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

AUGUST NEWS

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Presidents' Message

Sharon Dunn and Janet Sperber



We are looking forward to an exciting year since we are all able to meet again in person. We thought Covid was behind us but we still need to be vigilant. A scare in July proved that we are still vulnerable. Other than a few frayed nerves, no one seems to have had any repercussions. I think it would be a good policy to wear a mask when we are indoors.

Our team came together with our new VP's of Communications, Barbara Luby and Jenell Blue. Jenell has decided to stay with us and help out and we are so so thankful. Barbara has stepped up to the plate and is tackling a big job, our "Monthly News". We thank her for all her time and effort. Much appreciation from the Board and the membership.

We have a new look for our "Monthly News"... we decided to scale back a bit so hope you like it.

COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION by Janet Sperber

Committee participation not only enhances your experience but our committees are an integral part of what makes our club viable. Our new year is off to a great start so let's keep the momentum going by joining one or more committee(s). Take a look at the following and see what piques your interest.

Holiday Luncheon

This event is a favorite among our members, however, to date we don't have a committee. If we don't have sign ups soon it will be too late to choose a venue, hence, no Holiday Luncheon. **The deadline of August 15th** to sign up is almost upon us, so please, get a few of your friends to join in and help make this special event happen.

November Craft – Please sign up to help us make a seasonal craft or centerpiece at our general meeting.

LaSala - Help maintain the work that our committee has accomplished and help in the planning and execution of new projects.

Sweet Stem Senders - Join Kathy Dixon and Wendy Corzatt in making seasonal decorations to brighten the rooms of seniors in our local assisted living communities.

April Garden Tour (Members Only) – Kick off Spring fever by having your lovely garden on the tour and/or helping with the committee.

August BBQ – Yes, a year away but it's always good to plan ahead.

Contact Janet Sperber to sign up. Email: jwsperb@gmail.com Home: 949-487-7819

Thanks Ladies, I look forward to hearing from you.

AUGUST BBQ

Gayle Welsh and Donna Sheaffer



San Juan Garden Club
Presents

Orange County Celebration

DATE: August 16, 2021
TIME: 5:30-9:00
PLACE: San Juan Hills Golf Club
MUSIC: Tony Suraci & his band
COST: \$42 per person

- Garden club members may invite up to 4 guests
- Deadline for tickets is August 1st.

A buffet will be served including:
appetizers, watermelon salad, green salad, chicken
with cilantro sauce, auGratin potatoes, garlic toast,
and dessert, coffee and tea.

RSVP

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO THE SJGC
MAIL TO: JEANNINE MCCAIG 31932 VIA LA PLATA SJC CA 92675.
PLEASE INCLUDE THE FULL NAME OF ANY GUESTS

**Ladies of the Garden Club !!
We are finally able to meet again,
so don't miss out on a very
special evening !**

**This year we will have a real treat,
a three-piece band to entertain us
~ thanks to Susan Kudsi ~ and
fabulous raffle baskets with great
donations from our community
for our opportunity drawing.
Many of our members are coming
as a single so don't hesitate to
come alone or bring a friend. Let
us know if you need a ride and
we'll try to arrange that. Let's
gather as a club and support this
wonderful organization with an
amazing evening. Please send
your checks to Jeannine McCaig
to reserve your spot.**

PROGRAMS

By Pat Martin

I've heard from many of you that you enjoyed our Trash to Treasures Auction in July, and that is just the beginning of the events and speakers I have lined up for the next few months.

August~ is of course the Annual BBQ, and Gayle and Donna's team are putting together a wonderful event. Come join the fun on August 16th at 5:30PM at the S J Hills Golf Club.

September~ we have a guest speaker from The Ecology Center who will share information about the wonderful outreach programs the center provides within our greater south coast communities, for students and adults alike. We will learn about their organic "Farm Share" boxes of produce available and strawberry picking opportunities for next spring.

October~ we are preparing a field trip to the Guajome Adobe in Vista. This Adobe was built in 1852 on property granted in 1845 by Governor Pio Pico to Andres and Jose Manuel. It is considered the Cadillac of California adobes. There is a \$3.00 fee per person for the guided tour.

November~ is our craft month, and we are looking for suggestions from you for a fall centerpiece. Always a fun event to see how creative we can get.

December~ is our Christmas luncheon, so there will be no formal meeting that month.

And for our **January** outing~ we are in the planning stages of a fun bus trip to the Norton Simon Art Museum in Pasadena to enjoy the art and beautifully landscaped grounds. They have a stunning lily pond that very much reminds me of Monet's garden in Giverny, France. It should be a fun change of pace for us all. Entry fee to the museum is \$12.00 for seniors, the fee for the bus is yet to be determined.

MEMBERSHIP

By Jeannette Pease

Please welcome our two new members, Ann Prince and Heather Nathan, when you see them at meetings. They both live near the golf club, so many of you may know them already.

Ann Prince was introduced to the Garden Club by her friend and neighbor, Pat Lussier. Ann lives in the Mesa Vista complex, close to many of our members. She and her husband, Lee, moved here four years ago after living in Irvine for 30 years. She and Lee have one son. Ann is looking forward to learning about new plants to complement her current gardening motto “Less maintenance, more color.” She enjoys gardening and is enthusiastic about colorful foliage.

Heather Nathan came to our garden club at the invitation of her close friend, Barbara Luby. After living in Pacific Palisades, she moved to Dana Point and then followed Barbara to their current San Juan Hills East neighborhood in SJC. She and her husband, David, have 3 sons and 6 grandchildren, four of whom live close by. As with many of us, she has only a small strip available but enjoys filling it with flowers and milkweed for the butterflies.

SWEET STEM SENDERS

By Kathy Dixon



Ready and full of patriotic enthusiasm we gathered to create door decorations for Atria for the Fourth of July ~ and we had a great time !!

The next day we delivered our gifts to Atria and we were met with such happy faces as the residents met us at the front door.

Good news!! We were told that we will be able to enter and visit in October when we deliver our Halloween gifts. Let's hope we can celebrate with all the residents in person. Thanks to all who participated !!

The Trumpet Vines at La Sala are making a beautiful display this time of year. The Crepe Myrtles are getting ready to bloom, and their reddish green leaves are so unusual that they are lovely even without the flowers. We will be getting back on schedule for our maintenance days in August. If you are interested in assisting with pruning vines, pulling a few weeds and grooming our potted succulents...

Call Nancy Cangiano at 714-342-2842, or send an email to ncangiano1@cox.net.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION!!!



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