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President's Message.

The Use & Purpose of Gardening Organizations During a Pandemic

by Mozelle Sukut, Ph.D.

Here we are still in the throes of this current pandemic. Are we currently benefiting from belonging to any garden organizations, Clubs, Xerces Society, Plant and Horticulture Societies (Native, Rose, Begonia, Iris, Mediterranean)? Will our interests in our own gardens lessen when quarantine is lifted and we again go back to time spent on the things which filled our lives before? There are certainly all levels of involvement with gardening and nature and benefits from interacting with plants, nature and wildlife and fellow gardeners. Whether we treat ourselves to time in a special outdoor corner, or to a walk among trees, our bodies and minds benefit.

Right now we seem to especially need nature's beauty to see, smell and taste. And we like to share those experiences with others who speak the language of plants! Figuring out to presently make the best use of our gardening organizations and our gardens is a challenge. 40 of our Club members tuned into our Zoom May General Meeting 'Meet the Plant Doctors', and after some glitches on their part, the Master Gardener panel offered answers to many questions. But that means 52 members did not tune in.

Memberships need to be renewed, and in July our yearly business meeting with budget review and voting is scheduled. The San Juan Hills Golf Course is open, but not the meeting room. In August in past years a fun social event was offered. We hope to reshape these events and welcome your input. Our 2 main community projects continue with team leadership from Nancy Cangiano and Pat Martin.

We should think outside our organization for a larger reach of possibilities- Might gardeners build veggie and cutting gardens for nursing homes? Tend gardens for others? Share veggies with those with no access to fresh? Of course yes if gardeners are able and available. Some gardeners are already reaching out in new ways.

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MEMBERSHIP

BY: CAROL MANSUKHANI, V.P. MEMBERSHIP

Three months and counting. When will we be able to come out and meet in person again? The hope is soon. In the meantime our May *Zoom-Meet* brought many of us together with the Plant Doctors. Did you get some answers to your gardening questions? If you like, the board plans to offer more future meets during this novel time period. We welcome your topic suggestions. Meanwhile let's stay positive, connected and strong. May our plants thrive while we survive!



THANK YOU DONORS

BY: LINDA THOMAS JONES

A BIG thank you to **Bobbi Howard** for donating Golden Poppy seeds for sowing in our local hills.



Another BIG thank you to **Karen Rottmann** for donating \$102 in Hydrangea plants for the Leck House. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and looks beautiful!



WAYS + MEANS - PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A "2020-2021 MEMBER DONOR"

BY: LINDA THOMAS JONES, V.P. WAYS AND MEANS

The definition of Ways and Means ... *"the methods and resources for accomplishing something and especially for defraying expenses."*

Members of this committee are in charge of fundraising, which is necessary for the club to function and to make contributions to the community.

We view raising funds as a three-pronged effort emanating from:

- Member Donors
- Outside + Inside Sponsors
- Grants

Member Donors feed the soul of our club as their contributions fund community programs which have been at the heart of what the San Juan Capistrano Garden Club has committed to supporting since it was founded almost 20 years ago. These programs empower others, bring joy, and continually inspire and educate through our annual contributions in three local community areas:

- Horticulture scholarships
- Outreach to seniors and disabled
- Collaborating on local school gardens

We ask that you consider becoming a 2020 - 2021 Member Donor...doing so is a positively powerful thing! Thank you for your consideration. Details are on our website and at the end of this newsletter. "Cheers" to making a lasting difference in our community ... *PDF attached at end of newsletter.*



YET HERE WE ARE

BY: MARY CRAWFORD

We have all come to gardening and a Garden Club with different experiences. My mom always had some sort of vegetable growing; a vestige of her experiences in the depression, WWII and Victory Gardens. It's inconceivable that we again find ourselves with extreme unemployment and families struggling to meet their basic needs. Yet here we are.

With so many families in need for food, we are encouraging those of you with excess fruits and vegetables to consider "sharing your bounty" with others. When you harvest your zucchini and wonder what to do with all of it, we ask that you donate it to people who do not have access to fresh veggies. Is your peach tree bursting with fruit? If you would be willing to share with others to enjoy a fresh peach, it would be greatly appreciated. If you could find a dedicated corner of your yard for growing more vegetables or herbs for Sharing the Bounty, that would be incredible!

It's challenging for food banks to handle perishables; however, maybe you know of a club member in need or a group organizing community giving where a portion of your abundant harvest can be shared. Friends and organizations are organizing food drives and restaurants are donating food to serve on Wednesdays in many areas. Let's not let all your efforts at growing go to waste. Find a local person or place in need. If you know of a club member in need, let us know. We are all in this together.

My personal connection to this topic is that my daughter is one of the organizers of Community Table in Rancho Santa Margarita (Shepherd of the Hills Church). I hear from her every Thursday morning that meals were served and the guests are all grateful for what they are receiving. However, my daughter reports that she is consistently hearing the request for any fresh vegetables or fruit.

So toward this goal, I am working to create a "Sharing the Bounty" program from my home.

I will have a "bounty basket" in the shade by my front gate every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning for people to drop off fresh fruits and vegetables. (27587 Paseo Sonata, San Juan Capistrano). All donations will be given directly to those in need at this time and I will deliver food to the church every Wednesday afternoon. Please contact me for more information or if you are interested in helping with this project. Thank you for considering to help!



TREASURY REPORT

BY: PAT KENNER, V.P. TREASURER

Soon our members will vote to approve a Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. We hope to do that at a regular July club meeting, but will advise you if the vote must be via e-mail or Zoom. Of course, annual budgets are always something of a “guesstimate” on the part of our board and Committee Chairs. And with so many novel uncertainties, this one is more a guess than an estimate!

However to adhere to our By-Laws, our board has approved this budget for a member vote, based on thoughtful assumptions for the coming year. If all goes as per budget, we will donate \$ 8,677 to improve our community, along with our members' many hours of labor AND any member designated-donations made in December.

Please take a minute to review the proposed Budget, *attached at the end of the newsletter*. Feel free to contact me with any questions; we will let you know how to cast your vote in July.

Pat Kenner, Treasurer

DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB MEETING UPDATE!

The Garden Clubs of Orange County joint District meeting scheduled for June 8th in SJC has been canceled. The director of the OC district, Beckie Splittgerber, hopes gatherings will be deemed safe and permitted in CA by the end of summer, and an early to mid September date will be possible to reschedule, here in SJC, hosted by our club at the SJC Historical Society Grounds of the O’Neill Museum on Los Rios Street.

THE PLANT DOCTORS! A HUGE THANK YOU FOR OUR ZOOM DR. VISIT

The Garden Club board and general membership wishes to again express our gratitude to Communications VP Jenell Blue for facilitating the Zoom/Webinar in May with the panel of Master Gardeners to take on questions submitted to them. She obtained the direct links listed below for us to easily connect and continue to learn from their Univ of CA resources.

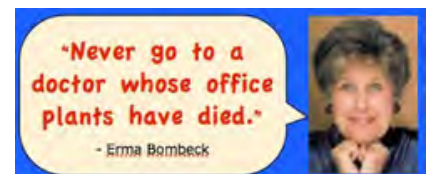
In this time of quarantine it has become imperative for us to take advantage of technology to continue our horticultural learning! We may have to continue this kind of programs for a while. Tom’s link below takes us to other resources, and panelist Jan (unable to connect to the live event) kindly wrote up her research on specific topics.

<http://mgorange.ucanr.edu>

<http://ipm.ucanr.edu>

<http://cagardenweb.ucanr.edu>

<http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/GARDEN/PLANTS/INVERT/sawflies.html>



PROGRAMS AND EXCURSIONS

BY: KATHY DIXON, V.P. PROGRAMS



JUNE 15 CLUB OUTING: DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP IS JUNE 5

We hope to accommodate those members who want to participate in a club outing to the Resendiz Brothers Protea Farm in Fallbrook CA. We will book a late morning tour for June 15 if at least 20 members and guests sign up by our June 5 deadline. You will need to drive on your own (or carpool with other member or a guest at your discretion).

We will maintain any social distancing rules in effect at that time, and the \$ 10 fee is due on entry. Drive time is about an hour each way, and we can recommend a few local restaurants for those who want to have lunch in small groups after our tour. More info will be provided to those who reserve a space; also check out their website online to see their beautiful growing fields and shop. Call Kathy Dixon by 4 pm on June 5 th to sign up!

NEW EXTRA EXCURSIONS!

Unfortunately all the planned bus trips have been cancelled or rescheduled until MID JULY. We will keep you informed of any and all bus trips that are garden orientated and we feel may be of interest. There are so many new trips I know we will want to take advantage of when they are up and running again! My personal favorites will be a trip to the Huntington Library, the Getty Museum and the new one offered, L.A.'s Hidden Gardens!

SWEET STEM SENDERS!

We are still hoping to do something for the Assisted Living Residences in July. I have spoken to the Residences and they are looking forward to our return. All three locations are COVID-19 free and residents are healthy. They are not receiving visitors at this time but they know we are thinking and praying for them. We are hoping to have a list of residents that would like to hear from us by way of a phone call. If we can put that together we will notify our team and make plans for a phone visit.



MEMBERS' GARDENS

Our members are providing beautiful photos of their gardens. Please submit your photos.

Linda Thomas Jones
2 Varieties of Apricots,
Hass avocados &
Meyer Lemons.



Karen Rottmann
Baby hummingbirds.
A wonderful gift each
year.



LA SALA NEWS

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO LIBRARY

BY: NANCY CANGIANO

Our Crepe Myrtle trees now have their dark red spring leaves. This variety, *Lagerstroemia indica x Cherokee*, begins the season with deep red leaves which turn dark green as they mature. Soon our red flowers will be appearing, making a beautiful spring through summer showing. The Corona virus has closed down the Library site including the interior courtyard where our vines and the beautiful pots of succulents are located. We have been assured by the City that the plantings are being watered regularly. However, we have not been able to prune or maintain the potted vegetation since early March. As businesses and City Offices open, perhaps soon we have the opportunity to check on our interior garden.



In any case, we plan to gather as soon as allowed and would like to extend an invitation for those interested in joining the La Sala Beautification Committee to contact Nancy Cangiano, chairperson, info in Roster. The La Sala Committee meets the first Monday of each month at 9:30. We bring our clippers, trowels, and water to keep our site beautiful and our bodies hydrated.

THE LECK HOUSE

BY: PAT MARTIN

The Garden Club's work on the Leck House Historical Society home started up again last week, after 2 months away due to Covid-19 restrictions. It felt wonderful to get a bit dirty, and talk with friends to see how they were coping with the challenges of sheltering in place. Social distancing while gardening works quite well, actually.

The hydrangeas are being planted in the flower beds near the house and sprinklers/soaker lines are being adjusted to meet their needs. We have an honorary new member to our club, Mark Rottmann, (Karen's husband) who works diligently to help us dig holes and provide the muscle and know how for our efforts. A big thank you to Mark for his continuing help!



SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO GARDEN CLUB

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1	SJC-GC NEW BUDGET	Current	Actual @	2020-2021
2	PROPOSAL	2019/2020	30-Apr	Budget For
3		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2020</u>	Approval
4	<u>WAYS & MEANS INCOME</u>			
5	Sponsor Funding	3000	4450	4500
6	In-Kind Donations	0	200	500
7	Trash2Treasures & Misc. Sales	350	594	600
8	August 2020 Event	4700	3022	3000
9	Holiday Lunch, Member Only	1800	2380	2700
10	Spring Garden Tour, April 2021	4500	796	4500
11	Boutique & Raffle, April 2021	2500	0	2000
12	<u>OTHER CLUB INCOME</u>			
13	Membership Dues 70 x\$30	2250	1200	2700
14	Misc Income	160	634	500
15	November Craft Project	300	480	400
16	Educational Outings	450	385	0
17	Income Total:	\$20,010	\$14,141	\$21,400
18	<u>WAYS & MEANS EXPENSE</u>			
19	FundRaising Costs	240	0	550
20	August Event Cost	2700	1850	2540
21	Holiday Member Lunch	1575	2700	2550
22	Spring Garden Tour Cost	800	525	800
23	Boutique & Raffle Cost	500	0	400
24	<u>CLUB EXPENSES</u>			
25	GC Meeting Room& Hospitality	1250	1052	1500
26	Speakers (4)	1200	891	1400
27	Bank & Credit Card Proc Fees	80	15	150
28	Admin & Printing	800	974	450
29	Communications (website,zoom)	0	0	500
30	November Craft	300	453	400
31	Educational Outings, Club Cost	900	425	100
32	<u>COMMUNITY GIVING</u>			
33	Seed Sowing (poppies, sweet peas)	180	210	200
34	Sweet Stem Senders	500	115	500
35	La Sala Maintenance, Library	5000	4381	600
36	Leck House Plantings	0	484	500
37	Local Tree Planting/Arbor Day	0	200	500
38	OC District/Other Scholarships	1100	525	1075
39	School Gardens	500	0	500
40	Other Community Giving***	1619	300	4802
41	<u>CGCI & LOCAL MEMBERSHIPS</u>			
42	OC District Dues	110	135	135
43	CGCI State Dues	206	248	248
44	Liability Insurance	250	132	300
45	CGCI & District Conventions	0	0	500
46	SJC Chamber of Commerce	200	200	200
47	Expense Total:	20,010	15,815	21,400
48	Income Less Expense	0	(1,674)	0
49	*** Balances Budget			
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It's Membership Renewal & Member Donor Time



SEE OUR 2020-2021 ENHANCED MEMBERSHIP AND DONOR BENEFITS below

2020-21 MEMBERSHIP AND DUES OPTIONS

- 1) INDIVIDUAL annual membership- \$30
- 2) **NEW!** HOUSEHOLD annual membership- \$45 (Max. Two persons per household)

MEMBER DONOR PROGRAM

(formally called "sponsors")

Please consider becoming a member donor...

Membership dues alone do not fully support the expenses of our nonprofit organization.

Member donors, along with member dues, allow us to:

- * hold our meetings in a beautiful location
- * retain quality speakers for our membership and guests
- * support our Sweet Stem Senders Program
- * support two horticulture scholarships per year through Saddleback College
- * support at least one elementary school garden program
- * cover administration necessary to meet CGCI membership & nonprofit status requirements

2020-2021 MEMBER DONOR LEVELS

NEW - member donor-ship includes a "member donor only" Garden Party- details TBA

Lady Bug	\$ 50 - \$99 Listed on club website Invitation to member donor garden party
Butterfly	\$100 - \$249 All above plus listed in newsletter
Honeybee	\$250 - \$499 All above Plus signage at meetings
Hummingbird	\$ 500 - \$999 All above plus two tickets to the garden stroll
Swallow	\$1,000 + Above plus four tickets to garden stroll

PAYMENT OPTIONS & DUE DATE

1) 2020-2021 Membership Dues: Individual = \$30 or Household = \$45

2) Membership donor levels: \$ 50.00 to \$1,000

1) Membership dues: \$ _____ + 2) Member Donor \$ _____ = Total: \$ _____
(Optional)
(\$30 or \$45) (\$50-\$1,000+)

Payment due date for member dues: July 31, 2020

Please mail check to: SJCGC
32158 Camino Capistrano
Ste. A, PMB 120
San Juan Capistrano, Ca 92675

If you prefer to use a credit card payment, go to our website at www.sanjuancapistranogardenclub.com click on the Renew button on the front page of the website.

Thank you!!!

