



Garden Chatter



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Blooms (Messages) from the Co-President Joyce Klemann



Erin go Bragh! I just got back from Ireland and I'm fighting a bit of jet-lag. Waking up at 2:30 a.m. isn't fun but I'll adjust soon, I hope!

I also hope you all had a great holiday and you're ready to start a new year of garden club. Our other co-president, Peggy Colby, is in Australia right now but will be back for our next general meeting. It's on the third Thursday of the month, January 18th. Christiane Lancaster, our first vice president, has lined up a great speaker, who is a woodcut artist. Her topic is "Wood Cut Plants" and her name is Mollie Doctrow. See you there at 9:00 for visiting and treats and our

business meeting will start at 9:30.

It's sad to take down that beautiful wreath I made, but it's time. If you made one, too, try to save your bow. We can use them next year. We made a bit of profit on the twenty that we sold—\$207.81 after expenses. That will help to fund our project for this year. We'll talk about it (What is it?) and vote at the meeting. Come and find out what it is!

Linda Malone has scheduled a work day

at the animal shelter for Tuesday, January 16th at 8:30. We landscaped the front of the office for a project years ago and we need to keep it up. So come on out to the shelter at the Camarillo Airport (600 Aviation Dr.), wear your gardening clothes, and bring your gardening equipment. It's always fun to work together and doesn't take long to do a little weeding and trimming.

I'll see all your beautiful smiling faces on Thursday, the 18th!

We All Need a Little Sunshine



Please let Grace Kelly know of anyone who needs a card.

Meeting Checklist

- Plants, flowers, fruits, or vegetables for horticulture
- Coffee cup
- Non-Perishable goods for Church Food Pantry

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of October 31 2023	\$6471.47
November Deposits (Wreaths)	207.81
December Expenses	40.99
Balance as of December 31, 2023	\$5246.46



News at a Glance

Volunteers

Courtyard Care

Pam Gaffuri is chairing the Courtyard care. If you have any questions, please contact her.

- January - Karen Roth, Lori Beving
- February - Alice Smith, Grace Kelly
- March - Carol Cannon, Linda Goodwin
- April - Bev Adams, Charleen Birgy
- May - Sharon Bellman

PLEASE make sure the key is put in a safe place while it is in your possession so it isn't lost. Return the key to Pam Gaffuri at the end of your month so it can be given to the next volunteer. We water twice a month!

Hospitality

Contacts: Conda Guggia, Marie Coolidge, Lynn Saxey, Linda Malone, Lorraine Otis, Marilyn Brackett, Peggy Celic, Jeannette Filosa, and Yolanda Fisher

January - Charleen Birgy, Sharon Bellman, Maria Trainor, Marilyn Brackett, Rose Obetz

BRING YOUR COFFEE MUG

January 18th Meeting

9:00 - Socialize

9:15 - General Meeting

10:15 - Break

10:30 - Mollie Doctrow, Wood Cut Plants. She sketches native habitats and makes environmental woodcuts. These printed woodcuts are portraits of plants and plant communities, some endemic, rare and endangered.

Remember to bring any cuttings, clippings from your garden, or pots you want to get rid of, for our monthly Garden Giveaway. Put all items on the fireplace ledge.

P.S. If the items you bring are still there at the end of the meeting, please take them home again.

Dates To Remember

January 18 - General Meeting. Wood Cut Plants

January 25 - Otto & Sons Field Trip

February 1 - Board Meeting. All are welcome

February 9 - District Meeting. University Glen Community Center, CSU Channel Islands

February 15 - General Meeting Wild Medicinal Plants

February 22 - Wildlife Corridor Tour or Ventura Botanical Gardens Field trip

March 7 - Board Meeting

March 21 - General Meeting. Orchid Care

March 28 - Escape Garden Field Trip

April 4 - Board Meeting. All are welcome

April 18 - Pots and Plants Exchange and Election of Board Members

April 19 - Members Garden Tour and Lunch

May 16 - Installation Luncheon. Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club

July - Summer Social

Club News



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Food Pantry

Our club donates to the Seventh-Day Adventist Church Food Pantry each month in appreciation for the use of their facilities. Please bring canned or boxed soup, or any other "nonperishable" foods, to the meeting this month. This is an ongoing contribution, so toss a few extra items in your shopping cart when you're at the grocery store.

Meeting Dates

Third Thursday each month,
September - November,
January - April
9:00 a.m.
Camarillo Seventh-Day Adventist Church Fireside Room,
3975 E. Las Posas Road,
Camarillo, CA

Otto and Sons Field Trip and Rose Trimming class Fillmore, January 25th

- Meet at the church parking lot at 9 am
- You may sign up at the next general meeting on January 18th.
- We'll have time to shop and each car will pick their choice of lunch locations.
- Here are some of the ladies that have signed up:

Marilyn Brackett
Sharon Harada
Sharon Bellman
Becky Hosseni
Bev Adams
Barbara Wilsey
Sabrina Brewer
Jeanette Filosa
Joyce Klemann
Lorraine Otis
Karen Roth
Mary Goodenough
Judy Reyome
Joni J.
Linda Martin



Agricultural Commission Called on Community Support Amid Citrus Disease

The Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner is calling on the community to help stop the spread of Huanglongbing (HLB) a disease vectored by the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP). Residents in quarantine zones are asked to not move any plant material from dirt, foliage to fruit .
Call the CDFA pest hotline at 1-(800)-491-1899 if your trees are showing symptoms of AC-P/ HLB and they can arrange to have your tree tested.

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Ikebana and Other Flower Arrangements At our November Meeting



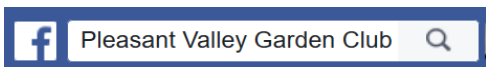
Seaside Gardens Field Trip



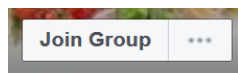
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Horticulture

Please bring something from your garden for our horticulture display. It is a delight to see what our members are growing at home. It can be a flower, a fruit or vegetable, a potted plant or greenery. Everyone enjoys a peek into your garden.

Taft Gardens Field Trip



Hellebore in Andrea Soriano's Garden



Conda Guggia's Protea

Club News, continued

Wreath Making



Club News, continued

Holiday Luncheon
a wonderful time!



Always a beautiful view at the yacht club!



We are a generous group! Thank you!



Dessert, anyone? Delicious!



Club News, continued

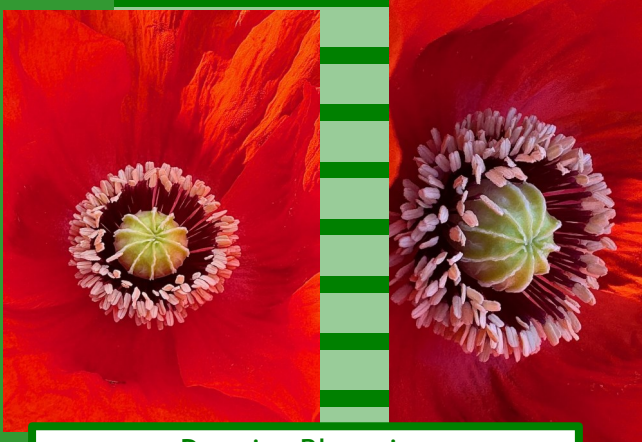


Macadamia Nut Harvest

Submitted by Aaron Landworth



Kniphofia "Christmas Cheer"



Poppies Blooming



Praying Mantis Egg case "Ootheca"



Edible Fungus "Chicken of the Woods"

Club News, continued

Submitted by Aaron Landworth



Farfugium blooming



Geum "Tangerine" with Monarch caterpillar



Chayote squash



Botanic gardens in Tasmania submitted by Peggy Colby