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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



Hello Gardening Friends!

We will be having our end of the year meeting on May 15th and we hope to see you there. We will have our year-end reports and will be giving you updated information.

Our guest speaker will be our very own Mary Crawford who will be speaking about community organizations that are closely aligned with our endeavors to educate and facilitate all things related to our love of gardening. Mary is an inspiring speaker so you won't want to miss her.

Our V.P. of Programs, Pat Martin, will be giving all of the pertinent information for the June excursion. Pat has done an outstanding job in her board position and we have all been the beneficiaries of her hard work and attention to detail in planning and executing our meetings and excursions. A big heartfelt thanks to Pat!

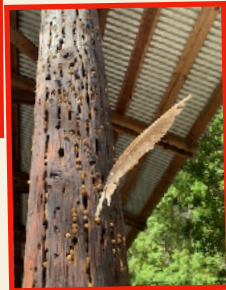
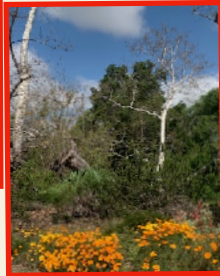
We hope you are all enjoying the lovely wildflowers that are so prolific this spring.



Sharon & Janet

PROGRAMS

By Pat Martin

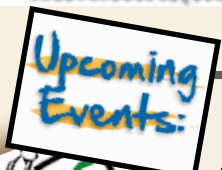


We had a very informative tour at the Tree of Life Nursery last week. There were so many beautiful flowering California native plants that could be incorporated into our landscapes. Spring is an especially beautiful time to view their gardens and growing beds, and I highly recommend a visit if you have time while the poppies are still in bloom!!

Our next field trip will be to the South Coast Research and Extension Center in Irvine on Friday, June 23rd at 9:30 AM. There is only room for 20 people on the tractor-driven ride around the grounds so be sure to sign up early for this fun and informative event at the May meeting at the club. South Coast REC serves as a regional living laboratory for UC scientists to conduct agricultural and natural resources management research and extend research-based information to a wide spectrum of audiences. Research and extension efforts are focused on fruits and vegetables including, but not limited to, avocados, apples, citrus, stone fruits, strawberries, cherimoyas, persimmons, blueberries, and dragon fruit. We will be meeting across from the golf club at 9:30 to carpool to the facility for a 10:00 docent-led tour. If you have questions, give me a call.



*South Coast Research and Extension Center
Irvine, CA*



- 5/15. Business Meeting and Guest Speaker, Mary Crawford, @ the Golf Club. 10:00 AM
- 6/23. South Coast Research Center, Irvine, Field Trip 9:30 AM



MEMBERSHIP

By Jeannette Pease

Nothing new to report folks !! We're still 67 members strong and the Membership Roster appears to be right on target. Have a great month and let's all enjoy the "May flowers" ... while we have them !!!



SWEET STEM SENDERS
By Kathy Dixon



Sweet Stem Senders met and created Spring gifts for all those residents at Atria Senior Living. Sharon Dunn, Jenell Blue, Peggy Byrnes, Janet Sperber, Wendy Ricci and Kathy Dixon met and decorated colorful plastic eggs that could be hung on the residents doors. The gifts were met with great enthusiasm from everyone looking forward to Spring and Easter festivities.

We love our SENIORS!!!



... the rain storms this spring have brought out an amazing number of Sweet Peas to the slope on La Novia. We didn't plant new seeds this winter as there was such a poor showing last year. I'm sure some of these are from our seeds. And many of them are "Be Backs" ~ as I lovingly refer to them ~ seeds that were planted by Mother Nature from past plantings that were dropped when the pods dried out.

There are a large number of recurring flowers that have been naturalized over the years. They are the reddish-purple blossoms. Newer plants have the pink or white and red blossom mixed. I have noticed plants blooming on the north slope too. Lavender sweet peas are mixed in with the native *Statice* blooms. Since they are both purple, it makes them a little harder to spot.

It's okay to pick them if you're sure-footed. Bring scissors so that you get just the blossom's stem and not the entire plant. My kids cut a couple of handfuls for small bouquets so that we can have that sweet glorious smell in the house. If your nose is good, you can roll down the window in your car and catch a bit of a whiff as you drive by.

The plants are growing on the south-side slope of La Novia as you approach the turn-around.



Enjoy!!
Nancy Cangiano



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