



Nov. 2022

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Our garden club is amazing! There's always something happening — especially in the fall!

Under the skilled guidance of Mary Bateman and Karen Worthington, our club designed and donated ten lovely centerpieces to Sharp Hospice for an event they held at Point Loma Presbyterian Community Church on October 5th.

Sherry Hebert's pumpkin decorating workshop on October 12th was fun for all who attended, and they left with a great fall centerpiece.

A field trip to Atkinson Plumeria Farm with lunch afterward at Anthony's Fish Grotto was an event enjoyed by all.

Community Service Groups are going strong! Susan Pettit's December Night's committee is busy working on decorations for the club's December Night's tree in Balboa Park. Petal Pushers are creating and delivering their lovely weekly floral donations and plant displays are being placed weekly at the Point Loma Library. Brenda Ferich is coordinating our Wreaths Across America donations, and Kathy Hargrove is organizing the Salvation Army food drive at this month's meeting.

Another fun field trip took place. An informative visit to Trees for Life in Balboa Park. Also in Balboa Park, the Flower Arranger's Guild, led by Dale Rekus, held their monthly meeting. Many PLGC members are members or are friends of the Guild. Every month they share ideas and create unique designs. This meeting turned out to be a mini flower show, complete with critiques by accredited judges, making for a fun learning experience.

Coming in December is what is the favorite event of the year for many members — our Annual Holiday Bazaar and Tea. There will be wonderful creations made by our members to purchase and a buffet of delicious holiday treats.

In addition, in December there will be a new event this year —a Christmas Trolley Tour organized by Bev Bruff. We'll close out December with Wreaths Across America Day on December 17th— the heartwarming placement of wreaths at Fort Rosecrans to honor our servicemen and servicewomen.

So, as you can see, we weren't exaggerating when we said there is "Always Something Happening" at PLGC. Everyone is welcome to these activities. Please plan to join us for as many as you can!

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!
Jill West & Kay Anderson, Co-Presidents

"Learn to be an observer in all seasons. Every single day, your garden has something new and wonderful to show you." Author Unknown

HOLIDAY TEA

The PLGC spectacular Holiday Tea will take place Wednesday, December 14 from 10 to 12 at S.E.S. Hall. It will be partially modelled after the 2021 party for members only, this year members may choose to invite up to 2 guests at \$5 per guest.

Each member is asked to bring 2 dozen pieces of either a savory or a sweet finger food for the sumptuous tea table. A sign-up sheet to RSVP was started at the October 12 meeting. There will be another opportunity to RSVP at the November meeting or send Jill West an email at jillhwb2@gmail.com



Gail Trimble and Judy Pack, the October golden member awardees. Thanks for your excellent job on the yearbook.

WAYS AND MEANS

Succulent charmers were made for our Holiday Tea at the workshop on October 26th. It was great to gather this year to creating delightful Holiday gifts! Look for more workshops this month.

Also, many thanks to members for bringing new things to sell at the “Back Table” for our October meeting! We generated over \$300 for the club’s contributions to our Peninsula Community! It was great to see so many enjoyable and attractive items to sell.

Please let us know if you would like to occasionally help at the “Back Table” at our meetings. Sometimes it gets too busy when receiving and selling new items, so more help would be great. Feel free to volunteer on the spot.

Dan Dennison & Melinda Medina
Co-chairs Ways and Means

Membership

Last Chance to Pick up Yearbooks at the November meeting! After that, you may obtain your yearbook by contacting Gail Trimble (619-823-1011) to make special arrangements. All unclaimed Yearbooks will be recycled in December.

Welcome to our newest members, Donna, Gerry and Meiling! They will be introduced at the November meeting.

Donna Buss and Gerry Chisam
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Donna and Gerry are married. Donna says “My mother grew prize winning roses in the Poway Garden club in the 1960s. My husband Gerry and I had a new patio built and are working on designs with different plant varieties. Their committee interests are Hospitality And Community Service.

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“I got my master’s degree in USC and now I am a stay home mom with 3 girls. 17,14, and 5 years old. I love flowers and yard decorating. I have done a lot of flower arrangement work, and I learned a lot with Lina, and I hope to learn more. Thanks for having me in this wonderful group. I deeply appreciate it!” Meiling is interested in Membership, Hospitality, Community Service and Petal Pushers

Gail Trimble and Janet Nees
Membership Co-Chairs

The September new members, Marty Tullar,
Molly Bigger, Rhonda Muir and Renee Kuerbis



Beautiful floral arrangement at the buffet table from Lina Pei

Membership Fun Fact of the Month

Did you know PLGC collects money every month for Penny Pines? When a member or their spouse passes away, the club donates \$68 to plant a tree in their honor at a National Forest Service site. This program is called Penny Pines. So please remember to drop a dollar or so (no pennies please!) in the basket when it comes around!



In honor of our past member, Gina Mullaney, a contribution was made to Penny Pines. A planting will be made in Cleveland National Forest by the U.S. Forest Service and the sign at the site will read "Friends of Gina Mullaney".

You can visit our Penny Pines site at Mount Laguna (Penny Pines/Noble Canyon Trailhead - 12000 Sunrise Hwy. Pine Valley, CA 91962). Here is the description of the trail from the U.S. Forest Service: "With exotic wildflowers, panoramic mountain views, and the blissful tranquility that only Mother Nature can provide, The Big Laguna Trail is a rare find in the greater San Diego area. Conveniently located 13 miles north of I-8 on Sunrise Highway, this 10-mile loop traverses oak and pine woodlands, vast meadows, and during certain seasons, a clear blue lake. Providing a great family, friend, or solo experience, this trail is open to horses, mountain bikes, and hiking, serving as a scenic trail for all modes of exploration."



Trees for health field trip

NOVEMBER MEETING
Wednesday, November 9
Portuguese Hall
9:30am-noon

9:30-10 am Light brunch

Hospitality- Joan Campagnolo, Deanna Chandra, Mary Chrysler, Jane Clifton, Natalie Crain, Shyla Crowson, Mary Curran, Deborah Dahlseid, Pat Davis, Lesley Dodson, Joann Dossett, Kim Emmett, Michele Engleman, Brian Feretic, Brenda Ferich

10 am – General Meeting and Food Drive

5 Minute Presentation: Dale Rekus – Floral Design

Program: Aquascapes and Terrariums

Crystal Chan is part of the Hakkai team that produced San Diego’s first aquatic art gallery dedicated to the craft of aquascaping. As such, she not only showcases nature as art in an aquatic setting at Hakkai in Liberty Station, but she also offers workshops in terrariums and wabi-kusa (a form of kokedama)

Food Drive-

There will be a Food Drive for the Salvation Army to take place at our November meeting, Wed. Nov 9, 2022. 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.

Kathy Hargrove



The speaker at our October meeting-
Laura Eubanks on “Designing with Succulents.”

POINT LOMA LIBRARY FLORAL DISPLAYS

Many thanks to our October volunteers: Dale Rekus, Karen Worthington, Kay Anderson, Mary Curran and Ken Fernandes!

November 5	Jan Kugler
November 12	Rebecca Lang
November 19	Joan Greenhood
November 26	Ken Fernandes

To provide flowers, please contact Barbara Thomas by email - Btcondor@yahoo.com

Holiday Lights and Sights Tour

Come join us and invite your friends
on the Old Town Trolley

Thursday, December 8th, pick up in Old Town Trolley Station
(Parking by the Old Town church)

We will board the Trolley in Old Town and see the festive Christmas of Old Town San Diego, the Embarcadero, Balboa Park, Bankers Hill. We'll enjoy a 20 minute walk through SeaPort Village! The tour is approximately 75 minutes in length. You may want to have dinner in Old Town before the tour. We'll be meeting at 5:45.



The cost is \$30 for adults, \$25 for children. I expect this to fill quickly so get your payment in ASAP, no later than December 1st. If we get more than 38 people, we can look into getting a second trolley.

Send checks for \$30 per person to: Point Loma Garden Club
P.O. Box 6382
San Diego, 92166-0382

Or register and pay online with a credit card at PLGC.org. For additional information or questions contact Bev Bruff at bevbruff@yahoo.com or 858 268 8088

HORTICULTURAL TABLE

The horticultural table is located at the corner table of the Hall and is the place where members like YOU can display your special or unique flowers, fruits, vegetables, or plants for everyone to admire and learn about at our monthly meetings. We need more of you to bring in something from your garden which we can help you identify, label, and enjoy seeing.

At our October meeting Christina Williams brought in a nice miniature rose and a blooming pink Mandevilla bush. (Yes, you can display more than one specimen at the same meeting!). Susan Nance showed off her perfect “Mandella Gold” yellow Bird of Paradise flower. Jim displayed a decorated pumpkin. The table was adorned with autumn leaves and there was an assortment of Halloween candy including candy corn, chocolate kisses and chocolate bars. No tricks, just treats for those of you who stopped by.

As we fall into autumn and set our clocks back what does your garden have to harvest and display? The November meeting will be our last chance to show off something special until our January meeting. Bob Pels will be managing the table this month as Jim will be in Phoenix to attend a special great grandchild event. Let’s keep Bob busy with lots of flowers and plants to fill the table.

Horticultural Table
Jim Tullar



Pumpkin decorating workshop



Horticultural Table

Centenarians in PLGC

The dictionary defines a centenarian as a person who is 100 or more years old. Three members of our club, Mary Wick, Ruth Sewell and Vera Plain, are shortly going to achieve that milestone around New Year's Day. That is a grand total of 300 years of good living!

Mary Wick has been a member of our garden club since 1986. During this time, she has been an enthusiastic supporter of the club and its myriad activities. She was one of the founders of, and a weekly volunteer for years at, the Point Loma Native Plant Preserve. She has participated in club activities at the Old Point Loma Lighthouse as well as worked in the Kitchen Garden there. She also hosted many Popcorn Stringing workshops at her home to decorate the lighthouse for Christmas.

She has been Historian of the club several times and was its official Photographer for several years as well. She arranged workshops, donated many crocheted items for Holiday Bazaars, helped to both organize and participate in PLGC flower shows as well as contributed a multitude of delightful and unusual plants for many of our Annual Plant Sales. Mary still lives at home with the able assistance of her son, Dan. Well done, Mary! Our club is fortunate to have had you and your enthusiasm help us grow through the decades.

Ruth Sewell has been a member for 21 years and regularly attends monthly meetings. She has always arrived at meetings early, getting the coffee going for many years. That was a nice welcome for arriving members to be greeted by the enticing aroma of freshly brewed coffee. An enthusiastic member of the PLGC, Ruth loved to participate in our annual bus tours and Field Trips when possible and accessible. She has donated many items from her garden to our sharing and sales tables as well as our Annual Plant Sales.

She hosted Socials in the Garden several times for members to learn about the many unusual varieties of flowers, shrubs, and trees in her garden. Ruth enjoys nothing better than sitting in her garden and watching nature blossom.

Ruth also still lives at home with the help of her son, Rod. Glad to have you as such a supportive member, Ruth.

Vera Plain has been a member for 14 years and heartily looked forward to our monthly meetings and events. She still maintains a charming garden at her home and works in it as much as possible. She finally had to give driving last year when her car was rammed from the side by a person who ran a stop sign. While the car was demolished, Vera, thankfully, was a bit shook up but otherwise unharmed.

Vera was an avid and accomplished golfer for many years. When she would get a “hole in one,” her husband would add another diamond to her “golf pendant”. He eventually had to buy her three diamonds for it. And Vera did not begin golfing until she was 55 years old!!

She visited many of the wonderful English and Scottish gardens in her numerous overseas travels in the past. Staying closer to home now, she enjoys some garden club events and participates whenever possible. She contributes generously to the plant sales and boutiques and is a staunch supporter of many club activities. Vera is living at home with a personal assistant who comes in for a few hours three days a week.

Thank you Dale Rekus for contributing this piece

PETAL PUSHERS

Petal Pushers is asking for donations. While you are sorting your holiday ribbons, please donate to Petal Pushers any unneeded ribbon. Holidays are around the corner, and we would appreciate your donations. Just bring them to the PLGC meeting and we will have a box for collection.

Thank you, Kay Phillips for Petal Pushers,

Philanthropy Report

The Philanthropy Committee has awarded its donations for 2022-23. Cabrillo, Dewey, Loma Portal and Ocean Beach Elementary Schools each received donations of \$150 each to purchase needed supplies for their established school gardens.

We again sponsored Wreaths Across America. If you would like to participate in laying the wreaths on December 17, 2022, visit their web site www.weathrsacrossamerica.org to volunteer.

We joined gardens clubs throughout California in providing donations to the California Garden Clubs, Inc. President's Project for 2021-23. The funds will be used to establish a sensory garden at San Diego River Grant Park. You can see signage for the new park that is east of the Mission Valley Shopping Center, where Qualcomm Way crosses the San Diego River.

For more information visit the www.californiagardenclub.com and put President's Project in the search bar.

We will also be making a small donation to the Ocean Beach Library's Seed Library. Drop in Monday and Tuesday from 11:30 - 8:00 or Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 - 6:00 to share seeds, pick up seeds or volunteer at the library located at 4801 Santa Monica Ave., San Diego, CA 92107.

We know that our donations will contribute to beautiful gardens and other meaningful projects!

Martha White and Clara Blenis



The school garden at Dewey Elementary shortly after it was planted with winter veggies and flowers.

Wreaths Across America

Once again, we are contributing to Wreaths Across America to honor our fallen heroes here at Fort Rosecrans Cemetery. There are never enough wreaths. The cost is \$15 per wreath and the garden club gets \$5 from each wreath purchased. You can contribute at www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org and at the local sponsorship line put Point Loma Garden Club or Brenda Ferich will have contribution forms at our next meeting. If you want to help with the laying of the wreaths, you can sign up on their website. They will be laying the wreaths on December 17.

November Calendar

November 2nd- 9:30 a.m. Board meeting at the home of
Maureen McGrath

November 9th - General Meeting: Portuguese Hall
9:30-10 a.m Light Brunch
10:00-noon General Meeting

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