



February 2023

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We have a question for you. What makes our garden club unique and an important part of our lives? Our answer would have to be our amazing members — YOU, the wonderful people who attend meetings, support our activities, and in the process hold this superb organization together. We would not be here without you!

In February, the month of Valentines and Hearts, we would like to celebrate our members and send a very special, heartfelt thank you to every one of you!!! Let's also take this special time and celebrate each other. Do you have someone you would like to send a note of appreciation — maybe a friend who introduced you to the club or another fun gardening activity, or someone who has helped you in some way, cheering you on, encouraging you, or someone you appreciate for just being there. Let's celebrate this month with a short note, to someone (or more than one) you would like to appreciate. This can be very informal, just a quick sentence or two on a piece of paper with the person's first and last name on the outside. At the February 8th meeting the greeter will have a basket for you to put your message in at the door. Then, during the auction, they will be discreetly delivered. If your recipient isn't here, we'll save the message and deliver it another time. This is completely voluntary, please don't feel obligated in any way.

We have a very special program this month — celebrating Valentine's Day is AIFD Floral Designer Noel Tribbey who will entertain us with his special Valentine and floral designs that will be auctioned at the end of his presentation. Please join us for this fun and special meeting!

"Learn to be an observer in all seasons. Every single day, your garden has something new and wonderful to show you." Author Unknown

Jill West & Kay Anderson, Co-Presidents

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## WAYS AND MEANS

We are off and running for our Annual Plant Sale Saturday April 1st at Portuguese Hall! Below is a list of the many ways that members can contribute to the success of the sale. Remember, participating is a great way to meet other members and to help the cause.

- Workshops: Each with sign-up sheets at meetings
  - Friday, February 3, 10 a.m.: Plant non-succulents at the home of Hannah Richardson, 3564 Hugo St.
  - Monday, February 13, 9 a.m.: Plant succulents at the home of Susan Nance, 3534 Wilcox St.
  - Monday, March 6, 9 a.m.: Succulent Dish creations, Susan Nance's home, 3534 Wilcox St.

There are other ways to support the garden club as we are leading up to our annual plant sale. You can sign up to water the non-succulents at Hanna's home in February and March. We will also have additional workshops in March for cleaning up the non-succulents at Hanna's and also succulent clean up at Susan's. Watch for those signup sheets at the next meeting. And finally, we will need people to deliver the plants to Portuguese hall on the afternoon of March 31. If you are unable to make it to a meeting or did not signup you can contact Dan or Melinda.

We will need many hands-on deck on April 1 at the plant sale. We need people to help with set up, cashiers at the sale, take down and clean up after the event, bring baked goods to the event, and helpers on the floor the day of the event. If you are so inclined and you like to make items at home, you can bring those items to the hall on March 31 or early April 1 before the sale begins. Another great revenue producer for the club is 6-packs of veggies, herbs, annual flowers or other ornamental plants. You can purchase the 6-pack and donate it or grow them from seed yourself. We can also use succulent cuttings, those you will want to bring to the workshop on Feb. 13.

We will have signup sheets for all these activities at the next two meetings, remember it takes a village to pull off a successful plant sale.

Once again, we had another successful sale at the "Back Table" in January. We encourage members to bring gently used "sellable" items to the table early each meeting.

Dan Dennison, Melinda Medina & Lauren Azevedo-Grondona  
Ways and Means committee.

## Membership

Welcome to our newest members! Debra was introduced at the January meeting. Janice will be introduced at the February meeting.



### **Debra Shannon**

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Debra says: "I moved to Point Loma just before the pandemic hit. Since then, my focus has been on remodeling my home. Now it is time to address the garden and deck areas with a careful plan. Outdoor gardening is all new, so this is a place to start, now that I am retired." Her committee interests are Programs, Community Service, Ways and Means and Outings.

### **Janice Weber**

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Janice says: "I'm a glass mosaic artist. I've lived in San Diego for 50 years. I grew up going to Descanso Gardens and that was my inspiration for gardening. We had a big back yard where I could take charge and make it beautiful." Her committee interests are Membership and Hospitality.

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

Did you know that Membership holds a raffle at every meeting? When you check in, you receive one raffle ticket for wearing your name badge, and another for bringing your own coffee mug. The prizes are usually lovely plants, donated by a wonderful member who chooses to be anonymous. Don't forget yours next month!



Gail Trimble and Janet Nees- membership co-chairs

# **FEBRUARY MEETING**

## **Wednesday, February 8**

**Portuguese Hall**  
**9:30a.m.-noon**

**9:30-10 a.m.** Light brunch, Buffet Floral Design – Kathy Walsh

**Hospitality-** Linda Hitney, Kathleen Honeysett, Jeanne Irwin, Helen James, Valerie Jenkins, Joanne Kemp, Cindy Krause, Rita Krieger, Karen Krug, Jan Kugler, Lynn Langley, Lauie Lee, Roberta Lohla, Rebecca Long, Bob Longdyke

**10 A.M. – General Meeting**

**5 Minute Presentation:** Sherry Hebert - Tillandsia

### **Program: Valentine Floral Designs**

AIFD Floral Designer Noel Tribbey will entertain us with his special Valentine and floral designs. He is the owner of his own floral event and consulting company, Floral Chateaux. Shinoda Design Center has used Noel numerous times to create holiday designs for their displays. His designs will be auctioned at the end of this presentation.

*Lecture and Demonstration*

### **LOST AND FOUND**

A red, hooded raincoat with plaid lining, left at Susan Nance's house after the Holiday Tea workshops. To claim the coat, call, or text Jill West.



**New Members- Jim Sevel, Debra Shannon  
And Queen Lana Mapes**



**Dan & Melinda selling  
at the back table**

## HELP WANTED

It doesn't seem possible but it's true that we're about halfway through the club year and the Plant Sale is on the horizon. Planning and workshops will begin soon, and members will be planting and creating items to be offered for sale at that event. Our need is for a person to handle the publicity for the Plant Sale. The job consists of putting notices in area periodicals and on the Next-Door website, creating flyers, etc. Our Plant Sale, this year on April 1st, is known for quality and great prices and we are proud of that reputation. Reaching out with information about the date, location, etc. will spread the word in our community.

If you can help us, please contact Jill West or Kay Anderson. We're looking forward to hearing from you!



Field trip to Olivewood Gardens

## POINT LOMA LIBRARY FLORAL DISPLAYS

Many thanks to our members who volunteered to provide flowers for January: Sherry Hebert, Kathy Walsh, Jill West, and Dale Rekus!!!

Date	Volunteer
February 4	Julie Hasl
February 11	Ken Fernandes
February 18	Volunteer needed
February 25	Karen Worthington

Thank you to all our volunteers. The floral arrangements are so much appreciated and add a lovely touch to the Pt Loma Library.

To provide flowers, please contact me by email -

[Btcondor@yahoo.com](mailto:Btcondor@yahoo.com)



## HORTICULTURAL TABLE

Attention new club members: You may not have yet discovered that there is a table in the rear corner of the Hall where YOU can display a special or unique flower, fruit, or plant from YOUR garden for the rest of us to admire. The Master Gardener's table is right next to the Horticultural Table and there we can identify your specimen if you don't know its name or how to care for it.

Our February meeting is less than a week before Valentine's Day so perhaps you may want to show off a red carnation, cyclamen, anthurium, bromeliad or even an early bulb flower. With all the rain in mid-January, there should soon be lots of action starting in our gardens.

Eight of our members helped to create a spectacular array of specimens at our January meeting: Karen Worthington brought in a red Camellia and Mary Brothers showed off a pink and an off-white Camellia. Sherry Hebert had a blooming Tillandsia and Natalie Crain even displayed a turnip. Jill West showed us a couple of ornate flowers from her Bromeliad *Bilbergia nutans* "Queens Tears" plant. Sylvia Bate-Swallow brought in a cutting from her String of Hearts (*Coropegia woodii*) plant and Bob Pels displayed a huge Hedgehog bloom (*Aloe humilium*). Finally, Jim brought in a red *Amaryllis* flower that was in full bloom. The bulb had been dipped in red wax.

Our February meeting is an especially good month to stop by the Horticultural Table as once again Jim will be giving away free kisses (candy) and other sweet treats

Horticultural Table

Jim Tullar

The Horticultural table in January



## FIELD TRIPS

Wednesday, February 22  
Tour begins at 10:00 A.M.

Blue Sky Ecological Reserve  
Docent Led Tour  
16275 Espola Rd  
Poway, CA  
<https://poway.org/337/Blue-Sky-Ecological-Reserve>

Join us as we take an hour-long docent led tour of a world of diverse natural wonders. Blue Sky has 700+ acres of public land that has been set aside as a natural habitat for several threatened and rare plant and animal species. The tour is on trails that are not paved but are pretty well groomed and relatively flat. Hats, sturdy shoes, and water are a must.

Lunch following is at Hamburger Factory (serving a variety of foods) in Old Poway Park. It's a beautiful park with pathways and a full-size narrow-gauge railroad that runs on certain weekends. There's also an historic home on the property open for tours on weekends and its garden is designed and maintained by the Poway Valley Garden Club. (Though it looks as though the house is being renovated).

We will carpool from Liberty Station. Meet at 9:10 A.M. near the corner of Historic Decatur and Chauncey Rd. The drive is just about 35 minutes, so we should leave the parking lot around 9:20 AM. Sign up at the February meeting or on the [plgc.org](http://plgc.org) website.



Sherry Hebert-Field Trips



Have you met the plant doctor? Our own Cindy Sparks-Bruecks, Master Gardener, is in the back to answer all your plant related questions. The table is next to the Horticultural Table.

## February Calendar

- Feb. 1, Wed.- Board Meeting
- Feb. 3, Fri. – Workshop, planting non-succulents at the home of Hanna Richardson.
- Feb. 8, Wed. – General Meeting: Portuguese Hall  
9:30 light brunch  
10:00 am General Meeting
- Feb. 13, Mon. - Workshop, planting succulent bowls at the home of Susan Nance.
- Feb. 22, Wed. – Field Trip: Blue Sky Ecological Preserve, Poway/Rancho Bernardo  
Carpools will be leaving from Liberty Station.

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