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President's Message



The Blue Star Memorial is a program honoring all men and women that have served, are presently serving and those who will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. In 1945, the National Garden Clubs, our parent organization, adopted the program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the country.

On May 30, 1988, the San Clemente Garden Club placed a Blue Star By-Way Marker at the San Clemente Community Center. It can be found at the base of the flagpole.

As you can see in the photograph, the marker has deteriorated.

Refurbishment was planned for 2022, and paid for by two members of the Garden Club. We recently found out that California does not allow the kind of paint that was going to be used by the company that restores these monuments. The money has been refunded. The marker still needs to be refurbished.

It's never a good idea to tell gardeners that something can't be done. Some of the industrious members of our club have researched the types of paint California does allow, and instructions on how to restore the marker. I am confident that soon this Blue Star marker will be looking almost new. This is just one example of how members of our Club work to make our community a better place. I can hardly wait to share 'after' pictures once the work has been done.

May Meeting Program

Date: **Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 1 pm**

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

Subject: **Cosmopolitan Coyotes**

Speaker: **Janice Munson**

We've saved the best for the last! Of course, we've all seen coyotes on city trails and even walking along sidewalks right here in San Clemente. **Janice Munson**, a conservation coach for the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, will be speaking about mitigating your encounters with wildlife within city limits--especially coyotes.



Thank You Volunteers from Wayne Eggleston

We wish to thank all the volunteers of the Garden Club for all the hard work each month at Park Semper Fi. The Park has never looked better and more lush with vegetation. Spring has sprung, and we invite all Garden Club members and their families for a very special **Memorial Day Ceremony, Monday, May 30, at 2 pm.** We will be dedicating a large beautiful Memorial/Honor Plaque for those 13 military members who were killed in August 2021 at the Kabul Airport during the devastating Afghanistan evacuation. There were a total of 9 Marines from 2nd Battalion 1st Marines, our southern neighbors at Camp Pendleton. The Plaque is appropriately entitled "Lest We Not Forget." We will have reserved seating for Garden Club members and their families.

Wayne Eggleston
Executive Director

The Heritage of San Clemente Foundation
Park Semper Fi, The Marine Monument



Garden Tour, 2022 from Weej Baggaley

After a two-year "Pandemic Hiatus", the Garden Tour is back and it's better than ever! We have four fabulous private gardens on our tour this year, in addition to the amazing **Casa Romantica**. Please encourage your friends and family to enjoy these wonderful spots in San Clemente. Tickets are \$30 each or \$25 each if you buy four or more. Tickets are also available for purchase on May 14 for \$40 (consult our website on May 14). This is our major fundraiser with proceeds benefiting scholarships and community causes. Come join the fun! See the flyer attached to this newsletter or buy tickets at sanclementegardenclub.com. If you're interested in volunteering as a docent, please contact **KK Ciruli** at 949-547-8494 or kkciruli@aol.com.



Arroyo Toad w/Backpack from Carol Luetz

Many of us enjoyed hearing **Leeta Latham** from the Reserve At Rancho Mission Viejo talk about the Seven Endangered Species at the April meeting. As promised, she sent us a picture of the Arroyo Toad with the backpack. Here he/she is.



GardenFest from Donna Vidrine

Our GardenFest was a HUGE Success! We brought in over \$5,500 for Garden Club programs. Thank you to our hard working and talented Volunteers who worked tirelessly for both the plant and rummage sale. The local artists added beauty with their paintings and the "funky garden container" contest added a lot of entertainment to our day.

The Activity tables were varied, educational and engaged the community so well from butterflies and native plants to reforestation and green waste recycling. Many thanks to our local Nurseries for their support of our San Clemente Garden Club.

We so appreciate the partnership with San Clemente Parks & Recreation. The city staff once again was so helpful with preparation and take down. It took a San Clemente Village to make our GardenFest 2022 such a Successful Event and Fun!



GardenFest Opening

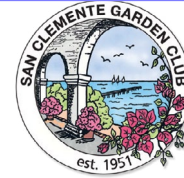


GardenFest Plant Sale



GardenFest Artists

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Spring Social & Installation Luncheon from Carol Luetz

Please join us as we celebrate another successful garden club year at the beautiful **Bella Collina Golf Club** on **Wednesday, June 1, 2022**. It's the club's last event of the season and you won't want to miss it!

Enjoy lunch, chat with fellow members, and acknowledge incoming and outgoing board members. Complete the reservation form that is attached at the end of the newsletter or make your reservations online at:

sanclementegardenclub.com

**Reservation deadline is
Wednesday, May 18**

Bragger's Corner

Plalking — Always in Style

From The Eco Warriors

Here's a reminder that "Plalking" is always a good idea — that's "Picking Up Litter While Walking." Unfortunately, there never seems to be a time where you can walk and find NO litter, but if people engaged in Plalking, the **Zero Litter Walk** could become a reality! C'mon, bend over and pick it up! It won't bite.



Litter during a neighborhood walk.



Litter during a beach walk.

Garden Therapy from Suzi Klickstein

For March Garden Therapy, **Sandy Cushman, Kieu Doan, Barbara McLaughlin and Suzi Klickstein** set up tables and chairs poolside for our craft at the San Clemente Villas. It was a lovely sunny day with a nice breeze. Six residents joined us to fashion their first or last name initials on an 8 1/2" x 11" foam boards using cut pieces of grapevine. They then embellished their initials with silk flowers. The project turned out well. Garden Therapy will return to the SC Villas on **Thursday, April 21, at 1:30 pm.** Hope you can join us.



SC April Art Faire from Weej Baggaley

Great SCGC Marketing Success!

Freda D'Souza (in photo) arranged for the Garden Club to have a table at the monthly Art Faire at the Community Center. Weej and Freda gave out flyers and talked up the Club, Garden Tour, and GardenFest.



Rock Labels

Club members and friends painting the rock labels for our 2022 Garden Tour.



Member's Garden Tour, April 12 from Lisa Spinelli

The Member's 5 Gardens Tour was great fun! Getting to know our members better in their lovely gardens was a joy, and on a beautiful Tuesday!



Eco Warriors Beach Cleanup

from Weej Baggaley

Kieu Doan and Lynn Wolf were the Dynamic Duo for our Eco Warriors beach cleanup on **March 28**. They found lots of unattractive black tar on our beaches.

The Eco Warriors were out in force on **April 25** and had plenty of things to clean up, even after the Earth Day cleanups-- styrofoam, plastic everything, cigarette butts (Sigh). We enjoyed a treat at Chaupain Bakery afterwards (Hooray!).

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!

Matt, Lynn, Rosa, Susan, Suzi, Weej, Lesley, Kieu



Not Pictured: Izi



From Kim Neal, webmaster

Photo albums for GardenFest and the Members Only Garden Tour have been added to the Photo Albums section of the website. You can access the albums by clicking on the Member tab located on the navigation bar.

If you took photos at either event and would be willing to contribute them for use on the website, please email them to:

Kim Neal (kim_neal@cox.net).

Park Semper Fi Beautification from Kieu Doan

A big thank you to **Sandy Cushman, Simone Costes** and **Weej Baggaley** who came to Park Semper Fi on **Wednesday, April 13**, to work in the garden. We pulled weeds, deadheaded many Marguerite Daisy flowers and replanted many Bulbine Frutescens plants. The many Lantana bushes we trimmed last month are growing back nicely. Please come out on **Wednesday, May 11**, at **8:30 am**, and help us tidy up the garden for the Memorial Day Holiday Ceremony.



Casa Beautification from Kieu Doan

A big thank you to **Sally Mills, Suzi Klickstein, Shenn-Yi Lo, Nina Ostensen, Sherri Christensen, Izi Hinds, Weej Baggaley** and **Jim Proett** who came to Casa Romantica on **Wednesday, April 20**, to work in the garden. They deadheaded many Kalanchoe Fedtschenkoi, pulled out many weeds in the dry rock creek and removed much crab grass in the Native Bowl Garden area. Thank you to all of the gardeners who have been

coming out to work in the garden at the Casa. The garden is looking great and we can't wait to show it off at our Garden Tour. Come join us on **Monday, May 2**, at **8:30 am** as we work to put the finishing touches on this beautiful garden.



Thank You from Diane Riopka

Many thanks to **Pat Corless, Lana Doyle, Bette Langford** and **Mary Lou Wakefield** for serving on the **2022 Scholarship Committee**. We received eight applications from Saddleback College and San Clemente High School. We will be announcing the recipients as soon as all applicants are notified.



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San Clemente Garden Club Activities
May, 2022

May 4	Board Meeting	10:00 am
May 4	Meeting and Program	1:00 pm
May 11	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
May 14	Garden Tour	10 am - 4 pm
May 18	Garden Therapy-Spring Card	12:45 pm
May 18	Civic Beautification	
	Casa Romantica Gardens	8:30 am
May 30	Memorial Day Ceremonies	11 am -1:30 pm
May 31	Eco Warriors	
	San Clemente Pier	8:30 am



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If you wish to pay online, use our website at 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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San Clemente Garden Club

2022 Garden Tour

Saturday, May 14, 10am-4pm

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- Tour day tickets \$40 each at any of the gardens.
- Use form below or order online: sanclementegardenclub.com
- Ticket/Program mailed or emailed with directions after April 25.
- Tour takes place rain or shine. No refunds.
- Gardens not wheelchair accessible or suitable for small children.

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Tickets: Bette Langford: 949-246-3168, blang41096@aol.com

General Info: Weej Baggaley 949-547-4693, weej@me.com

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Tickets also available on-line by Credit Card at
sanclementegardenclub.com



Spring Social & Installation Luncheon

Join us as we celebrate another successful garden club year and recognize incoming and outgoing board members.

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Social Time 11:30, Lunch 12:00 PM

Bella Collina Golf Club
200 Avenida La Pata
San Clemente

Chicken a la Toscana or Vegetable Risotto

Cost: \$30/person House Wine: \$8/glass

Payment due by Wednesday, May 18th

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

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Name _____

____Chicken a la Toscana

____Vegetable Risotto

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