THE SEEDLING

Bonita Valley Garden Club

SEPTEMBER 2019

President's Message

I hope all of you had a fabulous summer break and were able to beat the heat for the most part. I'm very excited to embark on my term as BVGC President. I am proud to follow in the footsteps of my capable predecessors. Thank you, Laura Crenshaw, for presiding over the June Installation of 2019-2020 officers. I thoroughly enjoyed your honeybee analogy for the various officer positions.

We have had a busy hive over the summer:

Our First Vice Presidents, Darlene and Ronni, have a terrific line up of programs for us this year. We'll hear from a wide variety of speakers across the community and within our own club. I am particularly interested and curious to hear about Bokashi composting in March.

Our Budget Committee spent time over the summer to develop a proposed 2019-2020 budget which we will review and approve in the September meetings. A huge thank you to Pat Bjernefalt and her husband Sten for developing a detailed "Chart of Accounts" which will serve as a solid budget foundation for years to come. Thank you also to Glennalie Coleman, Bea Putian and Kathy Taylor for serving along with Pat and me on the Budget Committee.

Our Bonita in Bloom Garden Tour Chairs, Maria Balolong, Diane Hahnel, and Kathy Taylor have been busy bees planning this event which is our primary fund raiser for our scholarship awards. From everything I have heard, I expect it to be a huge success.

Thanks to our Membership VP's outreach, members who had not yet paid dues had a chance to do so before the yearbook deadline.

Our Thursday Walkers were in the right place at the right time to secure an offer for our club to plant a demonstration plot in the Sweetwater Community Garden at no charge for the plot fee. See Ronni's article in this newsletter for more information.

"Thank you to Kathy Taylor for organizing the fun and festive Boot Scootin' Summer Party and to Sonia Wilson for lending her home and cooking talents for this event."

Warm welcome to members who joined during the summer! We have lots of activities in addition to our regular meetings and there are many ways to contribute your unique talents and get to know fellow members.

Finally, remember, our regular meetings this year are at St John's Episcopal in Chula Vista due to the Library expansion and renovation project.

Happy Gardening, Lisa Mercier, President

BOARD MEETING
SEPT 4 9-30am HOST: Susan Currie 1782 Lone Tree Rd, Chula Vista, 91913 RSVP: 619-892-2933 or curriesusanr@gmail.com

GENERAL MEETING
SEPT 11 9-30am Program: Propagation Education with Kurt Peacock Learn the secrets to successful plant propagation with Kurt Peacock, certified arborist. Use the skills you learn to start plants for the May plant sale.

SET-UP: Nancy Scheffler
REFRESHMENTS: Maria Balolong, Jere Kausch Sharon Louder, Vera Matthias, Reiko Ratcliffe, Pauline Waters
RAFFLE: Jere Kausch, Susan Heavlin, Vera Matthias, Nancy Scheffler, Carvill Veech, Joanne Westover
CLEAN-UP: Nancy Scheffler

OCT 10 NEW MEMBER TEA 10am -12 pm
HOST: Rebecca Moretti, 2925 Picasso Dr, Bonita 91902RSVP: 414-453-1918 or jrmoretti@tds.net

OCT 14, PALOMAR DISTRICT FALL MEETING
Hosted by Chula Vista Garden Club

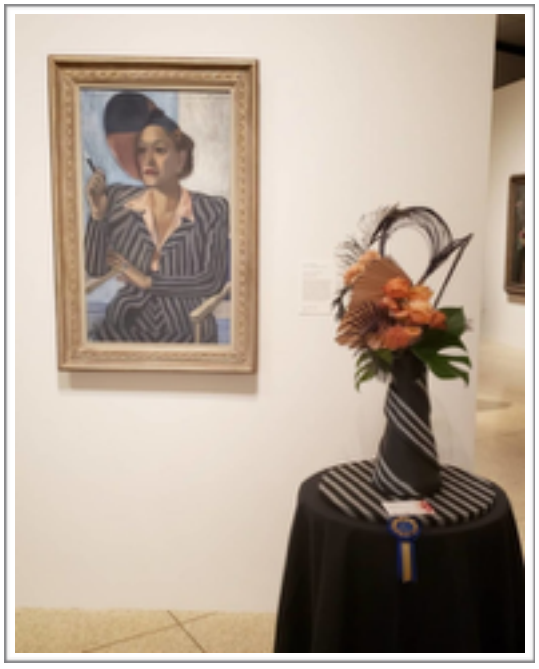
OCT 16, BVGC Field Trip: Specialty Produce. Contact: Sharon Louder

OCT 25-26 BLOOMING ART IN BONITA
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. See info below

TBD: Workshop: Make December Nights Tree Decorations: Back to Nature theme
Contacts: Sharon Louder and Pauline

BLOOMING ART IN BONITA

Blooming Art in Bonita is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, Friday, October 25, and Saturday, October 26, 2019.
The Chula Vista Artists Guild will install their Exhibit at the Bonita Museum, with their Reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 18. We are invited to attend and this is an opportunity for us to choose an art piece to interoperate with flowers.
This is just for fun. No judging, except for "The People's Choice".
We will host the Reception on Friday, October 25, from 5:30 to 7:00.
Any time after October 12th you may see the Docent at the Museum pick up an entry form, choose, fill out etc. and return it to the Docent. Remember Keep Your Portion.
Museum days and hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10:am to 4:00pm.
It is great fun. Do plan to take part. See you there.
Glennalie Coleman and Lisa Mercier, Chairs



San Diego Floral Association Make and Take classes for 2019-2020

San Diego Floral will be holding monthly classes offering a variety of fun and educational hands-on projects that students will make and take home. Limit of 20 students per class.

Date: 2nd Thursday of the month (September – May)
Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon
Place: Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
Cost: SD Floral members $25/class, non-members $30/class Save $5/class if you enroll in the series of 9 classes.
Reservations: Call San Diego Floral at 619/232-5762 to reserve your place, then submit payment. Payments can be mailed to SD Floral Assoc., 1650 El Prado, Rm. 105, San Diego 92110. You can also enroll by visiting www.sdfloral.org

September 12, 2019 Artistic mosaic hanging containers for small plants. Instructor is Jackie Riekstins, a former art teacher.
October 10, 2019 "Altars and customs of Dia de Los Muertos." Make a sugar skulls wreath and Mexican tissue paper flowers. Bring scissors. Instructor is Kathy Taylor de Murillo, an award winning floral designer and teacher.
November 14, 2019 Autumn/Thanksgiving fresh flower cornucopia and door wreath. Bring scissors or clippers. Instructor is Kathy Taylor de Murillo.

The University Of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program. We are accepting applications until October 1, 2019 for the next training course, which will begin in January 2020. We are seeking adults in San Diego County who have the time and desire to help educate others, love to grow plants and want to learn more about horticulture. Inherent in the title "Master Gardener" (MG) lies the challenge to continue learning and to help other gardeners grow.
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COMMUNITY GARDEN

Greg Cox, County Supervisor of District 1, cut the ribbon at the official 'unofficial'* opening of the new community garden at Sweetwater and Bonita Roads on June 29th. Among those in attendance were half a dozen members of the Bonita Valley Garden Club, primarily those who walk the Rossi Trail next to the garden as part of the weekly trash clean up. (*The garden did not officially open its doors until the last week of August).

Due to the presence of the BVGC members at the ribbon cutting, we were subsequently contacted with an invitation to establish a demonstration garden in one of the 20' x 20' plots! As an incentive for this volunteer work, the annual $300 plot rental fee would be waived. The BVGC weekly walkers decided to pursue this opportunity and a meeting was quickly pulled together to brainstorm about the kind of gardening we wanted to demonstrate, to establish resources at hand, and to establish a resource "wish" list if the county had available funds. It was decided that Jackie Riekstins, who has extensive organic gardening experience having grown up on a farm in Wisconsin, would oversee the project and Ronni Russell agreed to partner with her as co-chair.

If you have interest in being a part of this endeavor, please let Jackie or Ronni know. It will be a great opportunity to expand your gardening knowledge. Also, if you have any old gardening tools that are no longer in use and just taking up space in your garage, we'd love to take them off your hands.

Ronni Russell

Sunshine Lady
If you know someone who needs cheering up, let Sonia Wilson or Jean Bibb know and they will send a card

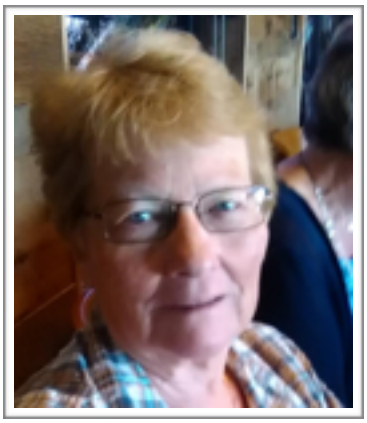
The theme for our Bonita Valley Garden Club's February Tea and Fashion Show 2020 is "Music in the Garden". Please select and then interpret your song/music choice through your floral table design.There will be a signup sheet at our next meeting, so that the coordinator/ moderator can research and provide a brief history/bio on your submission.
So Ladies get your musicality a-flowing!
Thank you,take care and have wonderful days!
Hugs
Sandra Graff

Member Birthdays
July 5 Karen Duigan
12 Mary Lu Gultekin
25 Carolyn Roeters
26 Janice Cousins
Susan Kirby
29 Bea Putian
Carvill Veech
Aug 7 Sandra Brownell
8 Brenda Pearson
11 Jetta Russell
13 Val Bolger
16 Martha Gillard
20 Suzy Radford
22 Lynne Batchelor
27 Jeanette Baranov
Susan Rierson
30 Aida Eberline
Pat Malone
Sep10 Sonia Wilson
11 Sharon Louder
14 Zena Parrish
17 Jo Lynn Campbell
20 Evita Beas

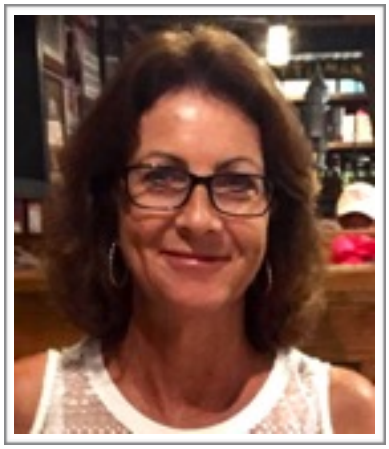
COOKBOOKS $12 SEE DIANE

MARKET TABLE

Our new Market Table Co-Chairs, Joan Smalley and Sonia Wilson, are seeking your contributions for the Market Table. Please drop off your items at Joan's house. It is better if you call ahead to ensure she is home to receive them. If she isn't home it should be safe to leave them anyway. Joan Smalley 619-636-4887. 2729 Valley Creek Drive. (Not Valley creek Circle) We are looking forward to seeing you all soon For members who have items to donate and are unable to drop them off, Sonia can make pick-ups.



Karen Duignan



Laura Disharoon

Gladys Nolen

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

These members joined in May-Aug. Their contact info will be in the new yearbook. Please encourage our new members to participate in club activities and to join a committee to meet other garden club members and to learn about our club.

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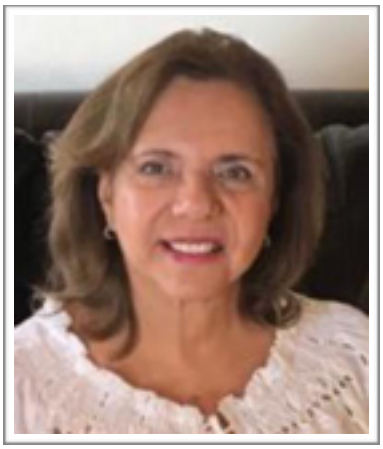

Christina Holder

Linda Mascardo

Reiko Ratcliffe

Susy Radford

OUR FABULOUS SUMMER PARTY

THANK YOU SO MUCH SONIA. YOU ARE AMAZING

PEGGY AND JIM BURLEY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Peggy Jean George Burley Nov 22, 1925 - May 1, 2019

Peggy was born in Plainview, Texas to George Clyde George and Ruby Hooper George. She was one of six children and lived in Texas until she married, Lt. Ernest James "Jim" Burley. She was a " Navy wife" for 28+ years, raised 3 daughters, formed long lasting friendships with every move...including Ohio, Florida, Japan, Guam, Coronado, Ca. and then to Corpus Christi, Texas near many of the George's, until Jim's retirement ,,,then back to California. Eventually they moved to Bonita where they lived for some 40 yrs....They grew to love this place, where she and Jim were very active in the community... Gardens clubs- regular and organic, the Bonita Historical society and Museum, church, and local chapter of Republican women. Due to age and health reasons then moved to Kingman, Az. about 3 years ago where they could be closer to daughter Toni and her family.
She is survived by husband Jim Burley, and two of their daughters, Toni K and Terri Lyn. Middle daughter Leslie was lost in an auto accident in 1969. Toni and her husband Bill Bigelow - long time Kingman residents,,, have children Brian and Kim, and between them 4 great grandchildren. Terri Lyn, and husband Edward Hammond, have only 4 legged children...
She is also survived by her "baby" brother. Kirk, in Texas and many nieces and nephews.
Peggy had 2 episodes of severe congestive heart failure accompanied by what we think were several small strokes, then a big stroke that left her unable to talk or swallow. She passed away at her home in Kingman on May 1st.

Palomar District's 27th Anniversary Season
Floral Design Forum 2019-2020

When: 1st Monday, October thru May 12:00 NOON
Where: Shinoda Design Center
7170 Miramar Rd., San Diego, 92121
Objectives: To bring the finest floral designers to San Diego County; promote appreciation of floral art forms; develop skills in critiquing floral art; improve individual skills for in home floral decorating; learn skills for flower show exhibition; encourage members to enter flower shows and promote floral arts in the community. The forum is open to anyone interested in floral design.
Fees: Choose $70/all 8 program season pass (save $50 off non-member session tickets) or $12/ session for NGC/CGCI members or $15/ session for non-members Mail: George Speer, 30861 Saddleback Rd, Valley Center, CA 92082

September 15, 2019 - FREE Special "Christmas Show" at Shinoda Design Center, San Diego. Sunday, 10 AM to 3 PM. Watch while Kevin Ylvisaker , AIFD, PFCI, Smithers-Oasis floral products design director creates fresh and silk designs to get your creative plans flowing with products off the shelves. Notice: FREE

October 7, 2019 The Family Proteaceae by the Resendiz Bros. Protea Growers. Designer, cut flowers, arrangements and plants. Learn, enjoy and take home.

November 4, 2019 - Robert L. Gordon AIFD Ornamental Horticulture Professor and Garden Club member for many years; is joined by George Speer, NGC Master Judge to answer "Are there still differences between Professional and Garden Club designs?"

December 2, 2019 - Rene van Rems , AIFD Dutch born designer, author and educator, He is the world-renowned ambassador of the floral industry. Rene presents European Holiday Designing. He will entertain, educate and inspire. Don't miss this one. Register to reserve your seat, they are limited.
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January 6, 2020 "How'd they do that?" Special Educational Program featuring wonderful NGC Judges/ teachers, demonstrating the ins and outs of design mechanics, backgrounds, underlayments, containers/non-containers, etc. Start the year off right.

February 3, 2020 - Dale Rekus From Point Loma Garden Club, a competitive designer (SD Fair's Top Ten) with an eye for being his own man with style. New to our stage.

March 2, 2020 "FLOWER POWER" Our most popular Program. Watch as 5 local college student designers race against the clock to complete a Surprise Package design from material, container and theme. Then, like a 3 ring circus, they show a "signature design," a "round robin" and then a "wrap up" design.

April 6, 2020 Mitsuko Takeya, Master Instructor O'Hara School of Ikebana. Enjoy the simplicity, meaning and grace of her designs. We are pleased that Mitsuko could fit us in between her many classes.

May 4, 2020 - The "Grand Finale" is to be determined

Reminder, that California Garden Club Inc. members are able to shop at Shinoda Design Center with a pass gotten by your Club President. You will have to pay sales tax at the time of purchase.
START TIME HAS CHANGED TO NOON