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

# MAY NEWS

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## Presidents' Message

*Sharon Dunn and Janet Sperber*



We had such a wonderful Stroll in the Garden on a Chamber of Commerce perfect spring day that helped showcase each unique and interesting garden. Each one had its special charm and our kind and talented hostesses were available to answer questions and explain the evolution of their gardens. It was lovely and informative and we offer a heartfelt thanks to each hostess for welcoming us into her garden. We send a thank you to Barbara Luby for being our photographer and to Karen Rottmann for chairing and including her garden along with our other hostesses, Pat Linville, Pat Lussier and Nancy Cangiano. As the saying goes, a good time was had by all! I can't believe how quickly time is passing and we are now welcoming May and with it a presentation on fuchsias at our next meeting. Look for more information on upcoming events under VP of Programs, Pat Martin's article.

We are glad to let you know that our scholarship of \$1500 was sent to Saddleback College to be awarded to two horticultural students and we look forward to learning a little something about each one and their plans for the future.

Jeannette Pease, VP of Membership, has put together a committee to welcome you at meetings and streamline the process of checking in. Thanks to our volunteers for helping to greet us and welcome new members.

Until next time, take care. We look forward to seeing you soon.



*Sharon & Janet*

## PROGRAMS

By Pat Martin



*What a great time was had by all at this year's garden stroll. A huge thank you to all the gardeners and Karen Rottmann's team for all of their efforts. There were so many excellent tips and ideas shared, I even came away with a lemon and a small plant for my yard. Again, thanks to you all!!*

*Next month's speaker represents the Fuchsia Society of Orange County, so come with your questions and be prepared to learn all about these beautiful plants. Suzanne Butala will share her years of experience and knowledge, as well as having fuchsia's for sale at the end of the meeting.*

*June 20th is the date for our rescheduled trip to the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena. There will be a sign up sheet at our next meeting for those interested in attending. Remember, we will also need volunteers to drive, so come prepared with your calendars so we will know if there are enough drivers for all who wish to attend. If you have questions, contact Pat Martin, VP Programs, at 949-584-0436. If you previously paid to attend this event and wish a refund due to a change in plans, just let me know.*



### Holiday Luncheon Committee Now Forming

The Holiday Luncheon is one of our favorite committees to join. For our newer members to the club this is a great opportunity to get to know others and join in the fun. The process for the venue needs to be started now and the Board can help with possibilities. For those who are interested in joining, please contact Janet Sperber at [jwsperb@gmail.com](mailto:jwsperb@gmail.com).



### MEMBERSHIP

By Jeannette Pease

***With the addition of another gentleman, we now total 76 members!!***

Michael Collins, a California gent at heart originally from Lynwood and LA and now residing in San Juan Capistrano, comes to us through cyberspace/our club website. Having graduated from Seattle University and Loyola Law School, he practiced law and is now retired. He is an avid reader and book collector and is especially interested in history and classic fiction. Providing a reading incentive for his children was the initial motivation for creating his extensive library. Michael's special garden interests are succulents and cacti, although in the past he has grown roses which were featured in a garden tour in 2011. Let's be sure to ask him about that!

I would like to introduce my membership committee who are the ones who meet and greet you at our general meetings at the SJH Golf Club where we meet. They also sign you in and distribute and collect your name tags, collect dues and obtain the bio information on new members for our Newsletter, and provide our guests with information on joining our garden club. Along with myself, they include Karen Alms, Jeannine McCaig, Penny Smith, Rose Smuckler and Robyn Thiffault. Needless to say, I am truly grateful for their participation and assistance!!!





## LA SALA

by Nancy Cangiano



We had a very warm workday this morning! Inga Harris, Dona Helmick, Linda Hall, Donna Sheaffer and I made our lovely garden all tidy and neat. It was a big decision as to whether to cut back the beautiful lantana flowers. They are growing so profusely.

The trumpet vines {the pink ones in the entry and the spectacular gold and red ones in the atrium} are really putting on a show! So much to see, but unfortunately with the library closed not many people come to enjoy them right now.

We can hardly wait for the crepe myrtles to start blooming in the next month or so. Their deep red flowers will be the icing on the cake for our special garden showing.

## SWEET STEM SENDERS by Kathy Dixon



Gifts were created by our 'Sweet Stem Senders' for the residents of Atria Assisted Living Facility. SJCGC members, Carol Matsukani, Pat Martin, Kay Zolton, Robin Thiffault, Karen Fowler, Wendy Ricci and myself created Easter bunnies of all colors and sizes and we made them out of washcloths and decorated them in dressy spring attire for the residents. When delivering our gifts we dressed for the occasion in our bunny ears. Pat Martin, Carol Matsukani and Peggy Byrnes, together with Wendy Ricci and I, hopped by to deliver the special spring gifts. The residents were so pleased to receive our sweet bunnies all dressed up in their Easter best to decorate their rooms for spring. It's always so rewarding to see the big smiles on the faces of all the residents, employees and aids~ so heartwarming!!





Who wants to stroll the gardens with me once again . . .  
Let's start with Karen Rottmann, SJC

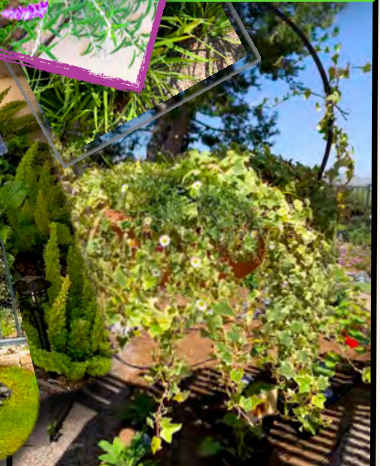
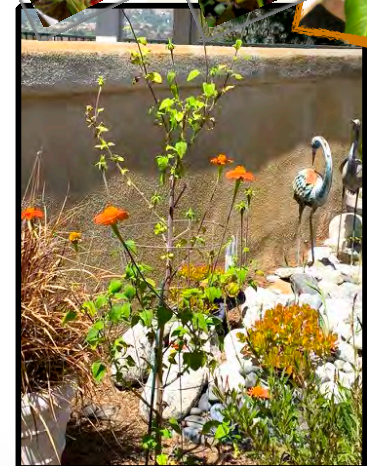




NEWS...



OMG!! I'm flying high; we can't stop now . .  
How about Pat Lussier next, SJC







*That was breathtaking too . . . horticulturist(s) extraordinaire!  
Let's have a look at Nancy Cangiano's paradise, SJC*







Oh! What a view she has... so peaceful and inspiring... Chardonnay time!!  
And, last but not least... ~~Martha Stewart~~ I mean Pat Linville, Dana Point







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