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Life used to be orderly. Kids went back to school after Labor Day. New TV series started; and, after a certain number of episodes ended for the season and went to reruns. There were back to school sales, then Halloween decorations went up. There was a football season and a baseball season.

It all runs together now. On any given day you can watch a football game, a baseball game, and basketball. Some kids go to school year-round. Some schools start in August. And TV shows -- as far as I'm concerned, total

chaos--too many choices!

But the one thing that remains constant is nature. Yes, climate change is mixing things up, but we can still count on our seasons to remind us of where we are. It is finally autumn. After a brutal end of summer heat wave, I am so grateful for autumn. I vow to enjoy the cooler weather. It's simple; enjoy the cooler weather, putter in your garden, rake leaves. Do not feel obligated to buy anything pumpkin spice. The old days were orderly. And I miss that, but I will fight the urge to resist change and try to figure out how to fit into this disorderly world. I will choose my battles. I will try to find a good movie to watch if I have read a book on the patio. This season if I can go outside and enjoy nature, I will try not to complain.

November Meeting Program

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

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

Subject: **Upcycled Garden Art**

Speaker: **Kim Neal**

The practice of reusing and recycling objects to create new works of art is known in the art world as upcycling. When creating upcycled art, you begin by taking something that would otherwise have a different purpose and give it new life by re-imagining its use. In our own gardens, we frequently have old pots and planters, garden tools and a plethora of other items that are now gathering dust.

But what if they could become something new to adorn your own garden? These items can also be upcycled and used as outdoor holiday décor. **Kim Neal** will be discussing and showing examples of new and innovative ways you can create upcycled art in your own gardens.



Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 10 am

at the VIP Lounge at the Outlets

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

District Garden Club Selects SCGC Scholarship Recipient

from Diane Riopka

We are proud to announce that our 2022-23 scholarship recipient, **Christine Villa**, was selected to receive a scholarship from California Garden Club, Inc., Orange County District. Christine was overwhelmed with the District Garden Club announcement. In a thank you note recently received, Christine expressed her gratitude for this latest honor stating she was "deeply moved" by this "gift of support" that will enable her to continue her education and expand her studies in sustainable agriculture through new opportunities for volunteer work and internships.



Despite her busy life of school and work, Christine maintained a 4.0 grade point average at Saddleback College for the last 10 semesters while volunteering at Encinitas Unified School District's Farm Lab and serving an internship at Tree of Life Nursery. Her goal is to transfer to a California State University and earn a bachelor's degree in agriculture.

Christine is shown working with a little sprout youth at the Ecology Center through the Eco Tots program. Eco Tots is an outdoor classroom experience for children and their parents to explore and connect with nature, sample food from the farm, and learn to save and plant seeds as well as protect native plants.



December Luncheon Wednesday, December 7

from Carol Luetz

It's time to make your reservations for our **Annual Holiday Luncheon**. Join your Garden Club friends at the **Bella Collina Golf Club** for a fun afternoon of delicious food, entertainment, and a few **surprises!**

Festivities begin at 11:30 am

Bring a bit of extra cash for our ever-popular raffle that raises funds for Family Assistance Ministries! As always, we will be collecting unwrapped children's gifts to deliver to FAM.

You can pay online at sanclementegardenclub.com or use the reservation form included in this newsletter. Please note the deadline for reservations is:

**Wednesday,
November 23**



The 2022 Fall Plant Sale was SUCCESSFUL thanks to our VOLUNTEERS and Garden Club Members!

from Donna Vidrine

The Plant Sale was very successful in all ways and very exciting--good revenues for our programs! The number of Volunteers was 27. **Jaine Culbertson, Jerry and Mary Mohr, and Ron and Deborah Spang** provided trucks and were our drivers to pick up garden sale items. **Mary Blumé** reported nine added members. There was lots of enthusiasm about joining our garden club. Hospitality was taken care of by **Freda**, a sponsor of our SCGC.

The "Flea Market," as always, added to the fun and enjoyment. The basket of pink storks and Christmas lights provided a few laughs and dollars.

The plants were propagated by members and donated from our local nurseries: **Shore Gardens, Plant Depot, Seaside Growers, Armstrong Nursery** in Laguna Niguel, **Dana Point Nursery** and **Bemus Landscape**.

Gardenfest is planned for **April 15, 2023**. Save the date!



Pictures from the Fall Plant Sale (more on page 8)





Field Trip from Lisa Spinelli and Lana Doyle

Another interesting field trip planned by Lana Doyle was held on **Weds, Oct 13**. This time it was to the **Pacific Marine Mammal Center** on Laguna Canyon Road in Laguna Beach. (Formerly, it was a barn.) Fortunately for the animals, most of them had been released last week, since they were well enough to be returned to their natural habitat. There was a great science talk by a volunteer for the Center. It's a great organization for saving and healing marine mammals. Good camaraderie was had by all. The science displays were interesting, interactive, and perfect for kids.

The Center's transformation will start in February. There will be new salt water pools with underwater viewing windows. The on-site hospital will allow visitors to watch actual surgical operations on the animals through windows, etc. Thanks again to Lana!



Our guide said there's something you should never do: Look a Sea Lion directly in the eye--especially a bull. To them it's a challenge. (This one is a female, so I guess you could have survived!)



Field Trip from Lana Doyle
Docent Led Tour of the Nixon Library
Tuesday, November 15, 10 am
 (approx. 2 hours long).
 Cost: \$23
 If interested, email Lana Doyle:
lanajdoyle@gmail.com



Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan

We had a very productive day at Park Semper Fi on **Wednesday, October 12**. We trimmed back the Lemonade Berry, Blue Plumbago, Lantana, Marguerite Daisy and the Manzanita bush. We filled up 5 big trash bags with clippings and weeds. It was a perfect day to be outdoors with the cool weather and the overcast sky. We had fun enjoying comraderie while working in the garden. A big thank you to **Bette Langford, Deborah Spang, Sherry Christensen, Wayne Eggleston, Phong Doan**, and my hiking friends **Steve and Ginette Watson**. Since we saw that there were still more weeds in the garden circles, Bette and I decided to come back two days later, on Friday, and pulled out another big bag full of weeds! Please come join us at 8:30 am on **Wednesday, November 9**, at **Park Semper Fi**, and **November 16** at **Casa Romantica** as we will trim back many more plants to prepare them for the cold weather. See You There!



Monday, Oct 10, at Casa

Kim and Kieu planning the work.

Kieu and Lori (Kim's sister) doing the work.



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San Clemente Jr. Gardeners

from Sarah Gould and Diane Bennett-Cheek

Jr Gardeners is really taking off! The Garden club is helping 10 schools in town.

We are in need of volunteers:

Las Palmas: Every Friday 7,14, 21, 8-9 am

Concordia: First Tuesday of every month, 1:45-3 pm

Shorecliffs: Last Thursday of the month,

Las Palmas Activities:

Nov 4 & 11 at 8 am for a garden clean up

Nov 18 at 10:30 am-1pm garden activity
(marinara sauce)

Las Palmas is the only one with organized activities.

A Big Thank You, **Sarah Gould: 310-597-0773**

Plant Giveaway, Wednesday, Nov 9 from Lesley Bindloss

The Orange County chapter of the **California Native Plant Society** is planning a campaign, "Saging the World," this winter to giveaway 1,000 sage plants in 4-inch pots to the community. The launch of the SIEG campaign will be on **Wednesday, November 9**, at the **Norman P. Murray Community & Senior Center in Mission Viejo**. They will be showing the short documentary "Saging the World" and giving away 4-inch pots of sage after the film. I'm attaching a flyer regarding the California Native Plant Society "Sage in Every Garden" campaign that they are conducting this fall/spring. I hope to see many members there.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Lesley
714-336-7200

Hypertufa Workshop from Kim Neal

Don't miss out on the **November Hypertufa Workshop**. There are a few spots still remaining. In this workshop, you will learn how to mix the materials necessary to create your own hypertufa pot/planter or even a steppingstone. The possibilities are endless.

The workshop will be held on **Friday, November 18, 9 am**, at the home of Launa Gould. There is a cost of \$5, which will be collected on the day of the workshop. If you have not already signed up, you can do so at the monthly garden club meeting or by emailing kim_neal@cox.net.



Exercise Your Right of Refusal!

from Eco Warriors

Don't get stuff you don't need, even if it's free! Refusing items is one way to reduce our wasteful ways. Here is a starter list of some things you may want to refuse: straw, condiment packets, bags at stores, advertising pamphlets or business cards, free samples, participation t-shirts, free thank-you gifts for donations, goody bags from the dentist (really?). The best things in life may be free, but not if they clutter up our lives and landfills.

Growing plumerias (frangipani) from seed from Teresa Whitney

We all know that gardening is all about experimentation. But why would you want to wait three to five years before a plumeria blooms? For the fun of it.... that's why!

Lana Doyle and I are experimenting to see if we can actually grow plumeria trees from seed. The hardest part of planting plumeria seeds will be finding the seeds. Not all plumerias get pollinated and produce a seed pod. But when it does, you'll know it. It starts out looking like a green bean, then when it matures it turns brownish, splits and will look like a boomerang. It takes approximately eight to nine months for the seed pod to mature and split. Don't cut it off; it needs to mature on the plant. A seed pod can have 20-100 seeds in it and, if removed before it ripens, you will be left with seeds that will not germinate. I read that some growers wrap pantyhose or something around the seed pod. Something that still allows sunlight and air circulation while catching the dispersed seeds.

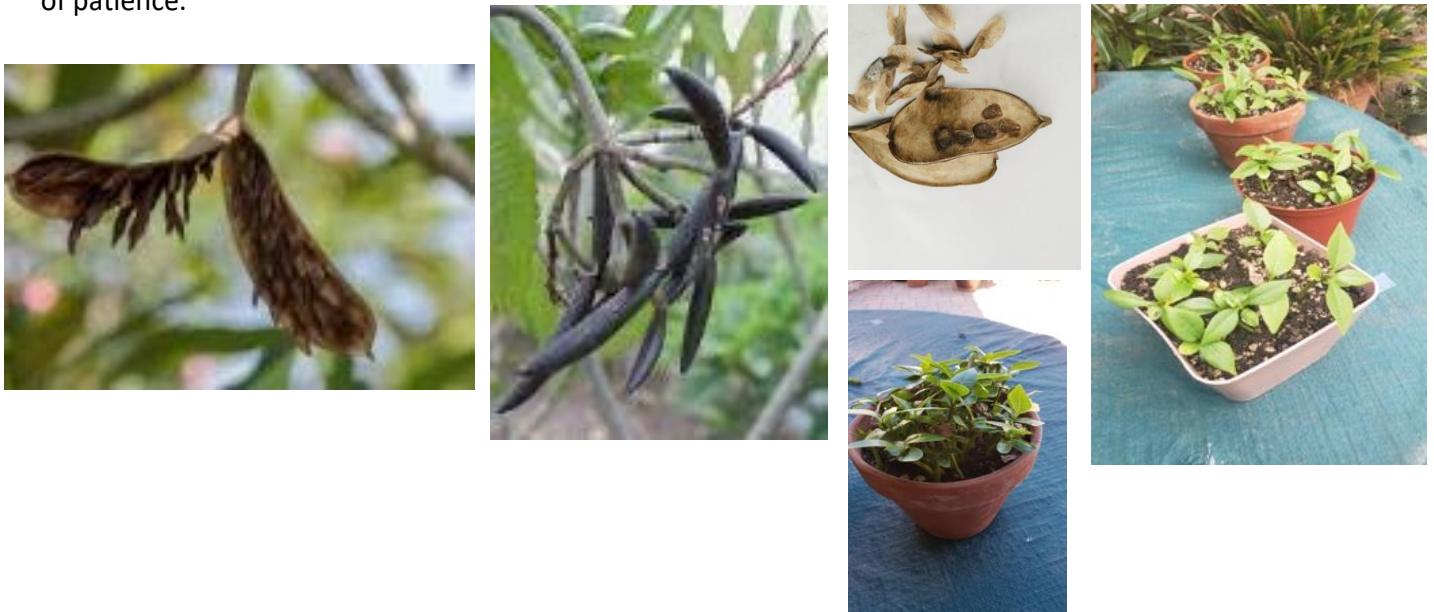
Stored seeds can be viable for up to two years, but the fresher the seed the better the chance of them germinating.

While the plumeria you start from seed may not look like its parents, you could get some very pretty plants from seedlings. I've read that the pink and multicolored plumerias will have a wider range of what the seedlings will look like.

From our research, it seemed fairly simple:

1. Moisten the seeds (overnight) or you can also plant directly in the soil
2. Prepare potting mix (Lana used cactus mix, I used potting soil with perlite)
3. Plant the swollen seeds (fat end in the dirt, tail end up) and water
4. Create a mini greenhouse effect (plastic wrap works)
5. Wait for the seeds to germinate (don't overwater)
6. Remove the husk if it sticks to the new plants
7. Transplant the seedlings (when they get two true leaves)

Here are some pictures of Lana's success. I started mine a few weeks after hers so I'm still waiting. I'm getting a little anxious and check every day but nothing yet! Propagating plumeria by seeds is definitely a test of patience.



Las Palmas Salsa Day in the Garden, Oct 10

from Sarah Gould
Las Palmas Salsa Day in the Garden was a wonderful time for all. Volunteer parents, grandparents, teachers, and our great Garden Club ...all helping the kids create salsa!





Lori, Kim's sister, visiting from Wisconsin



Elyse & Lori



Kim & Sherry



Elyse & Friend



(It's not just women who buy plants!)



San Clemente Garden Club Fall Plant Sale, Oct 8, 2022

(Photos from Kim Neal)



Customers line up by 8 am



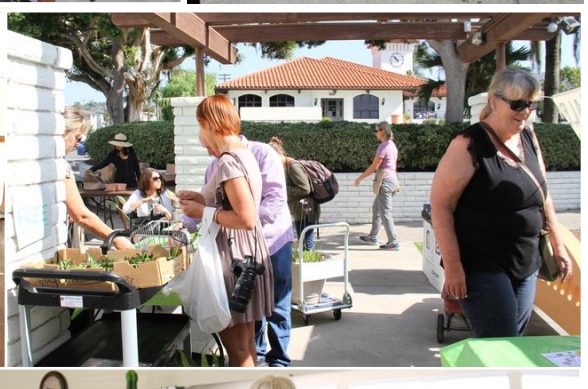
Marion & Mike cashiering



What kinda plant is this?



Young shoppers





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San Clemente Garden Club Activities

November 2022

November 2	Board Meeting	10:00 am
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November 9	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
November 16	Civic Beautification	
	Casa Romantica Garden	8:30 am
November 18	Hypertufa Workshop	9:00 am

Please join us at the
San Clemente Garden Club's

Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Bella Collina Golf Club
200 Avenida La Pata, San Clemente

Social Time 11:30 Lunch 12:00
Entertainment!

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

Cost \$35/person
No Host Bar

Payment must be received by November 23, 2022

*Please consider bringing a new toy to be distributed by
Family Assistance Ministries to children in need.*

Return the bottom portion if paying by check.

Name _____

Choose one of the following entrees:

Fillet of Sole _____ Chicken Parmigiana _____

Mushroom Ravioli (v) _____

Lunch includes Tomato Bisque Soup, Dessert

Mail your check and reservation form to
Carol Luetz
2607 Canto Rompeolas
San Clemente, CA 92673

Calling all Native Plant lovers!



The California Native Plant Society (OC Chapter) is launching a campaign to put:

“A SAGE IN EVERY GARDEN”

Kick-off: Wednesday, November 9th, 7pm at the Norman P. Murray center in Mission Viejo.

- **Learn** about this aromatic, silvery shrub that is native to Southern California and Northern Baja and **grows nowhere else in the world!**
- **Enjoy** a short documentary, “Saging the World”, about the deep spiritual significance this plant has for California Indigenous communities, and how it is endangered by illegal harvesting in massive quantities from our local wildlands to satisfy worldwide demand for smudge sticks, incense, and herbal medicine.
- **Pick up a FREE 4” pot of White Sage** to plant in your own garden! (One per household while supplies last.) White sage will thrive anywhere in Orange County, even in a container. It likes full sun, is drought resistant and virtually pest free.



White Sage (*Salvia apiana*) is a fragrant shrub that grows 2 to 3 feet tall with silvery leaves and spikes of white/lavender flowers in spring. Its leaves shine white in a moonlit garden.

We hope to see you!

Wednesday, November 9th; 7pm

Norman P. Murray Community Center, 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, 92692



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Dues: Individual \$25_____ Family \$40_____
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