

Point Loma Garden Club

“Survive and Thrive.”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Happy Valentine’s Day!

Did you know that the Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius 1 in AD 496 in honor of Saint Valentine of Rome who died on that date in AD 269? The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished and was associated with lovebirds of early spring. And later gave way to cupids, hearts, sweets and cards.

In Italy, Saint Valentine’s Keys are given to lovers “as a romantic symbol and invitation to unlock the giver’s heart,” as well as to children to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine’s Malady). Today, more than one billion Valentine cards are sent around the globe! Well, that’s probably more than you ever wanted to know about Valentine’s Day!! Enjoy the Day.

By the way, as you know, **February is a good time of year** to make sure your roses are pruned, if they weren’t done in January. It’s also a good time to plant bare-root fruit trees, blueberries, artichokes, strawberries, etc. and still a good time to plant winter vegetables like broccoli, cabbage, etc. What’s happening in your garden?? Lots of weeds in mine after the rains.

“February is the border between winter and spring,” said Terri Guillemets, so, see, Spring is right around the corner!

And with that, we sincerely hope that will bring an end to this last surge of the pandemic or, at least, make it manageable so we can be together again. Don’t forget to join in to get ready for our **Spring Plant Sale**. I encourage you to use the **Wild Apricot** website and familiarize yourself with it so you don’t miss out on any Club goings-on!

Jane Clifton, President

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WAYS AND MEANS

**Plant Sale
Saturday, April 16
9 a.m.-Noon
Portuguese Hall**

Watch plgc.org for announcements about dates and locations for workshops. Once this pandemic settles down again (sigh) and it is safe to gather in groups, we will schedule workshops.

Tentative Plans for Workshops

Non-Succulents
Succulents
Tillandsia Designs

Other ideas:

Succulent Dish Gardens
Whimsical Containers

We rely almost completely on donations from members, so keep an eye out for items you have about your home and no longer use, garage sales and estate sales. Thrift stores work, too!

We need the following donations:

6 packs of tomatoes, veggies, annuals
Clean gallon containers
Succulents (rooted is best, but healthy cuttings work, too!)
Terra cotta and pottery saucers for the dish gardens
Tillandsia
Whimsical Containers

Back Table Sales

We are always happy to accept new or gently used vintage or handcrafted garden and home items. Please check for chips, cracks, stains, etc. We cannot accept these items as no one wants to purchase items that aren't in great shape!

We are also happy to accept fresh produce. Popular items that were purchased in the past are lemons, limes, avocados. Cut stems of protea, rooted

succulents, seeds and other seasonal produce items also sell well. Please be sure everything is clean and ready to sell.

Thanks for your donations and be sure to stop by the back table to see if there's something there for you!

Sherry Hebert and Kathleen Honeysett

NEXT MEETING

February 9th
Portuguese Hall
9:30-Noon

9:30 Light Brunch

- Buffet Floral Design-Karen Worthington

Hospitality: Kathy Hargrove, Julie Hart, Dolly Hartman, Julie Hasl, Vickie Higuera, Jeanne Irwing, Valerie Jenkins, Dess Kelly, Cindy Krause, Rita Krieger, Karen Krug, Jan Kugler, Lynn Langley

10:00 AM General Meeting

- 5 Minute Presentation: Dale Rekus- All about floral designs.
- Program: Valentine Floral Design
AIFD Floral Designer Noel Tribby and Sam Chiem will entertain us with their special Valentine designs. Noel 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.



Lina Pei with her library display



POINT LOMA LIGHTHOUSE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS 2021

The Point Loma Garden Club, working in collaboration with staff at Cabrillo National Monument, has provided holiday decorations for the Point Loma Lighthouse for more than 50 years. In 2020, the Lighthouse was closed to the public, but we still decorated with red berry wreaths hung in the four front windows.

In 2021 the Lighthouse reopened, and we were able to decorate inside. In addition to the wreaths from last year, the red and green wrapped packages and the antique doll from many prior years were put in service. The new feature was two garlands, made of crochet snowflakes, which were hung in the windows of the Living Room and Kitchen display enclosures.

When I was thinking up what to do for this year, I discovered a box of crochet snowflakes in my mother's stash of holiday decorations, which I had inherited. I don't know for sure, but I believe that the snowflakes were created by long-ago garden club members.

It was an honor to take these snowflakes and the other decorations to the Lighthouse this past holiday Season, continuing the long-established collaboration between the Point Loma Garden Club and the Cabrillo National Monument staff.



Antique doll and gifts in Lighthouse

Crochet snowflakes decorate the window



Wreath in the window

Field Trips

Watch the garden club website at PLGC.ORG for upcoming field trips

POINT LOMA LIBRARY FLORAL DISPLAYS

Thank you to Sherry Hebert, Jan Kugler and Cynthia Lina Pei for their displays in January.

Volunteers are needed for February. If you are able to provide a floral display or a lovely plant, please contact Barbara Thomas to volunteer at 773-259-2872 or at btcondor@yahoo.com.

HORTICULTURAL TABLE

Due to the current Covid conditions, it had been decided to NOT have the Horticultural Table this February, whether the meeting is held or not. Perhaps that will give us more time to show off some early spring blooms at our March meeting.

Horticultural Table
Jim Tullar



Volunteer Opportunity

Are you looking for an opportunity to meet other members and be part of one of the clubs favorite activities of each meeting? Hospitality is looking for volunteers to assume duties for the coming year. At least 3 volunteers are needed. If you are interested in this opportunity, please notify Gail Avants at gapuffins@gmail.com or 619-457-9771space or Kay Phillips at kayphillips21@cox.net or 619-222-5635. We will guide you through the transition. Thank you for your consideration.

Petal Pushers

Petal Pushers continued to spread cheer in January. Below are some photos of the ladies hard at work.



Editor's Note

I just wanted to thank all the club members for reaching out to make sure I'm doing okay and making sure I have what I need after my surgery. The recovery is slow, but steady. I especially want to thank club member Susan Ritchey for putting up with me the first several days after my surgery. And finally, thanks to the club for the lovely flowers. I plan to be back as soon as we are able to meet in person again.

February Calendar

*Wednesday, February 2nd – 9:30 a.m.-noon, Board Meeting at the home of Jane Clifton

*Wednesday, February 9th- 9-30 a.m. –noon, General Meeting, Portuguese Hall

*Take note that these dates and activities may be tentative depending on the current pandemic surge. Watch for alerts on the website.

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