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President’s Message

Dear Members,

It’s party time! Our December 3rd holiday festivities begin at 11:00 a.m. We will have a short business meeting followed by our plant gift exchange game, raffle and luncheon. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange game, please bring a plant either from your garden or purchased from a nursery or store. Please limit the amount you spend to $10 or under. Also, if you are a couple and both of you wish to participate, then each must bring a plant in order to play. If you have questions about the plant gift exchange, call Susan Law at (818) 400-2970 for clarification.

Our December meeting is the only meeting not open to the public and is limited to members and member’s families. This is our opportunity to visit with each other and to enjoy good food, fun and friendship!

Burbank-Valley Garden Club will provide a turkey and ham and we are asking members to provide food items that will complement that menu.

I would like to thank all of our members who participated in our Silent Auction. This was the first time BVGC has had a Silent Auction as a fundraiser and I am pleased to report that the Silent Auction raised $165.00 and the Raffle $76.00 (for a total of $241). That is awesome! Also thank you, Lois Russo, for volunteering to oversee our auction and opportunity table. It was no easy feat and you did a superb job – many thanks!

The lovely fall table decorations were provided by Grace Davis, Diana Garcia and Ingrid Nonnast. Thank you, ladies. The decorations were beautiful and certainly set the stage for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Susan Law again provided a fantastic speaker, Gisele Schoniger from Kellogg Garden Products. Gisele provided a wealth of information as to why using organic nursery products is superior to using chemicals in our gardens. Also, we will never again refer to soil as “dirt”. Again, thank you Susan – your speaker programs this year have been outstanding!

Remember the date … December 3rd Holiday Party … Dress festively!

Best regards,
RoseMarie
**December 3, 2015 ~ MEETING SCHEDULE**

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<td>10:30-11:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Arrive on time to bring your luncheon dish, help set up, and chat with friends.</td>
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<td>Plant Gift Exchange; Raffle; Lunch (Note: There will be no opportunity table this month.)</td>
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<td>Members provide lunch items to complement the turkey and ham provided by our Club. Please bring</td>
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*Jackie Michel will decorate December tables*

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**HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!**

**Charlene Gallagher**

**Sharon Archibald**

**Neil Jack**

**Romelle Culotta**

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**CLUB NEWS by Grace Davis**

Welcome, new member **Robert Feldman**! Robert was our speaker on succulents back in October. We are now up to 58 total membership.

It was good to see **Sharon Archibald** at our last meeting, after an absence of a year due to surgery. Also, **Alice Bradford** attended a meeting for the first time this garden year! Welcome back, friends. **Margie Vierra** is fine after a little health scare; watch for her running into the meeting after her regular duties.

Many Thank you’s go to ... **Jean Askeland** for fabric for a spring tablecloth and to **Diana Garcia** for hemming it; ... **Mary Jo Brown** for the gorgeous fall arrangement for our October raffle; ... **Judith Kenehan** for handling the December raffle while **Mary Jo** is in Florida; ... **Jackie Michel** for decorating December tables ... Thank you, all!

Thank you, **Pat Heydon** and **Ingrid Nonnast**, for providing the Turkey and the Ham at our **December 3rd Party**! The rest of us will bring our best holiday dishes, such as potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetables, dressing, cranberry sauces, salads, and holiday cookies, to do justice to your gifts! At the party we will play the Plant Game.

**The Plant Game**: Each participant brings a lovely under-$10 plant and gives it to **Susan Law**, who will give it a number and give the participant a small plate with that number on it. We will stand in a circle while a member reads a story. Whenever the words “Right” or “Left” are spoken in the story, hand your plate to the person at your right or left side. Surprise! What plant will you end up with?! **Robin Pokorski** is attending our meeting and will help with the game! Thank you, Robin!

Please note that on Sunday, January 10, 2016 Campo de Cahuenga, 3919 Cahuenga Blvd, North Hollywood, will hold the annual California Statehood Commemoration around 12:30 p.m. Precise information will be provided later.

Finally, look forward to a Taco Bar fundraiser lunch at our January 7 meeting!

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**San Fernando Valley DISTRICT NEWS**

The District Clubs meeting is Monday, Feb. 8, 2016. BVGC is providing lunch for this meeting. Please let us know if you can help set up and serve. We will go early, 9:00 or 9:30 a.m. BVGC will pay for your lunch.

Contact **Grace Davis, 818-848-0313**.

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**Pacific REGIONAL NEWS**

Did you know that you do not have to be nominated to become a Life Member of the Pacific Region Garden Clubs? For just $40, you’ll receive a lovely pin and certificate, and at the same time you’ll be helping our scholarship program. Remember your donation is fully tax deductible. Go to the web site at californiagardenclubs.com for more information. Sign up to receive your free subscription to our regional newsletter, WACONIAH, while you’re there!

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

Have you registered your pollinator garden yet? Our National Garden Clubs are working to provide food, water, and habitat to the pollinators (birds, butterflies, moths, and many other wild creatures) so important to our food chain and our gardens. Go to the web site to learn more: www.millionpollinatorgardens.org. It is free and you can be part of the solution to increasing pollinators throughout the world.