day Foundation was created to continue encouraging people to plant and love trees.

## Jr. Gardeners from Sarah Gould

The next few months will be busy for Jr Gardeners!

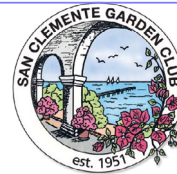
We have reached out to all the schools regarding spring planting. We will be working with students to stress the importance of worms in the garden. That should be super fun.

If any Garden members have a garden speciality, please let me know. We would love to have more lesson options for the students.

## Clean Your Pruners! from Susan Pierce

Here is a video from the National Garden Clubs (gardenclub.org) demonstrating how to clean pruners. By using clean tools, sales of member donated plants should be germ and pest free. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdPqOXEoAiU>

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# Bragger's Corner

from Cathy Barnett

I love an active garden filled with assorted birds and small animals. Sometimes I wonder why can't they all be friends? The finches and doves fight over my bird seed. Then **Arthur**, my visiting squirrel, chases them away from their favorite feeder. The **Cooper's Hawk** flies in from the trees and "boom" -- birds fly in every direction including our windows. And last but not least, **Mulligan**, my Shiloh Shepherd, stares fixedly at **Arthur**....watching and waiting...



## Park Semper Fi Beautification

from Kieu Doan

Newest garden club member **Izi Hinds** plus **Sally Mills, Sherry Christensen** and **Kieu Doan** came to Park Semper Fi on **Wednesday, Feb. 9**, to work in the garden. We trimmed back several Lantana bushes, pulled out lots of weeds and deadheaded spent blooms. We filled up three black trash bags of green waste. It was a pretty hot day, but we got a lot done. Our next outing will be on **Wednesday, Mar. 9**, at **8:30 am**. Come join us and help make the garden more beautiful in preparation for the Memorial Day Holiday Ceremony.



### Casa Beautification from Kieu Doan

We had another successful outing at Casa gardens on **Wednesday, Feb. 16**. There were 13 of us working in the garden: **Launa Gould, Nina Ostensen, Jim Proett, Sherry Christensen, Susan Revel, Rosa Kinoshita, Kieu Doan, Diane Riopka, Izi Hinds, Sally Mills, Gail and Mark Westin (Sally's friends)** and new member **Deborah Spang**.

We cut and trimmed the Coyote bush, the Yellow trumpetbush (*Tecoma stans*) and the rare San Clemente Island Bush Mallow (*Malacothamnus clementinus*). We pulled out invasive plants (Crabgrass, Oxalis and Ragweed) growing around the dry creek bed area. Master Gardener, **Nina Ostensen**, whose expertise is in California Native plants, and expert gardener, **Launa Gould**, provided many useful tips to our group on how to take care of our big and beautiful Native Bowl Garden. We can't wait to come back in March and April to continue our work to make the Native Garden beautiful for the tour on May 14! Come join us on **Wednesday, March 16, at 8:30 am**.



### Garden Therapy from Suzi Klickstein

Sadly the RIO Adult Day Care Center, where the club has had Garden Therapy for more than two decades, has closed and moved to Orange. **Barbara McLaughlin** and **Suzi Klickstein** have been scouting for a new venue. The **San Clemente Villas by the Sea** is a vibrant assisted living facility here in town and it appears they are open to the idea of having Garden Therapy there.

Recently, Barbara and Suzi did a trial run there. They brought materials for making valentines. Eight delightful ladies joined in creating valentines. The facility provided tables set up outside and we wore our masks. We also showed proof of vaccinations. We all had fun designing valentines. As word spreads, we should be drawing a bigger group. We don't yet have a date for the next Garden Therapy, but we will keep you posted.





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<b>San Clemente Garden Club Activities</b>		
<b><u>March, 2022</u></b>		
March 2	Board Meeting	10:00 am
March 2	Meeting and Program	1:00 pm
March 9	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
March 16	Civic Beautification	
	Casa Romantica	8:30 am
March 18	GardenFest Planning Mtg	1:00 pm
March 28	Eco Warriors (at the Pier)	8:30 am

**FREE ADMISSION**



**San Clemente Garden Club**  
in partnership with  
The City of San Clemente Parks & Recreation

**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
*Garden Tour May 14th*

# Garden Fest

**Saturday - April 9, 2022**

**8 am - 2 pm**

**San Clemente Community Center**

**HUGE PLANT SALE**

**GARDEN FLEA MARKET**

**Master Gardener Tool Sharpening**

**Exhibits • Demonstrations**

**City Water Conservation Info.**

**Local Art • Funky Container Contest**

**Kids Gardening Activities**

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