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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 didn't have to wait for April showers to bring May flowers, therefore, we will have an abundance of wild flowers in all their colorful glory to enjoy this year. If you go on the web you can find areas close by. Several trails are as close as Irvine and on a clear day they should be lovely to visit.

Our Nominating Committee is in the process of contacting all members to determine interest in Board positions. At our May meeting you will be introduced to the slate of candidates and a vote will be taken; to reiterate ~ please plan to attend! The meeting will include several speakers of interest and details will be given next month.

We understand that the trip to Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens was very enjoyable and attendees were even greeted by sunshine, a most welcomed sight after all the rain we've had.

The Tree of Life excursion will be held in April and should prove to be an interesting local trip. Details will be given by Pat Martin, VP Programs.

Enjoy spring and happy gardening to each of you!



Sharon & Janet

PROGRAMS

By Pat Martin



This last Thursday we had a wonderful time at the docent-led tour of Rancho Los Alamitos in Long Beach. The iffy weather kept several of our members home, but luckily, good weather was with 9 of us as we toured the lovely grounds and buildings at this historic site. Everyone agreed the docents were the

best, very knowledgable and accommodating, as they lead us around this fascinating historical site right in our midst.

We will not be having our own garden tour this month, but I highly recommend gathering your garden buddies together and supporting our neighboring garden clubs' tours this spring. Instead of our own garden tour, we will be gathering for a tour of the Tree of Life Nursery as our outing in April. We will meet at the nursery at 10:00 on April 19th. The address is 33201 Ortega Highway San Juan Capistrano, about 5 miles out Ortega Highway from the freeway, on the left side of the road.



Tree of Life Nursery

Those of you who need a ride, please contact me at 949-584-0436. The fee for this guided tour is \$10.00, which you will pay directly to the tour guide on the day of the tour.

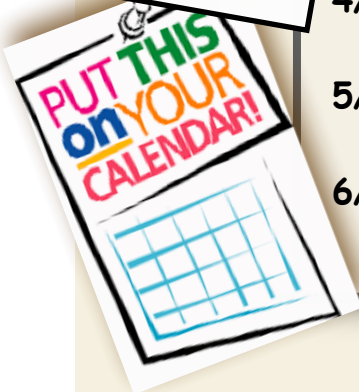


Our next outing will be in June, and I hope many of you will be able to join us as we tour the University of California South Coast Research and Extension Center in Irvine. This is a 200-acre scientific research center for the U.C.

System in eastern Irvine. Here they are scientifically determining if coffee crops can be grown using less water than previously thought and also are researching new varieties of citrus that are blight resistant. We will be carpooling from the parking strip across from the golf club at 9:30 on Friday, June 23rd, for our outing. This is a guided tour around their vast acreage on a tractor pulled carriage with seating for up to 20 people. There will be a sign-up sheet for the first 20 lucky members at the May meeting at the golf club. So be sure to sign up early for this fun outing.

As always, if you have questions, give me a call at the number above.

Upcoming Events:



- 4/19. Tree of Life Nursery Field Trip (\$10 Tour Guide Fee) 10:00 AM
- 5/15. Business Meeting and Guest Speaker, @ 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 "April showers" ... while we have them !!!

Save the Date

Monday, August 21, 2023

Spectacular "Under the Stars" evening with all your garden club friends!

Mark it in your calendar now!

Details upcoming!



... Pat Kenner

"Goin Native Therapeutic Gardens is a non-profit based right here in SJC. We recently hired a new volunteer coordinator, Weej Baggaley, who is very active in the San Clemente Garden Club, and we are ready to recruit more gardening volunteers."

Goin Native Therapeutic Gardens is planning a Work Day at Reata Park on Saturday, April 8, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, and would absolutely love it if you could participate. The weeds have been enjoying all this rain, so we need a big push to get ahead of the weeds and allow our beautiful native plants and roses to flourish.

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### Reata Park and Event Center

28632 Ortega Hwy  
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 **Saturday, April 8**  
**1:00 - 4:00 pm**  
Drop in, stay as long as you can

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Goin Native will provide snacks, and we have a limited supply of tools available. Please bring your own water, as well as gardening tools and gloves if you have them. Volunteers can come and stay as long as they're able from 1:00 to 4:00.

Please RSVP to me at weej@me.com so we can plan. Thank you for your support!

Weej Baggaley
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