



# The Garden Trellis



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

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We had a great speaker for our September meeting. Master Gardener **Bill Brooks** stepped in and spoke about the flora and fauna of the Channel Islands. It was so informative since our climate in San Clemente and the surrounding areas are so similar. The Channel Islands have species of plants that are found nowhere else. We learned how to grow some of these species right here in our yards.

We received our new Membership Yearbooks. We want to thank **Jim Proett** and **Lisa Spinelli** for the remarkable job they did. It is a big improvement in the paper selection and binding-- it's so much easier to use!

Hope everyone will be able to attend and/or volunteer for our first fundraiser of the year. The Fall Plant Sale is on **Saturday, October 14**, and the set up is on **Friday, October 13**.



**THE FALL PLANT SALE (Need Trucks!)  
Saturday, October 14, 8 am - 1 pm**

**We need volunteers Oct 13 (set up) and Oct 14 (the sale)**

### October 4 Meeting Program

Gabe Verduzco

#### Invasive Tree Insects in Southern California

Gabe Verduzco is a Regional Arborist Advisor, part time park ranger for local nature preserves and helps with the CNPS OC chapter. His previous experience includes work with UC cooperative extension in Irvine with invasive insects, a horticulturalist at a botanic garden, and research assistant at the USDA Research facility.

Gabe is an ISA Certified Arborist (International Society of Arboriculture). His presentation will be on the invasive shot hole borer, gold spotted oak borer and South American palm weevil. These non-native insect pests are destroying many of our native and non-native tree species in Southern California. We will look at the background of the pests, biology, signs, symptoms and management.



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### Gardens in the Schools from Sarah Gould

The Junior Gardeners are ready for the new school year!

Las Palmas is having their monthly activities. In September they made Salsa.

Shorecliffs Middle School has had a bit of bad luck over the summer. They are in need of someone with sprinkler expertise and would love to have some native plants!

Palisades Elementary already has worm lessons on their calendar.

The other schools always need volunteers to help weed and organize activities in the Gardens.

If you would like to help at any of the 10 Schools, Las Palmas, Palisades, Marblehead, Truman, Lobo, Vista, Concordia, Our Lady of Fatima, Shorecliffs Middle & San Clemente High, please email or text me:

sarahpgould@gmail.com 310-597-0773

## Bragger's Corner

### PLANT SALE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 8 AM - 1 PM

It's time to make plans for the fall Plant Sale. Mark your calendars for the morning of **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**, from **9 am-noon**. It's a nice time to catch up with garden club friends while you help set up and price plants, etc. Then join us anytime from 8 am to 2 pm on Saturday, October 14, to assist customers during the sale and help wrap up afterwards. Join us any time, stay as long as you like, we need your help! We will welcome volunteer sign ups.

### Beach Cleanup Change from Eco Warriors

Hello Garden Club Eco Warriors and Friends! Since there is a community-wide beach cleanup on **Saturday, 9/23**, we will postpone our usual beach cleanup from 9/25 to **Monday, October 2**, at **8:30 am** at the pier. Hope to see you there!

Weej Baggaley 949-547-4693



## 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!** 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. If you've already attended a Hypertufa workshop in the past, come and make another container.



The workshop will be held on **Friday, November 10, at 9 am**, at the home of Launa Gould. There is a cost of \$5, which will be collected on the day of the workshop. An email will be sent approximately 10 days prior to the workshop with a list of supplies to bring (mold/form, gloves, mask, etc.). If you have not already signed up, you can do so at the monthly garden club meeting or by emailing: **kim\_neal@cox.net**.

## Toy Drive in December

from Suzi Klickstein  
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 inter-faith 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.

## Let's Jingle and Mingle

from Deborah Spang

The Holidays are right around the corner! Let's get started creating a festive mood with our **Annual Holiday Luncheon**. We are going to have wonderful food, spend time with good friends, win fabulous opportunity prizes, enjoy a beautiful location and have lots of fun.

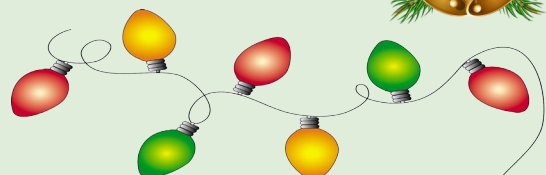
We will have fun and Family Assistance Ministries will receive the proceeds--a Win-Win!

**December 6, at 11:30 am** is the time at the **San Juan Hills Golf Club, 32120 San Juan Creek Road, San Juan Capistrano**, -- the place we will Jingle and Mingle!

### Let's make a list and check it twice:

- \* Make your reservation for our annual Holiday Luncheon now! You can go online to [sanclementegardenclub.com](http://sanclementegardenclub.com), pay at the monthly meeting or use the reservation form at the end of the newsletter. Cost is \$40 per person.
- \* Bring a WRAPPED \$5 or \$10 **White Elephant** gift to exchange.
- \* Support children in need by sharing holiday spirit. Please bring an UNWRAPPED toy for **Family Assistance Ministries** to distribute.

*Jingle Bell time is a Swell Time. Mix & Mingle and Jingle & Eat. That's the Jingle Bell Treat!*



### Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan

We had a great turn out for our first outing this calendar year with the Civic Beautification Committee at Park Semper Fi on Wednesday, September 13. A big thank you to Sherry Christensen, Dolly Latteier, Kim Neal, Robin Nelson, Deborah Spang, and Donna Vidrine who came and worked in our community garden. We trimmed the Purslane, Coyote and Lantana bushes. We deadheaded Cleveland Sage and Pride of Madeira bushes. We also pulled out lots of weeds. It was a productive day and we had fun visiting, enjoying the beautiful view and the cooler weather.

Come join us at 8:30 am on October 11 at Park Semper Fi and October 18 at Casa Romantica.

### At the Casa from Kim Neal

"The Story Circle was opened to volunteers today, 9/20. It's just tremendously overgrown!"



At Park Semper Fi



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is DIRT CHEAP  
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### Park Semper Fi Memorial

from Kim Neal

When was the last time you took the time to visit Park Semper Fi? If you were to visit The Memorial Wall, you would notice that a bright and shiny plaque has been added. This plaque was sponsored by none other than

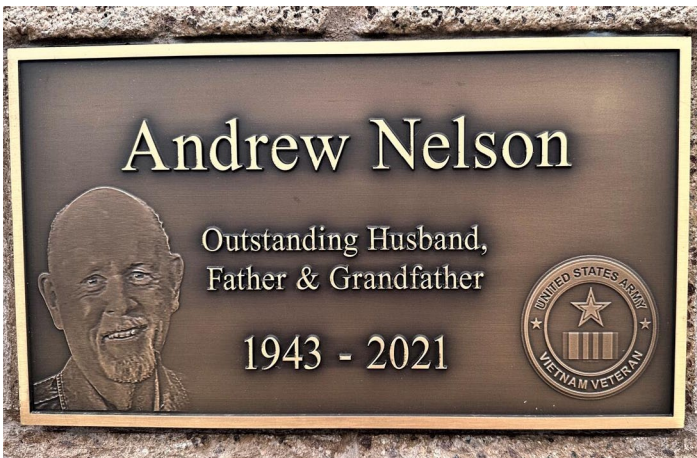


our own **Robin Nelson** in memory of her husband, **Andrew Nelson**, who passed away in 2021.

Andy was in ROTC at Arizona State University. He was also in the Arizona Army National Guard where he was the powder man on a 155 millimeter howitzer. His job was to count out the required number of bags of powder to set the charge as ordered by the commanding officer.

He was an experienced sharp-shooter and won many competitions all over the US. After graduating from college, Andy spent a year in Vietnam. He was an officer in the Army in charge of a boat unit. He also volunteered to be a helicopter gunner on a medivac unit. He was the first off the helicopter to protect the medics and the last on to protect the injured and medics. "He knew his time was coming up as two bullets hit next to his head as they were taking off. Fortunately, this all happened before we met!" said Robin Nelson, "I was fortunate to spend almost 51 years with this courageous man."

As club members spent time working in the gardens in September, a couple from Arizona stopped to talk to us and mentioned how beautifully the gardens were maintained. They thanked the club for their work. If you are unable to work in the gardens, take a stroll through Park Semper Fi and pay homage to the heroes who sacrificed for all of us. And while you're there, perhaps say a silent Thank You to all service men and women.



### Blue Star Memorial from Weej Baggaley

Members **Weej** and **Matt** toured the Auschwitz Exhibition at the Reagan Presidential Library, and encountered this Blue Star Marker sponsored by NGC and placed by the Southern California Garden Club.



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

### New Standing Rule:

The Executive Committee at the September board meeting voted to add a Standing Rule to our bylaws that allows only communication of club events so as not to distract from the goals and mission of our club.

**This Standing Rule #6 will be voted on at the October meeting.**

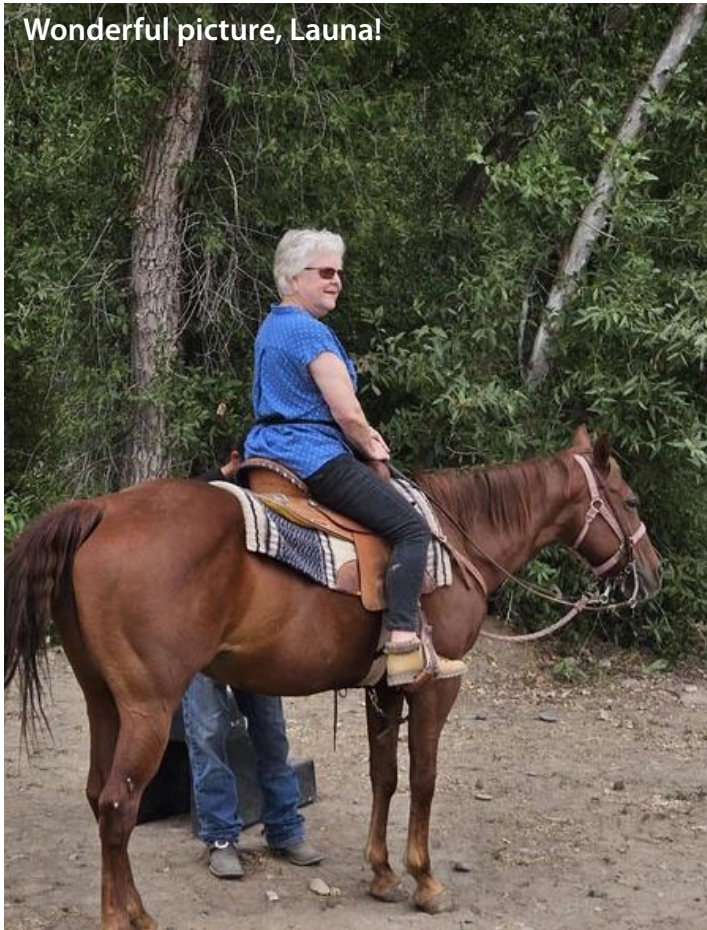
### Standing Rule #6:

Only club-related activities shall be promoted in meetings, events and/or communications.

### Ways To Appreciate Nature from Kim Neal

There are many ways to appreciate nature and the bountiful plants that surround us. You can take a walk through your neighborhood, you can hike trails, you can visit gardens and arboretums, and, occasionally, you might want to mount a horse, settle into the saddle and head out into the wilderness to see what you can find. **Launa Gould** recently took the approach of heading into the wilderness on horseback during her vacation.

Wonderful picture, Launa!



### Garden Therapy from Suzi Klickstein

For the start of our new year in September, **Heidi Gibson, Dollie Lattieier and Suzi Klickstein** met at the San Clemente Boys & Girls Club to assist 15 enthusiastic students in creating a craft fashioned from dried grapevines. The students arranged small sticks cut from dried grapevines to form their first initial onto a piece of foam-board. They embellished each initial with small silk flowers. The students, as always, were very creative in their endeavors and there was quite a variety of styles (**Photos on pg. 7.**)

It is very rewarding to work with the children at the Boys & Girls Club. Our Garden Club volunteers meet there on the **second Monday** of each month at **2:30 pm**. We are there for about an hour. The Boys & Girls Club nationally require a background check for all volunteers, so if you would like to join us in this worthwhile endeavor, simply contact Suzi Klickstein at [suziklick@gmail.com](mailto:suziklick@gmail.com) and request the paperwork to get started.



### The Old Banyan Tree from Patricia Holloway

Most of you know about the devastating fires on Maui that destroyed the town of Lahaina in August. Nearly 100 lives were lost. Watching interviews with survivors, I was struck by the fact that residents grieved not only for their family members, homes, and businesses, but they also cried for the Old Banyan Tree.

Alongside emergency efforts to feed, clothe, and house the people, locals are tending to the massive tree venerated as the heartbeat of Lahaina. Arborists hope that aeration, compost tea, and regular watering will bring the fire damaged banyan back to life.

The tree, which turned 150 years old last April, was planted in 1873 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Protestant Mission in Lahaina.

The banyan (*Ficus benghalensis*) is a non-native species from India. It's height at planting was just 8-feet tall. Today the tree stands more than 60 feet high and spans 2-acres in length. Its 16 trunks total a quarter mile in circumference, making it the largest banyan in the U.S. and one of the largest in the world. Banyan trees have aerial roots that sprout from branches. When they touch the ground, they can implant and become trunks. Because of this, they're sometimes called "walking trees".



# Garden Therapy at the Boys & Girls Club, September 11



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# Bragger's Corner



How's this for a cool bird's nest? (It was abandoned when I found it.)



Amazing how they do this! No twigs involved. They take strips of tree bark (in this case Ficus) and weave it all together strong enough to hold a can of beans. (1 lb.?).  
--from Jim Proett

## Future Workshops:

### Propagation Workshop Friday, January 12, 2024

Host: Teresa Whitney

Learn new or refresh your old 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.



## Ralphs Community Contribution Program from Weej Baggaley

Our San Clemente Garden Club has partnered with Ralphs to raise money for our club through the Ralphs Community Program. After you link up your Ralphs card, Ralphs will donate a percentage of every purchase you make to our club, every time you shop and use your Ralphs card or linked phone number.

<https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program>







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## **San Clemente Garden Club Activities** **October 2023**

October 4	Board Meeting	10 am
October 4	Meeting and Program	1 pm
October 9	Garden Therapy-Pumpkins	2:30 pm
October 11	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
October 13	<b>Plant Sale Setup</b>	9 am - 2 pm
October 14	<b>Fall Plant Sale</b>	8 am - 1 pm
October 18	Civic Beautification	
	Casa Romantica Garden	8:30 am

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# 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.

BAR & BEVERAGE | NO-HOST CASH BAR

Includes 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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(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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