



November 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With Fall in full swing, so is the Point Loma Garden Club's year! While I (Audrey) still miss the vibrant, changing colors of my western Pennsylvania upbringing, San Diego brings its own brand of fall: more subtle, but still tangible with changes in light and an ever-so-slight crispness in the air.

Over the past month our club held macrame, succulent and pumpkin workshops where members brought their unique skills and hard work to creating items for sale. It's your involvement in these activities, if you are able, that helps to keep our club financially strong. Special thanks are due to Melinda Medina (Ways & Means) and Susan Nance, host extraordinaire. More workshops are scheduled; consider getting involved!

Our October club meeting featured, once again, an outstanding buffet table and coffee in gorgeous style. We learned about history of the Portuguese settlement in Point Loma and their dynamic cultural influence we enjoy today in our community from Evelyn Barandiaran, Portuguese Historical Center President. And Lina Pei, always knowledgeable and effervescent, showcased her astounding breadth of floral design talent with an interesting and informative presentation.

In September we traveled to Bee Worthy Farms in Encinitas for a lovely morning with the owners who displayed their efforts in sustainable flower gardening and arrangements. October featured a trip to Alta Vista Botanical

Gardens and Exotica Rare Fruit Nursery were also well received. If you haven't yet attended a field trip, please give it a try! No need to drive as we carpool, and it's always interesting to see different gardening approaches. And lunch with your PLGC friends allows a chance for more time to visit.

Finally, a true highlight of the month (and year!) was the fantastic flower show. Dale Rekus and Sherry Hebert, plus a talented supporting cast, treated the community to a breathtaking array of floral designs, along with a fascinating variety of horticultural specimens. At the October Palomar District Meeting, the flower show received a shout-out from Lynne Batchelor, one of the judges and member of CGCI Board of Directors. Well done, all!

It's been a great year so far, and we're just getting started. See you in November!

Gail Trimble and Audrey Clark
Co-Presidents

Never Stop Growing



Evelyn Barandiaran spoke about the history Of Portuguese Hall.



Our own, Lina Pei, did the long Program on holiday floral designs

WAYS AND MEANS

The Garden Marketplace continues to thrive due to our members' contributions. Let's continue to bring in relevant and interesting items for gardens, gift ideas, and holiday-related decor. We have had requests for more hand-made note cards, candles, and various jewelry pieces; if you have something that you would consider to donate; ask me about it, and/or bring it in by 9 AM at any General Meeting.

Mark your calendars for the Holiday Tea and Bazaar on December 13th. Your assistance is greatly needed; especially our newer members. We will have sign-up sheets for volunteering your time for an hour or two for setting up our event and cleaning up. If you would like to assist at the Sales Table next to an experienced cashier member, sign up. We will have two more macrame workshops, one on Oct 27 and another Nov. 7 both will be at 10:00 am. Volunteers will be needed as we will do final touch-ups on our succulents that are taking roots from previous workshops. Other contributions that you can do- homemade items, baked goods to sell, and other culinary items. Your craft specialties: will be more than welcome as the Bazaar buying guests especially love to buy gifts for the upcoming holidays. Thank you for all your volunteer hours so far, our club appreciates you.

Melinda Medina-Ways and Means



Centerpiece for the food Table

Designs by Lina Pei

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest member.

Mary Gmitruk
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Please welcome Mary Gmitruk! Mary was introduced at the October meeting, but we would like to make sure all members meet Mary. Mary tells us that she emigrated to the U.S. when she was 5 years old and moved to Point Loma in 1986. She studied at San Diego State University where she received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and worked for the U.S. Navy which sent her to many interesting assignments in foreign naval bases. She speaks Polish and studied Russian and Greek. She has 2 children who were raised in Point Loma. Her older daughter lives in San Diego and younger daughter and grandson live in Los Alamos, New Mexico. As an engineer, she can solve a quadratic equation but has a bit of difficulty solving some problems with potted plants, so she decided to join the Garden Club. She looks forward to learning and making the world more beautiful.

Here's a fun fact: Point Loma Garden Club is 160 members strong! Please invite your friends and neighbors to visit our monthly meetings and to join our wonderful club!

Janet Nees and Cherie Abrams
Co-chairs- Membership

Mary was introduced
at the October meeting



Sunshine Lady

If you know one of our members who needs get well wishes, condolences or just needs to know we are thinking of them please let Bev Bruff know at bevbruff@yahoo.com

During the month of October, a sympathy card was sent to Kay Harry after the passing of her husband, and we were informed that Fryda Nicoloff passed at the age of 103.

POINT LOMA LIBRARY FLORAL DISPLAYS

Thank you to Sherry Hebert, Angela Geis and Ken Fernandes for providing flowers for the month of October!

November 4	Gail Trimble
November 11	
November 18	Ken Fernandes
November 25	

Thank you to all our volunteers. The floral arrangements are so much appreciated and add a lovely touch to the Pt Loma Library. You can also provide a lovely plant or succulent arrangement. There will be a signup sheet to provide flowers in November or you can contact me by email - Btcondor@yahoo.com.

Fall Fun & Flower Show Thank You

I would like to extend my personal thanks to each of you who helped with the planning, set up, execution and tear down of that most excellent flower show. First and foremost, my gratitude and thanks go to Sherry Hebert, my General Co-Chair. Full of boundless energy and multitudes of clever solutions, it was a great pleasure and a lot of fun to work with her on this project.

We are most appreciative to have a librarian and staff willing to help us put on a flower show in the Marla Haas Community Room. There was no cost for either the space or the equipment provided. Set up and tear down would not have happened without Bob Pels and Patricia Rutledge, among others.

We had a charming and much appreciated tea for the judges hosted by Sandi Winter, Kay Phillips and Linda Staton. There was a festive arch, thanks to Shyla Crowson, and a spooky Trick-or-Treat cackling Book of Spells, thanks to Sherry Hebert. There were also succulent-decorated fresh pumpkins and faux pumpkins decorated with dry plant materials, all of which were for sale. That income helped offset our expenses, thanks to two workshops attended by talented members. Thanks also goes to those who purchased those pumpkins.

We would also like to thank those members who participated in the show by entering Horticulture and Design exhibits. We had cut flowers and fruit and vegetables, oh my! And all of them were entered by club members. Diann Swieda got an NGC Blue Ribbon and the PLGC President & Horticultural Award for her White Ginger Lily bloom. Shyla Crowson got an NGC Blue Ribbon and an NGC Arboreal Award for her Stephanotis Vine blossoms. Susan Nance got an NGC Blue Ribbon, an NGC Award of Merit and the NGC Award of Horticultural Excellence for her yellow bird of paradise “Mandela Gold” flower.

Members entered 16 of the 24 wonderful floral designs and won four of the six Blue Ribbons. Those members are Rick Spear (Petite 3x3x3 inches), Kathy Walsh (Reflective Design), Ken Fernandes (Petite 8x8x8 inches), who also won the NGC Petite Award, and Rita Krieger (Novice Class), who also won the PLGC president’s Excellence Award. And this was Rita’s first ever flower show.

We even had a busload of people from Fredericka Manor in Chula Vista thanks to Kay Harry. Simply amazing support from everyone. What we had a flower show set within an art show on display in a great library – it was Fall Fun indeed!

And a terrific showcase of your many talents and a very well received “Gift to the Community.” Once again, our members have proven they are outstanding assets not just to this garden club but to our community as well.

Kudos to each and every one of you . . .

Dale Rekus

Below are some of the awards for our own club members.



Reflective design by
Kathy Walsh



Rita Kreiger-President's
award for design novice-
Blue



Shyla Crowson-
Arboreal Award

NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Portuguese Hall
9:30 a.m. - noon

9:30-10 Light Brunch, Buffett Floral Design – Dolly Hartman

Hospitality – Colleen Casey, Deanna Chandra, Gerry Chisam, Mary Chrysler, Barbara Clark, Jane Clifton, Natalie Crain, Shyla Crowson, Mary Curran, Deborah Dahlseid, Lesley Dodson, Joann Dossett, Nicole Downey, Kim Emmett, Cynthia Eng, Michele Engleman

10 am - General Meeting and Food Drive

5 Minutes Presentation - Sherry Hebert & Kathleen Honeysett—Miniature Garden Techniques.

Program: Fire Resistant Planting

Member and Master Gardener Cindy Sparks Bruecks is a Firesafe Landscaping, Sustainable Landscape Expert and Edible Landscape Trainer. Cindy will talk about creating fire resistant landscapes.

Lecture and Presentation

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

There will be a Food Drive for the Salvation Army to take place at our November meeting, Wed. Nov 8, 2023. Please bring packaged or canned food that is not outdated. This past year has been most difficult for many families and our gifts of food or checks will be greatly appreciated.



Thank you - Kathy Hargrove

HOLIDAY TEA AND BAZAAR

It's that time of year again and the Holiday Tea and Bazaar will be here soon. Members are asked to bring 30-36 pieces of delicious homemade finger foods: either savory or sweet for the sumptuous tea table. A signup sheet (plus a reminder note for you) will be at our November meeting. Please join us in this festive event by signing up.

Sandi Winter - Holiday Tea Advisor



HORTICULTURAL TABLE

At every meeting we have a Horticultural Table, and we have a newer member who has taken over this position from Jim Tullar who manned the table for many years. The newer member you will see at the table is Renee Kuerbis. Stop by the table and say hi and check out the specimens that others have brought in or bring something to share. This is where you can display any interesting plants or flowers from your garden.



Renee at the Horticultural Table



To the left is a photo from Alta Vista Gardens, and on the right a sculpture in the gardens.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

On December 16, 2023, at 09:00 AM (Wreath Placement begins at 10:00 AM PST), - Point Loma Garden Club will be helping Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery to remember and honor our veterans by laying remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you. The wreaths are \$17 each and Point Loma Garden Club gets \$5 per wreath.

Thank you so much for supporting Point Loma Garden Club and Wreaths Across America!

Below is the link to sponsor wreaths for Fort Rosecrans-

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/44925/overview/?relatedId=0>



The wreaths from a previous year at Fort Rosecrans



The views from the Alta Vista Gardens

Petal Pushers

Thank you to each of you who have contributed vases and/or ribbon to Petals! We can use some more medium-sized vases as well as ribbon (holiday would be most welcome). You can always just bring to Club Meetings.

Please continue to let us know of those who would enjoy a bouquet from Petals for whatever reason. Beverly Bruff is now the Sunshine Lady with the departure of Joanne Kemp.

Meals on Wheels will be moving from their Old Town location in the early Spring of 2024 to Kearney Mesa. They have generously provided working space for us every Tuesday, so we will be looking for a new working space. They have invited us to move with them, however, their new building is a long distance away. Any ideas/suggestions are very welcome.

Blessings from All the Petalers, Kay Phillips

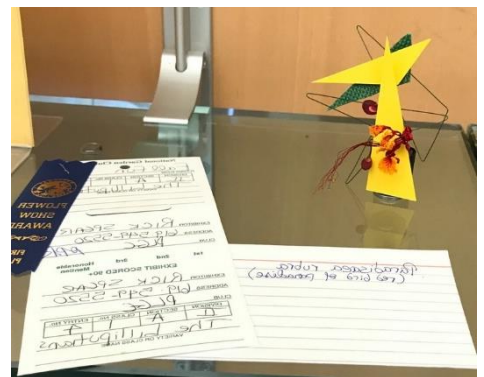
MORE DESIGNS FROM THE FLOWER SHOW



Diane Sweida- White
Ginger



Susan Nance- Yellow
Bird of Paradise



Rick Spear- Petite
design

November Calendar

November 1, 9:30 am to noon - Board Meeting - Home of Susan Nance

November 8, 9:30 am to noon – General Meeting, Portuguese Hall.

Maureen McGrath
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