



June 2023

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Traditionally, incoming Point Loma Garden Club Presidents choose a theme for the time they will be in office, and it's printed on the cover of the Yearbook. P.L.G.C.'s past President, Jane Clifton, served for two years while the Pandemic was wreaking havoc. Jane's theme for her first year was one word: "Survive." During her second year it was "Survive and Thrive". Our intrepid club did both. During that time, Maureen McGrath, our Newsletter Editor helped our members keep in touch monthly with items of interest and pictures but without the meetings, programs, socials, field trips and other opportunities to enjoy being together, life felt flat and desperate at times.

Our theme for 2022-23 has been Revive, Revitalize, Reposition. Once again, we've done just that and accomplished a lot in the doing. Our club has grown, welcomed new members, added to our Treasury by working together on the Holiday Bazaar and Plant Sale, learned from, and been inspired by our program presenters, socialized in our own beautiful and unique gardens and travelled on a wide variety of interesting field trips. New Officers have been elected, committees are re-forming, plans are being discussed regarding new activities for the future and we anticipate our gift to the community of a Flower Show in October.

Let's congratulate each other!

We survived, we are thriving, we're back!

Jill & Kay

"The lesson I have thoroughly learned, and wish to pass on to others, is to know the enduring happiness that the love of a garden gives." Gertrude Jekyll

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# WAYS AND MEANS

The Ways and Means Committee was happy to serve both you and the Point Loma community this year. We enjoyed fun workshops and our two biggest events of the December Holiday Bazaar and the Spring Plant Sale. And we can't forget to mention the Garden Marketplace (including the re-naming it process, now known as the Back Table).

Melinda Medina and Dan Dennison  
Ways and Means co-chairs



Sherry Hebert and Diann Swieda



Jean Massard



Susan Pettit and Jane Clifton



Just some of the items at the Holiday Tea

## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest members.

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I am a nurse that spent 40 years in Phoenix working primarily in Memory Care and assisted living facilities. I moved to San Diego in 1/22. I could never keep plants alive in the Phoenix heat and am so excited to learn how to care for a viable plant garden here. I have 3 daughters that live in California.

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I lived in Pt. Loma from 1986-2017 when I retired from teaching and moved to Brookings, Oregon. I am now living back and forth between my beloved homes. I love gardening, nature, and God's beautiful trees!

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I have lived and raised my daughter in Ocean Beach. I am a retired teacher, having taught at Sunset View and Dana Middle School. I love flower gardening for my mental health and have created a whimsical backyard retreat.

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Membership Co-Chairs

# POINT LOMA LIBRARY FLORAL DISPLAYS

Many thanks to Mary Bateman, Gail Trimble, Jill West, Joan Greenhood and Ken Fernandes for providing flowers for May.

Date	Volunteer
June 3	Angela Geis
June 10	Volunteer needed
June 17	Karen Worthington
June 24	Volunteer needed.

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)

## Annual Luncheon

Our annual installation luncheon is right around the corner on June 14th. It is at Tom Ham's on Harbor Island from 11:00 to 3:00. The deadline to sign up is June 2nd. The luncheon committee looks forward to seeing all of you at this annual event!



Dan Dennison's Winning Hat from last year's Luncheon.



## **HORTICULTURAL TABLE**

In the September Issue of the PLGC Newsletter Dale Rekus, President 2006 said:

“We are going to try something new this year...strut your stuff and bring in a Horticultural Specimen (or three) from your perennial flower border, vegetable garden or native plant area for our newly instituted monthly event. It can be a single annual bloom or even an attractive tree branch. As long as you grew it and want to show it off, bring it to the meeting...entries will not be judged as in a flower show but displayed simply for the enjoyment by and the education of our fellow members...we will provide 3”x5” cards for you to identify your plant and yourself”.

After attending several other PLGC meetings and events, Jim Tullar became an official garden club member in November of 2013 and as they say: The rest is history! This 2022-2023 season at the Table has been the best one yet. We had 34 members bring in a total of 52 specimens. At our May meeting Colleen Casey created a beautiful bouquet of lavender Tree Mallow (*Lavatera maritima*) for us to admire along with some yellow Rue (*Ruta graveolens*) flowers. She also displayed a whimsical “coastal design “arrangement. Judy Pack showed us her sweet peas, a geranium and some oregano. Also Shyla Crowson overwhelmed us with a pink rose, a yellow rose, a white daisy, a red and white geranium, some guava flowers and a Bahl wisteria. Finally, Bob Pels brought in a blooming Aloe maculata and a yellow and red orchid. Special thanks to Bob for stepping in to help with the Table in my absence in May and for the several other times when I was recovering and could not attend. This is my final newsletter article and my final season at the Horticultural Table. Thank you everyone who brought in their beautiful specimens over the years and those who just came by to look and learn what other members have in their gardens. In addition to having fun, learning a lot, seeing so much beauty and meeting so many members, it was a great excuse to eat quite a variety of candy! I hope that the Table has become a tradition that will continue.

Jim Tullar- Horticultural Table

## **SOCIAL IN THE GARDEN**

**Julie Hasl's Garden 3242  
Carleton St.  
June 1, 2 - 4 PM.**

I'm happy to welcome you to my backyard garden in June. So many plants are in full bloom now. We've added to a small fruit tree collection that was already here when we bought the house. Look for a Fuentes avocado, Black Mission and Golden fig, Oro Blanco grapefruit, Bearrs lime, navel orange, Meyer lemon, Nordman kumquat, Edulis passion fruit vine, and a vanilla banana.

I've also tried to incorporate more drought tolerant plants using agaves, aloes, bromeliads, tillandsias, and succulents among others. Like many of you plant collectors, I started planting in "drifts of one!" But as they matured and pupped, the plants filled in.

I also garden with possum, raccoons, and skunks. They are a challenge, but I have a new strategy to deter them. See if you can discover it. Please enter the garden from a side gate off of Carlton Street. There are a few steps and the garden is terraced. I'll have libations and a charcuterie cheese spread. You are welcome to bring nibblies but it's not necessary.

Looking forward to seeing you,  
Julie Hasl

### Social in the Garden at the home of Karen Worthington



Rebecca Long and her husband, Eric  
Also, Karen Worthington on the right



Members enjoying Karen's Garden.

# FIELD TRIPS

## Year End Wrap Up

What a fun year of field trips! I will be forever grateful for the notebook Jill West gave me full of ideas for destinations for the field trips. A few this past year were repeats, but still were attended well. Most of the field trips had over 20 participants! We learned so much about gardening and enjoyed the beauty of the flowers and plants. And lunch was always delicious. The best part was getting to visit with other members.

A few members have expressed a desire to help with outings. Jim and Cathy Sevel, Debra Shannon and I will be meeting in June to plan next year's field trips. I have quite the list of suggestions as members let me know of places they



discovered recently as well as the notebook I used last year. We will plan all of the field trips by the end of July so they can be published in the yearbook. (It goes to press in early August).

We will look for a variety of destinations, docent-led

tours, gardens, nurseries and other shopping opportunities, of course!

Thanks for your participation and suggestions. A big thank you goes out to those who drove for the carpools! I also appreciate the positive feedback about each of the destinations we toured. Looking forward to next year already!

Sherry Hebert-Feld Trips



Group photo at the Waterwise gardens in El Cajon

Matilija Poppy-our club flower

## Photos from Last year's luncheon.



See you at the luncheon on June 14 at 11 AM

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