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Many years ago, my husband and I saw Huell Howser on “California’s Gold” enjoying a Super Bloom in Death Valley. We both took a sick day the next day and headed out to Death Valley for a great four-day weekend. We have since made it a point to get to as many super bloom sites as we can. We are fortunate here in Southern California because there are so many areas to enjoy these wonderful displays: Anza Borrego, Chino Hills, and the Antelope Valley. There is one closer to home – the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park. I recently went there on a day that was cold and drizzling, but there were acres of flowers!

Are February and March the low point in the gardening year? From what I’ve been reading – NO! Some tasks: Repot container plants, start seeds, prune roses, keep up with weeds, and feed birds. But it’s cold outside, right? Can’t we just sit by the fire and look at the garden through the window? Of course, we can do both. We live in Southern California!

GardenFest 2023 Plant Sale/Flea Market

Saturday, April 15, 2023, 8 am - 1 pm

San Clemente Garden Tour

Saturday, May 20, 2023, 10 am - 4 pm

Tour proceeds support scholarships, school gardens, civic beautification and conservation organizations.

March Meeting Program

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

The Ecology Center

Emily Wanous

Emily Wanous, Community Relations and Marketing Coordinator, will begin with an overview of The Ecology Center’s mission and programs. Emily will go over the importance of regenerative agriculture and how folks can integrate regenerative practices (integration of animals, cover cropping, no/low till, perennial plants, etc.) in their own homes and gardens. There will be a discussion of what permaculture is and how we can live more sustainably in our day-to-day lives. She will share easy tips that we can adopt to manage our resources better, such as putting a brick in the back of your toilet to save 1/4 gallon of water every time you flush!



Orange County District, State and National News/Events

DISTRICT MEETING

Monday, June 12, 2023, 10 am

Lake Forest Contact: LaunaG@cox.net

Terrarium Workshop from Kim Neal

This is a reminder that the Terrarium Workshop you have signed up to attend is scheduled for **Friday, March 17, at 9 am**. The workshop will be held at the home of Launa Gould. Now is a good time to find that perfect container for your terrarium. If you don't already have one, thrift shops, Home Goods, hardware stores, nurseries, Amazon, etc. are great resources to purchase a container that will enhance your home décor. An email will go out no later than March 3 that will provide all of the workshop information.

To be added to the waiting list, send an email to kim_neal@cox.net. If anyone drops from the workshop, you will be contacted to let you know an opening is available.

GardenFest 2023! from Donna Vidrine
April 15, 8 am - 2 pm

Tabling events to include water conservation, children activities, local artists competition, funky garden contest, garden tool sharpening, and many others.

- Volunteer for setup day on April 14 or Plant Sale/ Flea Market April 15.
- GardenFest Committee will meet March 16 at 1 pm at Launa Gould's home.
- Come join our GardenFest Committee; co-chair & hospitality positions open.



MEMBERS ONLY TOUR from Lana Doyle

The Members Garden Tour is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 26**. If you would like to showcase your garden, please email me at lanajdoyle@gmail.com and let me know. Please include your name, address, telephone number, and email address. We should have four to five homes on the tour.

Field Trip from Lana Doyle

Whale Watching season in Dana Point is here, so let's go! Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, March 28, at 10 am**. Tickets are half off on Tuesdays. The duration of the trip is two hours. Parking is free for four hours. To assure that you have a spot, you can make your reservations online at **Dana Point Harbor.com** or call **949-496-5794, ext. 7**. If you are interested in going, email me at lanajdoyle@gmail.com and I will send you a reminder. Don't forget to make a reservation.

Tree Of Life Nursery Tour from Susan Reveal

Join the Eco Warrior team for another fun and informative tour. The Tree of Life nursery is located on 40 acres of the historic Rancho Mission Viejo showcasing California native plants.

If interested, please email me at zsusanz@sbcglobal.net to reserve a spot.

Thursday, March 30, 2023, 10 am

33201 Ortega Hwy, San Juan Capistrano

Maximum 30 people

Allow 1 hour + for the tour

No stairs but uneven ground

Ample parking and carpooling is encouraged

Be a Docent! from KK Ciruli

By now, you are no doubt aware of the date for our very special **2023 Garden Tour on May 20**. On that day, hundreds of thrilled gardeners will tour some of the area's most beautiful gardens and be filled with great ideas as they head home.

The San Clemente Garden Tour is our major fundraising event each year, and we need all Garden Club "hands on deck." One of the best ways to help is by serving as a docent for the event. Docents work a 3½ hour shift at one of the gardens welcoming guests, giving them directions around the property, and generally serving as host or hostesses during their shift.

Not only do docents provide invaluable assistance on the tour day, they also receive two valuable benefits: a reduced tour ticket price (\$20) and a private preview tour of all of the gardens approximately 10 days before the event. You'll have an opportunity to sign up to be a docent at our March and April Garden Club meetings. Please be sure to visit us at the back table for more details on this exciting opportunity to be a part of what is sure to be a wonderful day!



Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan

Catherine Hall, Sally Mills, Deborah Spang, Kim Neal, Florence Hanan, and Kieu Doan came to work at Casa Romantica garden on January 18. It was right after the rain so the garden was so lush and green and the soil was soft and easy to work. Florence summed it up very well when she wrote about it here.

"Last Wednesday I volunteered to garden at Casa Romantica. Pure Joy! I settled myself on the verdant hillside overlooking the ocean and absorbed the soothing sounds of the gently rolling waves as I sifted through the moist and generative soil to remove overgrown uncultivated plants. Some people would call this working in the garden or pulling weeds. I was completely lost in the meditative state of gardening. That evening as I nestled all snug in my bed, visions of wildflowers danced in my head. The song of the ocean deep in my heart, it just settled my brain for a long winter's nap."

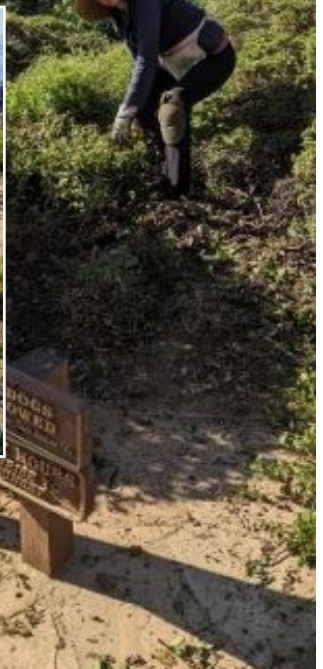


Susan Reveal, Deborah Spang, Wayne Eggleston, Ginette and Steve Watson, and Phong and Kieu Doan worked at Park Semper Fi on Wednesday, February 8. We trimmed back many Lantana, Cape Honeysuckle, asparagus, and salvia plants. It was a productive day! With many helping hands, we got a lot done and finished our work before 10 am, since many of us had other appointments to go to.

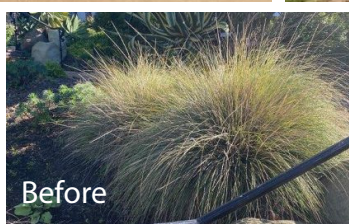
Come out and join us at 8:30 am on Wednesday, March 8, at Park Semper Fi, and March 15, at Casa Romantica. I am sure the garden will be full of interesting native plants and more beautiful blooming flowers from all of the rain we have had this winter.



Park Semper Fi



Kim's Bush



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San Clemente Garden Tour Set for Saturday, May 20, 2023 from Freda D'Souza

The San Clemente Garden Club will host its annual award-winning event on Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 10 am to 4 pm. The self-guided tour of outstanding gardens in the beautiful "Spanish Village by the Sea" includes complimentary snacks, water and live music. Tour proceeds support scholarships, school gardens, civic beautification and conservation organizations.

For more information about SCGC's Garden Tour on May 20, visit sanclementegardenclub.com or Facebook. For questions call **Event Chairman Weej Baggaley** at 949-547-4693/email: weej@me.com.

Garden Therapy from Suzi Klickstein

In the month of February, Tom Benton, Heidi Gibson, Kieu Doan, Barbara McLaughkin, and Suzi Klickstein were once again at the Boys & Girls Club for Garden Therapy. This month, in honor of the snowy owl that was visiting Southern California recently, we made snowy owls using a pinecone as our base. Once again the children were enthusiastic and creative.



Landfill Tour

from Weej and the Eco Warriors

Thanks to everyone who joined us on our tour of the Prima Deshecha Landfill. We had a beautiful day to tour a landfill! We learned how our trash is handled, how they are making loads of wonderful compost and mulch (free to pick up with an appointment at oclandfills.com/compost), and how they employ birds of prey to keep the seagulls away. I personally was reminded of how much garbage we all produce and have renewed my commitment to cut down on waste. Join me!



Christian and his Harris Hawk



GardenFest 2023 Plant Sale and Garden/Household Goods/ Flea Market

from Freda D'Sousa

Set for Saturday, April 15, 2023

GardenFest 2023 will be held from 8 am to 2 pm on **Saturday, April 15, 2023**, at the **San Clemente Community Center** on Avenida Del Mar at Seville. The San Clemente Garden Club (SCGC) hosts the annual event in partnership with the City of San Clemente Parks & Recreation Department, offering incredible bargains on hundreds of plants with an emphasis on drought-tolerant species.

SCGC members and sponsors propagate and donate a large variety of plants and also flea market items that are useful for gardens, homes, and hobbies.

They will be available for purchase in the community center auditorium. GardenFest also offers gardening and craft activities for children, opportunities to view and purchase local art, craft demonstrations, displays about bee keeping and butterflies, and tips on water conservation. Master Gardeners will offer free garden tool sharpening.

South County area residents are also invited to enter the annual **Funky Plant Container Contest**. Attendees judge winners at the event. Entries are due by **8 am on Saturday, April 15**.

GardenFest proceeds fund horticultural scholarships, programs for junior gardeners, and civic beautification.

Schools in the Garden from Sarah Gould

Junior Gardners is ready for additional help from the Garden Club. With 10 schools in San Clemente there is lots of work to be done in helping each of these schools. The schools have gardens to teach the students the love of the outdoors and how things grow. **San Clemente High** and **Shorecliff Middle Schools** have programs for the special needs students and the gardens are a fantastic place for these students to learn.

Las Palmas School has a well-organized program. The parent in charge of the garden plans all the monthly activities. She wants us to help out and be there for support.

The other schools need help in planning and organizing monthly activities.

If you would like to volunteer at a particular school, I will provide contact information with the school garden representative. Please contact **Sarah Gould** at 310-597-0773/sarahpgould@gmail.com.



Arbor Day Update

from Patricia Holloway

Mark your calendars to celebrate Arbor Day 9 am, Friday, April 28 at Forester Ranch Community Park (3207 Camino Vera Cruz, San Clemente, CA 92673). This is a city sponsored event and, so far, donations from SCGC and the local chapter of Citizens' Climate Education total \$2,480 (@ \$310/tree), enough for the city to purchase eight, 24-inch box trees!

The city plans to advertise the event in the papers and social media and will let participating groups have a table with membership and general information. If anyone would like to help me set up a table with literature and welcome people to join our garden club, please contact me at pat13holloway@gmail.com or 949-378-7890.



Arbor Day 2022 tree planting at San Clemente High School. Tree to be cared for by two special education classes.

5 Tips for Living Green

From The Nature Conservancy

- Purchase locally grown, organic food.
- Carry reusable, eco-friendly water bottles.
- Ride a bike to reduce your carbon footprint (but beware of motorists!).
- Choose paperless billing for all your bills.
- Use baking soda and vinegar and water mixtures for household cleaning.

More Eco Conscious Good Actions

from Lisa Spinelli

In keeping with our own Eco Warrior pledge to reuse and recycle, Lisa Spinelli is collecting clean/used egg cartons (for FAM) and clean/unused greeting cards (to send to a prison). Drop them into marked containers at the next garden club meeting. Also OK to drop at her house.

Historical Society Gala & Time Capsule

from Patricia Holloway

The San Clemente Historical Society will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary this coming March 19 by hosting a gala at Casa Romantica. The SCHS is also asking residents to write down their favorite memories, take photographs of, or draw their quintessential spots in San Clemente to include in a time capsule. What fun! Please send your memories to the San Clemente Historical Society, PO Box 283, San Clemente, CA 92672-0283, so they can place them inside the time capsule to be opened in 2073.

The Historical Society has asked me to comment on San Clemente's urban forest and the establishment of the Richard and Donna O'Neill Conservancy, our local nature preserve, to also include in the time capsule. If any garden club members have special memories, photos, or stories about a favorite tree, or thoughts about the future of our village forest, please share them with me by March 10 and I will do my best to include them with my submittal for the time capsule. Send your tree memories and photos to pat13holloway@gmail.com.



Some More Tips for Living Green:

- Don't run the water while brushing your teeth.
- Take a shorter shower - turn off the water while lathering up.
- Save your used bath/shower water in buckets and use them to flush the toilet.
- Get a reusable coffee cup.
- Don't use plastic bags (they get into the ocean where they are consumed by wildlife).
- Take the stairs rather than the elevator.
- Use cruise control when driving a motor vehicle.
- Get a houseplant (increases oxygen in the home).
- Use E-tickets and save some trees!

For more info: <https://www.elginrecycling.com/20-ways-to-go-green-this-earth-day/>



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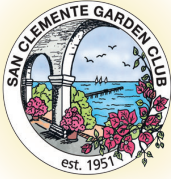
San Clemente Garden Club Activities

March 2023

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| March 1 | Board Meeting | 10:00 am |
| March 1 | Meeting and Program | 1:00 pm |
| March 8 | Civic Beautification | |
| | Park Semper Fi | 8:30 am |
| March TBD | Garden Therapy-Spring Craft | 12:45 pm |
| March 15 | Civic Beautification | |
| | Casa Romantica | 8:30 am |
| March 17 | Terrarium Workshop | 9:00 am |

FREE ADMISSION

SAVE THE DATE!!
Garden Tour May 20



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

Garden Fest

Saturday - April 15, 2023

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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Proceeds benefit horticultural scholarships, junior gardeners, and civic beautification.



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Dues: \$25 _____ Family \$40 _____

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

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