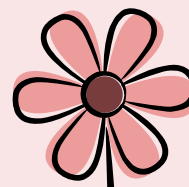




Pleasant Valley Garden Club October 2026 Newsletter



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Welcome to our Garden Club!

Blooms Messages from Co-President Peggy

Hello and Happy Fall,

Although it really doesn't feel like fall, with 90+ heat during the day... My vegetable seeds are getting a good start for the fall growing season.

Our garage sale is scheduled for this Saturday, October 3, at Sandy's house from 8-12. Many of you have donated items to sell, and hopefully we will raise some funds for our ongoing donations. There is a huge amount of work involved in this project, and thanks to those who helped out.

The CRV recycling project is also successful. Thanks so much to Sandy and her husband Woody, for transporting the cans, bottles, etc to the recycling center.

The theme for October is pumpkins. 🍂🍂 This is our fundraiser for the teacher grant program. Sharon and her committee have done a

wonderful job of facilitating the grants, and presented an inspirational PowerPoint at our September meeting.

For our members, at our general meeting on October 15, we will decorate pumpkins with succulents and decoupage. then transport them to the Farmers Market on Saturday for sales to the public. We are given a free booth that day. During the week before, the pumpkin committee will purchase the pumpkins on Tuesday, transport them to Joyce's garage on Wednesday where they will be washed and have moss applied, and then brought to the meeting.



That's where you all come in with your creativity, gluing succulents, bows, little spiders, etc. This year, we will also branch out into making decoupage pumpkins--also made at the meeting. Joyce will instruct and provide the needed materials. Be sure to bring cash or check to purchase some to give as gifts, or use as decorations. A list of needed tools is included in this newsletter.

Please note the 2 field trips upcoming this month as well. There are descriptions in this newsletter.

And lastly, we will participate in the Pacific Region Garden Clubs Convention October 12-14. We made a poster board that will be displayed, and will volunteer as needed, representing the California Garden Clubs, and our Channel Islands District.

Have fun, and stay cool.

Love, Peggy

We've planted the seeds for a wonderful year filled with friendship, learning, service and fun activities!





Hospitality

Bring enough to serve 8-10.

October - Adele Lins, Cathy Giles,
Dianne Anders, Lynne Matthews,
Sharon Bredeson, Maria Trainor,
Bren Schearer

Questions: Pam Gaffuri,
Bren Schearer

Know Someone Who needs a little TLC?

Please let Mari R.
know. She will send a *Get
Well* or *Sympathy Card*.

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 is an ongoing
contribution, so toss a few extra
items in your shopping cart.

October 15 Meeting

9:00 - Socialize and Coffee

9:15 - General Meeting

10:00 - Create Decoupage and Succulent pumpkins for
fundraiser event the following weekend. Bring succulents and Fall or
Halloween themed napkins. **SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE DETAILS**

Pots & Plant Exchange: Bring any cuttings or clippings from
your garden, or pots you want to exchange with members. P.S. If the
items you bring are still there at the end of the meeting, please take
them home again.





Dates to Remember

October 12-14 -

Pacific Region
Convention, Palm
Garden Hotel,
Thousand Oaks, CA

October 15 - Monthly Meeting

- Pumpkin
Decorating

October 17 - Farmer's
Market, Pumpkin Sale
Fundraiser

October 21 - Gottlieb
Native Gardens,
Beverly Hills

October 25 - Autumn
Tea, Camarillo Ranch
House

November 5 - Board
Meeting

November 18 -
Hermitage Gardens,
Montecito

November 19 - Monthly Meeting

- Drought Tolerant
Gardening - Dani
B., Master
Gardener

December 2 - The
Wallis Annenberg
Wildlife Crossing
Ribbon-Cutting
Ceremony, King
Gillette Ranch

December 10 -
Holiday Luncheon,
Pacific Corinthian
Yacht Club



PVGC Meeting Dates

Pleasant Valley Garden Club
meets the third Thursday
each month,
September-November &
January-April @ 9:00a.m.
Camarillo Seventh-Day
Adventist Church, Fireside
Room, 3975 E. Las Posas
Road, Camarillo, CA

Meeting Greeters Schedule

October: Adele Lins and
Cathy Giles

November: Grace Kelly

January: Charleen Birgy

Money Matters

Balance as of September 1, 2026	\$6,173.02
Deposits/Credits	\$303.64
Withdrawals/Debits	\$959.75
Balance as of September 30, 2026	\$5,516.91

Reminder:

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



October Pumpkin Fundraiser



We are trying something **NEW** this year – decoupage pumpkins! We will also sell pumpkins decorated with succulents which we've done for several years.

Project To Do's:

- **October 13** – Buy pumpkins.
- **October 14** – Clean pumpkins and glue on moss in Joyce's garage. Come and help. Eat and have a lot of fun!
- **October 15 meeting** – Decorate pumpkins with decoupage and succulents. **THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS TO BRING.** Bring Fall, Halloween, or any decorative napkins for decoupage, Joyce has a lot of napkins. Joyce will supply mod podge and brushes. Bring lots of plastic bags to put decoupage pumpkins in so they won't touch each other, also bring newspapers. Joyce has bows and spiders. For decorating succulent pumpkins – Bring in lots of small size (2-4 inch) flowering and colorful succulents, glue guns, extension cords and electrical plugin strips, foil, glue sticks, clippers, gloves, wooden skewer or pencil to hold down succulents when gluing. And bring lots of boxes for transporting the pumpkins. If you have any other items you'd like to use to decorate with you can bring fall leaves, pods, ribbon, etc...bring them. Pumpkins will be for sale at this meeting. Please bring cash \$\$ of small bills to the meeting to purchase your pumpkin. Its a fun, crafty meeting!!
- **October 17** – Sell pumpkins at the Camarillo Farmers Market.

This is one of our main fundraisers for the year, so I hope you'll be participating! Joyce





Elegant Gardens Nursery

PVGC members will receive a 10% discount on any 1 gallon plant or larger. Just tell the cashier that you are a PVGC member. The discount cannot be combined with any other discount. The nursery is open 7am - 4 pm Monday through Saturday.



Join our Facebook Page

Just open Facebook and search for **Pleasant Valley Garden Club of Camarillo**, then click "JOIN"

Fundraiser

Our recycling fundraiser is going very well. Keep taking your recycling to Sandy's house. **Remember ONLY** to bring **CRV** items, glass bottles (wine or beer), aluminum cans, and plastic bottles (soda bottles, water bottles). Please separate plastic, aluminum and glass. THANK YOU!!!



Courtyard Care

October: Linda Goodwin

December: Pam Gaffuri, Lori Beving

February: Conda Guggia, Pat Kennedy

November: Dianne Anders

January: Cathy Giles, Mary Ryan

PLEASE make sure the key is put in a safe place while it is in your possession. Return the key to Linda G. at the end of your month. We water twice a month!

So You Have Questions about Your Garden? Plant Dying, Brown Spots on Your Leaves, ETC.

We all need help in our garden with one problem or another. There is a website available to us that can help you answer all your questions and it's FREE! There are also free classes. Check out the Master Gardener website to get all your questions answered. There is so much information available.

<https://ucanr.edu/site/uc-master-gardeners-ventura-county>

Fall Field Trips

Gottlieb Native Gardens, Beverly Hills, Wed. October 21st



This is a 1-acre native plant oasis. It has more than 200 hand selected native plants and over 2000 documented wildlife species. It is both a national wildlife certified backyard habitat and a XERCES society designated pollinator habitat.. This is the home of Dan and Susan Gottlieb overlooking downtown LA. It is a site for education, scientific research and collaboration with a wide range of environmental groups and projects.

Only 8 more people can sign up!

Optional: Bring a picnic lunch and eat on their patio.

The following people signed up so far: Sharon H., Diane A., Judy C., Mary R., Charlene B., Diana B., Joyce K., Peggy C., Becky H.

Hermitage Gardens, Montecito, Wed., November 18

Only 13 spots left on the 1 p.m. tour!

There is a 10 a.m. and 1 p.m tour due to limited space. **The 10 a.m. tour is full.** This tour involves moderate physical activity and may be too strenuous for those with walking or standing difficulties. It is a roughly 1/2 mile tour containing steep, uneven hilly, terrain with narrow stone, pass, and parse handrails. Hermitage will send out directions a few days before the event and they do encourage carpooling as parking is limited.

IMPORTANT: Attendees need to sign an online release form by October 12.

Click on the link below to access the release form:

<https://forms.gle/deCpxgYKnM9oZw1C8>

Members signed up for 1 p.m. tour: Kay L., Bev A. and Joyce K.

Members signed up for 10 a.m. tour: Cinda G., Lynn R., Laura L., Joni J., Cynthia R., Maria F., Dianne A., Judy C., Mary R., Becky H. Diana B., Peggy C., Pat K., Charleen B., Patricia T., and Christiane L.

Teacher Grants 25-26

"It Takes a Village"

La Mariposa Elementary School

Before



After



Beardie McNugget the bearded dragon, and Theo the hamster eating kale and strawberries from the garden.

Pleasant Valley School of Engineering and Arts

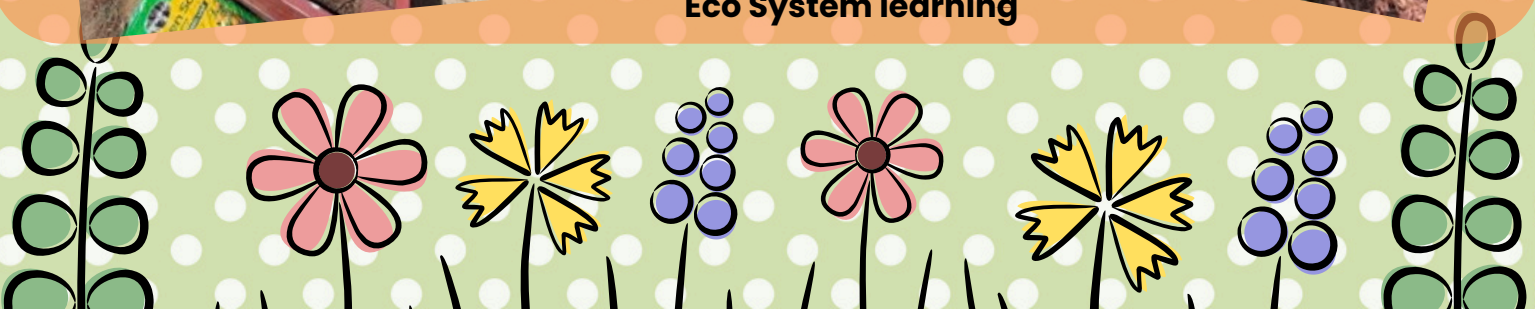


**Kindergarten:
Growing
our brains and
garden**

Los Primeros School of Science of Engineering and Arts



**Native garden for
conservation and
Eco System learning**



September 17 Potluck Meeting



We have the
greatest cooks!

