



September 2023

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back members! As summer winds down, we hope you have been enjoying good vacations and time in your gardens. And we know many of you enjoyed the PLGC Socials in the Garden at the homes of Dorothy Schmidt and Janice Weber. Many thanks to our hostesses, and to our Social Chair Beverly Bruff, for these lovely events.

Meanwhile your Board has been hard at work planning our upcoming Club year. Program Co-VPs Gail Avants and Risë Smith have recruited an exciting list of speakers for this year's meetings. Ways and Means VP Melinda Medina is already at work designing workshops and getting her team ready for our essential (and fun!) fundraising events. Field trip Chair Sherry Hebert and her committee have planned a number of interesting and new places to visit. One of your Co-Presidents (Audrey) edited this year's Yearbook, which you should remember to pick up at the September Meeting. And Dale Rekus and his committee are hard at work planning our October Flower Show!

Speaking of yearbooks, you will see that this year's theme is "Never Stop Growing." We are both so excited to lead a club of enthusiastic gardeners who are eager to grow not only their gardens, but also their friendships, talents, new skills and knowledge. It is all of you who bring the creativity and energy to ensure that Point Loma Garden Club "Never Stops Growing." We hope to see you at the September meeting.

Gail Trimble and Audrey Clark

*Never Stop Growing*

## WAYS AND MEANS

Great news: Rebecca Long will assist Dan Dennison at many General Meetings at the Garden Marketplace this new club year! Also, Laurie Roeder will assist me this fall as a guiding light co-chair to prepare for the Holiday Bazaar. Thank you to both of these ladies!

Our first mini workshop is August 30th; a dry run of making macrame w/ cinnamon items for future workshops. More workshops to follow in October and November.

New Members: please go ahead and sign up for workshops when they are offered. You can learn as you go from the experts in the club; this approach is working well for me. We also appreciate all ideas to make; succulents and plants that you would be willing to spare from your garden that we can use in the future. Please contact me.

Melinda Medina  
Ways and Means



### Meet your new board!

From right to left- Gail Trimble, Audrey Clark, Gail Avants, Cherie Abrahms, Janet Nees, Melinda Medina and Linda Staton (missing from photo-Rise Smith and Rhonda Muir)

## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest members.



**Nicole Downey** - Nicole tells us: "My earliest memories of gardening were as a little girl digging in the dirt with my great grandmother. She would send me home with fresh cut roses which she grafted from bushes from her home country, Bulgaria. Later I would take cuttings of those roses to grow my own from her stock. To this day I have never smelled roses as fragrant as those. I recently retired from a career in healthcare administration. We are getting established in Point Loma and have a teenage son. For me gardening is a source of meditation, creativity and connecting with wonderful people. I have had the pleasure of gardening in Ohio and Michigan as a child and young adult. The past 20 years my gardening canvas has been the Pacific Northwest. I am looking forward to learning about the many wonderful plants that thrive in beautiful San Diego." Nicole's committee interests are Outings, and Petal Pushers.

**Rose Mizrahi** - Welcome Rose. Rose tells us: "I've been a resident of California for over 50 years and lived in Los Angeles before moving to San Diego. I'm married, have four children and a grandmother and a great grandmother. After 16 years as a massage therapist, I've have spent the last 5 years as an artist. I have a studio downtown and my work includes drawings, paintings, ceramics and I have studied Ikebana floral arrangement.

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**Jennifer Freeberg** - Jennifer tells us: "I love to plant pollinators and farm to table. Sustainability, organics, non-gmo and plant zones make me excited. I am looking forward to meeting and growing relationships with like-minded folks!" Jennifer is interested in Community Service, Publicity/Publications and Petal Pushers.

**REMINDER:** Please check in at the membership table by the side door of the Portuguese Hall (that faces the parking lot) and join us for the monthly raffle. You will receive one raffle ticket for wearing your PLGC badge and one for bringing in a coffee mug, cup or water bottle. Thank you!

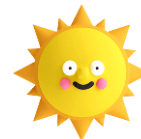
Cherie Abrahms, Janet Nees  
Membership Co-chairs

## POINT LOMA LIBRARY FLORAL DISPLAYS

Thank you to all our volunteers who provided floral arrangements to the library during our summer break. There will be a sign-up sheet with the other sign-up sheets for those who would like to provide flowers for the month of September, or you can email me directly to add your name before the meeting. 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)

## Sunshine Lady



Our Sunshine Lady, Joanne Kemp, is moving to Rancho Bernardo in October. Joanne has been spreading sunshine on our members for approximately 2-3 years. We will greatly miss her and her contributions to our members. Thank you, Joanne!!

I, Bev Bruff, am assuming Joanne's responsibilities and will continue to serve members as she did. If you know of a member who is in need of well wishes, condolences or just needs to know we are thinking of them, please let me know at [bevbruff@yahoo.com](mailto:bevbruff@yahoo.com).

## **NEXT MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

**Portuguese Hall**

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

**9:30-10** Light Brunch. Buffett Floral Design by Ken Fernandes

**Hospitality** - Cherie Abrahms, Kathleen (Kay) Anderson, Gail Avants, Beverly Bruff, Audrey Clark, Pat Davis, Dan Dennison, Sherry Hebert, Renee Kuerbis, Maureen McGrath, Melinda Medina, Rhonda Muir, Janet Nees, Susan Pettit, Dale Rekus, Risë Smith, Linda Staton, Gail Trimble, Jill West, Martha White, Sandi Winter

**10 am - General Meeting**

**5 Minutes Presentation** Jana Weatherbee- Holland Gardens

### **Program: Floral Show Rules and Preparation**

As a former president and longtime member of the Point Loma Garden Club, Dale Rekus needs little introduction. He is the president of the Flower Arrangers Guild of San Diego and winner of various County Fair and NGC flower show awards as well as an ongoing participant of Art Alive. Dale will provide a PowerPoint Presentation of an overview of National Garden Club Flower Shows, from conceiving and planning them to entering them – and how to win awards in them.

*Lecture and Presentation*

The theme of the June luncheon-  
Completely coastal



## SOCIAL IN THE GARDEN



We do not normally have any activities during the summer. But this year we had two. The first was at the home of Dorothy Schmidt. It was beneath the historic tree in her backyard that was planted by Kate Sessions.



The second social was at the home of Janice Weber.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

BeeWorthy Farms  
Friday, September 22  
Tour Starts at 10:00AM  
\$10.00 per person

From their website: “Local flowers. Grown for people and pollinators. Connect to nature through flowers. At BeeWorthy Farms we are committed to bringing you fresh, local, and sustainably grown flowers and herbs-cultivated by farmers with a deep respect for the land, local ecology and of course, the bees.”

There’s a wonderful video on their website that explains what they do for people and pollinators. Check it out!

Be sure to wear sturdy shoes (at least closed toe) as we will be walking around the acre of flowers. The ground is flat, but it is a farm!

We should all be able to pick some flowers to take home and possibly get some seeds to plant our own flowers.

We can go to lunch afterwards at The Lotus Café on South Coast Hwy at The Lumberyard. There’s also a nice nursery/pottery place called The Madd Potter a little further north on South Coast Hwy if anyone wants to shop for succulents or pretty pots. Succulents are reasonably priced. She also carries some air plants.

Carpooling will depart from Liberty Station at 9:15AM. Meet at the parking lot near Seahive at the corner of Historic Decatur and Chauncey Rd.

**beeworthyfarms.com**  
**441 Quail Gardens Dr**  
**Encinitas**



## September Calendar

September 6<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 – noon, Board Meeting, Home of Gail Trimble

September 13<sup>th</sup>- General Meeting, Portuguese Hall

9:30 am Light Brunch

10:00 am- General Meeting

September 22, Friday-Field trip to BeeWorthy Farms.

9:15 am Meet at Liberty Station parking to carpool.

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