

September

Mary Crawford and Kathy Dixon, Co-presidents report.....

Wow! Putting on the Ritz set a very high bar for the rest of the year! What a night!

A special thanks to Pat Lussier, chair, and committee members Marilyn Devitre, Jeannette Pease, Cathy Reed, Lynn Rollison, Terese Weber, and Kay Zolton for sharing their time, talents, creativity, and generous financial contributions to make this a fabulous night. Thanks to the Rottmanns for sharing Chloe with us for the photo ops!

We also thank the general membership for supporting the committee in changing things up a bit. Indeed, change can be good! We thank the members who donated money to support our programs in lieu of a traditional raffle.

Included in this newsletter are letters of appreciation sent to us by our Saddleback scholarship students. Yes!! What we do DOES positively impact others. Your donations are appreciated – the board assures you that they are used to promote and support our mission:

To enjoy, enhance and enrich our grounds through education, planting and community.

Speaking of inclusions. We have terrific pictures to share with you. We have attempted to include them in this newsletter. The barrier to do this is mainly our lack of skills. We are seeking the help of a talented member to help us get all the pictures uploaded to a site we can all easily access!



This is just a hint of the many fun pictures you will enjoy!

We offer a genuine and heartfelt thanks to Mozelle Sukut for leading our first **“Saturday Social” Garden Style**. We went forth and propagated! Mozelle shared with the 12 participants useful background information on propagation. She led us on a tour of her beautiful garden and generously shared cuttings. We ended by starting the propagation process with our cuttings under Mozelle’s guidance.

Mozelle will hold the second class at her home on Saturday, October 14, 2023. The response has been very positive and the class is full if you would like to be on a wait list in case someone drops out, please send an email to gardenclubofsjc@gmail.com.



Lou Heimann, Membership Chair reports.....

Our membership total is increasing and we are very close to our last spring number. An email reminder was sent to members listed on the May, 2023 roster who had not paid their dues to please let me know if they are planning on rejoining. Be sure to attend this month’s meeting where you will receive a new membership card. These cards can be used for a discount at our local nursery centers.

LAST CALL!! We hope you have enjoyed your membership in the SJC Garden Club and receiving these updates. If you have decided not to rejoin, we wish you the best. If you just haven’t gotten around to renewing, please do so at our upcoming September 18 meeting,



Welcome New Member!

Welcome to our newest member, Kathy Rowley. Twenty years ago, Kathy retired from teaching in Virginia to get married and live in SJC. Since her husband’s passing, she has had time for volunteering at the Senior Center and tutoring. Covid cancelled that!! Bunco and book club remain on her list of activities. The bunco players are all garden club members who encouraged her to join even though she does not do extensive gardening. (That applies to many of us!) Gardening activities are limited in her condo community (flower pots count as gardening). Kathy is looking forward to garden club activities and making new friend. At our September

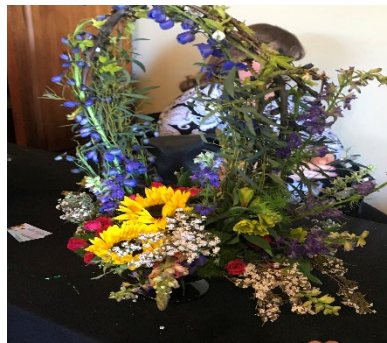
meeting, look for Kathy and our other new members – Marcia Kelley, Kathleen Palmer and Jann O’Neal, reintroduce yourself and give them a friendly SJC Garden Club welcome.



SAVE THE DATE

Monday, 9/11/2023	Board Meeting	10:00 AM	Marilyn DeVitre’s
	Board Goal Setting	11:00 AM	“
Monday, 9/18/2023	Program meeting	10:00 AM	Golf Course

Floral Demonstration by Kathy Hayden



Lucky us! Our favorite florist teacher, **Kathy Hayden**, will be joining us again with her fabulous floral decorating skills. She a favorite of members – if you are a newbie, you will not want to miss this program meeting! Guests are welcome – feel free to invite your neighbors! friends and



This beautiful flower arrangement was one of 10 made by our own Lynn Rollison for Putting on the Ritz!

Thank you, Lynn. They were lovely. We are appreciative of your generosity.

Monday, 10/9/2023 Board Meeting 10:00 AM Marilyn DeVitre's

*****Tuesday,***** 10/17/2023 10:00 AM Ecology Center, San Juan Capistrano

Lynn has arranged a tour with an Ecology Center staff who provide information on their many engaging programs in their quest to find

“CREATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR THRIVING ON PLANET EARTH”

After the tour, our members are encouraged to enjoy a salad or sandwich at the nearby restaurant **Board and Brew!** (No host!) There is both indoor and outdoor seating. We will have lots to chat about after our tour while we enjoy (maybe?) a cold beer. Or soda. Or water.

Monday, 11/13/2023 Board Meeting 10:00 AM Marilyn DeVitre's

Monday, 11/20/23 Holiday Craft 10:00 AM Golf Course

Your committee, comprised of Lynn Rollison, Sheila Hammer, Rose Smuckler, Sheila Hammer, Inge Harris, Carolyn Schneider, Jann O'Neal, and Pat Martin will be putting together their creative genius and planning the festive holiday craft. Each year we make something beautiful and special. You won't be disappointed this year, either!

Lynn Rollison, Program Chair reports.....

Our club outing calendar is filling up fast! We are fortunate to have so many botanical sites to visit in our area. One outing we have been discussing is to the Santa Margarita Water District. This may happen in 2024. But if you don't want to wait – check out this event!

<https://www.smwd.com/170/Classes-Events>



Plan to **PLANT**
EXPO

Saturday, Sept. 16



- Landscape Pros
- Planting Tips
- Succulent Exchange

10:30 AM – 1 PM

@

SMWD District Headquarters





As noted above, we will be posting and sharing the many pictures from the party. Look for the upcoming details!

Following you will find thank you letters from the three students who received our \$500 scholarship at Saddleback College.

I freely acknowledge this newsletter is a bit of a hodgepodge and disjointed. I am holding out hope someone who specializes in newsletters will step forward!



to the San Juan Capistrano Garden Club in Honor of Roz Morrissey
Scholarship Donors,

I am so grateful to be receiving your scholarship award. This award helps me immensely, it is the encouragement to persevere in reaching my educational goals. My Major is Associates in Science for Sustainable Horticulture. I plan to use this degree in addition to an environmental and design degree which I plan to obtain following. My future plans include international farming, bioremediation and conservation, and eco design. My passion in this field began with my love for nature, feeling blessed immersing in it, and having an unending desire to share that love. I would love to inspire both current and future generations to have an eco conscious mindset, and to ignite a chain reaction of sense of responsibility to also love what provides for us in so many ways. Your scholarship is truly a blessing, and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Miranda Lopez



Thank you all from the core of my heart to yours, for opening the gates to my academic path, that unlocks all of the missions that I am pursuing to better the health of our Ecology, Food systems, & communities. Your hard work and love poured into creating such a stream of support for students like myself, is truly a greatest form of compassion.

Each of you are incredibly giving, talented, and iridescent souls. In every one of your stories and backgrounds, I would cherish to learn about through conversation. 😊 To receive your support, is one of the greatest honors of my life. Thank you each truly, for your gift of support, as it positively changes my life forever, enabling me to reach the academics I need, to be able to help all areas

to share with you updates along my journey.

By the compassionate accomplishments of your organization and selves, I remain to be continually inspired by you all. Despite the challenging rains & winds that pair at times with life & being a working student (as you may know personally), your gift of support and love, give me every reason to continue with a heart-full of determination.

From when in the past attending college/ university had seemed completely impossible, to now building what I love with being ever closer to that entry of Cal State University, with you all holding the doors open, & in smile 😊 Your generous support has me in awe every day. Thank you beyond words, to each of you on the team, forever. ✨ My appreciation runs deep for you all, and I cannot wait to stay in touch with the San Juan Capistrano Garden Club Family ♥
Thank You All, To The Moon, Around & Back !!
With Brightest Wishes & Love, ~ Christine Villa 2023



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Dear Donor,

Thank you kindly for your support with my academic goals in awarding me the San Juan Capistrano Garden Club in Honor of Roz Morrissey Scholarship. What started for me as an interest in learning to grow my own food has grown into a deep love and respect for the care of plants. I hope to keep learning, growing, and sharing my knowledge with others.

With Gratitude,

Danielle Henke

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