



May 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wonderful, Wonderful May!

One of the most gorgeous months of the year! Life is starting to seem a little more joyful day by day. The weather is warming up, flowers are blooming, and we are starting to see the beginnings of summer. The pure joy of watching seeds, flowers and plants grow!

Aren't we lucky to live in an area as lovely as San Diego with its near-perfect climate! We think every gardener would agree that there is a little bit of magic in seeds and plants. Part of this "magic" is the pollinators of the world. Toni Munsell's super 5-Minute presentation last month with information about butterflies pointed us in this direction. We thought Toni and all of you might enjoy this little piece from the California Garden Clubs Incorporated (CGCI) April newsletter.

The author was writing about the role butterflies and other pollinators play in our world and explained that bees are the most important. He then wrote about an imaginary conversation he had with a butterfly who landed on his shoulder and said, "Hey, what the heck, I'm important too" . . . , to which I replied, "very much so, but where would you find nectar if it weren't for bees?" The somewhat miffed butterfly then shrugged its wings and flew away."

Dave Kollen, CGCI Pollinators Contributor

For our new members here's a little information about CGCI. PLGC is an affiliate, and CGCI publishes an online newsletter free to anyone who subscribes. One of the purposes of our Club is the study of horticulture and this is a great resource. If you're interested, visit their website and you'll find the subscription form for their online newsletter.

Enjoy the month of May. It is truly the month to experience the joy of gardening and the magical quality of seeds, flowers, and plants!

Jill & Kay

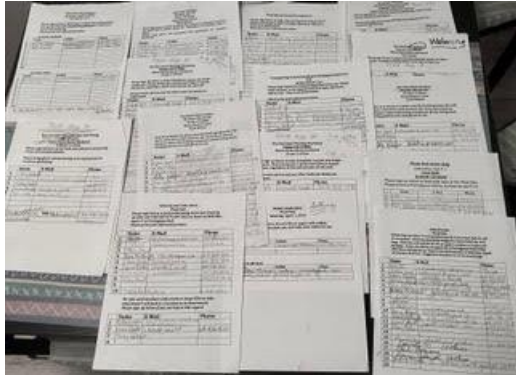
"The lesson I have thoroughly learned, and wish to pass on to others, is to know the enduring happiness that the love of a garden gives." Gertrude Jekyll

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WAYS AND MEANS

After 3 months of workshops and extraordinary commitments of time and energy from our colleagues we had our Annual Plant Sale at Portuguese Hall on April 1st. It was a remarkable success in terms of income for the Club and oodles of camaraderie and positive interactions between Members as well as our guests at the event!

A quick measure of Club-wide involvement is a look at the signup sheets for the multiple requirements for preparation and the day of sale.



While many members signed up for multiple workshops, can you guess how many helped out? (see answer below)

Here are some highlights from the Plant Sale:

- Janet Nees bravely stepped up to manage what we used to call the BOUTIQUE. Janet, with assistance from Lauren Azevedo-Grondona magnificently handled our



- Sherry Hebert with her extraordinary experience with previous Plant Sales guided and advised the Committee on how to assume their responsibility for the Plant Sale.
- Kay Anderson and Jill West, along with Shyla Crowson took initiative to display the Premium Plants and dishes as was planned for this sale. They positioned them at the entry door displays and all the stag horns were staged in one area.
- We moved the Master Garden table close to the stage. There were almost constant visits from guests.
- The cashiers table set up facilitated speedier checkouts for our guests.
- This year we concentrated all our marketing to social media and outdoor banners. This avoided the cost of newspaper ad fees. Social media views from individual placements to sites including Next Door, Craig's List, and multiple other social media sites ranged up to several hundred per posting.
- On several occasions, Members who had completed their volunteer periods asked how they can help more. We directed them to Melinda, Kay and others to ask what they could do and they helped out "Big Time"!

Regards,

Dan Dennison and Melinda Medina -Ways and Weans co-chairs.

MEMBERSHIP



Welcome to our newest members! They will be introduced at the May Meeting.

Susanna Belk

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Susanna says: "As a widow, I moved from Moorestown, NJ to San Diego to be close to my son and family. Aside from my friends, I miss my garden the MOST ... which I developed over a period of 27 years." Susanna's committee interests are Hospitality and Ways and Means.

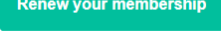
Jeanette Goldfarb

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Jeanette says: "My Husband and I retired here 3 years ago from Arizona. We love Point Loma, and all that San Diego has to offer. I look forward to being a part of PLGC, meeting new folks and being involved." Jeanette's committee interests are Hospitality, Community Service, and Ways and Means.

Membership Renewals

If you joined prior to September 2021, you should have received an email membership

renewal reminder. If possible, *please* renew online by clicking the  button in the email and paying by credit card. If you want to pay by check, please make a check for \$50 out to PLGC and bring it to us at the May meeting. OR you can mail it to Gail Trimble, 944 Albion St., San Diego, 92016.

Thanks!



The speaker at the April meeting



Some of her geraniums.

Membership Fun Fact of the Month:

This month we're focusing on Honorary Memberships. Per our bylaws, an Honorary Membership "may be conferred upon a person or organization for one year, who, in the opinion of a majority of the Executive Board, has rendered meritorious service and/or has otherwise bestowed significant benefit to the Club. An honorary member shall have none of the obligations of membership in the Club and shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership in the Club, except those of making motions, voting, and of holding office." As an example, Jean Neisewander, who recently passed away, donated many hours making jams, jellies, and other items for PLGC to sell at the Holiday Bazaar, and so she was made an Honorary Member.

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Membership Co-Chairs

NEXT MEETING **Wednesday, May 10** **Portuguese Hall** **9:30 a.m.-noon**

9:30-10 a.m. Light brunch, Buffet Floral Design – Ken Fernandez

Hospitality- Eleanor Snyder, Lee Somerville, Margaret Steward, Diann Swieda, Barbara Thomas, Beth Thomassen, Jo Thompson, Jan Thoresen, Jim Tullar, Patricia Walker, Janet Warncke, Martha White, Christina Williams, Sandi Winter, Karen Worthington, Emy Yeazell

10 A.M. – General Meeting

5 Minute Presentation: Lina Pei- Flower Arranging

Program: Edible Landscapes

Chuck McClung completed his M.A. in Botany in 1996. In addition to working in ecological and botanical research at several universities, he was also a buyer and plant specialist at Walter Anderson. He is a published author as well as a gardening consultant, instructor, mentor and plant enthusiast. He will be teaching us how to use our landscapes to produce food.

Lecture and PowerPoint Presentation.

POINT LOMA LIBRARY FLORAL DISPLAYS

Many thanks to the following for providing flowers in April: Ken Fernandes, Jan Kugler, Jill West, Clara Blenis and Kay Anderson!

Date	Volunteer
May 6	Mary Bateman
May 13	Gail Trimble
May 20	Joan Greenhood
May 27	Ken Fernandes

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

ART ALIVE



Lina Pei's arrangement



Dale Rekus' arrangement



Ken Fernandes' arrangement

HORTICULTURAL TABLE

Attention All Members!!! Our next and final meeting in the Hall is on May 10th and that will be your last chance to display that special plant or flower from your garden on the Horticultural Table. In June we don't meet in the Hall but do have our annual luncheon, hat parade and installation of the officers at Tom Ham's restaurant on Harbor Island. During the past few meetings, the Horticultural Table has provided us with the opportunity to see some really special specimens that many of our members have brought in for the rest of us to admire.

The Horticultural Table at our April meeting had a spectacular array of varied specimens. Mary Bateman brought in her rare weeping pussy willow (*Salix Capra Pendula*) plant and Colleen Casey graced us with another beautiful floral bouquet and also a blooming Aeonium. Toni Munsell showed off her blooming Helebores plant and Karen Worthington dazzled us with a giant blooming violet. Mary Brothers delightfully scented up the table with some orange blossom cuttings and Linda Hitney dazzled us with a large Cymbidium orchid. Finally, Jim brought in a Kohedama moss ball and also an Easter basket filled with Cadbury chocolate eggs. Hope you got one, they were crème filled.

Flowers that bloom in May might include Peonies, Iris, Lilacs, Magnolias, Heather Pansies and Freesias. We are in the middle of Spring so let's make our final Horticultural Table display the best one yet!

Jim Tullar-Horticultural Table

ANNUAL LUNCHEON – June 14

The luncheon committee is busy working on this year's luncheon at Tom Hamm's Lighthouse. We are happy to report that there won't be an increase in price from last year. Lunch will still be \$40 for a plated meal of salad and your choice of white fish, chicken, or a veggie main dish, dessert and coffee.

We will have our sign-up sheet at the May meeting where you can choose your meal and pay for the luncheon. Gail Trimble will also have our Apricot App available starting with our May meeting. You are encouraged to use this App if you are able, the last day to sign up is June 1.

Remember our theme is "Completely Coastal," so use your imagination and be thinking about decorating a hat. Many of the hats last year were fantastic, so we have added to the number of winners. There will be at least four prizes for the best hat and a prize for the best dance moves during the parade.

June 14th is also Flag Day, so think about incorporating an American Flag on your hat. Thank you to Rita Krieger and Mari Curran for their work on this aspect of the luncheon.

We are also considering some entertainment before we eat lunch. With great anticipation, we hope this works out! There will also be a sign-up sheet for designing "Coastal" themed centerpieces, so please consider making one. I believe we will need around 10.

SOCIAL IN THE GARDEN

The next Social in the Garden will be located at Karen Worthington's home at 1062 Albion St. 92106 from 10:00 to 12:00 on Thursday, May 11th. She will provide coffee, mimosas, and orange juice. Please bring a snack. Carpooling is encouraged.

Karen's garden is now 7 years old. She started her garden from scratch after moving into her house in May of 2016. There have been many successful plantings and also some that have not survived, so her gardening is always going through changes and replanting.

Hope you can come by and see how much the garden has grown and changed.
Bev Bruff-Social in the Gardens



Rebecca Long's Garden at the last Social

Petals of Madrigal



FIELD TRIPS

May Field Trip

Water Conservation Garden

Wednesday, May 17

Docent led tour from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West

El Cajon, 92019

<https://www.thegarden.org>

From the website:

“The Water Conservation Garden has nearly six acres of displays that showcase water conservation through a series of beautiful, themed gardens, such as a native plant garden and a vegetable garden, as well as how-to displays such as mulch and irrigation exhibits. The Garden also features a native butterfly pavilion that is open spring and summer each year.”

“The garden can be a learning laboratory for the dedicated gardener, a delightful place for an afternoon stroll, or a place to gather lots of information about water-wise, or California-Friendly gardening.”

Each display features a different kind of garden that can apply to the various types of homes and gardens we have. Drought tolerant plants are featured.

There is a fee to enter: \$8.00 for Seniors/age 55 and up, \$11 for all others. Can be paid upon entry. Walking there is easy. Nice paths, some stairs. It’s bound to be hotter than Point Loma, so check the weather, wear comfortable shoes and a hat! Bring a water bottle, too. There’s a small gift shop open until 1:00 PM.

Lunch following at nearby Press Box Sports Bar. (Thanks to Jim and Marty Tullar for suggesting). It is a SPORTS BAR, so be prepared for TVs playing sports and some noise from the folks at the bar. The menu has lots and lots of choices: salads, sandwiches, burgers, entrees, mac and cheese, appetizers and one can even get Mediterranean entrees from the restaurant next door!

Join us for the last field trip of the year! Great way to get to know other members.

Sherry Hebert-Field Trips



Petals of Madrigal



Gail Trimble and
Melinda Medina

YOUR PETALERS WERE INDEED PUSHING

You may not remember what you were doing on Thursday, March 30, an off-and-on rainy day, but some of the Petal Pushers, indeed, do! Mollie Bigger, Lina Pei, Kathi Reid, Dolly Hartman, Gail Avants, Sandi Winter, Kay Phillips, Natalie Crain and Linda Staton were gathered in Linda's cozy garage creating boutonnieres and wrist corsages for the attendees of the annual Unforgettable Prom for The Friends of Scott. If you have not heard of The Friends of Scott, neither had most of us. It is an annual affair begun by Scott's mother, Carmen Delgadillo that gives a chance for children diagnosed with cancer to have a night where they can dance, laugh, and create many joyful memories. Scott passed away and didn't get to attend a prom, but his memory lives on through the red-carpet arrival, delicious food, dancing, and fun filled activities.

Sandi was contacted by her friend realtor, Rosemarie Acuna,, another volunteer and asked about making the flowers. And create we did; boots were a breeze; but corsages were not so easy especially attaching them to the metal wristlets. However, as you can see from the pictures, ours were really lovely and we did have fun and lunch while making some 37 corsages and 50 boots on that off and on rainy day.

Sandi and her husband, Al, Linda and I also went to The Unforgettable Prom in Sorento Valley on Friday evening and had the pleasure of seeing the beautiful children all dressed up and pinning on boots and helping with corsages. What a treat it was! Wish each of you could have been there with us.

Blessings from Your Petalers, Kay Phillips



Check out all the flowers



Linda Staton with a prom goer



May Calendar

Wed. May 3, Board Meeting at the home of Susan Ritchey

Wed. May 10, - General Meeting
9:30 Light Brunch
10:00 General Meeting

Wed. May 17 - Field Trip, Water Conservation Garden

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