

# San Juan Capistrano Garden Club NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2023



**Holidays Around the World Brunch**

**Monday, December 11, 2023–10 a.m**

***SJCGC Paid Members Only***

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## San Juan Capistrano Garden Club

### 2023/2025 Board of Directors

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# Happy Holidays

December 11, 2023. 10am  
SJC Hills Golf Course

### Our Affiliates



**Upcoming Events**

December 11. Holiday Around the World

January 15. Speaker Laurie Menosky Master Gardener.

*See last page of the newsletter for more information!*

**November's Craft.**

Last month's Fall Craft was a success! We had a small but very creative group. Our members took their supplies back to their tables and got straight to work on their fall/winter wreaths. It was fun to see each table work together and enjoy in conversation. Big shout out to the craft committee, Lori Bickel, Inge Harris, Sheila Hammer and Carolyn Schneider, you ladies are the best!!



**President's Message**

Its that time of year for sharing and caring for family, friends and our faith. Even with the stress and busyness of the holidays we need to take time to share the gift of friendship. All of us know that giving and receiving that special gift of friendship is the best gift ever.

The greenery of the leaves and bright red poinsettias bring joy, and excitement to all of our lives even on the grayest winter days. So plant, purchase, or if you are lucky enough to grow one, pick a pretty poinsettia and light up the room or porch. The spirit is contagious!

We are all looking forward to the Holiday Brunch, so we can share our holiday spirit with our garden members!

Blessings and Merriment of this Holiday Season to you all!

**Holy Disambiguation!**

Several members of our community have acquired Venus Flytraps, not only out of curiosity about this remarkable plant, but also to cultivate and appreciate its uniqueness as a member of the plant kingdom.

The Venus Flytrap is carnivorous and typically found in the temperate and subtropical wetlands of North and South Carolina.

Interestingly, in the event of wildfires during the summer season, the plant's internal heat sensor triggers a rapid snap-shut mechanism, making it more resilient to fires.

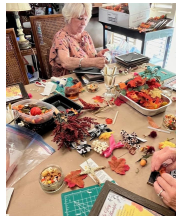
It will be fun to have an update of these most fascinating plants.

*Progress reports will follow.*



**Sweet Stem Senders**

Creating holidays gifts for our dear Seniors at Atria. Join us in creating lovely gifts each month for our Seniors.



**A Huge Thank You To  
Pat Lussier**

The Pop-up Plant Sale was a hit and we hope Pat will delight us with having another event such as the Pop Up.

Everyone took a plant home to help grow, nurture, and admire.



**Sowing Seeds in our Hills**

For ages, The Garden Club has been spreading joy by planting native seeds all over the hills. These teeny-tiny seeds grow into stunning plants that add to the natural charm of our City.

Currently, we are not able to sow our sweet pea seeds on La Novia due to private construction on the site.

We can't do this alone!

We need your help to find more spots to sow these beauties. The committee have come up with a few creative options to get our more beautified. Let's team up and make our city bloom! Contact Mary Crawford, Maureen Gebelein, Weeg Baggaley, Teress Weber, or Lori Bickel with ideas.



**Community Project**

The Garden Club's goal has always been to involve themselves in community projects, the betterment of community, and the beautification of our beautiful city.





*Goin Native*



**December  
Volunteer Opportunities**

**LOS RIOS PARK BUTTERFLY GARDEN**

**December dates: Friday 12/15, 12/22, 12/29 @ 8:30 - 11:00 am  
Sunday 12/3, 12/10 @ 10:30 am - 11:30 pm**

This is a certified wildlife garden in downtown SJC, behind the train station and next to the tea house. Park in the dirt lot off Paseo Adelanto, and meet near the Los Rios Montanez Adobe.





**REATA PARK AND EVENT CENTER**

**December dates: Thursday 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28  
@ 8:30 - 11:00 am**

28632 Ortega Hwy, near the riding center at Antonio Pkwy.  
Such a gem! Come and see for yourself. Head straight back to the little brown house and find us in the amazing native plant gardens.

RSVP or questions?  
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**\$1,200 Raised in August with Our Event**

Through members' generosity, \$1,200 was raised at Putting on the Ritz in August. It was designated for community giving.

It has been responsibly distributed in this way: \$500 to Annie's Garden Project at San Juan Elementary School and \$500 to Debbie's Garden Project at Del Obispo Elementary School. Thank you for allowing our children the opportunity to dig in the dirt!



**Dates:**

*No board meeting in December*

Tuesday, December 5	New Member Mixer at Sharon Dunn's 4 - 6pm
Monday, December 11	Holiday Party. SJC Golf Course
Monday, January 8, <u>2024</u>	Board Meeting 10:00 am Marilyn Devitre's
Monday, January 15, 2024 Laurie Menosky, Speaker	"Month to Month Gardening" 10:00 am Golf Club
Monday, February 12, 2024	Board Meeting 10:00 am Marilyn Devitre's
Monday, February 19, 2024 The Standard Design Group	"Small Patio - Garden Plants - Shade Plants" 10:00 am
Monday, March 11, 2024	Board Meeting 10:00 am Marilyn Devitre's
Monday, March 18, 2024	All About Us – Highlighting SJCG 10:00 am Golf Club