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

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The speaker at our October meeting was **Gabe Verduzco**. He is an Arborist Advisor. After listening to him speak about invasive tree insects, I have been looking at the tops of trees to see if they are healthy or not as I drive around San Clemente. He even offered to come to our members' homes to check out their trees. He had an amazing presentation. I like the quote from Eliud Kipchoge:

"The best time to plant a tree was 25 years ago. The second-best time to plant a tree is today."

We had our Fall Plant Sale, that was our first fundraiser of the year. I appreciate so many volunteers help to make it such an enjoyable event. I want to thank **Carol Luetz** for stepping in and overseeing our sale. It was remarkably successful, but we do have plants leftover. They will be on sale at our November meeting.



## November 1 Program

**Kathe Hayden**

**Floral Design**



Kathe has over 40 years' experience in the floral industry designing and teaching her craft. She has served on the California State Floral Association and ran the California State Certified Florist Program.

Her program will share with us rules and creative ideas to make centerpieces for all occasions that will WOW your dinner guests. She will help you think outside the box when it comes to adorning your table with flowers.

## JINGLE and MINGLE OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

from Betsy Dunn  
At this year's **Holiday Luncheon** we are going to have our usual drawing for great gifts. Do you have items you can donate?

- \* Wine or Liquor
- \* Gourmet Foods
- \* Restaurant Gift Cards
- \* Movie Theater Gift Cards

Our thoughts are to build baskets around donated items – for instance, a nice bottle of wine with a couple of wine glasses, cheese and crackers arranged on a cheese board, etc. We will still solicit gifts from local businesses, but feel it would have a bigger impact if we had some items donated by members.

We are a creative group and can have fun with this. Plus, it's a good opportunity to re-gift something that just doesn't work for you – designer handbags, jewelry – use your imagination!

If you have any questions, please contact **Betsy Dunn (betsyd143@gmail.com)** and I will be happy to pick up any items you want to donate. Also, if you would like to help create the baskets when it comes time, please let me know.



## Hypertufa Workshop

from Kim Neal  
Don't miss out on the November Hypertufa Workshop! There are still spots 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 hands in the planter pictured in the photo above were created by filling rubber gloves with hypertufa mix. Definitely one of a kind!

The workshop will be held on **Friday, November 10**, at 9 am, at the home of Launa Gould. A materials fee of \$5 will be collected on the day of the workshop. If you have not already signed up, you can do so at the November general meeting or by emailing [kim\\_neal@cox.net](mailto:kim_neal@cox.net).

## Jingle and Mingle



from Deborah Spang



Time to start the holiday festivities!

First on your list should be our Annual Holiday Luncheon. Join your Garden Club friends, old and new, for good food, wonderful prizes, lots of fun and beautiful surroundings.

Best of all you will be helping to support Family Assistance Ministries. Bring a joyful holiday to those in need!



**Dec 6, 2023, 11:30 am**



**San Juan Hills Golf Club**

**32120 San Juan Creek Rd**

**San Juan Capistrano**

Make a list and check it twice:

Get reservations at \$40 each.

Best to make your reservations for our annual Holiday Luncheon now. You can go online to

[Sanclementegardenclub.com](http://Sanclementegardenclub.com).



Or buy your ticket at our Nov meeting.



Bring a wrapped \$5 or \$10 white elephant gift to share. Don't be a Grinch! If you want to join in the fun! This is a must!

We can increase our support by sharing your holiday spirit with children in need. Please bring an unwrapped toy for Family Assistance Ministries.





## Front Yard Garden Contest from Lynn Wolf

After taking and viewing 19 nominatons for the 2023 Front Yard Garden Contest, Co-Chairs **Lynn Wolf, Weej Baggaley and Laura Bard** selected five front yard gardens for the contest winners.

They were displayed by category at the Fall Plant Sale on October 14. Each winner was awarded a \$40 gift certificate from Shore Gardens Nursery. It was great fun to be the chair for this great event!

### Best Terraced Design

121 E. Avenida San Juan, San Clemente

Innovative use of Gabion walls on a steeply sloped terraced front yard. Colorful layers of Bromeliads, Pygmy Date Palms, Agave, Sanseveria, Cordyline, Papyrus, and more! This front yard is a delight for the entire neighborhood to view.

### Best Pollinator Garden

2840 Amapola, San Clemente

Whimsical, waterwise, pollinator attracting, and lovely long approach to the setback home. Bravo for the originality and careful display of color, texture, and form.

### Best Mediterranean Garden

204 Via Morada, San Clemente

The water retaining river rock swale centers this lovely Mediterranean landscape of Grevillea, Agave, Westringia, Olive and more. A neutral-color decomposed granite mulch provides the backdrop.

### Best Climate Adapted

874 Calle Vallarta, San Clemente

A beautiful tapestry of blue Agaves, Palo Verde, Dudleya, Hesper Aloe and an unusual Cleistocactus compliment the corten steel planters and neutral pebble mulch. Repurposed concrete was used to build a small retaining wall and the adjacent property was planted to blend with this magnificent front yard.

### Best Commercial

1050 Calle Amanecer, San Clemente

The colorful street side plantings along El Camino Real make this popular cantina a standout. Primary reds and greens against the white stucco exterior are eye catching and fun.



## Gardens in the Schools from Sarah Gould

I'd like to keep all the school volunteers updated about what each school is doing. Currently we have three schools that have weekly and monthly activities. There are 10 schools in San Clemente. The schools not having weekly or monthly activities need our help. I'd love to get them doing activities. Many of the schools have gardens, but each teacher just has a plot of dirt.

Here is the schedule of schools that are currently holding activities:

\*Shorecliffs Middle School- Jenny Goit  
Every Thursday, 10:30-11am, garden cleanup

\*Concordia Elementary- Rachelle Vesque  
Every Wednesday, 12-1pm.  
Last Friday of month, garden meeting

\*Las Palmas Elementary- Julie Erickson  
Every Friday, 8-9 am, weeding

We have been going to the schools and teaching the students about decomposers and butterflies. If you have a garden workshop that the schools would be interested in, please let us all know.

Please email or text me at:

[sarahpgould@gmail.com](mailto:sarahpgould@gmail.com), 310-597-0773



## Toy Drive in December from Suzi Klickstein

This is another heads-up for our December Toy Drive. Every year at our **Holiday Luncheon** we ask our club members to please bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to our local **Family Assistance Ministries (FAM)**. FAM is a wonderful interfaith charitable non-profit alliance that served over 30,000 people in need last year. Many are families with children. So when you are out and about, be on the lookout for toys to be donated in December. It would be great to have 2023 be our banner year for our Toy Drive.



### Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan

It was a nice cool day as **Amanda Quintanilla, Bette Langford and Kieu Doan** came to work at **Park Semper Fi** on **Wednesday, Oct 11**. We planted some Rock Purslane and trimmed back the Mexican Sage, Lantana, and Coyote bushes by the garden's entrance.

Since Veterans Day will be on Friday, Nov 10, I hope you can come visit Park Semper Fi this month and "pay homage to the heroes who sacrificed for all of us or perhaps say a silent Thank You to all service men and women in the Armed Forces as Kim Neal eloquently wrote in our October newsletter. We will trim back the leggy Lantana plants, Cape Honeysuckle bush, and the Baja Fairy Duster tree at Park Semper Fi to prepare them for the cooler winter months.

We will also do more trimming and weeding at our beautiful Casa Romantica garden. Hope to see many of you at 8:30 am on **Wednesday, Nov 8**, at **Park Semper Fi** and on **Wednesday, Nov 15**, at **Casa Romantica**.

### At Casa Romantica



### At Park Semper Fi





## Fall Plant Sale from Carol Luetz

First and most importantly, a GIANT thank you to all the great members (and some spouses) who worked diligently to get this plant sale off the ground. As you can see in the pictures taken by **Kim Neal**, we had many plants this year and they looked fabulous. **Bemus Landscape** delivered their donation early Friday morning and **Plant Depot, Shore Gardens, Seaside Nursery, Dana Point Nursery, and Laguna Nursery** donated plants that **Deborah Spang** and **Nina Ostensen** collected.

Please thank our sponsors when you visit them. Many members attended the propagation workshop and many donated plants from their gardens. **Betsy Dunn** and **Kieu Doan** brought food to keep our energy up. Set up and clean up was easier with the many hands that stayed all day to help. The day was perfect and customers were happy. What a great team we are!

To see more Plant Sale photos, visit <https://www.sanclementegardenclub.com/2023-fall-plant-sale-photo-album>



## Garden Therapy from Suzi Klickstein

In October, **Dolly Latteier, Tom Benton, and Suzi Klickstein** met at the local Boys & Girls Club to assist 15 eager students in making mini scarecrows, which could be placed in planters. The little scarecrows were made of cork, popsicle sticks, raffia, fabric, and a sporty miniature straw hat. The children delighted in assembling the diminutive scarecrows that they could take home. If you would like to join us on the second Monday of each month, please contact **Suzi Klickstein (949) 922-3734 or [suziklick@gmail.com](mailto:suziklick@gmail.com)** for the paperwork needed to do a background check, that is required nationally by the Boys & Girls Clubs.





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**Orange County District, State,  
and National News/Events  
Winter Board Meeting (Virtual)**  
January 29-31, 2024  
**92nd Convention**  
May 18-22, 2024  
Sacramento, CA

## Succulent Art Workshop from Kim Neal

On Tuesday, September 26, a Succulent Art Workshop was held and hosted by Launa Gould. Participants attending the workshop learned to layer gravel and sand as a base layer, followed by horticultural charcoal and succulent mix. The base layers were topped by a piece of landscape fabric to prevent any materials that were placed on it from settling into the potting mix.

After the base layers were in place, the fun began. A variety of materials such as clay pots and branches were available to use as a starting point. A couple of clever attendees even brought a ceramic pitcher and a small milk jug. After placing the objects, succulents were added to the arrangements. The succulent art came to life when the sand, gravel, and stones were added as the background.

In addition to the photos included with this article, a video and many more photos can be found on the website. Take a look at them to get inspiration for the next time this workshop is held.

<https://www.sanclementegardenclub.com/2023-succulent-art-workshop>



## Future Workshops:

**Propagation Workshop**  
**Friday, January 12, 2024**  
Host: Teresa Whitney

Learn new or refresh your skills while propagating plants in preparation for GardenFest 2024.



**Succulent Wall Art Workshop**  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**  
Host: Launa Gould

Learn how to create a living picture utilizing succulents that you can display in your home or garden.

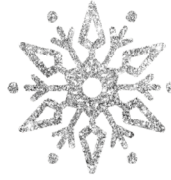




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<b>San Clemente Garden Club Activities</b>		
<b><u>November 2023</u></b>		
November 1	Board Meeting	10 am
November 1	Meeting and Program	1 pm
November 8	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
November 10	Hypertufa Workshop	9 am
November 13	Garden Therapy-Thanksgiving	2:30 pm
November 15	Civic Beautification	
	Casa Romantica Garden	8:30 am

# Jingle & Mingle



## PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE SAN CLEMENTE GARDEN CLUB 2023 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

December 6, 2023

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 November 24th - No Exceptions

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

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

The entertainment portion of the luncheon will feature a white elephant gift exchange. Bring a **wrapped** gift with a value between \$5 & \$10.

Consider bringing a new, **unwrapped** toy to be donated to and distributed by Family Assistance Ministries to children in need.

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

ENTREE SELECTIONS - CHECK ONE

COST PER PERSON \$40

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ PESTO PASTA |

Chicken, penne pasta tossed with creamy pesto sauce, mushrooms and chicken. Served with 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.







## San Clemente Garden Club Membership Form 2023-2024

Dues: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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If you prefer to pay online, use our website at [sanclementegardenclub.com](http://sanclementegardenclub.com)

(Please note that your yearbook/name badge/nursery discount card can only be picked up at our general meetings, starting September 2023.)

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