



December 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be over, and it will be time to put away the pumpkins and pull out the Christmas decorations. We hope that your Thanksgiving was happy and not too fattening!

Speaking of food, our November meeting included important food for thought by way of an instructive presentation by Master Gardener Cindy Sparks Bruecks, regarding fire-resistant landscaping. And there was an entertaining mini talk on creating miniature gardens by Sherry Hebert and Kathleen Honeysett. Kathy Hargrove, who has chaired our food drive since its inception, gave a short history of the drive and how we came to work with the Salvation Army for this community service. The Salvation Army representative spoke briefly about their services.

But November is over and it's time to really get in gear for our Holiday Tea and Bazaar! Like last year, this event will be for members and invited (paid) guests only. Unlike last year, there is no limit to the number of guests. We encourage you to invite your friends! You can sign them up by going to the website event <https://plgc.org/event-5481438> and paying \$5 for each guest. If you have any trouble doing this, please contact me (Gail).

We hope you have signed up to help by bringing food or working on set-up, clean-up, or one of the other myriad tasks that make this event a success. Not to mention making wreaths, floral designs, goodies, etc. for sale! We hope you tried some of Pat Davis's blackberry jam, which she has donated to sell at the Bazaar. We're looking forward to seeing you at more workshops as well as the Tea and Bazaar.

Happy Holidays - Gail Trimble and Audrey Clark, Co-Presidents

Never Stop Growing

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WAYS AND MEANS

This year's Holiday Bazaar and Tea will be on December 13th, from 10:00-12:00. We are looking forward to seeing you and the guest(s) that you could be bringing with you. Many holiday items will be available to view and purchase.

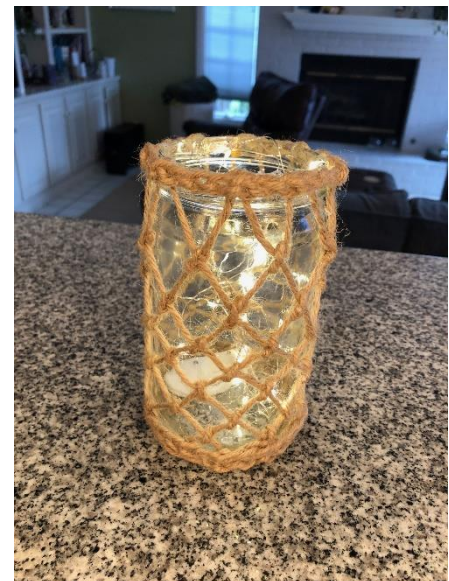
In order to be fully prepared for our yearly event, we are double-checking on all of our different volunteers, and the different ways you can help to make this a success. Please note the upcoming E-blasts; they will identify the exact types of assistance where we could use some more members' support.

Any crafts and designs that you make at home will truly be appreciated. Regarding freshly cut greenery and holiday decor, please drop them off to Susan Nance's home at 3534 Wilcox St., before noon on most days. Workshops will be held on December 11 and 12 at Susan's on Wilcox St. Details to follow.

The Holiday Bazaar and Tea will continue to be our yearly social success for all of us to share good cheer and enjoy! Be sure to shop; using cash and/or credit card.

Melinda Medina
Ways and Means Chairperson

Macramé craft
from a recent workshop.





MEMBERSHIP

The upcoming Holiday Tea and Bazaar (December 13) is the perfect time to invite your friends, neighbors, relatives, hair stylists, bankers, or anyone you run into to get to know our wonderful garden club. Plus, it gives your acquaintances an opportunity to see what Point Loma Garden Club is all about and how fun it is to be a member. New members bring new energy, new ideas and new friends to join in our passion for flowers, gardening and creating beauty in our own gardens and community. Or reach out to a member you have not seen in a while and invite them to join us on December 13 at the Portuguese Hall. Remember to sign up at our website if you invite guests - \$5 for each guest.

This is a simple reminder if you haven't renewed your membership yet - you will receive an email when your membership expires - and it is a very simple process to renew online. The following memberships are ready for renewal:
Lina Pei
Lauren Acevedo
Queen Lana Mapes

If you need any help with renewing or any questions regarding membership, feel free to contact Janet Nees (619-929-7770) or Cherie Abrahms (760-801-6875).

See you on December 13!

Janet Nees and Cherie Abrahms-
Membership Co-Chairs

Sunshine Lady

This is a reminder that Bev Bruff has taken over the job of Sunshine Lady. If you know someone who has experienced a loss in their family, had an accident or surgery or is ill and needs some comfort, please contact Bev and she will send a card to let them know we are thinking about them. She will also contact Petal Pushers to have them deliver flowers. It really is a wonderful gesture for the person who is not at their best. You can reach me at bevbruff@yahoo.com or on my landline 858-268-8088.

Bev Bruff- Sunshine Lady

POINT LOMA LIBRARY FLORAL DISPLAYS

Thanks to the November volunteers: Gail Trimble, Julie Hasl and Ken Fernandes. As you can see the month of December is open. Please email me to volunteer for one of these dates.

December 2		
December 9		
December 16		
December 23		
December 30		

Such a festive month! It should be easy and fun to take a holiday arrangement to the library.

You can email me to volunteer, Barbara Thomas - Btcondor@yahoo.com.

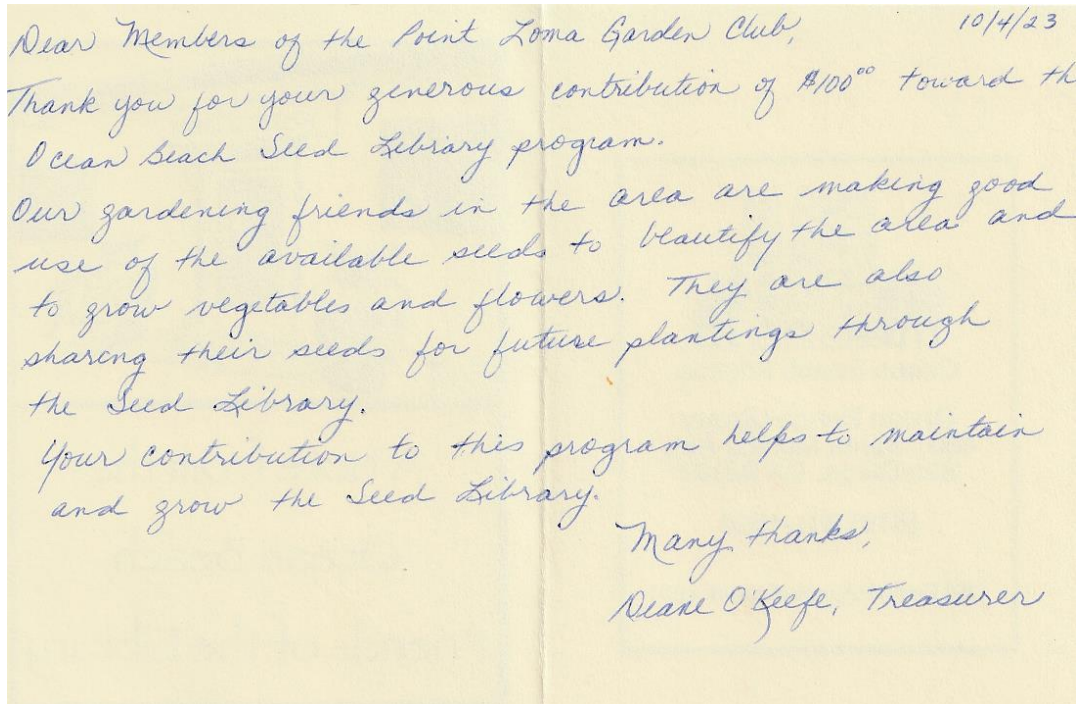
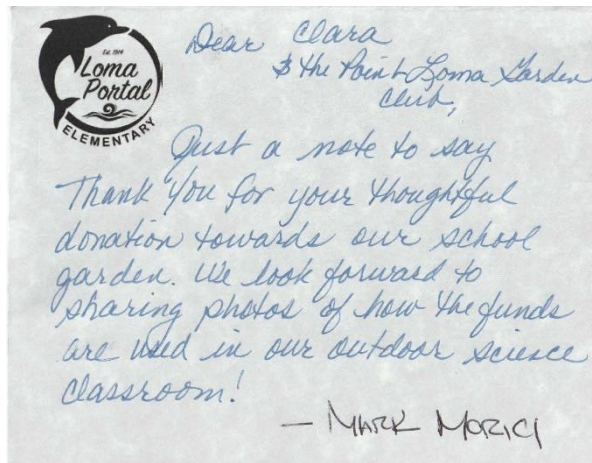


Philanthropic Committee

It has been our pleasure recently to share the generosity of PLGC with our community. We want to relay the gratitude of Cabrillo, Dewey, Loma Portal and Ocean Beach Elementary Schools. Each school has plans under way to put their donation to good use in their school gardens. Below are pictures of the new six raised bed gardens at Cabrillo and thank-you notes from Loma Portal and the library.

Our club also donated to help support the Ocean Beach Seed Library at the Ocean Beach Library. If you have time, drop by to pick up some seeds, donate seeds you have collected or take a class.

Martha White
& Clara Blenis-
Philanthropic
Committee



HORTICULTURAL TABLE

The Horticultural Table was awash in displays as members brought in the fruits of their gardening and design labors. It is, after all, our month of Thanksgiving. We welcomed Susan Nance's "Mandela's Gold" yellow Bird of Paradise flower. Susan also shared a Mandela's Gold Bird of Paradise with us last November, but this year her display was accompanied by a First-Place ribbon and an Award of Merit ribbon from the flower show. Congratulations, Susan! Jim Tullar shared a fruiting pineapple plant (symbol of hospitality) and a Tillandsia log. Dan Dennison brought in the largest impatiens plant I have ever seen. Debbie Hall toted her coffee bush to our meeting. Have you tried roasting the beans, Debbie? Dolly Hartman displayed echeveria grown pave'-style in a low, wide bowl. She started with 5 plants, and it took 4 years to get the beautiful and dense results that attracted so much attention. Dolly also displayed two colorful mugs, each filled generously with a healthy echeveria.

'Tis the season for Christmas and Thanksgiving Cacti, and Laurie Roeder brought in a classic red version while Christina Williams showed an unusual pale peach version. One benefit of working at the Horticultural Table is the opportunity to learn new things, and your author did just that while writing this update. Should I label them Christmas Cacti, or Thanksgiving Cacti? The internet rescued me with the information that Thanksgiving Cacti have yellow pollen, Christmas Cacti have pink pollen. We had Thanksgiving Cacti on our table! There are other differences, but it seems to me that pollen color is an easy way to provide identification. Now you can impress your friends this holiday season! Your next opportunity to share the delights of your garden will be at our January meeting. Hmmm...What will YOU bring?! We can't wait for you to share your joy of gardening with us.

Horticultural Table
Renee Kuernis & Pat Davis





What a glorious display at the Horticultural Table

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!

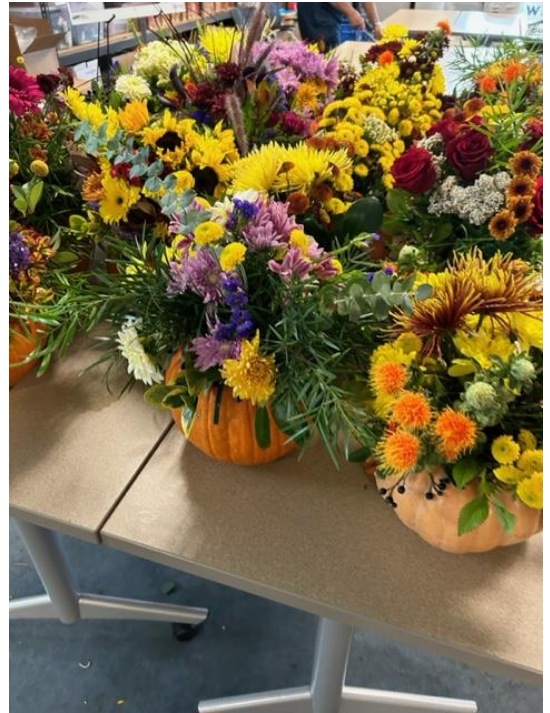
Below is the link to sponsor wreaths for Fort Rosecrans-

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

Petal Pushers

We were delighted to make 20 arrangements for a fall celebration for meals on wheels volunteers.

Blessings from All the Petalers, Kay Phillips



The Petal Pushers were ready for Halloween. Emy Yeazell is mounting her broomstick to deliver arrangements to clients. Michelle Engelman has a wedding bouquet of flowers ready to meet Frankenstein.



SOCIAL IN THE GARDEN

The Social in the Gardens will return in the spring. We are taking a break during the holidays and the rain (hopefully) that we will be receiving in January and February and will return in the spring.

Dates, time and place will appear in the 2024 newsletters and be mentioned at our meetings.

If you're interested in hosting or finding out about being a host, contact me bevbruff@yahoo.com or you can call me on my landline at 858 268 8088.



Bev Bruff- Social in the Gardens.



The Salvation Army representative on the left and the Representative, Gail Trimble and Kathy Hargrove in front of all the food we collected to donate. Great Job!!

December Calendar

November 30 - Tree Decorating – December Nights

December 1st & 2nd – Balboa Park December Nights.

TBA – Workshops for Holiday Tea & Bazaar

December 12th, Set Up Hall for Bazaar

December 13th, 10 am to noon-
Annual Holiday Tea and Bazaar

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