



The Spindrifter

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General Meeting—Members Only Thursday September 25, 2014

At the Hashinger Hall Auditorium,
Torrey Pines Christian Church,
8320 La Jolla Scenic Drive North, La Jolla; 858/453-3550

9:00-10:00 a.m. Hospitality Hour
10:00-10:30 a.m. Business Meeting
10:30-11:45 a.m. Program

Speaker: Victoria Kastner “The Hearst Ranch— On the Hilltop and on the Ocean”

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Join Victoria Kastner, Hearst Castle’s long-time historian, for an exclusive behind-the-scenes view of the Hearst Ranch. She will share stories about the great outdoors at the vast 82,000 acre cattle ranch, the subject of her newest book Hearst Ranch: Family, Land, and Legacy. Victoria will discuss the beautiful formal hilltop gardens surrounding the Castle. She will reveal as well the ranch’s many working buildings and private residences designed by architect Julia Morgan. Victoria delivers engaging and insightful tales of the Hearst family, of talented Julia Morgan and her staff, of the gardeners and cowboys, and of the countless Hollywood movie stars who joined Hearst and his companion Marion Davies as they went "roughing it" on his San Simeon ranch.



Victoria Kastner has written and lectured about the estate for more than thirty years. She has a masters degree with a specialty in architectural history from UC Santa Barbara and a masters degree in museum management from George Washington University. Ms. Kastner is the author of the new volume Hearst Ranch: Family, Land, and Legacy, as well as Hearst Castle: The Biography of a Country House, and Hearst's San Simeon: The Gardens and the Land. All three volumes are published by Abrams Books, and together they form a trilogy that reveals the fascinating history of this magnificent estate for the first time. Victoria has lectured extensively, including at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of

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~~From the President's Desk~~

How wonderful it is to be starting our fortieth year as VGCLJ! I am so proud of our club and all that we have accomplished. As our membership numbers have grown, so too has our community involvement, and it is always exciting to start a new year with perhaps new thoughts and directions. Best of all is having the opportunity to be with old friends and get to know new ones. You will definitely want to come to the meetings no later than 9:00 so you will have a time to talk, see, eat, and buy. Remember to sign-in and pick up your new yearbook. You'll be amazed by the sign-ups for trips and tours that are filling up already. Don't forget to bring your flowers and clippings to share.

We had a wonderful afternoon reception in June in Eva Richman's beautiful garden to meet most of the forty-one new members. Helga Halsey and Annette Ritchie-Buis made sure everything went smoothly. We are lucky to have such a great group of new members, and I look forward to getting to know all of them better. The first meeting is always so full of excitement that I cannot imagine trying to navigate it without a guide. If you sponsored one of the new members, please come with them and show them around, introduce them to as many of us as possible, and sit with them up front.

By now you should have been contacted by one of our fantastic project Chairs, but if you haven't, or have a problem with your placement, Annette Ritchie-Buis is the new Committee Coordinator and she is prepared to help you. All active members are required to serve on at least one committee and with the great variety of projects we are involved in, there is surely one or two where your special talents are needed. Everyone is asked to help bring in refreshments two times each year, which doesn't count as committee placement, and this year there seem to be a few months that are short of people - so please sign up and surprise us with your culinary talents.

There are a number of members who have diligently worked all summer to "prep the soil" for our garden club events and upcoming year. Our new Yearbook Editor Mercedes Bartolomei Penner; Roster Coordinator Joanne Hobbs; Yearbook Photo Chair Donna Koziol; Spindrifter Editors Diane Bell and Lynn Jahn; Proofers Alice Harmon and Susan Myerson; Treasurers Tammy Schwab and Cindy Lococo with continued help from Lucy Borsenberger; Membership Chairs Dodie Williams and Suzanne Ward; our Market Place Chairs Linda Morse and Vicky Lugo, Field Trip Chairs Tammy Schwab and Libby Levine; Garden Tour Chairs Patsy Crayton and Burry Vincent, and Program Chair Genevieve Belice. Garden club work is just like our own gardens where there is never a dormant time when we can all sit back and relax, but oh how wonderful it is to see the beauty and bounty of our labors when it all comes into season.

It is truly an honor to lead this club as President, and I welcome any and all of your suggestions, thoughts, and help. I am looking forward to being with you all again on the 25th.

With smiles and hugs, Susan Oliver



Speaker

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Fine Arts Boston, the de Young Museum, and the Getty Museum. She has also been interviewed on the Today Show, CBS This Morning, National Public Radio, and Australian National Radio.

All three volumes on the Hearst Castle and Ranch will be for sale before and after the meeting. Immediately following her program, Victoria will be signing her books for you.

Also join Victoria Kastner for a behind-the-scenes view of San Simeon with our VGCLJ Field Trip Committee, Libby Levine and Tammy Schwab, when we visit Hearst Castle in May 2015. In addition to our private tour of the hilltop gardens, Victoria will take us to the charming coastal town on the Ranch, one of the last surviving estate villages in America. We will taste award-winning wines from the Hearst Ranch Winery and explore the warehouses where Hearst stored his vast art collection. Join us for an unforgettable experience on this trip.



**No Special
Workshop
This Month**

MOORES CANCER CENTER HEALING GARDEN

Chairs: Penelope West (858-587-9840) and
Debi Nichols (858-775-9888);

Garden Volunteer Organizer: Eva Richman (858-455-0916)

THE GOAL OF A HEALING GARDEN IS TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT INVITES PATIENTS, FAMILIES, AND STAFF TO TAKE A BREAK OUTDOORS, AND RELAX AWAY FROM THE TENSION OF THE HOSPITAL SETTING, SURROUNDED BY NATURAL BEAUTY.

OUR RE-LANDSCAPING OF THE COURTYARD GARDEN, BEGUN IN THE SPRING OF 2013, IS FILLING OUT BEAUTIFULLY WITH COLOR AND LUSH GROWTH; AND MORE PATIENTS AND FAMILIES ARE NOW USING THE GARDEN. OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS GROOM THE GARDEN EVERY WEEKEND OF THE YEAR; AND THIS YEAR WE PLAN TO EXTEND OUR EFFORTS TO RE-WORK THE SOUTHERN SHADED AREA AND THE ENTRANCES TO THE GARDEN.

WE ARE ALSO LAUNCHING A *BULB GROWERS GROUP*. THE IDEA IS TO STAGE A SPRING SPECTACLE OF DAFFODILS EN MASSE. WE WILL PROVIDE INTERESTED MEMBERS WITH 2 OR 3 CONTAINERS, TOGETHER WITH BULBS, TO BE GROWN AT HOME. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART OR WANT TO KNOW MORE, CONTACT PENELOPE WEST.



FINALLY, A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS AND GARDEN GROOMERS. NONE OF THIS COULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT.

A CORNER OF THE HEALING GARDEN

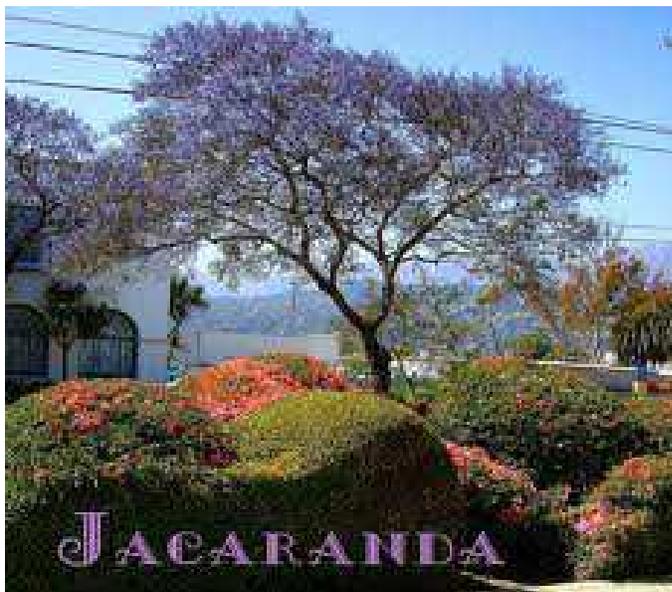
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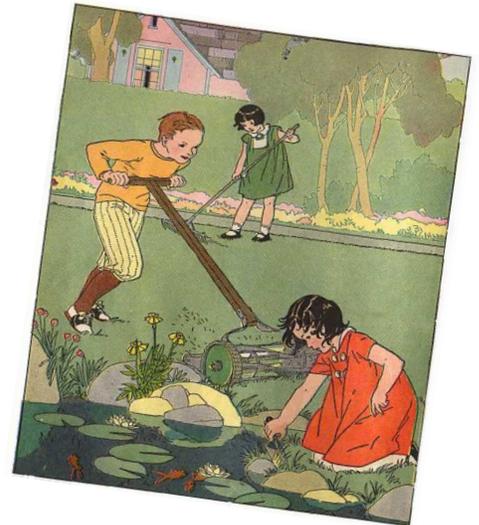
Our new Treasury Team consists of myself, **Tammy Schwab** as Treasurer; new member and QuickBooks expert **Cindy Lococo** as Auditor; and **Susan Wintringer** as Accounts Receivable who will be primarily responsible for bank deposits. It is our hope that by providing written accounting procedures along with newly designed forms we can continue to give back to the community, provide high caliber programs to our members, and improve our accounting process. The ultimate goal is to ensure a timely matching of income and expenses to generate accurate reporting for committees and the VGCLJ. The brand new Treasury Packet can be found on-line at our website, VGCLJ.com, under the new Treasurer link. This initial compilation of basic guidelines, procedures and forms will help us achieve our goals and work smarter. Please take a moment to go to the new Treasurer page on our website, download, review, and make necessary copies.

To start the year off properly there are several members we would like to recognize. We would like to thank **Gleneva Belice** for stepping up as substitute Treasurer last year while fulfilling her many other volunteer commitments. As always Gleneva can be counted on to help when needed. She is an inspiration to all and a truly special person. We would also like to thank **Lucy Borsenberger** for her dedication and commitment as acting Treasurer this past year. Lucy has kept things humming along and has done an amazing job ensuring that the Club's accounting records are in order. We look forward to working with Lucy as our Advisor. Last but not least, many thanks to **Sara Hoffelt**, our new Webmaster, for the wonderful job on our new website. Sara has tremendous patience dealing with us "non-techie" types!

Not only is the new website beautiful and easy to navigate but has a 'member only' page to protect our personal contact information. Gleneva, Lucy, and Sara many thanks and a few hugs for all that you do with such grace and attention to detail.

We look forward to working with the membership and assisting with your accounting responsibilities. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us. We welcome your feedback and suggestions. Thank you for your support!

VGCLJ Treasury Team: Tammy Schwab, Treasurer;
Cindy Lococo, Auditor; Susan Wintringer, Accounts Receivable



Master Gardener and Conservation Table

In addition to answering your gardening questions, we will have a special exhibit and handouts on conserving water and water smart landscapes. For further information you can always check out the UC Statewide IPM Program. www.ipm.ucdavis.edu or call our 'hort line' Monday – Friday 9 am to 3pm. 858-822-6910.

Our Plant Sale and Open House is Saturday, September 20, 2014, 9 am to 2 pm in Balboa Park at the Casa del Prado, Room 101.

We're heading over the border!

Sign up is now open for our first excursion of the year to

**Rancho La Puerta, Tecate, Mexico on
Friday, November 7, 2014.**

The cost of **\$200 per person, non-refundable**, includes: transportation via luxury motor coach bus to the border and a 10 minute shuttle ride to Rancho La Puerta; a full day at the famed health and wellness spa recently voted best in the world; tours of the gardens, organic farm and cooking school; lunch; snacks; and priceless memories! **A valid passport is required.**



Rancho La Puerta and its surrounding landscape are located in a biodiversity hotspot, meaning it is a region that is both rich in biodiversity and is in significant danger of destruction. We hope you can join us and experience the sweeping views and winding paths that lead you past venerable wisteria and grape vines, and through layered canopies of mature palo verde, acacia, olive, plum, apricot and almond trees, as well as peppers, Chinese elms, honey locust, palms, sycamores, oaks and eucalyptus. Color and fragrance greet you at every turn. Flowering plants include rosemary, lavender, and sage, masses of billowy shrub roses plus great drifts of calendulas, narcissus, ranunculus and alyssum. These are followed by hollyhocks and sunflowers, Lavatera (tree mallow), buddleia, matilija poppies and cactus blossoms. Jasmine and honey-suckle frame doorways. Hummingbirds swoop in to feast on the towering flowers of the century plant and the fleshy bells of Our Lord's Candle, the native yucca. Nothing can replace time as a maker of gardens. Rancho La Puerta's gardens honor the history and spirit of the land, native peoples, and vineyard planters.

Be sure to check the VGCLJ.com website for more details about the scheduled field trips, stop by the Field Trip table to pick up a brochure, and listen for announcements at the monthly meetings. **Space is limited and filling fast. Your non-refundable payment of \$200 secures your spot. Please give or mail your check payable to VGCLJ in the amount of \$200 to Libby Levine.** This year promises to provide several opportunities to expand your horizons with the three fabulous field trips that have been planned!

Tour Coordinators:

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H 619-221-5906 C 619-889-3987

Tammy Schwab, email tschwab58@gmail.com
H 858-367-8874 C 858-437-1549

THE VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB OF LA JOLLA'S NEW WEBSITE: www.vgclj.com

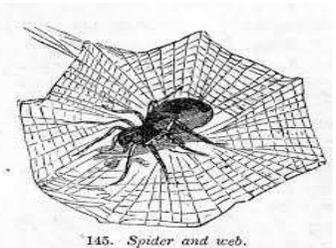
Hello everyone, my name is Sara Hoffelt and I am pleased to be the new webmaster for our brand new website this year.

Please visit our new website www.vgclj.com to stay up-to-date with information regarding our wonderful club. The goal is to keep it current, fresh, and interesting.

The website includes information about the following:

Time and location of our monthly meetings; Club projects, Programs and Speakers; Club field trips; Club Events and San Diego garden related events; Links to garden club photos, Maps for field trips and garden related websites; Applications and Reimbursement Forms.

There is a new "Members Only" page where you will be able to access members contact information, the monthly *Spindrifter*, and any other information that contains personal contact information, or does not necessarily need to be made available to the public.



September Refreshments

Everyone needs to sign up for refreshments, even those who are on another committee. Due to a change in the renewal form, we only received one third of the volunteers needed. If you haven't signed up please look for a sign-up sheet at the meetings, so we can continue to offer a beautiful display of fresh fruit, deviled eggs, quiche, tea sandwiches, and beautiful baked goods.

Thank you.

Carmen Scull, Janet Allison, and Carol Rumsey

VICTORIA ADAMS	BETSY BLAKELY
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OUR JACARANDA TREE PLANTING PROJECT

By Dorothy Carroll, Chair; dcarroll92109@yahoo.com

The Jacaranda Committee is **"Going Green"**. Our purpose is to PLANT trees to benefit the general public and the environment, not cut them down to use for paper. We will eliminate most of our hard-copy printing and mailing and use e-mail to notify and thank Donors and their recipients. In the past few years, a thank you note card was mailed to non-members and recipients. We will continue to do this until our supply of printed cards and envelopes is exhausted. Then, we will send individual emails to thank Donors and notify recipients. So include your and your recipients e-mail addresses with your checks and forms. We will send a list of all names each month to the *Spindrifter* so you can see who is making donations and for whom.

"Where is my tree planted?" During the past 4 to 6 years, the Committee did not buy one tree for each \$50 donation. Why? Most trees donated were the larger 24" boxed size, because sites have had more success growing the larger trees, they bloom sooner, provide shade sooner, and are less susceptible to damage and destruction from youngsters and dogs. A 15-gallon tree costs \$65 to \$75, plus sales tax and delivery fees. The 24" boxed size costs us \$175 to \$200 each. It takes four (4) of the \$50 donations to buy one (1) of the 24" boxed size trees. We will continue to negotiate with local nurseries to get better discounts, but if you have any special influence with any nurseries, even in LA/Orange County areas, let us know!

Each Donor dedicates their \$50 minimum donation as "In Memory of" or "In Honor of". With the excellent publicity and media coverage this past year, the majority of our donations are now from the general public. Everyone is proud to be part of this overall, on-going Jacaranda tree Civic Beautification

Greetings from the BOUQUET of THANKS Committee

We are once again delighted with the support that our project has received from all the members of the VGCLJ and look forward to yet another fulfilling year honoring our veterans and their families at the VA Hospital in La Jolla.

At our first meeting, September 25, we would like to invite ALL Garden Club members to donate a small or medium plant or floral arrangement of their choice. Donations tables will be set up as before in the vestibule where we look forward to greeting one and all. The committee will affix a gift card and at the end of the morning, the donations will be driven over to the VA for distribution around the Hospital. As a side note ~ tax forms will be available at the donations table.

In preparation for our special project "Pumpkins for Patriots" during the month of October, we are requesting donations of small succulent cuttings to top off mini pumpkins which will be created by the committee in time for Halloween.

Kindly submitted by Gaynor Pates/Chair ~~ Jill Holmes/Co-chair



A Timely Connection

The Water Conservation Garden

Opened in 1999, the Garden is dedicated to promoting water conservation in the southern California landscape through excellent exhibits and programs that educate and inspire the public. The Garden is supported by memberships, donations, grants, and support from Helix Water District, Otay Water District, Sweetwater Authority, City of San Diego and the San Diego County Water Authority. For more information, please visit www.thegarden.org or call 619/660-0614x10.

Firescaping with Native Plants

Saturday, September 20th, 10:00am - 12 noon

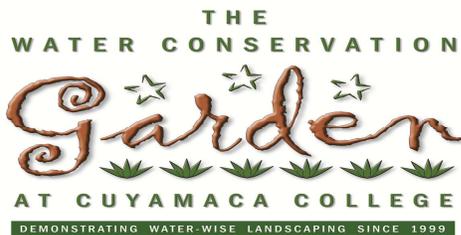
Learn fire-wise landscaping essentials using native plants with landscape designer and gardening book author, Greg Rubin. This important presentation explores native plant choices, proper plant placement, and native plant care. Members Free, \$10 Non-Members

Soil Testing, Prepping and Planting

Saturday, October 4th, 10:00am - 12 noon

An important aspect of healthy landscapes and gardens is the soil. Join Harold Bailey for a hands-on workshop to learn how to test your soil, how to prepare it for planting, and the proper use of fertilizers. Members Free, \$10 Non-Members

Elizabeth Ramos, Director of Marketing
The Water Conservation Garden; 619-985-8337 (cell)



WELCOME TO OUR 41 NEW MEMBERS!

Debbie Adams
Sharon Arbelaez
Lisa Bartzokas
Ginny Black
Rosalind Bradley
May Bull
Robin Colvey
Pam Costi
Giana Crispell
Ursula Darby
Jan Davis
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Pam Filley
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Clare Friedman
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Elizabeth Li
Cynthia Lococo
Judy MacKenzie
Chana Mannen
Gayle Martin
Janet Mika
Jennifer Oliver
Katie Oliver
Sharon Patel
Carol Peeler
Sue Pruett
Carolyn Robinson
Bobby Rupe
Kay Scavulli
Hermeen Scharaga
Jeanette Wright

A light blue flower is attached to each new member's name-tag. Please introduce yourself and welcome our new members to VGCLJ.



let's get started on our creations for the

EXPRESSIONS IN ART & FLOWERS SHOWS!

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS

WED., APRIL 29 ~

“PREVIEW” SHOW, 4-7 PM

THURS., APRIL 30 ~

SHOW & MEETING, 9-12 NOON

Chairman: Margie Smith-Haas / pmhaas19@aol.com
Co-Chair: Mary McSweeney / mmcsweeney76@gmail.com
Advisors: Leah Higgins / leahhigginsart@gmail.com



Horticultural Calendar

~Karin Kratz~

September 20; Saturday

Master Gardener Association Plant Sale and Open House. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. Shop for gardening tools and books, arts and crafts, and thousands of plants for sale at great prices. Master Gardeners will be on hand for demonstrations and consultations on a variety of garden subjects. More information:

<http://www.mastergardenerssandiego.org/>

September 25; Thursday

“The Hearst Ranch -- on the Hilltop and on the Ocean”, presented by Victoria Kastner, Hearst Castle’s longtime historian and author of a new book entitled Hearst Ranch: Family, Land, and Legacy as well as Hearst Castle: The Biography of a Country House and Hearst’s San Simeon: The Gardens and the Land. The three volumes form a trilogy that reveals the fascinating history of this fabulous estate. The new book will be for sale immediately after her talk and Victoria will be available for signing. 9 a.m., social hour, Hashinger Hall Auditorium, Torrey Pines Christian Church, 8320 La Jolla Scenic Drive North, 10 a.m., Business Meeting, 10:30 a.m., program. **Members Only.** **VGCLJ Members are asked to bring a plant or arrangement for donation to the Veteran’s Hospital for the “Bouquet of Thanks” project.**

September 27 – 28; Saturday – Sunday

San Diego Bonsai Club Fall Show and Sale. Amazing bonsai plants and pots for sale; daily bonsai demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. More information:

<http://www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com/show.html>

October 6; Monday

Palomar District Floral Design Forum. 12:30 p.m., **Robert Gordon, AIFD, Professor of Ornamental Horticulture**, will demonstrate “Sculptural Designs” using the latest color trends. Shinoda Design Center, 7170 Miramar Rd., San Diego. Fee: \$12 per session NGC/CGCI members, \$15 non-members or choose \$70 pass for all 8 programs. More information:

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/sites/default/files/u61/FloralDesignForum2014-15Schedule.pdf>

October 13; Monday

San Diego Horticultural Society Monthly Meeting. A Landscape Designer Panel will Discuss Lawn Replacement Ideas. 6 – 8 p.m., Surfside Race Place, Del Mar Fairgrounds on Jimmy Durante Boulevard in Del Mar. Free to members; \$15, for non-member guests. Information, 619.296.9215

October 15; Wednesday

San Diego Floral Association Quarterly Fall Meeting. Floral Arrangements with Dried Natural Materials. Presented by Eugene Marley, Owner, French Garden Shoppe, Little Italy, San Diego. 2 p.m. Free, Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. For more information, call 619-232-5762 or www.sdfloal.org.

VGCLJ Website

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Please set up a log-in name and password by clicking on the “Member Log In” link on the top right of the web page. I ask that you use your email address that you have provided and is listed in the yearbook so I can verify you as a member.

Committee chairmen please note: If you have information that you would like to see on the website, please send me the details in an e-mail (preferred) or call me directly. I ask that you observe the same ‘Spindrifter’ deadline each month to ensure that your information will be posted in a timely manner. If you would like the information posted in the Member’s Only area, please note this in your email.

Finally, I would like to give a big thanks to Betsy Grasso, for creating and managing the website for the past 10 years. You did a wonderful job, and thank you for helping me so much in making the transition as the new webmaster!

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or suggestions for the website. Thank you. I look forward to this next year with our wonderful club.

Sara Hoffelt, Webmaster:

(858)344-5807; shoffelt@gmail.com

Plant and Garden Exchange Committee

Mimi Ewens, Susan Pransky, Lynn Jahn

September is all about sharing. We would like to focus on succulents this month. That will give you time to start your succulent cuttings in time to make a beautiful succulent wreath for the holidays. Our table is located to the right of the stage. Also bring in extras to share with the Bouquet of Thanks committee who will be working on their pumpkins/succulents again this October. Their table is in the foyer.

Have you been thinning out some of your plants? Bring them to the plant exchange table and we’ll share the love of plants. If you can, bring in care directions for your cuttings/plants/seeds. We also like to have plants in containers, seeds, baskets, vases, assorted gardening equipment. We look forward to your visit!



SCHOOLYARD GARDENING GRANTS PROGRAM

WELCOME TO SEPTEMBER – OUR BUSIEST MONTH! – FROM THE SGGP and Jamie Ginsberg

Hello Garden Club members, new and old! The Schoolyard Gardening Grants Committee had its opening meeting of the year in August at chair Jamie Ginsberg's lovely Lower Hermosa house. In warm August we munched on Jamie's homemade coffee cake and drank her garden-grown lemonade as we got moving on the year's work. The main business of the hour was to review our funding situation as we go into grants season. The only funds we have received this year are the generous donations designated for us by members last spring during the annual dues collection period. We strive to be careful of the gift funds our members have entrusted us with, and last year we actually asked past grant recipients to take a year off from requesting our funds if they were not destitute. Several did, and it helped. But now it is the season for applications again. The application form for 2014-2015 grants will be put on the Club website on September 15, with applications due for review by October 15 and a November 15 fund distribution date to applicants.



To remind you the schools that received Schoolyard Gardening Grants in 2013-2014 are: Adobe Bluffs Elementary, San Diego; Allen Elementary, Bonita; Christa McAuliffe, Oceanside; Del Mar Hills Academy of Arts and Science, Del Mar; Explorer Elementary, San Diego; Grant School, San Diego; Kate Sessions, San Diego; Kelly Elementary, San Diego; Ocean Knoll, Encinitas; Pacific Beach Elementary, San Diego; Silver Gate, San Diego; Torrey Hills, San Diego; Torrey Pines Elementary, San Diego; Valley Vista, Bonita; Language Academy, San Diego; Mt. Everest Academy, San Diego; and Oliver Wendell Holmes, San Diego. In 2012-2013 we additionally funded 17 other schools: Cardiff Elementary, Cardiff by the Sea; Curie, San Diego; Jamul Primary School, Jamul; La Paloma, Fallbrook; Lindberg Schweitzer, San Diego; Mission Estancia, Carlsbad; Ramona Lutheran, Ramona; San Elijo, San Marcos; Sherman, San Diego; Silver Gate, San Diego; Solana Santa Fe, Rancho Santa Fe;

South Oceanside Elementary, Oceanside; Warren Walker Middle, San Diego; Bonsall Elementary, Bonsall; Lexington, El Cajon; Museum School, San Diego; Urban Discovery Academy, San Diego.

Together they number 30 and are all elementary schools. They all have worthwhile gardens and enthusiastic child gardeners digging and weeding in them. Some of the schools have more needy populations than others, but all need our grant help to do better, expand, even in some cases to continue. So for those of you who have not supported us yet this year and/or would be moved to give more to this amazing little program that touches so many children and the families they live in, please come by our September booth to purchase our wonderful gardening gloves (we're making the price a little higher this year - \$10/a pair – but they are the BEST gardening helpers you can ever put on your hands!) If you have extra dollars at the moment, we'd also welcome your cash or checks, made out to the VGCLJ, with Schoolyard Garden Grant Committee in the memo line. They'll get to us just in time to include in our grants budget as we meet in mid-October. If anyone wishes to sponsor a particular school for \$300.00, please let us know that also. With many thanks for your consideration, dear members.

MEMBERS' FALL GARDEN TOUR

Don't miss the Fall Members Garden Tour for Members only.

Invite a friend from the garden club and join us!

Wednesday, October 29th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Sign up and pay \$10.00 at the September and October meetings. The list will be given when you have paid. Four gardens in La Jolla, Encinitas and Del Mar.

Patsy Crayton (858) 456-1826 and Bury Vincent (858) 454-6503, co-chairs



EXPRESSIONS IN ART & FLOWERS

*We ask for your support!
Our two shows are important
fundraisers for the VGCLJ.
The inaugural "Preview" was a
huge success.*

*To assure the show maintains the
excellent quality this year we are seek-
ing sponsors and underwriters to help
defray our expenses.*

*Also, don't forget to stop by our table
and purchase Leah's beautiful
notecards...they are a lovely gift and a
BARGAIN!*

*We will also need lots of donated items,
services, etc. for our new Silent Auc-
tion".*

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TORREY PINES STATE RESERVE
NATIVE PLANT RESTORATION
PROJECT
"The Flintkote Project"

We are beginning our 10th year with our conservation project in Sorrento Valley in the Torrey Pines Reserve! This project continues to grow.

Last spring, the dirt road, Flintkote, was reconstructed on higher ground by the Army Corps of Engineers, due to annual flooding. Ecologist, Darren Smith, is hoping to finish the last area in our 6 acres with native bulbs and reseeding annuals. We will need our volunteers to help with seed and bulb propagation, planting and weeding, something for everyone!

Please come join us this October. Details will follow at our September meeting. Thanks to all of you who have supported this worthy and successful project!

Becky Dembitsky and Mary Ann Driscoll

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