

# DECEMBER NEWS

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



## Presidents' Message

Sharon Dunn and Janet Sperber



**Happy Holidays Gardening Friends!!**

We had a small but fruitful November craft meeting and with Thanksgiving the same week as our meeting I imagine many of you were in the midst of planning your dinner or traveling. We were sorry to have missed you but those who attended created some lovely gourds and pumpkins. We snipped away at the greenery, got mod podge all over, evaluated with a critical eye and we did some of it while either laughing or groaning, at least in my case. In any event, we created an interesting addition to our fall décor while visiting with friends... what could be better? A thank you to Pat Martin for arranging the craft and also to Kathy Dixon for helping provide some guidance. Pat and Kathy were encouraging and good instructors.

We had signups for the Holiday Brunch and many are now on the list of attendees; it's going to be a party! Pat Lussier and her committee are promising a great time without divulging any of their plans for the event~ even with promises to keep their plans under wraps. We're all in for a delicious brunch and lots of holiday cheer. We can't wait to see what they have in store for us and to gather with friends, old and new.

At our general meeting it was announced we are donating \$2000 for a facelift to the bathroom at the Leck House to bring it up to date while keeping it authentic to its period.

It was also announced that we no longer will provide maintenance for La Sala at the SJC Library. Nancy and her crew did an outstanding job for several years and we owe her and her team a big thanks for their hard work and dedication to keeping the courtyard in such good shape and beautifying it.

Our April Stroll in the Garden is coming up and the planning must start. We have gardens to view and we only need one or two more... so if you are willing to show your garden, please let us know. We need docents to check in guests and generally help by directing people through the gardens. It is a member's-only stroll, however, each member may bring guests for \$10 each. Members are free. Please know that we will greatly appreciate your involvement, so join our committee, get involved, and have fun. We promise you'll be glad you did!!

We wish a safe and happy holiday and a very good 2023 to each of you.



Sharon & Janet





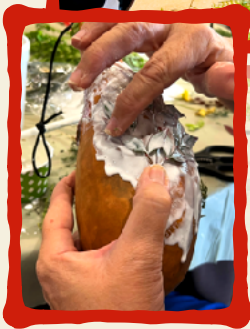
## PROGRAMS

By Pat Martin



We had a fun time at our fall craft meeting being creative with pumpkins, gourds and embellishments from nature. It always amazes me how the same supplies turn out so very differently for each person, as we have some very artistic members.

{See more photos on page 7}




We are all looking forward to the Christmas brunch in December; more on that from Pat Lussier to follow.

Our January field trip is scheduled for January 19, 2023, which is a Thursday. We will be caravanning to the Food and Farm Lab at the Great Park in Irvine. They have so much to share, with a butterfly garden, spaghetti and pizza garden, composting demonstrations and information on classes on preserving and canning. It should be a fun time, and a great way to see what a terrific park Irvine has provided to South Orange County to enjoy! I especially want to invite our new members to join us for this outing, our field trips are a great way to meet other members and find new friends who share similar interests. I will have a sign up sheet available at the Christmas Brunch.

If you have any questions, please call me at 949-584-0436.



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| 12/12. | Holiday Brunch & Reindeer Games  | 10:00 AM @ GC |
| 1/19.  | Food & Farm Lab, Great Park, Irvine.  | Details TBA   |
| 2/30.  | Tool Care & Maintenance Speaker   | 10:00 AM @ GC |
| March. | Rancho Los Alamitos Field Trip.   | Details TBA   |

\* GC ~ SJC Golf Club



### MEMBERSHIP

By Jeannette Pease

Former member, Mariza Oliva, re-joined at our November general meeting so our SJC Garden Club membership now totals 64!!

Our current Member Directory is distributed by Barbara Luby as part of the monthly newsletter; however, I am solely responsible for any discrepancies or mistakes so please email me directly so I can make the needed corrections. My email is [jeannettepease@gmail.com](mailto:jeannettepease@gmail.com). Thanks everyone !!

### Donations Needed

We will be collecting your donated gardening items at the Holiday Brunch to help our two elementary schools start and maintain the gardens which were lost during Covid. Their needs are anything from seeds to tomato cages and everything in between. You can leave your items in your car and we will collect them at the end of the event

Thanks so much! Sharon & Janet





## SWEET STEM SENDERS

By Kathy Dixon



Stem Senders was so very rewarding this visit. Atria residents were so excited as they received their velvet, succulent-topped pumpkins!

As we visited the guest rooms we noticed many of them were displaying the decor made for them, by us, during the past several years. We were invited into many of their suites to chat and visit. It was so truly satisfying seeing their faces and their willingness to share their time and stories with us!

We are looking forward to returning to celebrate Christmas with our friends at Atria! Thanks to all the gals who participated in the creation and delivery of the gifts. They include Wendy Corzatt, Peggy Byrnes, Janet Sperber and myself.





\* This month we have received thank you letters from two recipients of our donations~~ San Juan Elementary School and Saddleback College Foundation.

**San Juan Elementary School writes:**

"We would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$750.00 to purchase garden supplies and materials. Your generosity will allow us to renew and enrich our School Garden and is greatly appreciated."

**Saddle Back College Foundation shares student responses:**

"Receiving financial support has changed my life...and allowed me to continue my education at Saddleback, realize that my dreams and goals matter and restored hope for my future."

In addition, the Foundation reports having received "\$72,000 in matching scholarships through Associated Students Government. All scholarship donations will be matched until those funds are exhausted. The 2023 -2024 application cycle is now being prepared. "

Thank you for your continued generosity and kindness in supporting the needs of our students. Our donation of \$2,000.00 could conceivably be valued at \$4,000.00. The check is in the mail.

\* A note from our Treasurer, Nancy Cangiano



# San Juan Capistrano Garden Club

## Holiday Brunch and Reindeer Games

### Monday, December 12, 2022—10 a.m.

San Juan Hills Golf Course

Extended  
Deadline !!

11/30  
TODAY



*Come and Join the Fun*



Don't  
Forget !



*With a Surprise Guest Appearance*

Enjoy a lovely buffet brunch,  
entertainment, games w/prizes and  
a party favor to take home

**\$40 per member - PAYMENT MUST BE  
RECEIVED BY: NOVEMBER 30**

Warm waffles w/maple syrup, scrambled eggs,  
smoked bacon & sausages, fresh berries w/whipped  
cream, seasonal fresh fruit, coffee, tea, juice.

No host bar available

You may bring cash/check to the  
November meeting OR Mail to:  
Pat Lussier, 27203 Paseo Lomita,  
San Juan Capistrano, 92675

Checks payable to: SJC GC



**DEADLINE: November 30th (extended deadline)**

*This is a members only event*









**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 !!"*

 [www.SanJuanCapistranoGardenClub.com](http://www.SanJuanCapistranoGardenClub.com)  
{For Sponsor Information}

*Thank You To Our Sponsors:*

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Yvonne DeYonker  
Linda Hall  
Pat Kenner  
Pat Lussier  
Janet Sperber  
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*Butterfly*

Nancy Cangiano  
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Organized 2001

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