

THE SEEDLING

NOVEMBER 2019



PRESIDENTS LETTER

A big thank you to our Membership VPs, Rebecca and Irasema, who organized a lovely new member tea at Rebecca Moretti's home. Five new members and several longtime members attended. Everyone shared stories of how they wound up in the SD area and what prompted them to join our club. I enjoyed hearing these stories and left feeling even more connected to the group.

I, and about 10 other BVGC members, attended Fall Palomar District meeting hosted by the CVGC (who did a wonderful job). We had the most attendees/club which won us a prize of a candy filled plant pot. I saved us all from the extra calories by distributing the candy to trick-or-treaters. I have CGCI membership cards for anyone who wants one. These are good for discounts at participating businesses. CVGC is again sponsoring NGC Gardening School Courses in January (#1&2) and July (#3&4.) each two-day course is \$50, contact CVGC if you are interested. Among the new business discussed was a challenge to clubs to reduce the amount of waste (especially plastic) generated at meetings and events. If you have ideas on how we as a club could do better let me know. I'd like to include a "Conservation Corner" in the Seedling to share member ideas.

I also attended the field trip to Specialties Produce organized by Sharon Louder. We were led on an in-depth tour. They are dedicated to being the world's greatest resource on produce. They have an amazing variety produce and volumes of information on produce worldwide. I highly recommend you visit. All new customers are given a 10 minute orientation to the warehouse.

The BVGC Blooming Art in Bonita was another fun and successful event. Thank you to all who participated and special thank you Betty Patterson (del Sol) of SWC for making participation a class assignment. Congratulations to Irasema Taylor in receiving the Peoples's Choice Award for the second year in a row. See the related article in this newsletter for additional report out of this event.

Remember the December Nights Decoration Making Workshop on November 21 at Pauline Water's home. Hope to see you there.

Happy Gardening, Lisa Mercier, BVCG President

BOARD MEETING

NOV 6, 9-30am. Host, Reiko Ratcliffe, 2949 Ranch Gate Rd, C.V. 91914
RSVP: 805-368-7334,
teamratcliffe.rs@gmail.com

GENERAL MEETING

NOV 13 @ 9-30am. Sitting on the dock of the Bay, Watchin' Changes Comin' Our Way

REFRESHMENTS: Maria Balolong, Marianne Briggs, Susan Heavilin, Reiko Ratcliffe, Carvill Veech, Joanne Westover.

NOV 9, KATE SESSIONS DAY: A Celebration of Balboa Park's Horticultural Wonders, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Joe Schloss Way near Morley Field Sports Complex

NOV 14, San Diego Floral Association Make and Take class – Autumn/Thanksgiving Fresh Flower Cornucopia and Door Wreath.

10:00 a.m. – Noon. Bring scissors or clippers. Instructor is Kathy Taylor de Murillo, an award winning floral designer and teacher. Registration closes on Monday, November 11th. To reserve your spot call San Diego Floral at 619/232-5762, then submit payment. Payments can be mailed to SD Floral Assoc., 1650 El Prado, Rm. 105, San Diego 92101. You can also enroll by visiting www.sdfloral.org. Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park SD Floral members \$25/class, non-members \$30/class

NOV 21, December Nights Decoration Making Workshop. Host Pauline Waters.

DESIGN FORUM, Shinoda Design Center, 7170 Miramar Road, San Diego

December 2, at noon -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.

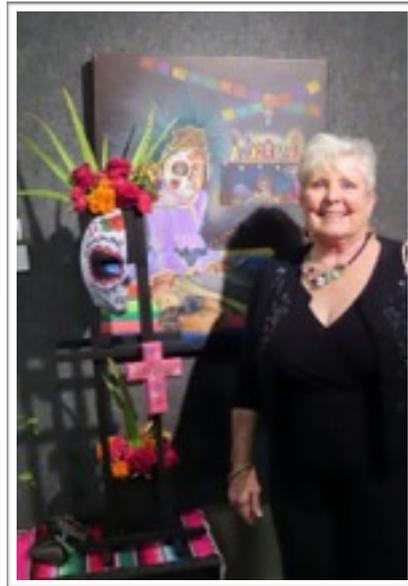
NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Our speakers will be from the San Diego Port Authority . The Topic is the redevelopment of the Chula Vista Bayfront. This land of about 535 acres will be changing largely vacant underdeveloped landscape into more than 200 acres of parks, open space, a shoreline promenade, walking trails, RV camping, shopping, dining and more. The project will also establish ecological buffers to protect wildlife habitats and other coastal resources. Come and here all about it!



The Chula Vista Bayfront project is underway. In September 2019, the Port of San Diego and the City of Chula Vista held a groundbreaking celebration for the first two major projects - the Costa Vista RV Resort and the Sweetwater Bicycle Path and Promenade. This monumental step sets the stage for the transformation of the Chula Vista Bayfront as envisioned by the Port, City of Chula Vista, and the community in the Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan.

The Chula Vista Bayfront project represents one of the last truly significant large-scale waterfront development opportunities in Southern California. At approximately 535 acres, the project seeks to transform a largely vacant and underutilized industrial landscape into a thriving recreational, residential and resort destination on the Chula Vista waterfront. When complete, the public will enjoy more than 200 acres of parks and open space, a shoreline promenade, walking trails, RV camping, shopping, dining and more. While providing long-awaited, enhanced shoreline recreation and an active, commercial harbor in the South Bay, the Chula Vista Bayfront project will also establish ecological buffers to protect wildlife habitat, species and other coastal resources.



THE WINNING FLORAL DISPLAY
BY IRASEMA TAYLOR

BLOOMING ART IN BONITA

And the winner is.....The Bonita Valley Garden Club!
Our talented club members, the students of Betty Patterson at Southwestern College, and Bonita Florist Floral Artists interpreted the amazing art of the Chula Vista Art Guild.

More than seventy guests enjoyed the flower filled event sampling the appetizers and wine hosted by our Garden Club members on Friday evening.

Irasema Taylor won the Peoples Choice again this year. Way to go Irasema!
Thank you Cynthia, Diane and Mary Jane for helping Lisa and me with the Reception.

Glennalie Coleman. Co-Chair

Blooming Art in Bonita



BLOOMING ART RECEPTION



COMMUNITY GARDEN DEMO PLOT

The Community Garden Demo Plot, which is being hosted by the Walking group of the BVGC, is progressing but like all great things this is not an overnight happening. See the accompanying photos which run from new, unblemished garden plot with a shiny new fence to where it is today, enjoying some growth and finding out how much vital life force is left in old seeds, some dating back to the early 1980's. So far there are: Sunflowers, assorted wildflowers (Sierra Club), a couple of potatoes, tomatoes-these where volunteers and just come up anywhere, lots of beets, radishes, some lovely dill weed, garlic, onions, strawberries-originally from seed but transplanted here, and we are still waiting on parsley, carrots, lettuce, spinach, cilantro and cabbage. Some of these last named might not make it and then its time to get some new seeds. I hope that it has taken some guilt off your plate for not having planted these seeds in your home gardens: Why else would anyone be hanging on to these seeds? It would appear that 2-5 yrs or so does not greatly affect the seeds ability to sprout. 20-30 yrs does not work so well. Now for the easy part---making sure these seedlings get enough water and thrive. Jackie





BLUE RIBBON YARD AWARD

Please be on the lookout for nicely landscaped and well maintained yards for consideration of a Blue Ribbon Yard Award. Contact Ronni or Sandy

"The host and the Party were Super Fabby Wonderful"

Cynthias' Retirement Party

Thank you Cynthia for inviting us all to a wonderful party. Delicious food and delightful company.



**FIELD TRIP TO SPECIALTY
PRODUCE ORGANIZED BY
SHARON LOUDER.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November Birthdays:

FirstName DD)	LastName	Birthday (MM/ DD)
Susan	Heavilin	11/9
Anne	Linn	11/10
Sandy	Marking	11/27
Jacquelynn	Riekstins	11/4
Anna-Marie	Roach	11/22
Naomi	Stewart	11/2
Kathy	Taylor	11/1



The beautiful red BVGC aprons are available for \$20. each. They make fabulous gifts: Hostess, birthday, Christmas or for yourself. Available at all meetings and events, or call Sarah at 619-421-4964



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

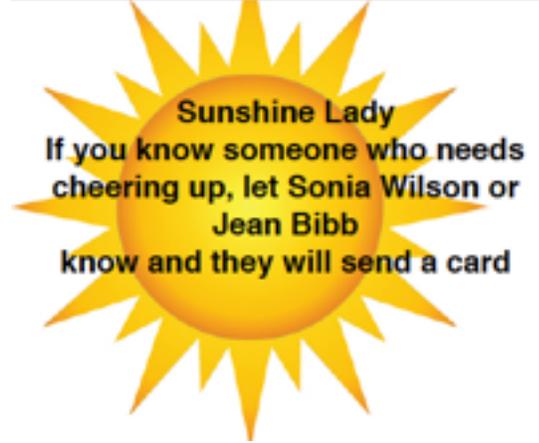
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2367 Forest Oak Dr, C.V. 91915
619-920-6339
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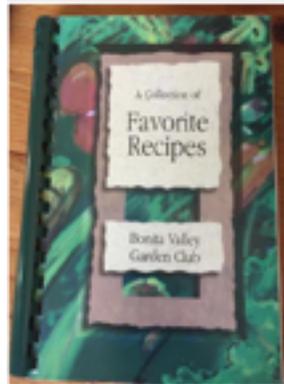
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Everything else is correct. Thank you!
Anna-Marie

PLANT TABLE

Please bring plants and cuttings for our plant table



COOKBOOKS \$12 SEE
DIANE



PLEASE HELP WITH THE GARDEN TOUR BASKET PREPARATION

Garden Tour Raffle Baskets donation letters will be available at the general meeting. Please take 1 floral printed letter and make more copies if you need more. Bring your baskets and basket filler donations to each general meeting. There will be a basket on a table to put your filler donations in. I will also have copies of the last garden tour gift donations to give you some ideas of what we might need for the basket items. Thank you, Joanne Westover

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.

COUNTRY STORE

Our amazing Vera is collecting items for the Country Store formerly, Holiday Bazaar, held at our holiday party on Dec 11 at 6pm in the Bonita Museum. Please bring new or fairly new boxed items directly to Vera at the meetings or drop them off at her home. We only have a few weeks left to collect items for sale



SHIPS AHOY!

Costa Verde District Invites You to Drop Anchor with CGCI on the Queen Mary for the 2020 Winter Board Meeting



Monday, February 3 to Wednesday, February 5, 2020
Alexis Slafer, Chairman



The Aquarium of the Pacific is across the water from the Queen Mary



A Tri-refresher will take place Monday, 2/3 - Thursday, 2/6



Tour the Queen Mary or visit Shoreline Village to shop, chat, or have a tasty treat

The Queen Mary

A Historic Long Beach Hotel on a 1936 ocean liner featuring ornate Art Deco décor salons & staterooms.

1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach, Ca 90802-6390

Save the Date---May 26-30, 2020 for our

2020 CGCI Convention

Bay Ocean & Santa Clara Valley Districts invite you to come:

“Springing Along”

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON - SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT

250 Gateway Boulevard ~ South San Francisco, CA 94080



Beautiful Hotel

- Two-room suites
- Complimentary Full Breakfast
- Complimentary Parking
- Complimentary shuttle to and from SFO Airport (4:30 am to 11:30 pm)
- Evening Reception with alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages & snacks
- WiFi
- Pet Friendly
- Room Rate \$149 plus taxes
- Rate also 3 days before and after for San Francisco adventures and sightseeing

Fun & Informative Activities

- Interesting programs
- Hands-On Workshops
- Tour of President's Project
- Flower Show
- Pool Party