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ENJOY, ENHANCE AND
ENRICH OUR
GROUNDS THROUGH
EDUCATION,
PLANTING AND
COMMUNITY !!

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Presidents' Message

Sharon Dunn and Janet Sperber



Happy Spring fellow SJCGC members!

We hope you've had a chance to drive up La Novia to view the beautifully colorful sweet peas that were sowed after our first rain. We know when we see them that lots of exciting events are around the corner and we will hear all about them from our VP of Programs, Pat Martin, and other various committee chairwomen. We will begin with our next event in April, Stroll in the Garden. Our generous hostesses are looking forward to your participation, so please inform Karen Rottmann if you are planning to attend. We do need a figure count so that we know how many to expect. May takes us back to our home base at the golf club where we will learn all about fuchsias and then in June we are off on our postponed trip to the Norton Simon Museum and lunch in Pasadena. July will bring us more fun as we tote all of our gently-used garden items to Trash to Treasures, where we will happily compete for just the right item to round out our collections of "stuff." Can we be mentioning the August BBQ yet? ~ it's only April. Yes, we can and are because it's a great way to end the summer season and it's a wonderful event that takes a fair amount of planning. Our committee is starting to form and we're hoping to round it out with more volunteers. So if you would like to share your talents, please contact Mary Crawford.

We were fortunate to host the Orange District Region of California Garden Clubs on the lawn of our beautifully maintained Historical Society where we were entertained by the history and stories of local historian, Jan Siegel, as she educated us about the trees, unique plants and crops that help make our city a charming and interesting place to live. Thanks to all who joined us!!!

Below you will see our Donor Opportunities, so please look it over and send your donation to Nancy Cangiano should you wish to be included.

Until next time..... be well, stay safe and enjoy your days!



Sharon & Janet



COMMUNITY FOCUS ...



As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, The San Juan Capistrano Garden Club seeks sponsors for a variety of philanthropic and community activities.

Benefits of Sponsorship

Giving to the Community - Our sponsors help make scholarships possible for students who are interested in horticulture and related fields, and our donations possible for other youth gardening programs.

Visibility in the Community -

Sponsor names are recognized at all club general meetings and to hundreds of guests at our annual Garden Tour. They appear in our Club Roster, on our Website, in our monthly Newsletter, and various other fundraiser brochures throughout the club year.

We invite you to ~~

"Come and Help us Grow!!"



Sponsor Opportunity Levels {2021-2022}

Lady Bug \$50. +

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Butterfly \$100. +

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Dragon Fly \$200. +

*Marilyn Falls
Kathy Holman*

Honey Bee \$500. +

Swallow \$1000. +

PROGRAMS

By Pat Martin

The Architectural Tour through San Juan was a great success, with over 25 curious gardeners learning the behind the scenes stories of our beautiful community. If you missed out on this guided tour, I highly recommend attending one of the Saturday tours. Contact the Friends of the Library or The Historical Society for more information.

Please mark your calendars for our May 16th meeting at the golf club. Our guest speaker will be Suzanne Butala of the Fuchsia Society. Suzanne will be sharing her years of knowledge in propagating and caring for fuchsias, so come with your questions, successes and failures so we can all learn.

On June 20th we will be taking our rescheduled trip to the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena. Unless you have indicated you wished a refund, those of you who paid previously are listed as interested in attending in June. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May meeting and, remember, we will be looking for drivers to help us all get to the museum and lunch in Pasadena. Given the cost of fuel, it is expected that all riders will contribute to the driver to cover the cost of the ride share.

For July, we are planning our Trash to Treasures event for our in-person meeting. This event is always such fun as we outbid our friends for one of the treasures provided by garden club members. So start collecting ~ gently used garden items, art work, kitchen items and generally anything you think might interest one of our members. It is always such fun to see what is collected . . . treasures all!

Call me with any questions you may have @ 949-584-0436.

**STROLL
THRU OUR
GARDENS**
By Karen
Rottmann



San Juan Capistrano Garden Club's
Stroll in the Gardens

MEMBERS ONLY EVENT
Monday, April 18, 10 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Please join us as we leisurely tour four unique gardens being generously offered by members of our club. We will have an opportunity to go to each garden at our own pace and each of our gardening hosts are looking forward to seeing you there.

Pat Linville 24461 Antilles Way Dana Point	Nancy Cangiano 27579 Paseo Castile San Juan Capistrano	Pat Lussier 27203 Paseo Lomita San Juan Capistrano	Karen Rottmann 31252 Belford Drive San Juan Capistrano
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It's spring in San Juan Capistrano and I know we are all welcoming Spring !! And that means our Garden Stroll is getting close!

We have four gardens for you to tour ~ each of them wonderful and unique in their own way.

The Stroll is on April 18th from 10am to 12:30pm. There will be plenty of time to view the gardens as three of them are very closely located. I would suggest carpooling if you can as a couple of the gardens have limited parking in their areas. It's also fun to go with others to admire the hard work and love our members have put into their gardens. The stroll is self-guided so you can start wherever you want ~ one garden is in Dana Point and the other three are in San Juan Capistrano.

Thanks to everyone who has RSVP'D. We have over 40 members attending so far. There is no formal lunch planned so plan to join other members and enjoy lunch at your favorite spot.

Hope to see you on the 18th!! Spring is one of the best times of the year to enjoy our gardens.



MEMBERSHIP

By Jeannette Pease

Great News~ we've added 4 new members for a grand total of **75 !!** Remember to give a hearty welcome to all our newbies and make them feel at home. Also please notify me if you are lacking a name tag and/or the membership cards for our club and the California Garden Club. You can reach me at jeannettepease@gmail.com. Thanks so much for your help !!

Pamela Hammer is a returning member and we are so happy to have her back.

Thom Hobbs grew up in Riverside and was introduced to the our club by his friend and neighbor, Mary Crawford. He is a dedicated volunteer and member of both the San Juan Historical Society and the Fiesta Association. As a graduate of San Diego State in Business Administration and Finance he began his career as financial advisor for SoCal area banks, eventually becoming an executive officer in multiple organizations. He supervised everything from print shop to finances for top management. Recently Thom earned an MBA from Redlands University. He loves nature and being outdoors as well as animals of all kinds. He has camped and photographed extensively throughout the United States.

Colleen Kahl was introduced to the club By Diane Hegyi. She grew up in the San Fernando Valley, and has spent time in the San Diego area where she assisted her husband's family in their grape-growing business... harvesting and producing wine. She graduated from San Diego State with a degree in Health Education, Nutrition and Fitness, so her interest in growing veggies, in particular, is a natural fit. Coleen moved recently to Dana Point and, like Thom, she is a nature lover who finds spiritual healing in gardening and being outdoors. She has a son and a daughter and is eagerly awaiting the arrival of her first grandchild.

Carol Lowe, also a California native, grew up in Los Angeles where she attended Wilson High School. She is a long-time friend of our member, Rose Smuckler, whom she met while commuting together to cooking class. Carol is a member of several clubs including a bunco group which has met for over fifty years. She's also a member of the Beverly Sill Chapter of Children for the Arts at the Segerstrom Center and the Mission Women's Guild. In addition to all this, Carol enjoys reading and travel and has just returned from a trip to Egypt.

More fun pics from District Meet... story next page !!



LA SALA

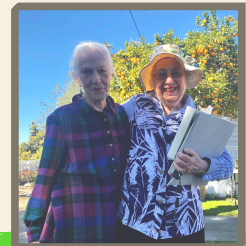
by Mary Crawford



The La Sala Gardening Team goes to great heights to keep the courtyard at the SJC Library looking its best!

A number of years ago, SJCGC beautified the courtyard with new trees and hardscape and the reflection pool area with plants and large pots. The team, led by Nancy Cangiano, enjoys keeping the area dazzling and a source of pride for our club. Inge Harris (shown in picture) and Nancy have great skills in gardening and keep the worker bees busy and productive.

We meet on Monday mornings (to avoid the heat of the day) once a month. We'd love to have new members to join our team and partner in on the fun. Surprisingly (or maybe not), we really do have fun together!



by Mary Crawford

SJCGC hosted the Orange District Region of California Garden Clubs Inc. (CGCI). The SJC Historical Society generously opened their beautiful property and allowed the 50 guests to get a small taste of the history and beauty of San Juan Capistrano. Historian Jan Siegel offered information on the unique plants, trees, and crops of the San Juan Capistrano area from the time of the Acjachemem Juaneno people to current time.

SJCGC is proud to be a member of the CGCI. Please check out all the programs and offerings at californiagardenclubs.com. The Orange District meets together every quarter: the next meeting will be on June 27, 2022, 9 am – 11 am at Sherman Gardens. Much more information can be found at ocdistrict.org.



Sweet Peas at La Novia by Nancy Cangiano

Our sweet peas are making a spring showing!! A drive up or down La Novia between the RV park and the turn about will give you a chance to appreciate our pink, white, and red sweet peas showing off their flying colors. The SJCGC has broadcast sweet pea seeds for at least 6 years on this section of upslope bordering La Novia Street. How flashy or skimpy the show depends on Mother Nature and the rain cycle. We were fortunate this year having had rain immediately before and after our casting of seeds. While we may not have the extravagant show of two years ago, it looks like we are off to a good start.

Sweet pea bloom is encouraged by having the blossoms picked but not torn out of the ground, therefore, you don't need to shout "STOP" at neighbors who choose to cut a few blossoms for their private enjoyment. ENJOY, APPRECIATE, AND SMELL THESE SPECIAL FLOWERS!

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