



# The Garden Trellis



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### "SEEDS FOR GROWTH" President's Message

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It was another wonderful year for our GardenFest! I hope everyone was either able to volunteer and/or attend. We are fortunate to have had so many members helping and participating to have such a magnificent event. The funky container contest is an indication of the creativity of our members and the community.

I was able to attend the open house at the **Hortense Miller Garden** on April 6. When I was getting on the shuttle, I met up with another member of the San Clemente Garden Club. It was great to share our experience at this lovely garden and Modern Mid-Century home. I love Hortense's saying, "Plants are better than animals; animals are better than people; and women are as good as men." She was an extraordinary woman.

Lastly, we had another gifted speaker, **Dr. Francene Kaplan**, at our April meeting. Who knew that composting could be that fun and educational? I have not tried composting yet, but I do hope to experiment with this technique soon.

### San Clemente Garden Tour

Saturday, May 18, 2024, 10 am - 4 pm

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



MAY 1, 2024

Steve Hohl  
Irrigation

Steve Hohl is a principal at Water Concern Irrigation. Steve leads the design and management efforts of the firm with a passion for irrigation and love of the landscape industry. His propensity for detailed, creative irrigation solutions and valuable client service has helped earn the reputation Water Concern now enjoys. Steve will address the crucial topic of water efficiency in our landscape with an entertaining and informative presentation.

## June Installation Luncheon

Deborah Spang

Sounds pretty boring, doesn't it? Wrong! We only do this thing called a luncheon twice a year, and it is not boring! This year we are in a brand new location situated in the San Juan Hills Golf Club. We will be on a covered patio, enjoying the beautiful views surrounding us. If it is warm, we have fans. If it is cold, we have heaters. There are three menu options to entice you.

Of course, we will have opportunity baskets for you to purchase tickets. And it goes without saying, the tables will be graced with beautiful centerpieces.

Come and start off the summer with good friends and make some new ones. Join us in celebrating the wonderful students who have won scholarships and our new slate of officers.

You can get your tickets either on our website, [www.sanclementegardenclub.com](http://www.sanclementegardenclub.com), or at our next meeting.

## Installation Luncheon Donations

Deborah Spang

Last fall, SCGC members came through with an assortment of donations ranging from gift cards and baskets to jewelry, beverages, and everything in-between. When the call went out requesting donations for the 2023 Holiday Luncheon, they were incorporated into the amazing Opportunity Prizes that were won at the luncheon. We would once again like to reach out to our SCGC members. This is a good opportunity to re-gift something that just doesn't work for you. Please contact **Paula Laskelle** (contact information in the Membership Yearbook) to let her know you have a potential donation. Get reservations at \$42 each online at:

[www.sanclementegardenclub.com](http://www.sanclementegardenclub.com), or buy your ticket at our April meeting. Be sure and act soon!

## SCGC Garden Tour Docent Reminders

KK Ciruli

Hello, Garden Tour docents! Complete docent information and instructions will be coming to you closer to the date of the tour, May 18, but I wanted to remind you of a couple of important pieces of information in advance.

Our **Docent Pre-Tour** is scheduled for **May 7 at 10 am**. We will visit each garden on the tour, learn about some of the key features of each garden, and have a chance to meet the homeowner. We will meet at the first house and go from there – carpooling is encouraged! Allowing 30 minutes for each garden and travel time, we should be able to wrap up around 12:30 pm.

As you know, the discounted price for docents tickets is \$20. You can buy your ticket at the regular monthly Garden Club meetings using check, cash, or credit card. You must purchase your ticket by May 7. Pre-tour purchase is required to participate.

## Garden Tour, 2024 Rosa Kinoshita

Our annual Garden Tour is just around the corner. This wonderful event is May 18, 2024. We will showcase five beautiful gardens. It is our biggest fundraiser for scholarships, school gardens, community gardens, garden therapy, and the many donations our club makes. Please promote the tour to your friends, neighbors, and family. This will be a great Mother's Day gift! Tickets are \$35 each or \$30 each if you buy four or more. Please visit our [www.sanclementegardenclub.com](http://www.sanclementegardenclub.com) to buy tickets for a great day of fun. Tickets are also available the day of the event for \$45 at any featured house.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our hardworking Garden Tour committee: **Mary Mohr, Launa Gould, Kim Neal, KK Ciruli, Bette Langford, Joan Wilson, Lisa Spinelli, Mary Blume, Kieu Doan, Suzi Klickstein, Deborah Spang, Paula Laskelle, Mary Maerzke and Weej Baggaley.**

If you'd like to be a docent for the tour, please contact **KK Ciruli** at [kkciruli@aol.com](mailto:kkciruli@aol.com). Docents can purchase a discounted ticket (\$20), and will enjoy a scheduled pre-tour visit to the gardens on May 7, 2024. For non-docents, tickets are \$35 each, or \$30 each if you purchase 4 or more. You can also visit our website:

[www.sanclementegardenclub.com](http://www.sanclementegardenclub.com)



## Save Your Newspapers! Kim Neal

**Kieu Doan and Kim Neal** are going to be undertaking a sheet mulching project. We are in need of newspapers. We cannot use the coated pages (shiny/glossy). Please start saving your newspapers! You can email or text Kieu or Kim to have them picked up.



## MEMORIAL DAY



### Civic Beautification Kieu Doan

A big thank you to **DeAnne Hanley, Robin Nelson, Evelyn Castellana, Bette Langford** and **Sherry Christensen** who came to weed and trim at **Park Semper Fi** on **Wednesday, April 10**. We trimmed back the ice plants, white sage, coyote bush, Cleveland sage and lantana plants. Afterward, we walked to Bear Coast Coffee by the Pier for coffee and tea and soaked in the beautiful sunny day by the beach!

Come join us to share your gardening expertise or learn from your fellow gardeners. We will meet at **8:30 am** on **Wednesday, May 8**, at **Park Semper Fi**, and on **Wednesday, May 15**, at **Casa Romantica**.



### Garden Therapy Barbara McLaughlin

On the second Monday of April, the children of the Boys & Girls Club of San Clemente worked together with Garden Club volunteers to make fly catchers, otherwise known as frogs. They were assisted by **Kieu Doan, Dolly Latteier, Tom Benton, Nadine Skutnik, and Barbara McLaughlin**. Using green paper plates, colored paper, google eyes, and plastic flies the children made "Fly Catchers." Each child used individuality in creating their own frog (fly catcher) so no two were alike. The children enjoyed the activity and were actively engaged during the entire session. A great time was had by all!

If you would like to join us, the Boys & Girls Club requires a background check. You can contact **Suzi Klickstein** at **949-922-3734** or **suziklick@gmail.com** for the necessary forms.



### Staghorn Workshop Launa Gould

A huge, old staghorn was donated by Tony Natali's neighbor. **Launa Gould** hosted a small workshop to break apart the monster and mount staghorns for the plant sale. Fifteen plants were created including the mother staghorn. The mother was offered for \$100 to the line of people who showed up at 7:30 am for the plant sale. A gentleman, Gene, bought it on the spot along with a wagon full of plants from the sale. Thank you **Teresa Whitney, Kim Neal, Kieu Doan, and Deborah Spang** for helping mount the staghorns and give them a new life in our neighborhood gardens.



## Thank You For Being Willing To Visit The Schools Sarah Gould

\* **Shorecliffs Middle School:** 240 Via Socorro  
Join us EVERY Thursday: 10:30-11 am  
The teacher is Jenny Goit.

\* **Las Palmas Elementary:** 1101 Calle Puente  
We meet EVERY Friday 8-9 am for weeding.  
The Parent Volunteer is Julie Erickson.

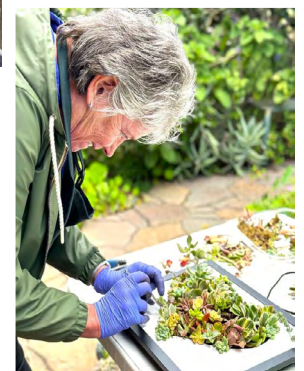
\* **Concordia Elementary:** 3120 Avenida Del Presidente  
We meet EVERY Wednesday 11:15 am-12 pm  
YOU MUST HAVE A DISTRICT CLEARANCE  
The Parent Volunteer is Rachelle Vesque.

\* **Our Lady of Fatima:** 105 N La Esperanza  
We meet EVERY Thursday 2:45-3:45 pm  
The teacher is Megan Roby.  
ALWAYS CHECK IN AT FRONT OFFICE AND GET A NAME TAG

The students at each school love getting to chat with you.

## Shot Through The Heart Kim Neal

On Tuesday, March 26, our last workshop of the 2023-2024 SCGC year, Succulent Wall Art, was held and hosted at the home of Launa Gould. Participants created living wall art using a variety of materials and textures. Utilizing 11" x 14" framed canvas covered boards with a heart shape cut through the center and backing applied, succulents were inserted into the heart shape. An arrow was inserted after the heart was filled with succulents. Be sure to check out the September newsletter for a complete listing of the 2024-2025 SCGC workshops.





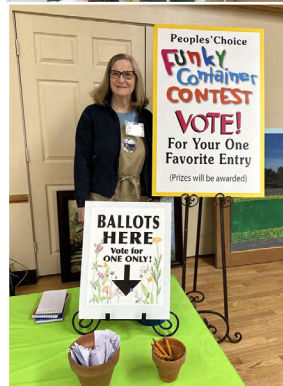
# GardenFest 2024



Artists at Work



Staghorns, anyone?



First Place



Second Place



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

**Orange County District**  
Meeting, June 10, 2024  
11 am Sherman Gardens  
**California Garden Clubs**  
Convention, May 18-22, 2024  
Sacramento, CA

**Pacific Region**  
Convention, Anchorage, AK  
August 20-23, 2024

**National Garden Clubs**  
Convention, Westminster, CO  
June 2-5, 2024

## In Remembrance of Betsy Kim Neal

The San Clemente Garden Club provided the plants that were displayed at the memorial of our 2021-2023 SCGC President, Betsy Dunn, on March 16. The plants were displayed on the tables and throughout the room at her memorial luncheon. Betsy's love of plants, especially California natives and water-wise plants, was well-known. Following the memorial, on Wednesday, March 20, there was a "Morning In The Garden In Remembrance of Betsy" planting event. The plants from the memorial were planted at Casa Romantica and Park Semper Fi by members of the Garden Club. Also in attendance were Betsy's husband, **Greg Dunn**, and **Julie Strauss**, Betsy's daughter, who is also a member of SCGC.

We are all aware of the devastation that occurred last April at Casa Romantica. Although the Children's Garden and the Storybook Circle were not involved, the sprinklers on the property were turned off and that area of the property was off limits to everyone. This past fall when we were able to access that area of the property, we were met with the loss of a majority of the plants due to lack of irrigation.

The following Wednesday, on our planting day, the plants purchased by the San Clemente Garden Club were used to help restore the Children's Garden and Story Book Circle. We know with utmost certainty, this is something Betsy would have totally supported.

So, in August of 2024, when the property fully reopens, I encourage you to pay a visit to Betsy's Garden. I know, I know, it's the Children's Garden, but to me, as I'm working in the gardens at Casa, from now on it's always going to be Betsy's Garden.



**The Perfect Gift for  
Mother's Day & Friends!**



**San Clemente Garden Club**

**2024**

# **Garden Tour**

**Saturday, May 18**

**10AM-4PM**

**Enjoy beautiful  
private gardens!**

- Advance tickets \$35  
4 or more \$30
- Ticket price  
on Tour Day \$45
- A self driving tour

**ORDER ONLINE:  
[sanclementegardenclub.com](http://sanclementegardenclub.com)**

Proceeds benefit scholarships, school gardens,  
civic beautification, and conservation organizations.



*Diane Daly*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
**San Clemente Garden Club**

*Sunflowers and Seashells*  
*Spring Social & Installation Luncheon*

JUNE 5, 2024

11:30 A.M. SOCIAL - 12:00 P.M. LUNCHEON

SAN JUAN HILLS GOLF CLUB  
32120 SAN JUAN CREEK ROAD  
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA 92675

RSVP no later than May 24th - No Exceptions

Pay on-line at [www.sanclementegardenclub.com](http://www.sanclementegardenclub.com) or at the monthly general meeting.

If paying by mail, mail this form and your check, made payable to San Clemente Garden Club, to:  
Mike Gould, 1212 Avenida Buena Suerte, San Clemente, CA 92672-2348

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entree Selections - Check One | Cost Per Person \$42**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cobb Salad | gluten free**

Chopped lettuce, grilled chicken, bacon, egg, tomato, avocado, and blue cheese crumbles, served with garlic ranch & vinaigrette dressing on the side. Served with rolls & herb butter and dessert.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Roast Beef Sandwich |**

Deli roll filled with roast beef, sweet & spicy bacon, aged cheddar, spinach, tomato, cucumber & garlic aioli. Served with house potato chips, rolls & herb butter and dessert.

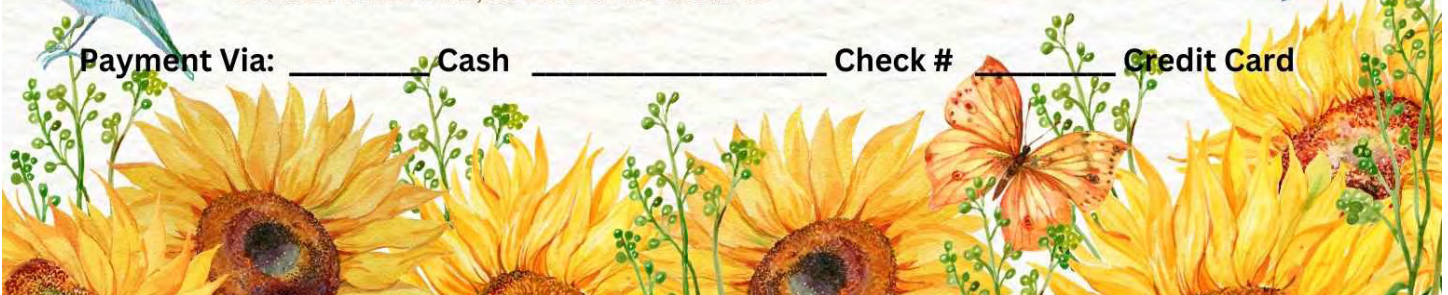
\_\_\_\_\_ **Vegetarian Salad | gluten free**

Chopped salad with various toppings, served with garlic ranch & vinaigrette dressing on the side. Served with rolls & herb butter and dessert.

**Bar & Beverage | No-Host Cash Bar**

All entrees include coffee, tea and unlimited soft drinks.

Payment Via: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card







**San Clemente Garden Club  
Annual Membership Form  
2024-2025**

**Select Annual Dues:** \$25 Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Family \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Check Payable To:** San Clemente Garden Club  
**Mail Application and Payment To:** San Clemente Garden Club  
Attn: Membership  
PO Box 3891  
San Clemente, CA 92674

**Members joining on or after February 1, 2025:** Pay Half of the Annual Membership Fee

If you prefer to join and pay your membership online, visit our website: [www.sanclementegardenclub.com](http://www.sanclementegardenclub.com)

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**Are you a renewing Club Member:** Circle: Yes No      **Is any info below new?** Circle: Yes No

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**      **Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the information below for the 2<sup>nd</sup> member on the Family Membership:**

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**      **Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Photo Release \***

\* Applying and Paying for membership in the San Clemente Garden Club (SCGC) is considered a Photo Release. This grants SCGC permission to use any photos taken at club events, meetings and activities.

**Note: Your Yearbook, Name Badge, and Nursery Discount Card can only be picked up at our general meetings beginning the first Wednesday of September.**

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<b>San Clemente Garden Club Activities</b>		
<b><u>May 2024</u></b>		
May 1	Board Meeting	10 pm
May 1	Meeting and Program	1 pm
May 8	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
May 13	Garden Therapy-Spring Card	2:30 pm
May 15	Civic Beautification	
	Casa Romantica Gardens	8:30 am
May 18	<b>Garden Tour</b>	10 am - 4 pm
May 27	<b>Memorial Day Ceremonies</b>	11 am -1:30 pm