

# THE SEEDLING

JANUARY 2021

## President's Message:

Happy New Year! I am thrilled and heartwarmed with members' reactions to the Holiday Surprise the BVGC Garden Gnomes delivered in December. You can see some of their messages on page 3 of this newsletter. The Gnomes had fun making and delivering them.

As you will all get a chance to see on Wednesday, Carvill had a blast making the fairy gardens to show us. And, I have to say, I'm also impressed with her willingness to learn new technical tools in the process of creating this program.

Since we can't have our annual fashion show and tea in person this year, we've worked to create one for us to hold virtually -- kinda like the virtual happy hours people have been holding during COVID but with tea and scones and HATS.

Hope you all will attend our January and February programs. Of course, it's not the same as in person but it's the next best we can do at this time.

Wishing you all good health, Lisa



## Meeting Information and Events

*Due to COVID, meetings this year will be held via web conference (until further notice).*

**Board Meetings:** Usually 1st Tuesday or Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am.

If you are not a board member and would like to present a topic, contact Lisa Mercier, President.

Regular Meetings:  
2nd Wednesday of the month.

**January Program:** Our talented and creative member, Carvill Veech, will tell us about fairy gardens and show us how she created several. See additional details on the next page.

**February Program:** Our annual Tea goes virtual this year. Packages with goodies will be delivered to members and then we'll meet via Zoom to enjoy the goodies and join in some fun activities. Also, members are encouraged to decorate and wear a hat.

planning a virtual annual Tea.

**Web Conferencing:** We hope you plan to attend our programs. If you need technical assistance, please contact Lisa Mercier or a technically savvy friend or a grandchild.

We are working on a way to post the recording of our meetings and programs for members to access. Stay Tuned.

## Fairy Gardens by Carvill Veech

If you are a child at heart or know a child who believes in fairies, then a fairy garden is for you. Even fairies need a place to rest. Fairy gardens can be created using found objects and items you create for free. Even if you don't believe in fairies, the creative aspect is endless. Join me at our next virtual meeting to learn some tricks and techniques.

A fairy garden is a wonderful miniature landscape for the fairies to visit. Let your imagination soar. I will demonstrate several container fairy gardens and show things that I have made for no cost. The more I work in my fairy gardens the more I appreciate my creations and others.



Here are some of the wonderful "thank you" messages from our members for the Holiday Surprise.

The holiday gift that you all put together & distributed was so sweet. So unexpected. Warmed my heart right up.....

Now i joined the club hoping to become a better gardener....actually to become a gardener at all. Still have that brown thumb but the most Wonderful friends.....

It was such a joy (this year 2020) to get a gift from the BVGC Garden Gnomes! I have planted bulbs in the earth, but have never tried one in a vase. The vase is the perfect shape and I like the color stones you chose. My dresser in my bedroom has the sunniest window so I can see my bulb every morning when I rise. Thank you for the thoughtful gift!.....

Hello and thank you for the club's delightful surprise Christmas gift. I planted and hope it sprout by spring! Love it...Merry Christmas, wishing you all the best for a very safe & healthy 2021! Love & hugs. 🌲❤️  
Happy Holidays fellow BVCG members! .....

I have been a member for about 20 yrs; and yesterday's surprise was so fun!.....

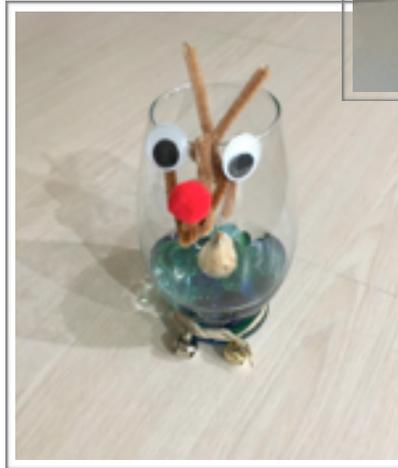
I came home to my lovely and thoughtful Christmas Swag Bag! I will be good and wait until Christmas 🌲 to open it up.....

A special thank you to Irasema and her troop of GGs! You made it happen no matter what; during these tough times. I am wishing each Bonita Valley Garden Member all the best this holiday season!.....

Dear Ladies  
Thank you for your thoughtfulness. I am not very crafty but it was fun. Now I just hope my little bulb blooms.....

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and stay safe.....

You are all so wonderful, creative and special. I love my present and hopefully the tulip will grow. I have it on my patio table right now. Merry Christmas to you and your families and let's party next year.....



Jo Lynn

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What a lovely and thoughtful Christmas surprise Irasema delivered today. The bulb and glass vase are delightful fun and the treats will be enjoyed as well. I hope you all stay well and have a merry Christmas season. Looking forward to the time we can get together again! Blessings,



The walking group met with the head ranger of Sweetwater Summit Park, Robert Piazza , who thanked us for our years of service and gave an update on the park and its work with replanting and eliminating homeless camps. Darlene hosted the event.

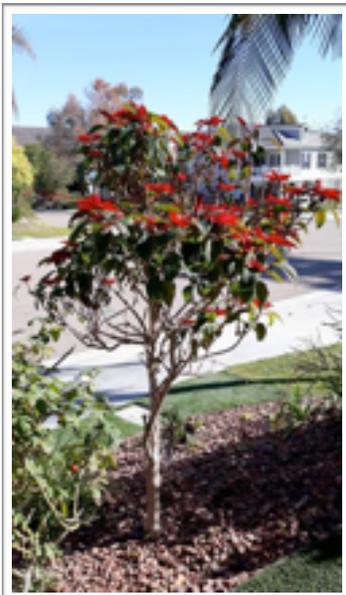


My New Years Amaryllis  
Happy New Year friends  
and family. Kathy

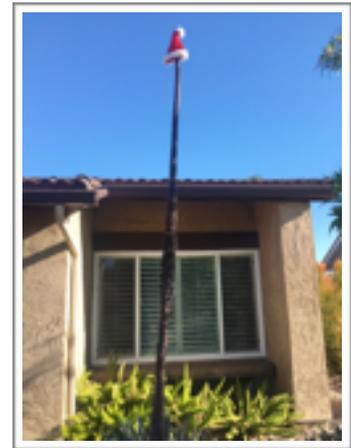


Ronni and her amazing harvest.

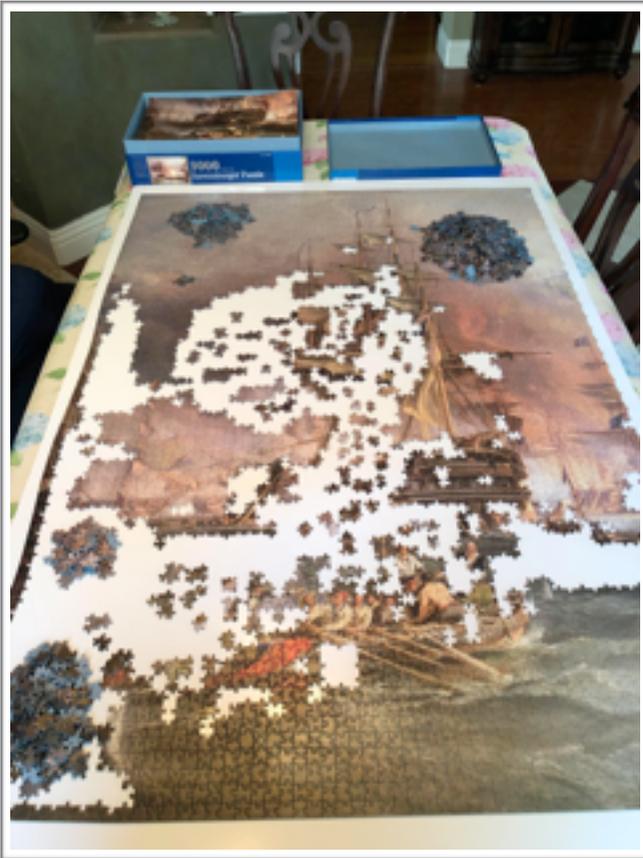
Birds in my garden from  
Darlene



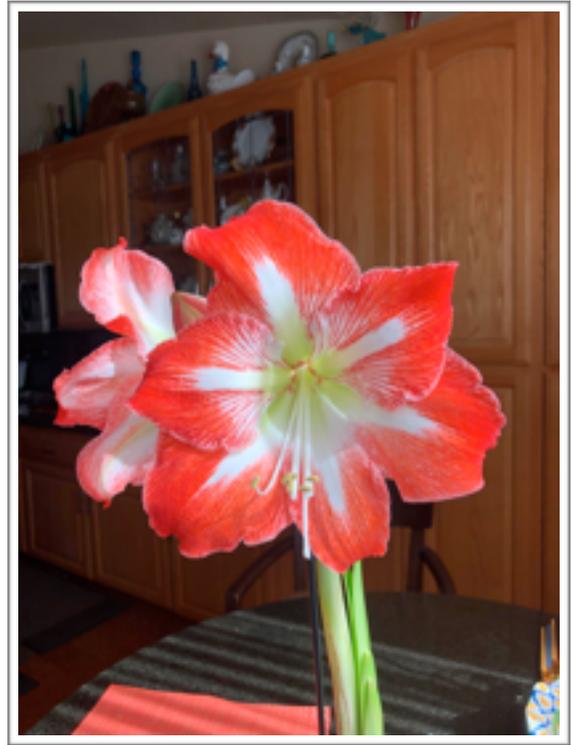
Pointsetta Trees  
in Sarahs  
fabulous garden



My blue glow agave put out a giant spike  
just in time to be adorned for Christmas!



This is half of a huge puzzle depicting the bombardment of Algiers.  
Irasema Taylor



Amaryllis grown by Irasema



## SPRING BAZAAR

Lisa and I had conversation about fund raising. We decided to have a **SPRING BAZAAR** during the Plant Sale the first weekend in May. I will be curating new or gently used items. I am happy to store items in my garage. Christmas gifts not your taste or size are excellent items for this event. Please call before coming to my home for drop off. Thank you!!  
Sarah.

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Thank You letter from Casa's for the blankets.

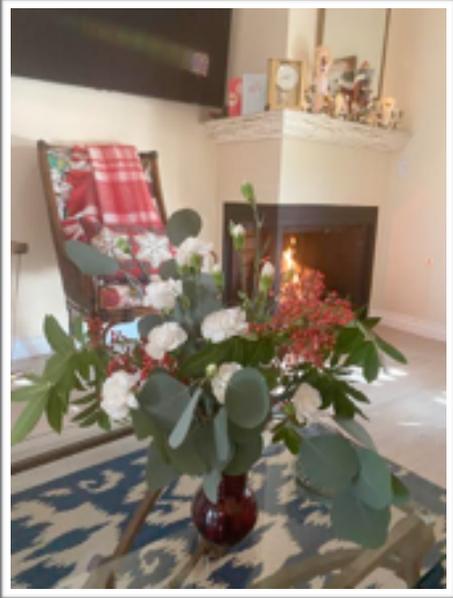


A Super Big THANK YOU to Bonita Valley Garden Club for their generous hearts and warm hugs for the Blanket Drive. 45 cozy and plush blankets were donated. This Garden Club is so full of Super, Fabby & Wonderful Members. A Double Fist Pump or Elbow pump perhaps for Irasema Taylor, her daughter Marissa and their friends for contributing 23 blankets. Ms. Marissa took it under her wing to reach out to her friends & WOW did they come thru.

Just want everyone to know how your Christmas Outreach is greatly appreciated.

Much Peace and Health to you and yours for a Very Happy New Year!!!! God Bless. Cynthia Stojeba





Greens I gathered on our last weekly trash pick up on the Rossi trail. Added carnations & voila. Happy Holidays to the garden club. And can't wait to hug everyone soon.

❤️ Deb



### **Mary Lu Gultekin**

I have moved to a new home in downtown San Diego.

My address is 3275 5th Avenue, Apt. 401, San Diego, CA 92103. I only use my cell phone now, and that number is 703-725-2465. While I will not be as active as before in the garden club I still would like to participate when I can.

Ladies, I have several tablecloths of various sizes that I do not need. If you are interested I have pictures and measurements of each of them. There is no charge but a donation to the BVGC would be appreciated. Just give me a call at 619-672-0253. If there is not interest by the first of February I will be donating them. Susan Rierson



## **Organization**

National Garden Clubs

- Pacific Region
- Palomar District
- Bonita Valley Garden Club,  
Founded 1972; 97 members

Affiliated with San Diego Floral Association

### **Officers 2020-2021\***

**President:** Lisa Mercier

**First VP (Programs):** Irasema Taylor & Sonia Wilson

**Second VP (Membership):** Maria Balolong

**Recording Secretary:** Ronni Russell

**Corresponding Secretary:**Carolynn Gibbs & Sandy Marking

**Treasurer:** Glennalie Coleman

**Appointed Officer - Parliamentarian:** Laura Crenshaw & Carvill Veech

### **Standing Chairs\***

**Civic Beautification/Conservation/Arbor Day:** Sandy Duncan & Darlene Montgomery

**Floral Design:** Kathy Taylor

**Horticulture:** Jackie Riekstins

**Hospitality:** Sharon Louder & Pauline Waters

**Newsletter:** Susan Currie

**Publicity:** Maria Balolong

**Scholarships:** Bea Putian

**Ways & Means:** Vera Matthias

**Website:** Sandy Brownell

**Workshops:** Sharon Louder & Pauline Waters

**Yearbook:** Lisa Mercier

**Youth Garden:** Joanne Westover

\* *Board Members*

### **Special Chairs**

**Awards:** Nancy Scheffler

**Bonita in Bloom Garden Tour:** Maria Balolong, Diane Hahnel, Kathy Taylor, & Pauline Waters

**February Tea:** Lisa Mercier, Judy Silver, Pauline Waters

**February Fashion Show:** Sandra Graff

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