



# Garden Chatter



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## Blooms (Messages) from the Co-President Peggy Colby



I'm sitting in my office-- feeling so much gratitude to Mother Nature for providing us with the last two rainstorms. The first one even caused the Calleguas creek to run for a couple of days-- with water from the mountains. I would encourage anyone to walk or bike along the paved path that starts at the Upland/ Flynn Rd. intersection. My dogs and I take advantage of it very frequently, and always notice new plants, birds, etc, in the middle of our neighborhood. My sympathies still are very much with all those who experienced the terrible losses of the fires, and I send good wishes to them from the walk.

We're looking forward to our next meeting on February 20, 9 AM,, Seventh Day Adventist Church. The featured speaker, Hetty Shurtleff will be demonstrat-

ing some amazing Ikebana flower arranging. At the business meeting we will be discussing the nominating committee for new officers. Please feel free to contact us if you are interested. It's a responsibility, for sure, and very rewarding. I am learning new things all the time connected with the Club. Joyce and I attended the virtual meeting of the California Garden Clubs Inc., and were introduced to the National Garden Club director as well. I will present a brief synopsis of the meeting, and would encourage any of our members to go on their websites and explore the wealth of information there. [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org), and [californiagardenclubs.org](http://californiagardenclubs.org) are the websites.

Our next field trip should be educational-- to the Desalter plant, walking there from the church, on February 26. Unfortunately, our field trip to the Camarillo Ranch House was cancelled due to the winds. We will reschedule.

Finally I have been interested in all the benefits we have from our club. With the research that has been done about loneliness and isolation, our club provides such a good antidote, in many proven areas. Not only do we learn new information and techniques related to gardening, but we are able to contribute to the community, share knowledge, and participate in activities with such a wonderful group of people.

Enjoy the coming spring. Peggy

## 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 January 1, 2025	\$4,991.67
Deposits/Credits	50.00
Withdrawal/Debits	122.27
Balance as of January 31, 2025	\$4919.40



# News at a Glance

## Volunteers

### Courtyard Care

Linda Goodwin is chairing the Courtyard care. If you have any questions, please contact her.

February - Alice Smith, Conda Guggia  
 March - Sharon Harada, Marilyn Brackett

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 Linda Goodwin at the end of your month so it can be given to the next volunteer. We water twice a month!

### Hospitality

Contacts: Pam Gaffuri, Becky Hosseini, Marie Coolidge, Lynn Saxey, Linda Malone, Lorraine Otis, Marilyn Brackett, Peggy Celic, Jeannette Filosa, and Yolanda Fisher. Patricia Turner for table decorations.

February - Bev Adams, Kathy DeForge, Mari Ryan, Lori Beving, Mary Goodenough, Judy Reyome

BRING YOUR COFFEE MUG

## February 20th Meeting

9:00 - Socialize and Coffee

9:15 - General Meeting

10:15 - Ikebana and Other Flower Arrangements, Hetty Shurtleff, Las Floralias. She will be selling her arrangements at the meeting.

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

February 20 - General Meeting Ikebana and Other Flower Arrangements

February 26 - Field Trip Desalter Plant (see page 4)

March 6 - Board Meeting

March 20 - General Meeting. Current Trends in Native Plant Landscaping

March 24 - Field Trip. SB Botanical Gardens. Limit to 20 people

April 3 - Board Meeting

April 17 - Pots & Plants Exchange and Election of Board Members

April 24 - Pleasant Valley Garden Club Garden Tour & Lunch

May 1 - Board Meeting

May 15 - Installation Luncheon

# 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

### January Meeting Bee Keeping Presentation



16 ounces of  
**Honey**  
requires  
1.152 Bees to travel  
112.000 miles and  
visit 4.5 million  
FLOWERS  
#SAVETHEBEES



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## REMINDER

Don't forget to bring food for the food pantry. The church provides food for families in need. It is also a way to thank them for the use of their facilities. So when you go to the grocery store pick up non-perishable items, including protein, canned tuna, peanut butter, and chicken and bring them to the meeting. Place them on the fireplace hearth.



### Penny Pines

Please bring \$1 bills for Penny Pines. This money is used to plant trees in the forest. There will be a flyer on the tables with information on how our donations was used.



### Reminder from the Treasurer

Please turn in your receipts on a 8.5 by 11 paper. This prevents the receipts from getting lost. Thank you.



## Field Trip Info

### City of Camarillo Desalter Tour Wednesday, February 26, 2025

- Meet in Church (meeting location) parking lot at 9:00 am
- We will walk over to Desalter facility which is a 1/2 mile walk, 15-20 minutes. For those that feel they cannot walk that distance, carpools will be arranged, parking is limited - 2 parking spaces are available
- This tour is FREE and should only last about 1 hour with time for questions
- Coffee/ brunch or early lunch is on your own after this organized event.
- Please note: the city has reserved the right to cancel prior to our scheduled event, even day of ( i.e. due to high winds, plant is out of service, etc.) If this happens Sharon Bellman or Jo Krause will be notifying you by phone



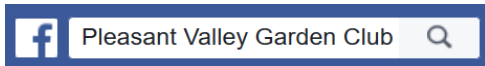
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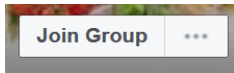
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Then click



## 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.



### Elections for Garden Club

We are in the process of forming a nominating committee for next year's slate of officers. Please think about how you can serve and contribute to the future and success of our club. Volunteering to become an officer or serve on a committee is just one way to help!

### Animal Shelter Crew and Work



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**Birth Month Flower for February  
Violet, Iris, and Primrose**

