

Point Loma Garden Club

"Survive and Thrive."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October: the true heart of Autumn. This time of year is the perfect blend of daydream and reality. With amazing weather, a beautiful, quiet and soul-calming time of year which leads the way to the comforting slowdown of the year. Yes, it's Fall already! And I do hope you are looking forward to all the wonderful activities that your Garden Club has in store for YOU this Fall!

On October 11th at our own Portuguese Hall, we will be hosting the Palomar District meeting with members of clubs from all over the county. This is our chance to shine and showcase our Club! There will be a wonderful and entertaining speaker from the Ocean Beach Historical Society to highlight our local history. Thank you to the committee that has organized the event and those of you who have volunteered to help. Please come and support our Club and enjoy a memorable morning.

I often ask members what they are doing in their gardens. What are they planting right now? Any special projects? What are you finding that is working well in regard to plants, fertilizers, etc? Please send photos of what you are up to in your garden to Maureen McGrath, our newsletter editor par excellence, so we can see these in the newsletter!

Looking forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

**"A brooding calm in all the air
A dreamy quiet everywhere....
A golden glow to light the day
That fades in purple mists away....
This soothing calm, this presence bright
October's sweet and mellow light"**

Phoebe Holder 1890

Jane Clifton, President



Crinum Lilly from Jim Tullar

“The Elephant in the Room” Covid-19

I have been inundated with emails, calls, and texts regarding the state of the virus and its variants. Please know that the board and I are on top of the Covid situation and its development, as much as can be possible. We are very aware of keeping the membership safe and the protocols necessary.

Emy Yeazell suggests putting the “**CAnotify**” app on your smart phone which is a great way of keeping you informed if you are exposed, etc. and it’s free.

Also, if you haven’t been vaccinated, PLEASE wear a mask. Use your common sense so we can all stay safe. Please do whatever you feel comfortable with in this fluid situation and if that means not attending, we understand, but please pay your dues so the Club can continue and still be here when you return.

Sent with love and kindness and in the spirit of Surviving and Thriving!
Your President, Jane

WAYS AND MEANS

The photos included here show you a few of the items made by members at the August workshops. They will be for sale at both the Palomar District Meeting on Monday, October 11 and at the back table at the regular meeting on October 13.

All members are welcome at the district meeting. Cost is \$30, which includes some breakfast treats, coffee/tea, and a Panera salad box. The cost helps



towards hall rental as well. Send checks made out to PLGC to Sherry Hebert at 4884 Coronado Ave San Diego, CA 92107

After lunch, the program will be a presentation by Eric DuVal of The Ocean Beach Historical Society. He will feature Point Loma and Ocean Beach's history through

vintage postcards.

Sherry Hebert and Kathleen Honeysett
Ways and Means-Co-Vice Presidents

More items created at the workshops



**NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, October 13
9:30 a.m. to noon
Portuguese Hall**

Floral Design: Mary Bateman

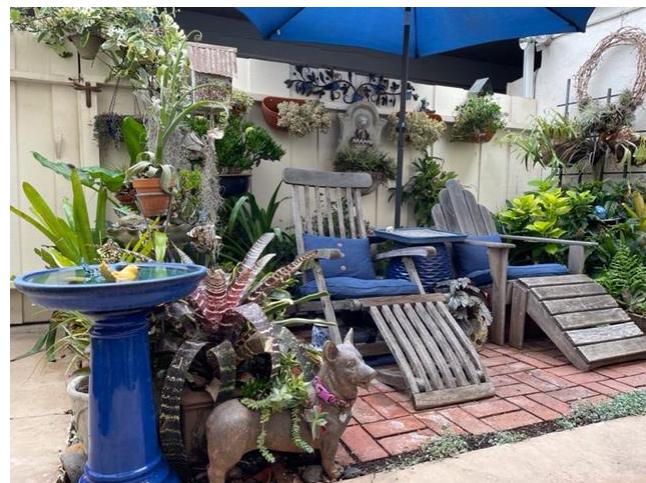
Hospitality: Lynlee Austell, Gail Avants, Susan Barnes, Mary Bateman, Sylvia Bate-Swall, Jackie Beddows, Clara Blenis, Cynthia Boyd, Valerie Bronson, Mary Brothers, Cindy Sparks Bruecks, Beverly Bruff, Ginny Buerger.

5 Minute Presentation: Lee Sommerville- San Diego Floral Association.

Program: Complementary Plants for Succulent Gardens

Linda Bresler of **Living Designs by Linda** is an award-winning, experienced landscape designer who is currently President of the Green Valley Garden Club. Her gardens have been featured in two succulent books by Debra Lee Baldwin and she was the Grand Prize winner in 2012 Gardens of the Year award by SD Home/Garden Lifestyles Magazine.

Lecture and PowerPoint Presentation



Here are some photos of Deborah Hall's courtyard. She wrote "It seems that I always have room for one more plant."

NEW PLGC WEBSITE COMING YOUR WAY

There are big improvements coming...

- To the PLGC website!
- To the way members renew their memberships!
- To the way members sign up for events!
- And more!

Yes, PLGC is going digital!

Instead of signing up for events like this:



You could sign up like *this*:

Dear Gail Trimble,
You are invited to the
following [event](#):

Pumpkin Decorating Workshop

When: 7 Nov 2021 , PST

Where: Location

Will you be attending?

[Register](#)

[Not attending](#)

- ❖ Imagine the entire contents of the Yearbook available on our website, with secure access restricted to members only!
- ❖ Updates and corrections available instantly! Better service for our members!

The PLGC Board has voted to implement the use of member management software, called *Wild Apricot*. A committee is already at work on the implementation. But don't worry, there will always be a paper option for those who need it! Stay tuned for more information!

Bev Bruff and Gail Trimble
Co-Chairs



REMEMBER the Fallen... HONOR those who Serve... TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

On Saturday, December 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., Point Loma Garden Club will be helping Rosecrans National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our Veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help by sponsoring remembrance wreaths. The wreaths are \$15.00 with \$5.00 being donated back to PLGC.
Purchasing on line is quick and easy.....

www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/CA0323P

They accept donations year-round. It's not too early to donate. Let's help to get the cemetery filled with wreaths this year.

For more information contact:
Brenda Ferich



Part of the Merrie Friburg's succulent garden
She calls it "the cat path." It's the only area where her cat can join her and her dog for a walk.

PETAL PUSHERS

Petal Pushers are back petaling after a month break in August. Once again Trader Joe's in Liberty Station donates flowers weekly on Tuesday, and our crew picks up the poses, plants, etc.; to arrange and deliver. Meals on Wheels in Old Town generously furnishes space for us to work. It is a big work area, and we are in the space by ourselves and if we choose, we can wear masks. Our recipients include, of course, Meals on Wheels. Flowers are delivered along with meals to their recipients. We also have assisted living facilities, libraries, schools and other appreciative recipients.

As I said, we meet every Tuesday and usually have a group about four to five people to perform our tasks. Time varies but ranges from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 for pick up, arranging and delivery. Most of us volunteer twice a month. If you have some experience in flower arranging and would like to try us out, we are always looking for a few, new, good petalers.

Please feel free to contact me.

Blessings, Kay Phillips

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POINT LOMA LIBRARY FLORAL DISPLAYS

Thank you to Sherry Hebert, Mary Bateman and Jan Kugler for the lovely displays they provided in September.

October floral displays

Week of:	Volunteer
October 2-8	Dolly Hartman
October 9-15	Volunteer needed
October 16-22	Volunteer needed
October 23-29	Julie Hasl
October 30-Nov 5	Volunteer needed

Contact Barbara Thomas to volunteer at 773-259-2872 or at btcondor@yahoo.com

SOCIAL IN THE GARDEN
October 20th, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Home of Coleene Casey
915 Rosecrans St.

Coleen recommends car pooling as there is limited parking in the area. She and her mother have many lovely hand-crafted beautifully painted pots. This is what she has written about her garden:

“My home has three outdoor spaces. The entry courtyard has potted plants, mostly succulents. The back deck is filled with potted plants, almost all succulents. Downstairs is Shangri-La, my beloved water feature (AKA my pool). Shangri-La is surrounded by a variety of plants, both potted and in-ground. Harry likes hanging out here. I hope you will, too.”

CABRILLO GARDEN

The story of the Cabrillo Lighthouse Garden, published in the PLGC May newsletter should have concluded with these remarks:

The planting list contained a wide variety of vegetables including potatoes, corn, beans, root crops and an interesting wild tomato from the Chiapas region of Mexico. Several cooking and medicinal herbs such as thyme, oregano, lavender, rosemary, and sage have been mainstays for several years. Recent efforts to restore the native habitat and limit invasive non-native species within the area mean that certain plants such as mint, feverfew and the Chiapas tomatoes can no longer be grown in the garden because they spread and reseed.

For the past several years, Pam Zuckerman, a Master Gardener and Cabrillo Monument volunteer, has coordinated a working group to maintain the garden, with the help of PLGC liaison Lorenda Lucero. Thanks to their work and a generous annual contribution for plants, seeds, and tools from PLGC, the garden continues to thrive. Be sure to visit, or better yet, become a volunteer!

Submitted by: Lee Somerville

PAPERWHITES FOR CHRISTMAS

While some of us are starting to put Jack O' Lanterns out, it's not too soon to think about forcing paperwhites to bloom for the holidays. They need to be started approximately four to six weeks from when you want them blooming.

You can do some containers for the Holiday Bazaar or some for yourself – or both! If you do them for the Holiday Bazaar, it will be okay if they are not in bloom, or even in bud, as long as the leaves are growing.

Bulbs are in stock at Walter Anderson's (9/22/2021) – they are \$1.29 each. You get a discount when buying in quantities. And don't forget the ten percent discount when you show your PLGC membership card!

All you need are bulbs, stones or pebbles, a container and water. Here is a web site with complete instructions:

<http://containergardening.about.com/od/containersyearround/ss/Paperwhites.htm>.



There are two tips to overcome the tendency of the plants falling over. One is to force the bulbs in a tall clear vase deep enough to support the grown plants. The other is to add some alcohol to the water once the leaves start growing.

If you read down to the bottom of the above link, the alcohol trick is explained in another article titled "What Does A Nip of Booze Do For Paperwhites?" You can also search for more detailed information on *paperwhites and alcohol* on the Internet.

If you have never done this before, I urge you to try a container or two (or tall clear vases) for yourself to see how easy and enjoyable this project is.

Thank you to Dale Rekus for this article.

October Calendar

October 6-9:30 a.m. Board meeting at the home of Kathleen Honeysett

October 13- 10:00 a.m. to noon General meeting, Portuguese Hall

October 11- 10 a.m. to noon Palomar District Meeting
Hosted by PLGC- Portuguese Hall

October 20th- 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Social in the Garden:
Colleen Casey's Garden

Maureen McGrath
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