

Point Loma Garden Club

"Survive and Thrive."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"May flowers always line your path and sunshine light your day."

Irish Blessing

The wonderful month of May is here in all its glory! Did you know that the official birth flower of May is the **Lily of the Valley**? I was looking at an old photo of my parents on their wedding day in 1935 and remembered that my mother had Lily of the Valley in her head piece to hold her veil. Lily of the Valley is one of the most delicate and beautiful members of the lily family and is also known as a **May Lily**. It is a low-growing perennial plant that has a sweet fragrance and grows from rhizomes called "**pips**" and can be forced indoors like we do with paperwhites. They have delicate, bell-shaped blooms and come in white and pink. The plant spreads quickly in the ground or will also thrive in containers in shady parts of your garden even in San Diego. Have you tried growing them? I have not but I intend to try.

Speaking of growing, we had a very successful **Spring Plant and Garden Sale** at our Hall last month open to the public. Many thanks to **Sherry Hebert, Kathleen Honeysett and Susan Pettit** and all of the **many helping hands** that made the sale such a resounding success. I saw lots of smiles and heard many positive comments. Well done everyone!

Lots of smiles will be had at our **Annual June Luncheon** coming up on **June 8th** when we will install our new slate of officers for the coming year. The theme of this year's luncheon is "**Birds of a Feather, Flock Together**" and I understand that there are some very **gloriously designed hats** in the making. I am so excited to see them. Besides having a lovely lunch with accompanying guitar music (thank you **Christina Williams**) we look forward to our very **famous floral designers, Rene Van Rems and David Root**, creating magnificent tributes to our late member, Margaret Cook. Many thanks to **Susan Pettit** and her committee for making the luncheon happen. Get your tickets soon as there are a limited number of seats, and it promises to be a very special afternoon.

Look forward to seeing you at our "**Socials in the Garden**" during the summer months (Thanks to **Bev Bruff** for organizing them). It has truly been my honor to be your President for the last three years along with the wonderful Board members who have made my job such a delight.

I look forward to gardening with you soon,
Jane Clifton-President

WAYS AND MEANS

Many hearty thanks to all who helped with another successful April Plant Sale. From attending workshops, to maintaining plants, creating designs, transportation, setting up, helping at the sale, and helping with take down. We made \$3764 in 3 hours!

It was a lot of work but made easier with many helping hands. Thanks, again!

We do have quite a few succulent containers left over. (And a few of the items from the Garden Shoppe tables). We will participate in the Point Loma Community Garage Sale on Saturday, May 14 from 7AM-Noon at Sherry Hebert's house.

We will set up in Sherry's garage on Friday, May 13. We will need just a few volunteers for that.

We will also need a few volunteers to help with the sale itself.

Keep an eye out for e-mails as we get closer to the sale to volunteer.

There will be items available for sale at the Back Table at the May meeting. Please stop by and check it out.

Sherry Hebert and Kathleen Honeysett
Co-chairs- Ways and Means



Kathy Taylor de Murillo creating a spring table scape at the April meeting

A Cinco de Mayo table setting



NEXT MEETING
May 11
Portuguese Hall
9:30-noon

9:30 a.m.-Light brunch

- Floral Design-Kay Anderson

Hospitality: Lee Summerville, Yvonne Soule, Linda Staton, Margaret Stewart, Diann Swieda, Barbara Thomas, Beth Thomassen, Patricia Walker, Martha White, Christina Williams, Sandi Winter, Karen Worthington, and Emy Yeazell

10:00 AM-General Meetings

Five Minute Presentation: Elise Jenkins- Making moisturizer from whole foods.

Program-How to Rebloom Orchids

Chuck McClung completed his M.A. in Botany in 1996 and worked in ecological and botanical research at several universities. He also worked at Walter Anderson as a buyer and plant specialist. He will be signing his new book, **How Orchids Rebloom**, which was released earlier this year.

Lecture and Demonstration

June Luncheon

The luncheon committee is in the planning stages to make the Installation Luncheon on June 8th a great event with the installation of new officers, the hat parade, and of course the renown floral designers honoring Margaret Cook!

Be sure to sign up soon you can do so on the website, PLGC.org. We are past the halfway point!

May Field Trip

This is a field trip to an often-requested destination! Save the date and plan to join us on a Docent-led field trip of the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park.

Date: Wednesday, May 25

Time: 10 a.m.

More details and a sign-up sheet will be available at the May 11th meeting. If you'd like to indicate your interest in the tour before then, please email Jill West at jillhwb2@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP

These new members recently joined the garden club:

Eleanor Snyder- During the lock down I had a lovely tenant who left me all her plants when she moved home. I got inspired and everything she left me is still green. I look forward to learning more about all things green.

Jana Weatherbee- My husband, Steve, and I have moved often in our 32 years together to Texas, Northern California, France and Connecticut. I am looking forward to learning about gardening in sunny Southern California.

Carolyn Scott- I recently retired and am pursuing my interests in other activities I didn't have time for while working and raising my daughters. I'm trying my hand at orchids and bonsais and can really use some help. I look forward to getting to know others in the community who have similar interests.

Donna Roth- Our yard is a work in progress, especially since we have so little actual gardening knowledge. We are learning about water conservation, wildlife habitat and creating a peaceful place to be. I am looking forward to learning from all the members of PLGC and sharing our outdoor spaces with each other.

Mayra Brunson- I love all things gardening. I love learning new things and have just finished redoing my entire back yard.

Joan Campagnolo- I recently moved to San Diego from Champaign, Il. I love gardening and the beauty that plants create. Dorothy Schmidt is my neighbor; she has introduced me to many PLGC members, and I have found everyone delightful.

Bob Longdyke- I have been in my home for 28 years. My gardens are a reflection of my eclectic style. I have many succulents and a huge staghorn fern. There are a lot of winding paths in the garden with many interesting turns, nooks and crannies.

Life Members

In April the Board granted the following members were granted Life Member status:

Mary Bateman
Freda Nicoloff
CeCe Pollock

Thanks for your membership and all you've done for the club.

Bev Bruff- Membership chair

POINT LOMA LIBRARY FLORAL DISPLAYS

Thank you to Jill West and Kathy Walsh for providing flower arrangements for April.

Date	Volunteer
May 4	Sherry Hebert
May 11	Ken Fernandes
May 18	Volunteer needed
May 25	Volunteer needed

If you are able to volunteer for the weeks of May 18 or May 25, please contact Barbara Thomas at btcondor@yahoo.com. If you are unable to make it to a meeting to sign up to volunteer in the future; remember you can email Barbara at any time to volunteer for a future date.



Reggie Morin presents a book in honor of Margaret Cook to Lee Somerville and Jan Thoresen for the San Diego Floral Society.



Congratulation to Dale Rekus on his designs at the Coroado Flower Show. First Prize on the left and Second Prize on the right.



HORTICULTURAL TABLE

Attention All Members!!! Our next meeting on May 11 will be the last chance you will have to display that special plant or flower from your garden this season. If you bring in your special treasure, we can also help you identify, label and care for it. Be sure to let us know that it came from you.

For those of you that were too busy to visit the table in April you really missed out on an extra special display. Carol Grant brought in her Hawdorthia cactus and Christina Williams graced the table again with her "First Prize" rose. Another member brought in a huge waxy Hellebore flower and Sherry Hebert had a beautiful Pink Quill Tillandsia cyanea with a blue flower on top of the wide pink base. Bev displayed an example of some Euphorbia cuttings that are toxic to the touch, especially the ones with white milky sap. Wearing gloves while working with them is a must. Jim displayed a thorny Japanese Barberry plant (*Berberis thunbergii*) that had round green leaves at the bottom that mature to bronze leaves at the top with tiny yellow flowers.

Finally there was a grand "Touch and Sniff" presentation of eight different geraniums (Pelargoniums) that you could touch the individual leaves with your separate fingers and then smell their various scents ranging from pineapple, spearmint, mint, chocolate, peppermint and even lemon. All of the plants came from the same garden.

For those of you who still are unsure where the Horticultural Table is located: it is in the left rear corner of the Hall. At our May meeting there will be a special plant there that smells like Black Currant, is sticky and blooms with BLACK flowers. Be sure to check it out.



The Horticultural Table



Carol Grant's Hawdorthia cactus

Photos from the Plant Sale



Susan Pettitt
and Sandi
Winter



Ye Old Garden



Shop

Congratulations to Jan Kugler for her 1st place finish at the Coronado Flower show.

SLATE OF NAMES FOR ELECTED OFFICE

POINT LOMA GARDEN CLUB

In accordance with the bylaws of the Point Loma Garden Club a Nominating Committee, composed of Maureen McGrath, Jean Massard, Sandi Winter and Dorothy Schmidt, was formed.

The following slate of officers was presented at the April meeting. The election will follow at the general meeting on May 11th, and our installation will take place at the June luncheon at Tom Ham's Restaurant. Thank you, everyone!!

President:

Jill West
Kay Anderson

Programs:

Gail Avants
Cyndi Eng
Susan Ritchie
Jana Weatherbee

Membership:

Janet Nees
Gail Trimble

Ways & Means:

Dan Denison
Melinda Medina

Secretary:

Colleen Casey

Treasurer:

Linda Staton

Respectfully Submitted, April 13, 2022
Dorothy Schmidt, Chair - Nominating
Committee

Gail Trimble by her garden at the social held
on March 31.



The PLGC Website Just Keeps Getting Better!

- This is a reminder to those who haven't submitted a photo of themselves for the PLGC website! Below are just a few of your fellow members who have submitted their photos. Do you know what they look like? If not, just look them up in the membership directory on the website!

Maureen McGrath
Margie Stewart
Dan Dennison

Julie Hart
Bev Bruff
Erin Powell

- Thanks to the 35 (as of this writing) members who have renewed their memberships online! It's fast, easy, and secure. If you haven't renewed yet, **watch for the next email reminder**, and click on the "Renew your membership" button. Have your credit card information available. Don't forget to review and update your contact information if necessary!

Dear [REDACTED]
A friendly reminder that your membership at Point Loma Garden Club is about to **expire on Thu, June 01, 2023**

[Renew your membership](#)

Follow suggested actions on your profile screen.

Best regards,
[Point Loma Garden Club](#)

- Thank you also to the 15 members who have registered for the annual June luncheon online! If you don't want to wait for the next announcement to sign up, you can go to the Membership/Events page on the website to register:

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- I will be holding workshops to help members who are having problems using the website. Watch for an email. If you can't make one of the scheduled times, please contact me and we'll set something up.

Gail Trimble (trimble.gail@gmail.com, 619-823-1011)

May Calendar

May 4, 9:30-noon Board meeting at the home of Jane Clifton

May 11, 9:30-noon, General Meeting, Portuguese Hall

9:30-10 Light Brunch

10:00 General Meeting

May 25, 10 a.m., Japanese Friendship Garden, Docent-led tour.
Balboa Park

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