



Garden Chatter



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Blooms (Messages) from the Co-President Peggy Colby

Greetings to all. I hope our gardens and members are finding the rains helpful and nourishing and not overwhelming. I'm writing this right before the next storm is slated to arrive. So I hope to stay cozy. I was sorry to miss you all at the January meeting, but arrived back from my wonderful Viking cruise to Australia and New Zealand with more than the usual jet lag--some definite health challenges that are slowly resolving. We visited several wonderful Botanic Gardens on the trip, and I have sent some photos for the Newsletter.

The presentation by Mollie Doctrow was very well received from all reports. This month we are scheduled to have another exciting presentation covering Wild Medicinal plants, by a local expert and author. Thanks to Christiane for arranging these dynamic speakers.



We also enjoyed a very well attended field trip to Otto and Sons nursery covering rose care. They have many presentations and sales throughout the year. This one was entitled Rose Care University. I wish I had more room to fill with more roses. I have the email and information if anyone is interested.

Joyce and I attended the virtual meeting for our state club, the California Garden Clubs, Inc. It was packed with bylaw changes, information, and education. There is a CGCI district (local) meeting on February 9, that Linda Malone and I plan to attend.

Joy Todd, from the Pleasant Valley Historical Soci-

ety, and Linda Ramelli, from the Hospice tour are slated to attend our next meeting, which will be on February 15. There was a very nice article in the Acorn about the PVHC, which we contribute to. Our next field trip is scheduled for February 22, to the Ventura Botanical Gardens. There will be sign up sheets at our meeting, and hopefully the rain will cooperate that day.

And finally, WELCOME to our new and returning members. I'm still somewhat of a newbie here, having joined in 2021. I find the "yearbook" to be invaluable, with schedules and contact information, and I think our club is a warm and welcoming group.

See you on the 15th.

We All Need a Little Sunshine



Please let Grace Kelly know of anyone who needs a card.

Meeting Checklist

- Plants, flowers, fruits, or vegetables for horticulture
- Coffee cup
- Non-Perishable goods for Church Food Pantry

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of December 31, 2023	\$5246.46
December Expenses	383.87
Balance as of January 31, 2024	\$4952.59



News at a Glance

Volunteers

Courtyard Care

Pam Gaffuri is chairing the Courtyard care. If you have any questions, please contact her.

- February - Alice Smith, Grace Kelly
- March - Carol Cannon, Linda Goodwin
- April - Bev Adams, Charleen Birgy
- May - Sharon Bellman

PLEASE make sure the key is put in a safe place while it is in your possession so it isn't lost. Return the key to Pam Gaffuri at the end of your month so it can be given to the next volunteer. We water twice a month!

Hospitality

Contacts: Conda Guggia, Marie Coolidge, Lynn Saxey, Linda Malone, Lorraine Otis, Marilyn Brackett, Peggy Celic, Jeannette Filosa, and Yolanda Fisher

February - Alice Smith, Joyce Lister, Grace Kelly, Chris Lancaster, Nancy Schroeder, Judy Crenshaw

BRING YOUR COFFEE MUG

February 15th Meeting

9:00 - Socialize

9:15 - General Meeting

10:15 - Break

10:30 - **Wild Medicinal Plants** - Lanny Kaufer offers herb walks, nature hikes, and workshops focused on edible and medicinal herbs and ethnobotany of California. He has written a book "Medicinal Herbs of California."

Remember to bring any cuttings, clippings from your garden, or pots you want to get rid of, for our monthly Garden Giveaway. Put all items on the fireplace ledge. P.S. If the items you bring are still there at the end of the meeting, please take them home again.

Dates To Remember

February 15 - General Meeting Wild Medicinal Plants

February 22 - Ventura Botanical Gardens Field trip

March 7 - Board Meeting

March 21 - General Meeting. Orchid Care

March 28 - Escape Garden Field Trip

April 4 - Board Meeting. All are welcome

April 18 - Pots and Plants Exchange and Election of Board Members

April 19 - Members Garden Tour and Lunch

May 16 - Installation Luncheon. Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club

July - Summer Social

Club News



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Food Pantry

Our club donates to the Seventh-Day Adventist Church Food Pantry each month in appreciation for the use of their facilities. Please bring canned or boxed soup, or any other “nonperishable” foods, to the meeting this month. This is an ongoing contribution, so toss a few extra items in your shopping cart when you’re at the grocery store.

Meeting Dates

Third Thursday each month,
September - November,
January - April
9:00 a.m.

Camarillo Seventh-Day Adventist Church Fireside Room,
3975 E. Las Posas Road,
Camarillo, CA

Ventura Botanical Gardens Field Trip

March 22

- Meet at the church at 9:30 to carpool
- Lunch after by carpool’s choice.
- Sign ups will be at our next meeting



Hospice Garden Tour Volunteers

Hi Ladies,

We hope this message finds you well. The annual Camarillo Hospice Garden Tour is just around the corner, scheduled for Sunday, May 5. We are currently seeking docents to assist at the enchanting gardens during 2 1/2-hour shifts.

Volunteering alongside friends adds to the enjoyment, creating a delightful reunion day and just more fun! The pre-tour event on Saturday, will give us the opportunity to visit all 5 gardens.

If there’s someone you know who would be interested, please extend an invitation to join us. Your consideration and participation is appreciated by all the people hospice continues to serve in our city.

Please let me know if you’ll be able to help out on May 5. The shifts are typically 11:30-2:00 and 2:00-4:30. Many thanks.

Sincerely,
Karen Nakaba and Roxanne Wada

The garden club’s longtime member Marcia Edwards passed away recently.

Condolences to her family



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Save the date! **May 1st, 2024**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ventura County Garden Club is

celebrating 100 years of gardening in Ventura!

Adolpho Camarillo Ranch House

201 Camarillo Ranch Road

Camarillo, CA 93012

Starting- 10:00 a.m.

Silent auction-proceeds go to the Channel Islands District of the California Garden Clubs

Antique and classic car show

Camarillo White Horse carriage rides

Tours of the Ranch House

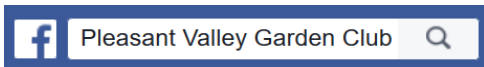
Luncheon-11:30 a.m.

Fashion show through the century

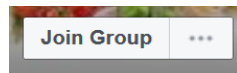
Club News

Join our Facebook Page!

Just open Facebook and search for Pleasant Valley Garden Club.



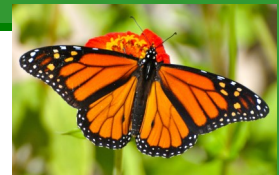
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Horticulture

Please bring something from your garden for our horticulture display. It is a delight to see what our members are growing at home. It can be a flower, a fruit or vegetable, a potted plant or greenery. Everyone enjoys a peek into your garden.

Help plant a Monarch Butterfly Habitat at Sterling Hills Golf Course



The work day is Friday February 9th at 9am. Meet in the Sterling Hills Golf Course parking lot. The VCRC is hosting another planting event on Feb 9th in Camarillo. Help us create pollinator habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators! Please bring sun protection, a water bottle and wear comfortable closed-toe shoes. We will provide the plants, gardening tools, and gloves. Meet us at the main parking lot at 9am to be taken to the pollinator garden location. Depending on the number of volunteers, a short hike to the habitat area through residential streets may be required.



It started in 1969 with a small informal gathering of ladies sharing their love of gardening. And now in 2024 we celebrate our 55th year as the Westlake Village Garden Club with a proud history of giving and sharing our love of gardening with the community. Please join us for this celebration!

Tuesday, March 5th at 11:00 am

Wood Ranch Country Club - 301 Wood Ranch Parkway, Simi Valley

Special demonstration by Hetty Shurtleff, teacher & designer extraordinaire of floral arranging, "to bring happiness to our life & appreciation for the beauty of nature."

A fabulous silent auction will also be held.

Please select one of the following menu items:

Chilled Iceberg Wedge with Shaved Onion, Bacon Bits, Diced Tomatoes & Crater Lake Bleu Cheese Vinaigrette will be served prior to your menu choice.

1. French Dip Sandwich - Au jus roast beef with creamy horseradish, caramelized onion and swiss cheese on a Hoagie Roll. Served with fresh fruit.
2. Wood Ranch Chicken Tacos - 3 corn tortillas with grilled chicken, lettuce, pico de gallo served with chips and home made salsa.
3. Vegan Entree - tri-color quinoa tossed in lemon vinaigrette with avocado and micro greens.

Please send a check for \$55 along with your **menu choice** payable to WVGC to:

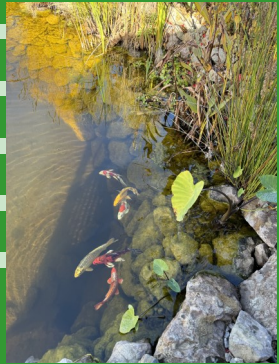
Debbie Fraisse

984 Via Impreso, Newbury Park, CA 91320

Any questions, call or text Debbie Fraisse, 805 390-8561

Club News, continued

Otto & Son's Field Trip



Club News, continued



Our January Speaker
Wood Cutting Plants and Flowers

Club News, continued



Flowers in Malaysia taken by Sharon Harada



Club News, continued

Submitted by Aaron Landworth



Senna didymobotrya , Hot Buttered Popcorn bush flower



Cloudless Sulphur Butterfly Chrysalis On its host plant, Senna .

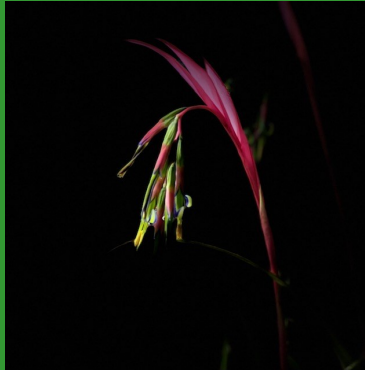


Cloudless Sulphur Butterfly in my garden



Cloudless Sulphur Butterfly caterpillar (Phoebis sennae), on its Host plant Popcorn Bush Senna didymobotrya - scratch n sniff the leaves during warm weather for a strong Hot Buttered Popcorn Aroma !

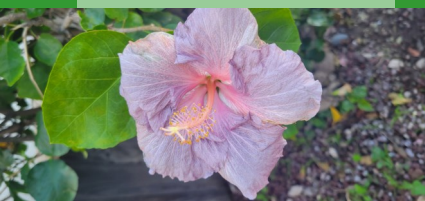
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Andrea's Bromeliad
Queens Tears



Roses from Charleen's garden
Lavender Rose is Sterling Silver the
Pink Roses are Barbra Streisand



Jane Magnolia/Saucer Magnolia
and Lavender Hibiscus in
Lori Beving's Garden



Linda Malone's Garden

Club News, continued

Submitted by Aaron Landworth



Farfugium blooming



Geum "Tangerine" with Monarch caterpillar



Chayote squash



Botanic gardens in Tasmania submitted by Peggy Colby