



## *Co-presidents report.....*

We love our outreach projects, especially as the holidays are approaching. Giving is a rewarding experience for all involved. Only one day of sharing, gift giving and lighthearted visitation leaves such a positive impact that lasts for many days.

The Sweet Stem Sender committee celebrated Halloween with our seniors at both Atria and Brookdale. Our gifts and costumes lit up the room and gave the seniors something to laugh about. We were met with so much appreciation. The truth being we receive as much enjoyment as they do.

We are all looking forward to gathering with our family and friends and our garden club family for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We will share that feeling of connection and goodwill with the seniors. Letting our seniors know they are being thought of and remembered by their friends in the garden community. We wish them well!

We are looking forward to our Craft Day thanks to Lynn Rollison and her very creative committee. We will create a beautiful wreath that can be used to decorate our homes for the holidays to come. Thank you, Lynn, for bringing this opportunity to us.

Sharing ideas and thoughtfulness with others is so enjoyable the rewards are unmeasurable.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving,

## *Lou Heimann, Membership Chair reports.....*



On our field trip to the Ecology Center in October, we had two guests who plan to join the garden club at the November meeting, Chris Losordo and Debra Lang. Be sure to introduce yourself and make them feel a part of our group.

The 2023-24 membership roster is attached for your records. It will be updated and included in the newsletter when there is an address change or a new member joins. Please keep a copy for your reference.

Happy Thanksgiving Day to all.

Lou Heimann  
Membership Chairman

## *Lynn Rollison, Program Chair reports.....*

Our October field trip to the Ecology Center was wonderful and very informative. Gabrielle, our tour guide, gave us the history of the farm. The land once belonging to the Acjachemen nation and grown from a one acre dirt lot to the thriving 28 acre Regenerative Organic Certified farm right here in our own backyard. The certification means the Ecology Center focuses on the long- term health of the land, rather than a short profit. The farmers use all of the plant by either harvesting and selling at their Farm Stand, or they pickle or preserve in their fermentation center or throw it right back into the soil after being mulched.

The Center offers DYI classes, volunteer opportunities, cafe, flower stand and even Nature School for the kiddos.

All in all, the outing was enjoyable and I hope all those who missed out will head over on the first Saturday each month for a free tour.



We have *three exciting activities* at our upcoming meeting on

## Monday, November 13!!!!

**# 1** For crafty people and non-crafty people, we will be making holiday decorations. Lynn and her team will be there to help us every step of the way! It might be fun to try something new, eh?



The small cost of \$15 will cover ALL the materials needed. If you have not already signed up, please do so **now** to ensure enough supplies for everyone. Contact Lynn Rollison at 949.350.6053 or email [Rollison@cox.net](mailto:Rollison@cox.net) to sign up for the class and make arrangement for payment – *we are accepting cash only!*

Please bring a pair of sharp scissors or wire cutters if you have them. Thanks!

**# 2** We are having a fabulous **plant sale pop-up sale!** Pat Lussier can answer any questions you may have. Please be sure to read the attached flyer!



There's still time! Take a cutting of your favorite plant, stick in a pot, give it light, water, and love every day and voila! You will have an item to share at our sale!!!!

**# 3**



This is the opportunity to chat with other members while you craft or look over the sale. Catch up with an old friend. ***Or even better....start up a conversation with someone you don't know!!!*** As we grow in membership, it is vital we also grow in friendliness and inclusion!

**Monday, 12/11/2023**



Please join us for our annual members only

**HOLIDAY BRUNCH**

**OC Sound Ensemble**

will provide holiday entertainment!

Fun and Games!

Details are in the attached flyer. Please bring your reservation check to the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting or send to P.O. Box before 11/30/23



Monday, January 8, 2024	Board Meeting	10:00 am	Marilyn Devitre's
Monday, January 15, 2024	"Month to Month Gardening"	10:00 am	Golf Club
	Laurie Menosky, Speaker		
Monday, February 12, 2024	Board Meeting	10:00 am	Marilyn Devitre's
Monday, February 19, 2024	"Small Patio - Garden Plants - Shade Plants"		
		10:00 am	The Standard Design Group
Monday, March 11, 2024	Board Meeting	10:00 am	Marilyn Devitre's
Monday, March 18, 2024	All About Us – Highlighting SJCGC		
		10:00 am	Gold Club