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We had a great turnout for the September meeting – over 75 people attended! We were somewhat surprised to see the new layout in the meeting room at St. Andrews. Our Hospitality Team - **Dolly, Simone** and **Lana** made the new kitchen and counter work. **Mike Gould** got the AV equipment working so the speaker had no problem showing us his collection of wonderful roses.

We received our new Membership Books – and thanks to **Jim Proett** for putting it together, and thanks to **Lisa Spinelli** for the beautiful cover and the nametag designs.

And SO MANY THANKS to the people who brought refreshments! If you would like to contribute in the future, please see **Dolly Latteier** and sign up.

As you are reading through this issue of the *The Garden Trellis*, think about the articles and the photos. We don't have a team of professionals working for us – this is another example of volunteers at work. If you would like to contribute to this monthly publication – PLEASE DO! We are always looking for articles about gardening, nature, or the environment. Movies, books, recipes – please share. We have so many talented interesting people and we all can contribute.

ENGAGE – ENJOY – SUPPORT your Club.

THE FALL PLANT SALE (Need Trucks!)

Saturday, October 8, 8 am - 1 pm

We need volunteers Oct 7 (set up) and Oct 8 (the sale)

Oct Meeting Program

Date: **Wednesday, Oct 5, 2022, 1 pm**

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

Subject: **Insects in your Garden**

Speaker: **UC Master Gardeners of Orange County (Speaker's Bureau)**

Ewww, gross! Is that what you think about those insects in your garden? Learn multiple techniques for effective pest control that are the least toxic for your home environment. **UC Master Gardeners of Orange County** will provide you with the latest information on a variety of methods to keep those bad pests away, and encourage the beneficial insects, all while protecting the environment.



Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 10 am
at the 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, Oct 24

10:30 am Social - 11:00 am Meeting
Norman P. Murray Center, Mission Viejo
Cost: \$5 donation

Can't wait for the Fall Plant Sale!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 7**, for set up, and **Saturday, October 8**, for the sale.
(See the Attached Flyer)

The sale will be a little different this year but will be lots of fun as usual. If you've propagated plants and they look good and are well rooted, bring them to the setup on **Friday, October 7**, anytime from 9 am to noon, in order to have ample time to get them priced and set up in the multi-purpose room. Make sure they represent the SCGC and if you saw it, you'd want to spend money on it.

We are having a mini flea market in the same multi-purpose room with the plants. If you have items or pots you'd like to donate, bring those items on Friday as well.

We need lots of volunteers to work both days and also to pick up plants and equipment from our storage on Friday. We are in desperate need of a couple of trucks, so please call me if you have one and can help! Volunteers on Friday will help set up the room with plants and price and groom any donated plants as needed. On Saturday, volunteers will help with cashiering, moving people in and out of the sale as orderly as we can, keeping the numbers in the room manageable and safe, helping customers pick plants and cleaning the room at the end of the sale.

Volunteer times on Friday are from 9 -11 am and 11 am -1 pm. Volunteer times on Saturday will be from 8 -11 am and 11 am - 2 pm--or come when you can and stay as long as you can. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Remember, all proceeds go to the scholarship fund. Oh, and by the way, as a volunteer, one of the biggest perks is getting a first look at what's going to be on sale. Looking forward to a very fun day!

Let me know if you'd like to volunteer by calling or emailing me. It will be so great to see everyone in person again!

Donna Vidrine 949-202-7210

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 October meeting! Thank you!

Garden Tips from Virginia Churchill

Tomatoes are so plentiful now!

To remove the skins, especially off the funny shapes of Heirloom tomatoes, just submerge in boiling water.

To remove the skin from tomatoes, yet keeping them raw, just submerge one carefully into boiling water and simmer for 30 seconds to one minute. (Adjust for size). Remove the tomato and place in ice cold water to stop the cooking.

When cool enough to handle, peel. The skin should remove easily. Use anywhere you would use a raw tomato.

For a delicious salad, just slice and add olive oil, salt, pepper, or other spices to taste and top with fresh basil and/or arugula. Yummy!

Good gardening and related programs on television:

KCET has had garden related programs on at 9:30 am weekday mornings. Unless they change, it is fun to see Moss Mountain Farm programs, Life in Bloom and lately a program of exercises for gardeners who ache from bending and digging.

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!**

Bring a bit of extra cash for our ever-popular raffle that raises funds for Family Assistance Ministries! You can pay online at sanclementegardenclub.com or included in this newsletter

is a reservation form for the event. Please note the deadline for reservations is: **Wednesday, November 23**



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

September Workshop from Kim Neal

Garden club members attended a workshop on **Thursday, September 15**, and made personalized clay plant ID markers and mini succulent hanging terrariums, both of which will be sold at the Fall Plant Sale. Pictures of the items made at the workshop can be found in the 2022 Photo Album on the garden club website.

There are more workshops scheduled in November 2022, January and March 2023. Complete descriptions can be found on the website under Event on the **Members Tab**.



Ecology Center Field Trip from Lisa Spinelli

Lana Doyle planned another great Field Trip for us! This time nearby at The Ecology Center in San Juan Capistrano. Many of us hadn't been there in a long time and we were thrilled to see their wonderful GROW EAT MAKE farm in production. We walked through some of the 28 acres guided by an adorably enthusiastic and knowledgeable guide, **Amanda** and ended up having fabulous home made, home grown pizza then shopping at their Farm Stand. A great Day! Thanks, Lana!



Pictures from the Field Trip to the Ecology Center from Lana Doyle and Kim Neal



San Clemente Jr. Gardeners

from Sarah Gould and Diane Bennett-Cheek

Jr Gardeners is really taking off! We are in need of volunteers:

Las Palmas: Every Friday 7,14, 21, 8-9 am and the Garden Activity, Oct 28, 11 am-1 pm

Concordia: First Tuesday of every month, Oct 4, 1:45-3 pm

Shorecliffs: Last Thursday of the month, Oct 27, 10:30 am-1 pm

The schools are anxious to have us back helping the children learn about nature and exploring their gardens. If you are able to help teach a garden lesson on butterflies, trees, native plants, etc., please let me know.

A Big Thank You,

Sarah Gould: 310-597-0773

Civic Beautification from Kim Neal

Help Wanted! While the pay isn't the greatest, the sense of camaraderie while spending time with and getting to know your fellow garden club members just can't be beat.

Lots of work has been done at **Casa Romantica** and **Park Semper Fi** over the last month. On **September 14, Sherry Christensen, Jim Proett** and **Kim Neal** took on the task of removing all of the crabgrass and weeds that were growing on the hillside to the left of the Native Bowl at Casa Romantica. The job is about 2/3 done. On **September 21, Kim Neal** and **Wayne Eggleston** worked on pruning and pulling weeds in the two circular flowerbeds at Park Semper Fi, and there is a lot more to be done there.

Please join us on **October 12** at **Park Semper Fi** and on **October 19** at **Casa Romantica** to work in the gardens and enjoy the view of the ocean. See You There!

Huntington Rose Fertilizer Formula

from Laura Bard

Here's the 'witches brew' used on the rose garden at the Huntington. You can adjust quantities to your needs, just keep the ratios the same.

1 gallon water

1 Tsp Verde (Can get at Humboldt nutrients (model V405))

1 Tsp Jumpstart plant tonic (Grow more #7436)

½ Tbsp Seaweed Extract (Grow more #6048)

Use as a foliar feed in late January or early February after pruning and before 1st bloom and once again after 1st bloom, usually April depending on weather.

Join the Eco Warriors!

from Weej Baggaley

Please join us in making our Garden Club mean, clean and green! I'd like to reinstitute some of our pre-COVID measures, and try some new things. We have lots of new members who I bet would have some great ideas we could try.

Join me at one of the great gathering places in Rancho Mission Viejo to get our Eco Awareness amped up again! Please email me at weej@me.com to RSVP or express interest even if you can't make our kickoff meeting.

Friday, October 14, 9:30 am

The Canyon House

75 Esencia Drive

Rancho Mission Viejo

(BYO Coffee)

Eco Warriors from Weej Baggaley

The Eco Warriors enjoyed a beautiful day at the beach, and left it a better place. We had loads of people thanking us for our work today. We tell them we represent the San Clemente Garden Club! Join us every **last Monday** of the month, **8:30 am**, at the **pier**.



Stormy, Lynn, Weej, Matt, Donna, Marta

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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 SEIG campaign will be on **Wednesday, November 9**, at the **Norman P Murray 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 we 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.



Cover Up Weeds! from Susan Pierce

Save money on weed killers by spreading several layers of newspaper on the soil before mulching over them in the garden. This blocks weeds from growing and helps retain moisture. Saves your watering needs too by watering the plants less.



Happy Halloween

CA Native Substitutes for Common Landscape Trees

Adapted by Patricia Holloway with permission from Tree of Life

Fall is the ideal time to plant California native trees. Native plant expert Art Tyree, in collaboration with Tree of Life Nursery, has identified several praiseworthy native trees to replace common exotic landscape choices. If you're interested in adding trees to your yard, or need to replace a dying or diseased tree, take a look at this list. Not only will these native trees use less water once established, but they will sustain and attract our native birds and wildlife. Next time you visit the nursery, ask for The Handy Plant "Respecifier" brochure (also available on TOL's website at californianativeplants.com).

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Think Again

Eucalyptus

Deliver us from Australia with California's own texture and character trees: *Lyonothamnus* (e.g., Catalina Ironwood, Santa Cruz Island Ironwood), *Pinus torreyana* (Torrey Pine), *Platanus racemosa* (California Sycamore).

Ficus (Fig)

Too dense, tropical, shady, and too many surface roots. Consider *Quercus* (e.g., Coast Live Oak), *Platanus racemosa* (California Sycamore), *Umbellularia californica* (California Bay), and *Prunus* (e.g., Catalina Cherry, Hollyleaf Cherry) as superior natives.

Magnolia

Leave this southern belle in the South. Out west we prefer *Quercus* (Oak), *Prunus* (e.g., Catalina Cherry, Hollyleaf Cherry), *Cercis occidentalis* (Western Redbud), *Umbellularia californica* (California Bay).

Melaleuca
(Paperbark Tree)

No need to import this Aussie. Stick with *Quercus engelmannii* (Engelmann Oak), *Arctostaphylos manzanita* (Common Manzanita), or *Lyonothamnus* (e.g., Catalina Ironwood, Santa Cruz Island Ironwood).

Pinus (Pine)

Instead of the habitual choices, consider *Pinus torreyana* (Torrey Pine) or *Pinus coulteri* (Coulter Pine) as large pines.

Prunus (Stone Fruit),
Pyrus (Flowering
Pear)

Cercis occidentalis (Western Redbud) is stronger, flowers longer. *Prunus lyonii* (Catalina Cherry) makes a fine small canopy tree.

Schinus (Peruvian
Pepper aka
California Pepper)

Traditional, historical S. molle doesn't compare to *Quercus agrifolia* (Coast Live Oak).

Cupaniopsis
(Carrotwood)

For a clean, small but stately shade tree look at *Umbellularia californica* (California Bay), *Aesculus californica* (California Buckeye).





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San Clemente Garden Club Activities

October 2022

October 5	Board Meeting	10:00 am
October 5	Meeting and Program	1:00 pm
October 7	Plant Sale Set-up	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
October 8	Fall Plant Sale	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
October 12	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
October	Garden Therapy-Pumpkins	12:45 pm
October 19	Civic Beautification	
	Casa Romantica Garden	8:30 am
October 24	OC District meeting	9:00 - 11:00 am



San Clemente Garden Club Membership Form 2022-2023

Dues: Individual \$25_____ Family \$40_____
(members joining on or after February 1, 2023 pay half)

_____ Check here if you prefer our newsletter sent to you via US Mail – Your dues are \$35 single/\$50 family which helps cover printing and postage costs.

Make checks payable to: **San Clemente Garden Club**

Send application and payment to:

San Clemente Garden Club, Attn: Membership

P.O. Box 3891, San Clemente, CA 92674

(Please note that your yearbook/name badge/nursery discount card can only be picked up at our General Meetings)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

For Family memberships: Spouse's Name _____

Phone number, (preferably cell #) _____

Address _____ +4 digit zip code extension _____

Email address _____

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2022 Fall Plant Sale

*Fall is the time for
planting!*

- Vegetables & herbs
- Flowers & perennials
- Cacti & succulents
- Shrubs & houseplants
- Natives, seeds & bulbs

**Saturday, Oct. 8th
8am - 1pm
SC Community Center
Del Mar @ Seville**

**Flea Market with seasonal stuff!
Horticultural advice available.**

Free Admission!



San Clemente Garden Club
sanclementegardenclub.com

In partnership with the
City of San Clemente Beaches,
Parks, & Recreation Department

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

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
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