



January 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! Just wow!

Although by the time you read this, it will probably be 2024, we are writing this just two days after, in our totally objective opinion, the best Holiday Tea and Bazaar ever! When we walked into the Hall, we were stunned by the wealth of color and beauty on display, ranging from darling hand-made ornaments to dramatic wreaths and floral designs (not to mention all the goodies to eat and purchase). With attendance limited to members and invited guests only, more members had at least a few minutes to relax and socialize with friends old and new.

And it's not over yet. Right now, my (Gail's) washer and dryer are working overtime laundering tablecloths. Other members are putting in more miles running back and forth to our storage unit than they would on a weekend trip! We are still learning so much of the behind the scenes work that makes events like this go so flawlessly.

While it would be impossible to recognize everyone who made the Tea and Bazaar such a phenomenal success in this short article, we must applaud Melinda Medina, VP Ways and Means, and Sherry Hebert, our walking encyclopedia of all tasks related to the Bazaar, who guided Melinda every step of the way. Well done! We must also applaud the Holiday Tea Committee (Jana Weatherbee, Cyndi Eng, Susan Ritchey and Sandi Winter) for coordinating and serving a delectable assortment of goodies and the Coffee Committee (Carol Grant, Dorothy Schmidt, Jo Thompson, Joan Campagnolo) for the well-run tea and beverage service.

Now it's on to the New Year! After such a fantastic Tea and Bazaar, we look forward to even more wonderful activities in 2024!

Gail Trimble and Audrey Clark
Co-Presidents

Never Stop Growing

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Photos from the Holiday Tea and Bazaar



Cashiers



The men of the Garden Club



President Gail with Valerie Bronson's Grandson standing by the Holiday tree from The Prado.



The food and coffee crew

WAYS AND MEANS

Now as we come to the close of 2023 and the completion and success of the Holiday Tea and Bazaar. I'm reflecting on how our members did lots of preparations: creating both foods and designs at home, transporting and setting-up, volunteering this past week, and attending on Wednesday.

We had workshops this year for the planting of both succulents to root, other plants and flowers to root; two families tended to them at their homes; the Nance and Richardson families: thank you!. Workshops were held to design and create floral arrangements and we held the first ever macrame sessions. (The macrame sessions will begin again in February).

We had wonderful donations all year that we displayed and sold at our General Meetings at our re-invented Marketplace! We made money for our club that supports our membership and community interests.

This year I was able to attend the Palomar District meeting of the San Diego County's Garden clubs in October. I went with our Co-President, Audrey; we learned about the other clubs' endeavors, and have a couple of new ideas.

We now reach out to you, the membership, for more ideas of both old and new, to find ways to create items of interest for both ourselves and that we will sell at next year's Plant Sale and Holiday Bazaar. As a collective group, we can re-fashion our ideas, plans, and service goals. We can move forward in January at our next General Meeting on January 10.

Melinda Medina- Ways and Means



Melinda and Santa

MEMBERSHIP

We have one new member this month to introduce and welcome to Point Loma Garden Club.

Carol Pekin
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San Diego, CA
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Carol tells us that she loves to garden, and she knows many of our members personally. She constantly has cuttings to share and loves to see what other people do with their gardens. She has lived in Point Loma since 1985 and they have two grown sons. She is taking ballet with PLGC member Julie Hart and feels so lucky to be local. She is interested in community service and Petal Pushers. Welcome Carol!

Sunshine Lady

This is a reminder that Bev Bruff is now the 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 comforting, 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.

Natalie Crain creating
at a workshop



POINT LOMA LIBRARY FLORAL DISPLAYS

Many special thanks to Dale Rekus for covering the month of December so beautifully!

January 2		
January 9	Sherry Hebert	
January 16		
January 23		
January 30		

To fill the available slots you can email me to volunteer, Barbara Thomas - Btcondor@yahoo.com.



December Nights Holiday tree decorating crew: Valerie Bronson, Debbie Westbrook, Sandi Winter, Rose Mizrahi.

December Nights Floral Arrangements



These arrangements were displayed in room 101 during December Nights. These are from Mary Bateman, Dale Rekus, Rick Spear and Karen Worthington.

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH

PORTUGUESE HALL

9:30 AM – NOON

Buffet Floral Arrangement – Dale Rekus

Hospitality – Brenda Ferich, Donna Flaherty, Maureen Flores, Merrie Friberh-Shinn, Angela Geis, Jeanette Goldfarb, Carol Grant, Joan Greenhood, Karan Greenwald, Debbie Hall, Kathy Hargrove, Julie Hart, Dolly Hartman, Julie Hasl, Linda Hitney, Kathleen Honeysett

10 AM – General Meeting

5 Minute Presentation – Gail Avants: Garden Game

Program – Living Coast Discovery Center Animal Ambassadors

Animal care specialists from Living Coast will bring a bird and a reptile and talk about their habitats and adaptations. The Living Coast Discovery Center is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit zoo and aquarium located in San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Founded in 1987 as the Chula Vista Nature Interpretive Center, for more than 30 years they have reached thousands of children through field trips, outreaches scout programs and other community education programs.

Lecture and Animals!



HORTICULTURAL TABLE

Fellow Growers,

What a treat to see and enjoy the work of your hands at our Holiday Bazaar! It was a feast for the eyes and tummy and all our other senses, wasn't it? It's as if the entire room was turned into one big Horticulture Table. Let me list a few categories that I noticed. No one could miss the beautiful collection of Paperwhite Narcissus nurtured to maturity in your homes and gardens. (Yes, Paperwhite is all one word). See? You learn something here every month. Truth be told, I had to look it up to be sure.

The smell of our home-grown greenery permeated the hall and put us in a festive mood. All those greens contributed to an amazing collection of artistic arrangements (lucky you if you have one in your home for the holidays). And they added a fresh dimension to artificial wreaths and arrangements. Just think... our green thumbs brought a new lease on life to holiday décor that was on its way to a new home. Hmmmm... there's a lesson in there somewhere, I'm sure.

Some of what we grew will end up in happy tummies this Christmas. I can't wait to taste the hot pepper jelly that many of you helped to create. I like mine with cream cheese and a Ritz. How about you?

By the time this newsletter arrives, it'll be January 2024. For gardeners, January often means "seed catalogs" and "garden plans" as we prepare for a new growing season. January also means primroses in the grocery store, blooming aloes along the roadways, and a harvest of cool-season veggies. In January you may have your work cut out for you, too. It's the season for putting in bare root plants, many trees and shrubs are pruned in January and February, and winter rains make mold and mildew happy (and us unhappy). So step out into your garden, enjoy the fruits of your labors, and bring something to share with us at the Horticulture Table next month! We can't wait to see what's growing in your garden!

Your Horticulture Table Duo,
Renee Kuerbis & Pat Davis



FIELD TRIPS

January 17

Desert Theater

**9655 Kiwi Meadow Lane,
Escondido**



Desert Theater is a cactus nursery owned and operated by Brandon Bullard, also known as ‘The Cactus Guy,’ who will lead us on a tour. The visit will begin at the large sloping cactus garden with old-growth, large cacti. Parts of the garden feel more like being in a forest since the plants are so incredibly tall. This is a truly unique, rustic, and natural display of familiar and rare species. There is a colorful video of aloes in bloom by Debra Lee Baldwin, a local expert on succulents, on the deserttheater.com website. The full bloom will not be happening for our visit, though some cacti are blooming. Across the street is the nursery where plants are for sale.

We’ll meet at 9:00 AM at the parking lot for Seahive in Liberty Station (near Slater’s 50/50) for carpooling. It is suggested to wear sturdy shoes with tread on them since we’ll be walking on dirt paths that slope downward. Hats are recommended as the entire operation is outdoors; it may be cool.

Lunch will be at the local Side Yard Public House, owned by the family that also owns the Market at Hidden Meadows next door. They have a variety of food options including salads, burgers, sandwiches, and tacos. A relaxed and casual indoor patio seating area will easily accommodate our group.

Side Yard Public House
10326 Meadow Glen Way E, Escondido

January Calendar

January 3, 9:30 am to noon - Board Meeting - Home of Melinda Medina

January 10, 9:30 am to noon - General Meeting, Portuguese Hall.

January 17, Field Trip, Desert Theater Nursery,

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