



Jan. 2023

## **PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**

We ended the year on a pretty amazing note—our fabulous December Nights tree, the fun holiday workshops, the fascinating trolley tour, our wonderful Holiday Bazaar and Tea with the breathtaking floral designs and delicious tea items and closing with the heartwarming Wreaths Across America tribute at Fort Rosecrans. It was a spectacular way to end the year! A very, very special thanks to all those who made this possible!

What fun it is to be gearing up for a new year and incorporating our love of gardening, nature, friendship, and philanthropy! What will our garden club bring in 2023?

I think we would all agree with Gertrude Jekyll, “The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies”. And what happiness gardening gives us. We all have a garden — be it house plants, flowers, or succulent dish gardens in the home, containers on the porch, patio, or walkways around our homes, or larger yard areas — we all garden in various spaces, and have different styles from active participants to spectators, but the love of flowers, plants, and nature brings us such joy. Couple this joy of gardening with friends and fellow members, and our contributions to school gardens, and you have an award-winning combination.

Our monthly meetings foster this connection between people, plants, and nature. To enjoy the company of friends, and fellow members, and learn more about gardening, join us for the January meeting. The meeting features a quick look at the care of staghorn ferns with Natalie Crain, and then a presentation by Lynlee Austell on drought tolerant design and maintenance. Another event this month where you’ll see a great connection between fellowship, gardening, nature, and learning, is the field trip to Olivewood Gardens with Sherry Hebert.

So, let's start the new year enjoying the happiness that the love of gardening and nature gives and connect with people, plants, and nature! We hope to see you at the meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> and the field trip to Olivewood Gardens on January 18<sup>th</sup>!

With best wishes,  
Jill West and Kay Anderson -Co-presidents

## **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE HOLIDAY TEA**

It's certain that there will be lots to anticipate in 2023. Before we get ahead, of ourselves let's look back at the PLGC Holiday Tea to say big and heartfelt thank you to all of you members who gave time, organization, and expertise in so many areas to make the morning a memorable occasion for all who were in attendance. Didn't the hall look beautiful? Weren't the floral arrangements, pots of succulents, and Holiday items lovely? Weren't the prices remarkable? Weren't the refreshments scrumptious and the tea table spectacular? Wasn't it fun?

Thank you, as it couldn't have been done without you!

Sincere, best wishes for a Happy New Year!  
Jill West and Sandi Winter



The coffee and food crew



Let the auction begin with Jane Clifton and Susan Petit

## WAYS AND MEANS

First, thanks to members for contributions to our “back table” sales for November! We brought in \$287.00!

December was busy for so many members contributing to the success of the Holiday Bazaar! Wow- so many tasks and so many participants! Here are the major parts of this major collective club event: workshops, gathering greens, decorating the greens, creating gifts at home, transporting everything to the Hall, set up for the Bazaar, pricing creations, setting out the food and keeping that table stocked at the Bazaar, packing up and cleaning up after the event, returning materials to storage and most importantly wonderful visiting with other members and guests!

And our most special appreciation to Susan Nance who provided the wonderful working spaces for both the workshops and the final creations just before the event! And, of course, giant kudos to Sherry Hebert who was the “North Star” for helping us organize all these activities! The financial contribution to the Club from this great event was \$4175.00 which included about \$300 from guest fees. This was a terrific contribution to the Club to continue contributions to our Peninsula.



Floral Arrangement from Lina Pei



Lynlee Austell and Dale Rekus



Jane Clifton



Sherry Hebert and Diann Swieda



Lynlee Austell and Melinda Medina  
Helping to set-up



The animals arrive



The holiday tree from December nights

## Petal Pushers

Thank you to all of you who generously donated ribbon to Petals! It is going to good use, rest assured.

Also, just wanted you to know we don't need vases. Most of our bouquets do not require vases, so we have an ample supply.

Please continue to let us know of our Club members who might need a bouquet! We do our best to make our own a priority.

Thank you,  
Kay Phillips-Petal Pushers



## Membership

Welcome to our newest members! They will be introduced at the January meeting.

Queen Lana Mapes  
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Queen Lana says: “My interest has become growing flowers to feed the hummingbirds. Besides growing the usual tomatoes, chilis and onions delights for salsa, I grow greens for the chickens. Most of my garden takes place in containers on my driveway as my hens take up quite a bit of my small back yard.” Her committee interests are Community Service and Petal Pushers.

Jim Sevel  
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Jim is the husband of member Cathy Sevel. He says “I have no formal training in horticulture, but I love gardening. I’m a second-generation San Diego native but didn’t live here until the mid-1970s. I graduated from SDSU and have since lived in Bay Park and Point Loma (Roseville). I’ve always had fruit trees (e.g., apple, citrus, avocado, stone fruit, guavas, etc.) vines (berries and passion fruit) and small vegetable gardens. I have several staghorn ferns including one that is approximately 6 in. diameter. I’m retired from Federal law enforcement.” Jim’s committee interests are Community Service and Outings.



Bob Pels and Kathleen Honeysett

## **Membership Fun Fact of the Month**

Did you know that all members are welcome to attend PLGC Board meetings as non-voting guests? Similar to General Meetings, a social half-hour starts at 9:30, followed by the business meeting at 10. Attending a Board meeting is a great way to see how the club operates. And a great way to see if you might be interested in becoming a committee member or even an officer!

Dates and locations are in the Yearbook, but you should check with one of the officers just in case the location has changed since the Yearbook was published. Also, to make sure there's enough coffee and goodies!

Gail Trimble and Janet Nees  
Membership Co-Chairs

## **NEXT MEETING** **January 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. - noon** **Portuguese Hall**

9:30 a.m. Light Brunch  
Buffet Floral Design- Cathy Sevel

### **Hospitality**

Donna Flaherty, Maureen Flores, Barbara Franklin, Merrie Friberg-Shinn, Angela Geis, Sheila Goddard, Carol Grant, Joan Greenhood, Karan Greenwald, Debbie Hall, Kathy Hargrove, Julie Hart, Dolly Hartman, Julie Hasl, Vickie Higuera

5 minute Presentation – Natalie Crain – Care of Staghorn

Program: Drought Tolerant Design & Maintenance

Lynlee Austell is an expert on drought tolerant garden design and sustainable landscape maintenance. She is a Master Gardener and has been a member of the Point Loma Garden Club since 2003.

## POINT LOMA LIBRARY FLORAL DISPLAYS

Thank you to all who volunteer to provide floral arrangements for the Pt. Loma Library! They are very much appreciated. And many thanks to our October volunteers: Jan Kugler, Rebecca Lang, Joan Greenhood and Ken Fernandes

January 7	Sherry Hebert
January 14	Kathy Walsh
January 21	Jill West
January 28	Volunteer needed

To provide flowers, please contact Barbara Thomas by email - [Btcondor@yahoo.com](mailto:Btcondor@yahoo.com)

Best wishes to all for a wonderful Holiday Season,  
Barbara Thomas

## Field Trips

**Olivewood Gardens & Learning  
Center**  
**[olivewoodgardens.org](http://olivewoodgardens.org)**  
**Wednesday, January 18**  
**Tour begins at 11:00 a.m.**  
**2525 N. Ave**  
**National City**



\$10 admission fee per person (Pay Olivewood Gardens directly at the field trip)

Minimum number of participants: 10

Olivewood Garden's Mission Statement: Inspire youth and adults to be healthy and active citizens through organic gardening, environmental stewardship, and nutrition education. Olivewood's purpose is to build healthy families and a healthy environment. We work with children, families, and adults through hands-on classes in the garden and the kitchen.

Carpool: Meet at 10:20 a.m. in the Liberty Station parking lot near the corner of Chauncey Rd and Historic Decatur Rd.

A Sign-Up Sheet will be at the January Meeting. You can also register on the website at [plgc.org](http://plgc.org)

Lunch following:

Waterfront Grill

3201 Marina Way

National City

(There is now a fee to park there, \$1 per hour—I'd recommend you pay \$2 for ease of mind if service is slow)



Preparing for the Festival of Trees

## **HORTICULTURAL TABLE**

At our December meeting we did not have a Horticultural Table display due to our Holiday Tea and Bazaar event. Our January Horticultural Table offering is sometimes sparse due to the seasonal cold weather, shortened daylight and rain. That said, it is hoped that we will still be able to share a late blooming Christmas cactus or a home-grown poinsettia plant. Perhaps someone might have an abutilon, amaryllis, grevillea or blooming succulent to show off. Let's get 2023 off to a good start with a fine array on our display table.

Horticultural Table

Jim Tullar

## **Holiday Trolley Tour**

Thirty-Eight Point Loma Garden Club members participated in the Christmas Trolley Tour earlier in December. In addition to viewing the sights, PLGC members sang Christmas carols and were told the traditions of the Season by the tour leader. This fundraiser raised approximately \$310. Thank you to all that participated.

Bev Bruff.



Fun times at the Holiday Tea.

## December Nights – Festival of Trees

Our Christmas Tree, for the Festival of Trees, was a complete success, thanks to member Jeanne Irwin and her artistic eye and the tree committee, Karen Krug, Kathy Hargrove, Natalie Crain, Kay Anderson, and Rita Krieger, who was our zoo contact person They were fantastic every step of the way!

A huge “thank you” to new member, Gloria AND her husband Lanny, for transporting the zoo animals four times from one location to the next! We are so appreciative of their help!!

Past President, Jane Clifton did a wonderful job auctioning off the zebra to Cathy Sevel, the lion to John Noble and the Christmas tree to Kathy Walsh. Thanks to Ken Fernandes for delivering the tree for Kathy. Also, thank you to Valerie Jenkins and her son Andy for delivering the zoo animals to their new owners! Jane Clifton painted three of the palm frond masks that were sold. Molly Cadranel, Rita, Jeanne and Natalie Crain’s husband also contributed by painting wonderful masks!

Thank you to everyone involved!

Susan Pettit

Chair, Festival of Trees

## January Calendar

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting at the home of Melinda Medina

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting – Portuguese Hall

9:30: Light Buffet

10:00 am: General Meeting

5-minute presentation - Natalie Crain

Care of Staghorn Ferns

Program: Drought Tolerant Design &

Maintenance – Lynlee Austell

Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – Field Trip-Olivewood Gardens

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