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May Day is one of the oldest celebrations of spring, originally celebrated as Floralia, a festival to celebrate Flora, goddess of flowers and all things that grow. Traditionally, this was the day people would gather to make flower crowns and dance around the May Pole. Like most earth-based holidays, the rituals are rooted in blessing the land to provide healthy crops while inspiring our own awakening of growth.

While May Day is quickly becoming a forgotten holiday, we still use flowers and blooms to communicate

messages of love and friendship.

I did not personally receive an invitation to King Charles' Coronation, but I did google the invitation. The official invitation is a lovely ode to May -- a floral border of wildflowers, birds, bees, and an illustration of the Green Man, "an ancient figure from British folklore, symbolic of spring and rebirth, to celebrate the new reign." Well done, Charles!

Let's all enjoy this month of celebrations and nature!

June 7 Celebration Luncheon from Carol Luetz

Don't miss the last event of the Garden Club year. Join your friends at the **San Juan Hills Golf Club** as we recognize incoming and outgoing board members and enjoy a delicious lunch. There will be a few surprises you won't want to miss! Pay online at sanclementegardenclub.com or print the reservation form attached to this newsletter and mail it in. **Reservation deadline is May 23.**

May Meeting Program

Wednesday, May 3

Gifts From Your Garden

Nina Ostensen

Kathy Fowler

Homemade food gifts are always remembered because they are personal and come from the heart. Discover how to make fun and creative edible gifts from your garden for friends and family. **Nina Ostensen** and **Kathy Fowler** (both of whom are Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers) will share their ideas and recipes for this special "Gifts From Your Garden" talk and demonstration.



Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 3, 10 am

VIP Lounge at the Outlets

You're welcome to bring food and/or drinks to the meeting.

Orange County District, State and National News/Events

DISTRICT MEETING

Monday, June 12, 10 am

Lake Forest Contact: LaunaG@cox.net

Garden Tour Docents from KK Ciruli

Please mark your calendars for **May 9, 10 am**, for our **docent pretour**. By that date, you'll have your garden assignment so you'll have an opportunity to get familiar with your garden and ask any questions you might have. We will meet at the first garden, **26 Via Lucena**, and provide a list of the home gardens and general idea of a map from there. Have your GPS warmed up for those that use your phone map, and carpool if you can. We should be wrapped up by noon, and I'll send out a reminder a few days in advance. We now have a full slate of docents and it's going to be a great tour!

Prior to May 9, I'll email docent instructions. Please look those over before the pretour so we can discuss anything that's not clear.

Let me know if you have any questions, and I'll see you on May 9! **KK Ciruli, 949-547-8484**

Eco Warriors Information

from Weej Baggaley

The Eco Warriors want you to know about an upcoming festival where you can learn about how our water supply works. You can tour the facilities and hop on a bus to tour the **Trampas Reservoir** and the water reclamation plant in Rancho Mission Viejo. It's on **Saturday, May 6**, at the **Santa Margarita Water District headquarters** at the corner of Oso and Antonio Parkway. It's not that far! Weej will be out there representing Goin Native Therapeutic Gardens, so come out and say hello!

<https://www.smwd.com/222/Water-Festival>

BYO Cup Raffle — Eco Warriors

from Weej Baggaley

It's baaaack! Bring your own reusable beverage container to our Garden Club meeting and be eligible to win a fabulous raffle prize--something good that you won't want to toss away! Also, if you have some fabulous raffle prizes to donate, bring them to the May meeting! Thank you!

2023 Garden Tour from Weej Baggaley

With another successful GardenFest in the rear view mirror, we can turn our full attention to our 2023 Garden Tour. This year we have five lovely private gardens to share. Please encourage your friends and family to enjoy these wonderful spots in San Clemente. Tickets are \$35 each or \$30 each if you buy four or more. Tickets are also available for purchase on **May 20** for \$45 at any of the featured gardens. Consult our website on May 20 for garden locations. This is our major fundraiser with proceeds benefiting scholarships and community causes. Come join the fun! Buy tickets at sanclementegardenclub.com.




San Clemente Garden Club
2023 ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR
Saturday, May 20
Enjoy beautiful private gardens
A self driving tour.
Proceeds benefit scholarships, school gardens, civic beautification, and conservation organizations.
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www.sanclementegardenclub.com



Eco Warriors Tour of Sendero Farm from Weej Baggaley

The Garden Club enjoyed a lovely visit to one of the three farms in nearby Rancho Mission Viejo. The **Sendero Farm** is the largest farm and the only one with chickens! Our speaker from the April meeting, **Stephanie Knight**, showed us the best way to make worm compost (don't over feed!), and allowed us to harvest peas and celery for on-the-go munching. She gave us numerous tips for our own home farming efforts. Thank you, Stephanie, for giving us access and information about this special place that is normally closed to the public and even to most residents in Rancho Mission Viejo.



Gardens in the Schools

from Sarah Gould
At the end of April, **Palisades Elementary School** invited us to do a worm presentation! The fourth graders were able to touch and learn about the importance of worms in the garden. Each student had a magnifying glass and a notebook.

Concordia has started their weekly gardening activities. They reported that all the grades are enjoying the gardens. Garden Club members may help at Concordia on Saturdays.

Las Palmas had their Earth Week activities. Every day during lunch the students were invited into the garden to participate in fun garden activities. They have continued with the weekly Friday 8 am to 9 am weeding.

Shorecliffs Middle School has been very busy. They needed extra help with repairing some of the garden bed structures and are in need of chicken wire. We are still hoping members of the Garden Club will volunteer at their local schools to help with the needs at each school. Ideally, every school in San Clemente needs to have an amazing garden with activities for the students, so they can learn to care for the plants at their schools.

For more information, please contact **Sarah Gould** at [310-597-0773](tel:310-597-0773)/sarahpgould@gmail.com.



Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan

A big thank you to **Kim Neal, Bette Langford, Wayne Eggleston** and one of our newest members, **DeAnne Hanley**, who came to **Park Semper Fi** on **Wednesday, April 12**, to work on the two garden circles. There were many weeds to be pulled and overgrown shrubs trimmed. It was a nice cool day to work in the garden and to enjoy the beautiful blooms of the Pride of Madera bushes, yellow flowers of the Tree Poppy and the California sunflower as well as the many Mallow flowers. Kudos to **Sandy Cushman** who also stopped by the garden the previous week to deadhead the spent blooms of the yellow Marguerite flowers before leaving for her trip to the East Coast.

Come and join us at **8:30 am** on **Wednesday, May 10**, at **Park Semper Fi**, and on **Wednesday, May 17**, at **Casa Romantica**. I'm sure there will be many beautiful blooms awaiting you there, especially the exotic Matilija poppy or fried egg plants. The native narrow leaf milkweeds are growing back in our Native Bowl Garden and many of the Creeping Sage or Bee's Bliss are thriving there too.

Come and help us control the weeds so that our native plants will thrive and show off their beautiful blooms. Many hands make lighter work. Thank you for all of your continued help and support.



Pride of Madera Flowers



Mallow Flowers

Bragger's Corner



"The Invasion of The Nasturtiums"! Lisa's Nasties sure liked the rain....!

Eco Warriors at the Beach

from Weej Baggaley

The Eco Warriors had an interesting day on **April 24** at **Calafia Beach** encountering all sorts of interesting sea creatures and picking up bits of plastic, styrofoam, and food packaging (ugh!). Fortunately, our Warriors were up to the task! Do join us next time: **Tuesday, May 30, 8:30 am at the Pier**.

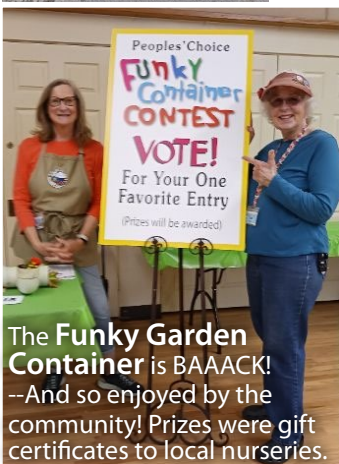
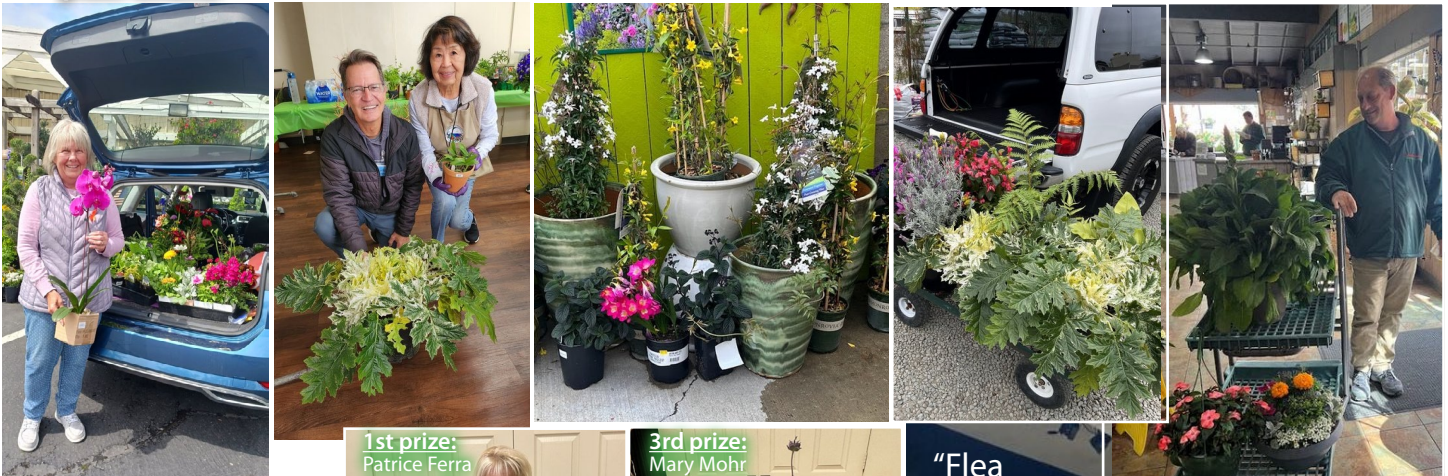
This will be the day after Memorial Day and lots of trash will be expected, so please lend a hand.



Matt, Marta, Fred, Lee, Kieu, Tom, Weej, Lesley
Not shown: Lynny Lynn

GardenFest 2023

The San Clemente Garden Club wishes to give a heartfelt Thank You to everyone who attended the event on Saturday, April 15. Everyone—attendees, local nurseries who so generously donated plants, vendors who had lots of giveaways for the attendees, tables by our Jr Gardeners, Garden Therapy, Butterflies and Bluebirds, Citizen’s Climate Education, Water Conservation, and Master Gardeners who sharpened our garden tools with instructions. Our local artists and the many club volunteers helped to raise money for College Scholarships and Junior Gardeners programs. The Flea Market brought in lots of browsers and buyers, that kept the the room buzzing with attendees viewing everything from jewelry to Crocs to puzzles to garden tools! This event helped to fund the Civic Beautification projects in which the club participates within the City of San Clemente. For more photos, go to: <https://www.sanclementegardenclub.com/2023-gardenfest-post-event>.



The Funky Garden Container is BAAAACK!
--And so enjoyed by the community! Prizes were gift certificates to local nurseries.



1st prize:
Patrice Ferra
Jeans in the Garden.



3rd prize:
Mary Mohr
Dirty Purple Garden Glove



"Flea Market Fun!"



2nd prize:
Amy Lindsay
Bird in Cage



Our local artists with "post impressionistic" style shared their talents and paintings with GardenFest attendees. The contest winners were: 1st--Denie Wark, 2nd--Mary Scott, 3rd--Nancy Gunther. Prizes awarded were gift certificates to Michaels.



1st Place

Terrarium Workshop March 17, 2023

Suzi's terrarium was one of Kim's favorites!



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Garden Therapy from Suzi Klickstein

On Monday, April 10, volunteers Dolly Latteier, Barbara McLaughlin, and Suzi Klickstein met at the Boys & Girls Club for Garden Therapy. Using a CD disc as a base, they helped the eager students fashion a bright dream catcher using various colors of yarn. The children finished off the dream catchers with hanging beads and feathers. The project was a little challenging, but the children were diligent and completed some beautiful dream catchers. If you would like to join us on the **second Monday** of the month at **2:30 pm**, you need to have a completed background check. Contact **Suzi Klickstein** at **949-922-3734** or **suziklick@gmail.com** for the forms.





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San Clemente Garden Club Activities
May 2023

May 3	Board Meeting	10 am
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May 8	Garden Therapy	2:30 pm
May 10	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
May 17	Civic Beautification	
	Casa Romantica Gardens	8:30 am
May 20	Garden Tour	10 am - 4 pm
May 29	Memorial Day Ceremonies	11 am -1:30 pm

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San Clemente Garden Club

2023

Garden Tour

Saturday, May 20

10AM-4PM

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- A self driving tour

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Summer Social & Installation Luncheon



Join us for the last event of the garden club year.
Recognize incoming and outgoing board members.

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Social Time 11:30 Lunch 12:00 PM

San Juan Hills Golf Club

32120 San Juan Creek Road

San Juan Capistrano

Cobb Salad or Teriyaki Chicken Bowl

Cost: \$35/person

No Host Bar

Payment due by Tuesday, May 23, 2023

***Pay online at sanclementegardenclub.com
or make checks payable to SCGC***

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Name _____

____ Cobb Salad ____ Teriyaki Chicken Bowl



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