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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



We are off to a good start ushering in the holidays with our always popular November craft. The many of you who participated used your creativity to fashion great looking fall centerpieces on a bright, sunny day at the golf club under a canopy of trees. It was fun to be outside and several passersby stopped to admire the handiwork as they made their way along the paths. All of this was accomplished under the leadership of our VP of Programs, Pat Martin, with the help of Kathy Dixon and your Presidents.

Remember to sign up and make your payment for our next event, the Holiday Brunch, on December 13th. Brunch is a first for us so I think we're all in for a treat.... who doesn't like warm syrup over waffles and/or any of the delicious additional choices.

Moving forward, please look for details and payment information for our January excursion to the Norton Simon Museum followed by lunch in Pasadena.

As you can see, Pat Martin VP of Programs, has a very busy and challenging position arranging our excursions and speakers. It's a big job for one person and we would very much appreciate having a member share some of the responsibilities with Pat. Please be in touch if you would like to offer your talents.

The Board has voted to honor one of our own, Roz Morrissey, by naming one of our two scholarships in her name. Over the years Roz has contributed immensely to our club and her accomplishments are many: serving as President among other Board positions, designing and printing our membership cards and name tags, designing the garden bench at La Sala, designing many flyers and printing them all for us. Most importantly Roz was instrumental in taking us from a local garden club to a 5013c Charitable Organization, elevating us to a more consequential status which has allowed us to make tangible contributions to our community. Her many talents and willingness to bring them to our club has benefitted us all and we hope to continue in the spirit that she helped initiate.

Hope to see you all in December.



Sharon & Janet



**PROGRAMS
By Pat Martin**



Our fall craft meeting was a great success with such creativity on display, as you can see by the photos. I already have a plan for next year's project, so stay tuned!!
{More photos to brag about on page 6}

I will be accepting \$12.00 checks at the Christmas brunch for our January field trip to the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena. The date is set for January 17th and we are looking for drivers to help with transportation. It should be a fun-filled day with lunch in Old Pasadena, stunning artwork and the museum's Sculpture Garden with lush pond, stately trees, and colorful shrubs and flowers. I will be following up with more information as we get nearer to our departure date.

As a reminder, our February speaker is a fabulous floral designer who first presented to us four years ago. Kathe Hayden will again honor us with her creative, yet simple arrangements at our February 21st meeting at the club. It should draw a large crowd, so mark your calendars and come early for a good seat.



MEMBERSHIP

By Jeannette Pease

Here are our four new SJC Garden Club members!!

Laura Little grew up in Chicago and St. Paul. She fled the midwest cold for college at the University of Arizona where she majored in English and History. During her 30-year career in public education for the Capo-Valley School District, she taught English in both high school and middle school. The Great Gatsby was her favorite teaching material. In addition to her gardening interests in hydrangeas, roses, bulbs and herbs, Laura enjoys cooking and she founded a Gourmet Cooking Club which still thrives forty years later. Having moved from Laguna Niguel to the Loma Vista neighborhood in San Juan six years ago, she became a friend of Nancy Cangiano who was successful in introducing her to our organization. She says transforming her garden from its former sparkly white rocks and one lone shrub has been a chore. She looks forward to meeting new friends and gathering new gardening ideas.

Rus Miller, although born in Tennessee, grew up as an Army dependent living everywhere from Germany to Japan. He's married to Lauraine, who is still working very hard as a human resources consultant in her own company. They have four adult children. Rus has had several careers, ranging from nuclear submarine officer to working in the solar plant and industrial technology industries. In addition to being a very avid gardener, Rus and his wife love to travel. They especially like to ski and scuba dive. He is a friend and neighbor of Karen Rottmann, who has very cleverly convinced him to

become a member as well as a future garden stroll participant. He's in the process of a major garden re-design and is looking forward to its completion. Also he's looking forward to enhancing his education regarding fruit trees, habitats for bees, and birds and butterflies from our members and speakers.

Kay Zoltan grew up in Oklahoma and finished college at the University of Wyoming where she majored in English. She soon moved to Orange County where she taught English and Special Education for the Anaheim and Placentia school districts. After acquiring two master's degrees, one in Special Education and the other in Counseling and Psychology, Kay became a psychologist at El Dorado High School in Placentia. She's currently enjoying retirement in San Clemente, where she's a member of the San Clemente-Capo Valley AAUW Branch and volunteers at the San Clemente Library. She enjoys gardening, caring for her kitty, cooking, crafts, making floral arrangements and most especially, frequent travel.

Susan Nawa-Raridon grew up in Covina and currently lives in Dana Point. As a teen, Susan lived in Reading, Pennsylvania, and attended Wilson High School. Current members, Mary Davidson and Penny Smith, encouraged her to join the garden club. A graduate of UCLA and Cal State, Susan is a nurse practitioner who spent 30 years as a Professor of Nursing at Saddleback College teaching in the areas of Prenatal and Postpartum Health. "Working with new mothers and their children was a joy," she says. Susan and her husband, Bud, have three daughters. Besides gardening, her other passions are quilting, travel and playing the ukulele. Switzerland is favorite destination along with Lake Tahoe. Her special garden interest is irises. She will be a great go-to for tips on irises.

Please give them a warm welcome when you meet them!!!



LA NOVIA SWEET PEA PLANTING

by Nancy Cangiano



Hopefully we will get some rain in the next weeks. If so, I'll send out a bulletin to let you know the day for planting. Our dry terrain would not be a hospitable place for our seeds at this time.

Those of us who have been out to broadcast seeds in the past can attest to what an invigorating and stimulating time we have had. You go away with a feel-good feeling that you have from planting seeds that'll bring joy to all who pass, as they see and smell those magnificent sweet peas.

So pray for RAIN RAIN RAIN !!!

SWEET STEM SENDERS

By Kathy Dixon



It was great seeing our Seniors again at Atria Senior Living! We visited the seniors and passed out fall door hangers. They were so very grateful for both their gifts and our visit..... it's always such a rewarding trip! We're looking forward to Christmas time and making and delivering more holiday cheer to our senior community!!



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