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

# NOVEMBER NEWS

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## Presidents' Message

*Sharon Dunn and Janet Sperber*



Happy fall to all of you! Isn't it nice to anticipate the arrival of Thanksgiving with family, friends and delicious food tempting us to throw calorie counting aside for a few indulgent months? We are enjoying grinning pumpkins, more seasonal temps and plans to squeeze months of social activities into 5 or so weeks of merry making. What could be more fun!



To kick off the season some of you enjoyed the excursion to Fallbrook where you visited the Wellborn Gourd Farm and purchased gourds or pumpkins to decorate at our November craft meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Pat Martin, VP Programs, will be giving you all of the details.

We have been able to donate funds to several worthy entities~ one of which is Knots of Love, a non-profit whose members knit beanies for those going through chemo and baby blankets for infants in NICU ICU. In addition, we are donating funds to both Del Obispo School and San Juan Elementary School. Our donations will be helping each school bring their gardens up to pre-pandemic levels and their needs are everything from soil and seeds to fencing, repairs and large items like potting benches and tool sheds. We are so gratified that we can help the dedicated teachers and parent volunteers with such a worthwhile endeavor as they work to instill an appreciation of gardening in their students.

Just a reminder to all members~ we hope those of you who are interested will join our Board Meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> or any of our monthly Board meetings. We want you to see how we work to achieve our mutual goals and we can accommodate two of you at each meeting. Please let us know if you plan to attend; we would be happy to have you.

There will be a sign-up sheet for the Holiday Brunch at the November meeting so please remember to bring your checkbooks. The cost is \$40 for this much-anticipated event and we know it will be worth every penny because our creative and hard-working committee has a very interesting and fun event planned for us... plus, you get to have waffles with all of the accompanying and delicious goodies that go with them!

The 50/50 raffle will continue to add to the Holiday Brunch coffers. Please bring cash to purchase tickets and maybe you'll even win some money for your own holiday shopping.

We'll see you soon and we're looking forward to admiring your creatively-decorated gourds!!



*Sharon & Janet*

## PROGRAMS

By Pat Martin



The field trip to the Welburn Gourd Farm was lots of fun! Fifteen members joined in for a day of exploring the thousands of gourds on display and finding the perfect one to bring home-- followed by a delicious lunch in Fallbrook!

Next week I will be purchasing the supplies for our November 21st fall craft, so please contact me by November 4th if you wish to join in on the fun. The supply fee of \$5.00 will be collected from each participant the day of the craft. You will need to bring a light-colored, smooth-skinned pumpkin or gourd for this project, a pair of scissors, and something to carry it home in- like a pie tin or a box of some sort. A thin pair of throw-away gloves might be a good idea too! We will provide expertise, glue, paint brushes, foliage, and varathane spray to finish off our projects. If you have beautifully-colored leaves, ferns or other items that you would like to add to your fall masterpiece, bring them along- just be sure to press them in a book overnight to flatten them. Oh, and if you are interested in viewing the inspiration for this project, go to YouTube and watch Linda Vater's "Bring the Outdoors Indoors with Style" segment.



Our January field trip is set for Wednesday, 1/25/23, and it's a docent-led tour of The Rancho Los Alamitos. This site is part of an original 300,000 acre land concession given in 1790 to Manuel Nieto for his service on the Gaspar de Portola expedition to California on behalf of Spain. So mark your calendars for this event and join in for a bit of history, some exercise, and a fun lunch out with your gardening buddies!!



- 11/21. Fall Pumpkin/Gourd Decorating 10:00 AM @ GC
- 12/12. Holiday Brunch & Reindeer Games 10:00 AM @ GC
- 1/25. The Rancho Los Alamitos Field Trip Details TBA
- 2/30. Tool Care & Maintenance Speaker 10:00 AM @ GC

\* GC ~ SJC Golf Club



**MEMBERSHIP**  
By Jeannette Pease

We're still at 64 members. Most of our former members have re-joined as of this date.

If you notice an error in the member roster, please let me know so I can correct it. Thank you !!



Kathy Dixon and her Sweet Stem Senders this month, Peggy Byrns and Pat Martin in front, and left to right, Diane Hegyi, Sheila Hammer, Kathy, Mozelle Sukut, and Janet Sperber, have gathered at Wendy Corzatt's house to create Halloween crafts for the residents of Atria Assisted Living Facility in San Juan. Much appreciated as always were the artful door and wall treats which surely added holiday cheer to everyone there.

Thanks, Ladies !!

**LA SALA**  
**By Nancy Cangiano**

Winter is on it's way and the Crepe Myrtles are beginning to shed their leaves. The Lantana was clipped extensively to allow fresh leaves and eventually flowers. Vines are trimmed and beautiful.

I would like to thank my ever-faithful committee members for their continued support for this long-term project: Mary Crawford, Inga Harris, Dona Helmick, Pat Martin, Carolyn Schneider, and Donna Sheaffer. I also would like to thank Valerie Drey for having the inspiration to contact the City of San Juan Capistrano regarding this idea and both for creating the vision!!



*In case you're interested in the history of early California - a film Mike Evans has spearheaded will be shown at the SJC Theatre for a special viewing on Thursday Nov 10th - tickets \$20 - The director will be there for Q and A session.*

**LA RECUA: A 200 MILE JOURNEY BY MULE ON BAJA'S EL CAMINO REAL**



An old desert-raised vaquero in Baja California, Mexico, has a new goal in life; so he gathers a string of mules and donkeys, builds traditional gear for his outfit, and runs a re-enactment of the merchant pack-trains that once traveled those rugged mountain trails over 100 years ago... just for the sake of history!

\* A note from Mozelle Sukut

# San Juan Capistrano Garden Club

## Holiday Brunch and Reindeer Games

### Monday, December 12, 2022—10 a.m.

San Juan Hills Golf Course

*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 21**

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

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

No host bar available

Checks payable to: SJC GC



**DEADLINE: November 21st (so don't dawdle!)**

*This is a members only event*



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We invite you to ~~

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