



The Garden Trellis



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"ENGAGE - ENJOY - SUPPORT"

President's Message



Doing nothing can be exhausting. That is the lesson I learned from quarantine. I am a person who is lazy by nature and I have always enjoyed those days when there was nothing on the schedule. Lay around, read, nap – necessary and fun when you are busy. But... come on! Quarantine? A year and a half and counting? I soon learned that I needed to force myself to do something... anything...to save my sanity. (And cleaning out cupboards gets really old, really fast.)

I was inspired by reading the Trellis. Fellow garden lovers were out, safely working to beautify our community, clean our beaches, and work in their gardens. As public gardens began to re-open, I enjoyed Sherman Gardens, Descanso Gardens, and others. The Garden Club offers us all an opportunity to DO SOMETHING – become engaged – with each other and our community. The program speakers for this year look great. Come to the meetings to listen and learn. You will enjoy yourself. We are going to move slowly on some activities such as field trips and volunteering at RIO, but we will get there. Our first big activity is the **Fall Plant Sale on October 9**. This is an important community event that supports our Scholarship Program. I hope you will help make it the most successful yet.



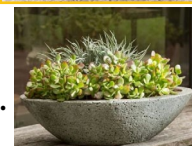
**THE FALL PLANT SALE (Need Trucks!)
Saturday, October 9, 8 am - 1 pm**

We need volunteers Oct. 8(set up) and Oct. 9 (the sale).

**Hypertufa Workshop, Wednesday, October 27 9:30 am.
at home of Launa Gould**



Create a rustic, textured pot(s) from Portland cement, perlite or vermiculite and water. All materials are provided but bring your own custom container(s) in size, shape and look of your choice to be the mold for the hypertufa. Fee \$5. Workshop limited to 12. To reserve a place in this workshop, email Nina Ackmann at ninaackmann08@gmail.com. Fee will be collected at time of workshop.



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Board Meeting

September 1, 10 am,

at the VIP Lounge at the Outlets.

You're welcome to bring in food or drink to the meetings.

Orange County District, State and National News/Events

DISTRICT MEETING

Mon., Oct. 25 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Location: TBD (or could be virtual)

Cost: \$5.00 – RSVP to your Treasurer

Can't wait for the Fall Plant Sale!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 8**, for set up, and **Saturday, October 9**, for the sale. (See the Attached Flyer)

The sale will be a little different this year but will be lots of fun as usual. We will all need to help keep our customers socially distanced and wearing masks even if we've been vaccinated--no big deal, we're used to it! If you've propagated plants and they look good and are well rooted, bring them to the setup on **Friday, October 8**, anytime from 9-12 am. We'd like to get them priced and set up into the room. Make sure they represent the SCGC and if you saw it, you'd want to spend money on it. We're also having a mini-flea market in the same Multi-purpose room that the plants are in, so if you have smaller garden items or pots you'd like to donate, bring those on Friday too!

We will 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 that need it. Saturday volunteers will help with cashiering, moving people in and out of the sale as orderly as we can, and keeping the numbers in the room manageable and safe--as well as helping customers pick plants and clean-up 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 rookqs@cox.net**

September Meeting Program

Date: **Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

Time: 1 pm

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

Subject: California Native Plants

Speaker: Elizabeth Wallace

Three years ago, Elizabeth embarked on a landscaping project for the nonprofit Teen Project in Trabuco Canyon. Her goal was to rehabilitate a residential acreage and create nature gardens that are healing for residents and wildlife. The 12-acre site now features a butterfly garden as its centerpiece, as well as vegetable gardens, restored coastal sage scrub slopes, and nature-friendly front yards. Future plans include a nature park for children and adults, and a bird-sanctuary garden.



CGCI eNews from Launa Gould

As editor of the CGCI eNews, I receive newsletters from clubs in the state. This one is from So. California Garden Club in San Fernando Valley:

www.SouthernCaliforniaGardenClub.com

They are a happening club with members that are officers in CGCI and National Garden Clubs. Anyway, they featured a page in their newsletter with scholarship recipients/photos. I really like that idea and bet we could do that too!

Scholarships are such a focus when promoting donations to our club and I think it would be a great idea to share them with our members/ sponsors in the newsletter. We have had them come to luncheons before but this would go out to all members...do you like this idea?



Spring Plant Sale - \$3200!

Civic Beautification from Kieu Doan

Civic Beautification Committee members were busy in June and July at our community gardens. On **Wednesday, June 30**, Weej Baggaley, Kieu Doan, Carol and Bob Luetz, Diane Murico and Teresa Whitney came to Park Semper Fi and pulled out lots of weeds and replanted overgrown Bulbine Hallmark plants to help beautify the grounds of the garden so the Marines and their families could enjoy the Fourth of July's picnic and fireworks.

On **Wednesday, July 28**, Laura Bard picked up and delivered 34 native milkweed plants donated by the Rotary Club for our club to plant at Park Semper Fi and Casa Romantica. **Four members of the Rotary club plus Weej Baagaley, Laura Bard, Molly Fehrenbach, Launa Gould, Diana Riopka, Kieu Doan and Wayne Eggleston** worked all morning to dig, water and plant 32 of the native milkweeds. It was a great partnership between San Clemente Garden Club and the Rotary club to help conserve our Monarch Butterflies by planting the native milkweed plants.

On **Wednesday, August 11**, we had a big turnout at Park Semper Fi! **Weej Baggaley, Molly Fehrenbach, Diane Riopka, Sherry Christensen, Kieu Doan** and our newest member **Shenn-Yi Lo** came to work in the garden. We trimmed back the Cleveland Sage, Blue African basil and Lantana bushes. We also planted 4 Moss Verbena plants at the entrance of the garden. We had a great time visiting with each other and working in our beautiful community.

(See Photos on Page 4)



Eco Warriors Out for Trash from Weej Baggaley

The Eco Warriors had a lovely day on **August 2** to clean up the beaches, starting at the pier. Thank you to everyone who turned out to make our world just a little bit nicer. Next beach cleanup: **North Beach Train Station, Monday, Aug. 30, 8:30 am**



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Beach
clean-
up, May
28.

At Left:
Glow
stick
w/?????



Rosa, Kieu, Lynn, Weej



Weej, Cindy, Mischelle



Welcome 2021 Scholarship Recipients!

from Diane Riopka

Our SCGC scholarship recipients—**Alfred (Geno) Hakala, Mehdi Hosseinyazdi, Tracy Mostero, and Marissa Santiago**—have been invited to join us at our first fall meeting. All four are Saddleback College students majoring in horticulture and/or landscape design and related subjects.

Marissa Santiago always dreamed of living in California. She was born and raised in Queens, New York, was on her own at age 17, lived for a time in Texas, and returned to New York after her husband's military discharge. When Marissa's daughter reached high-school age, she decided to pursue her dream; and, with her daughter's approval, they relocated to California. After a few years, she began researching community colleges. She first attended Pierce College in Los Angeles studying advanced gardening and sustainable horticulture. In the fall of 2020, Marissa transferred to Saddleback College to continue her studies in horticulture. Her plan is to transfer to Cal Poly Pomona and complete her bachelor's degree with a major in horticulture. The SCGC scholarship will allow her to purchase much-needed computer equipment that will support applications necessary for her classes and give her financial stability to move forward with her career goals.



Tracy Mostero began her college education later in life. After high school, she entered the workforce, got married, and was a stay-at-home mom. She states that she always knew that after her children were grown she "wanted to spend the rest of her life helping others." When she made the decision to return to school, she enrolled in classes at Saddleback College. Realizing that college was going to be a challenge, she enlisted the help of counselors, professors, and staff. She has excelled at Saddleback and was asked to join both of the college's honor societies. Tracy plans to work toward a certificate in sustainable horticulture and a degree in liberal studies and horticulture. Her goal is to transfer to a four-year college and complete degree requirements for a bachelor's degree. Her ultimate goal is to help the most vulnerable in our society, victims of domestic violence and human trafficking, as a horticultural therapist.



Mehdi Hosseinyazdi became involved in horticulture at age 11 when, after the death of his

father, his mother gave him the responsibility for maintaining the family herb and vegetable garden, which she hoped would help feed the family of 6. His efforts, including an innovative way to keep critters out of the garden, were successful and helped supplement the family's food budget. In his adult years, he has found pleasure in helping neighbors and friends with solutions to their gardening challenges. Mehdi's scholarship funds will enable him to continue his studies at Saddleback College, including the purchase of laboratory supplies. His goal is to receive a certificate in horticulture and landscape design and pursue a career in horticulture.

Alfred (Geno) Hakala claims his major challenge toward pursuing advanced degrees "was not having examples of family attending college. He claims he "meandered all over the place" in his pursuit of higher education. He finally found his niche in horticulture and landscape design through classes at Saddleback College. Also, a major influence was his work at a rehabilitation center where he saw firsthand the positive impact to addicts who became involved in gardening. He plans to soon complete requirements for an Associate of Science degree in Sustainable Landscape Design and Horticulture as well as a Wellness Gardening certificate. Geno feels that his degree and certificate will help him in his current small business endeavor assisting clients with organic gardening. The SCGC scholarship will ease the challenge of working and attending classes full time.



TheSpruce.com from Teresa Whitney

I found a fun website that has oodles and oodles of information just a click away!

These are just a few of the topics I've found on the site. Make sure you have plenty of time because you'll definitely get sidetracked for awhile:

- The Best Plants to Grow in a Shady Spot
- 23 Big Landscaping Ideas for Small Yards
- Plants for the Pet Friendly Garden
- The top 10 bulbs to plant in the Fall
- How to Grow Hydrangeas from cuttings

It also has sections on Home Renovations, Cleaning and Decor among other topics. Happy searching!

F.A.M. (Family Assistance Ministries) needs Clean, Used, Empty **EGG CARTONS** for distributing eggs. 1030 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, CA 92673

Nina Ackmann is recommending an Emmy nominated nature film entitled "Seed the Untold Story". It is a compelling film about the loss of seed diversity world wide and the amazing seed banks/vaults that exist. It can be streamed online or seen on Amazon Prime Video for \$3.99. Please go to this link: Seedthemovie.com.

San Clemente Jr. Gardeners

from Sarah Gould and Diane Bennett-Cheek

This past "covid" year we have had very limited access to the school's gardens. We have been in contact with the school's representatives and have helped when and where we can.

Our biggest project this year has been to help Palisades Elementary School get their garden growing. They had to remove the existing grass and bring in new topsoil. They had former students build a fence and garden boxes. Plant Depot donated soil and plants. The garden is now thriving. It has definitely been exciting to watch their school enjoy the new space.

Shorecliffs middle school has enjoyed their garden for over 12 years now. This year the students were able to have many classes outside. A much needed break from computers.

Vista Del Mar is in the beginning stages of their garden. They have a space and are working on getting more space.

Marblehead has a very large garden. They were not sure how to make it work at the beginning of the school year but as schools opened up a bit more the students were able to enjoy the space and watch their plants grow.

Las Palmas, Concordia and Lobos Elementary Schools kept their gardens small this year. The students and teachers were the only people allowed on campus. They enjoyed working on the garden as a school.

Truman Elementary School will be starting a garden over the summer. They have a parent volunteer and a spot for their garden, they are very excited to begin and have learned so much from watching Palisades start their garden.

This year we reached out to San Clemente High School. They have a beautiful garden already growing. It is a space for the special needs students. Those students love watching everything grow and love being outside.

We will continue to reach out to these schools. This coming fall we will need many volunteers in each neighborhood to help at their local schools. The schools believe we will be able to be on campus and be able to help out. Lots of weeding come fall time!

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. (You can search for our club alphabetically, or use our code **AY273**.) https://www.ralphs.com/asset/ralphs_instructions_2016-2017

**Read over Carefully!
We will Vote on it Sept. 1.**

2021-2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL

REVENUES		2021-2022
I	Awards - State/National Clubs	\$ 25.00
II	Donations/Contributions/Gifts/Grants/Sp ponsorships	\$ 5,000.00
III	Garden Tour Annual Event	
	Ticket Sales	\$ 14,000.00
IV	Membership Dues	\$ 5,000.00
V	Ways & Means-Event Retail Sales	\$ 4,000.00
	Meeting Fund Raiser	\$ 320.00
VI	Assessments	
	Workshops	
	District Meetings	\$ 200.00
	Luncheon	\$ 6,000.00
	Apron Sales	\$ 100.00
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 34,645.00
EXPENSES		
1	Civic Beautification	\$ 500.00
2	Donations to National, State & Local Projects	\$ 3,000.00
3	Dues&Fees (state/district/IRS/)	\$ 1,100.00
4	President's Expenses	\$ 300.00
5	Convention	\$ 400.00
6	Field trips	\$ 100.00
7	Front Garden Contest	\$ 200.00
8	Garden Therapy - RIO	\$ 500.00
9	Garden Tour	\$ 5,000.00
10	Hospitality/Welcme Event	\$ 200.00
11	Insurance	\$ 350.00
12	Jr. Gardening	
	Concordia	\$ 500.00
	Lobo	\$ 500.00
	Las Palmas	\$ 500.00
	MarbleHead	\$ 500.00
	Shorecliffs	\$ 500.00
	Palisades	\$ 500.00
	Vista Del Mar	\$ 500.00
13	Life Memberships	\$ 300.00
14	Luncheons- Installation/Holiday Party	\$ 6,000.00
15	Membership	\$ 200.00
16	National Garden Week/Memorial Day	\$ 200.00
17	Newsletters	\$ 600.00
18	Officer's Expenses	\$ 200.00
19	Programs	\$ 2,200.00
20	Rent - St.Andrews/POB/other	\$ 2,500.00
21	Scholarships	\$ 6,000.00
22	Ways & Means-Plant Sales/Grdnfst/Raffles	\$ 2,500.00
23	Website	\$ 150.00
24	Workshops	\$ 400.00
25	Yearbook	\$ 1,300.00
26	Misc.- Bank fees, checks, postage	\$ 100.00
27	Misc.Unbudgeted; Prior Year's Expenses	
28	Unbdgtd Prev. Yr's Exp.	
29	School Special Projects	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 37,800.00

"Bee on the Buckwheat Flower" from:
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San Clemente Garden Club Activities

September 2021

September 1	Board Meeting	10:00 am
September 1	Meeting and Program	1:00 pm
September 8	Civic Beautification	
	Park Semper Fi	8:30 am
September 15	Garden Therapy-Fall craft	12:45 pm
September 15	Civic Beautification	
	Casa Garden	8:30 am

**In accordance with announcements from CDC and WHO,
all activities and events for the ensuing 2021 season will be
subject to change.**



San Clemente Garden Club Membership Form 2021-2022

Dues: Individual \$25_____ Family \$40_____
(members joining on or after February 1, 2022, 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.

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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 _____

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Phone number, (preferably cell #) _____

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<http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/newsletter>

2021 Fall Plant Sale

*Fall is the time for
planting!*

- Vegetables & herbs
- Shrubs & house plants
- Flowers & perennials
- Succulents & cactuses
- Natives & seeds & bulbs

**Saturday, Oct. 9th
8am - 1pm
SC Community Center
Del Mar @ Seville**

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

Free Admission!



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