



Garden Chatter



*Pleasant Valley Garden Club
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Blooms (Messages) from the Co-President Peggy Colby



It's hard to believe that we are coming up on our last meeting before our summer break. The seasons have really flown by. Plan to attend the meeting on April 18.

And the spring season seems quite spectacular with all the flowers and trees clean and blooming. I do so enjoy sitting in my garden, enjoying the sounds, scents and views. (and the work that needs to be done there) or walking with my doggies along the Creekside walkway, or in the parks. We really are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful place.

Our upcoming meeting will be the pots and plants exchange, which is always so enjoyable. We will also have a

business meeting beforehand, to discuss a few needed changes in our yearbook and bylaws, and to elect the upcoming slate of officers. The present board members have agreed to serve another year. We need some committee chair people, so please volunteer!!

Our presentation on orchids by Donna Ballard was so informative and inspirational, and the field trip to Escape Gardens (which is very close by) was a great introduction to a local source for garden materials and expertise. We were introduced to

Tracy Kimes, who will consult about garden design and maintenance. I have an upcoming appointment with her.

I hope you can attend the Ventura County Garden Club Anniversary celebration on May 1 at the Camarillo Ranch House. Registration deadline is April 15, and forms are included in the Newsletter. They were also sent out on an email.

Thanks to all who contributed to Penny Pines. I sent the check out to fund new life in the National Forests.

See you soon!

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 February 29, 2024	\$4905.05
March Expenses	200.00
Balance as of March 31, 2024	\$4705.05



News at a Glance

Volunteers

Courtyard Care

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

April - Bev Adams, Charleen Birgy

May - Sharon Bellman

June - Sharon Harada, Marilyn Brackett

July - Sabrina Brewer

August - Charleen Birgy, Anita Kuzas

September - Linda Goodwin, Patricia Matthews

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

April - Andrea Soriano, Anita Kuzas, Peggy Celic, Lori Beving, Diane Anders, Linda Redrow

BRING YOUR COFFEE MUG

APRIL 18TH Meeting

9:00 - Socialize

9:15 - General Meeting - Election of Officers and Voting for Member of the Year. Ballots will be provided.

10:15 - Coffee Break

10:30 - Annual Exchange of pots, plants, cuttings

DUES ARE DUE MAY 31ST.

Bring your checkbooks for dues and installation luncheon

P.S. If the items you bring are still there at the end of the meeting, please take them home again.

Dates To Remember

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

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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

1st off let's start with just about everyone's favorite: Phalaenopsis

According to the AOS, there are 63 species, 7 natural hybrids and numerous recognized varietal forms in the genus.

The plants you buy in grocery stores are all meristem clone hybrids derived from the three main species shown here;

Amabilis
Stuartiana
Equestris

There are other hybrids that have smaller, star shaped but no less spectacular, flowers now showing up in the stores. These can be more difficult to grow because of the species in their genetic make up.

There are other species of phalaenopsis which the orchid world thinks of as "novelty"

These novelty species are more challenging to grow and can be rather fussy about their culture, here are a few lovely species;

Phal. violacea Phal. equestris Phal. speciosa Phal. bellina lma corries and violacea lma indigo

According to the AOS there are around 100 species of cymbidium. (The World Monocot Checklist currently recognizes 64 species and numerous natural hybrids)

The 4 basic requirements that all orchids need are;

- Light - natural or artificial
- Humidity
- Consistent watering
- Air movement

But we will only be looking at 4 today

- Phalaenopsis
- Cymbidium
- Cattleya
- Australian Dendrobium

Fertilizer

During the growing season (spring through late summer), high nitrogen fertilizer (such as 30-10-10) is used.

In late summer, use a high-phosphorus, blossom-booster fertilizer (such as 10-30-20), to help form bloom spikes.

Fertilize at full strength every week to two weeks. In winter, fertilize once a month.

I like to use Nutricoat pellitized fertilizer
It comes in different N-P-K percentages



Highlights from March meeting

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Pleasant Valley Garden Club INSTALLATION LUNCHEON



WEDNESDAY, May 15, 2024

11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club

2600 South Harbor Boulevard, Oxnard, 93035

Phone: 805-985-7292

Cost: \$37.00 Checks payable to PVGC

Name: _____

Entrée Choices:

___ Chicken Picatta (sautéed chicken breast topped with picatta sauce and linguini noodles tossed in extra virgin olive oil)

___ Farmer's Salad (grilled salmon atop mixed spring greens, strawberries, green apples, feta cheese, candied walnuts, balsamic vinaigrette dressing)

Meal includes Rolls and Butter, Bavarian Crème Cake
Coffee Service

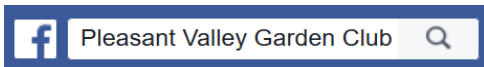
Wine will be available at bar (Cashless bar, card only)



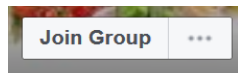
Club News

Join our Facebook Page!

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Then click



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.



Dues are due by May 31st. \$35

Bring your checkbooks for Installation Luncheon and membership dues.


Condolences to Jeannette Filosa who lost her husband recently.



*Ventura County Garden Club
100th Year Anniversary
1924 - 2024
Celebration on Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

*The Camarillo Ranch
201 Camarillo Ranch Road
Camarillo, CA 93012*

10:15 am
Check In
Maypole with dancers
Flower Show & Silent Auction
Quilt Display & Car Show
10:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
Tour of Camarillo Gardens
10:45 a.m.
Self Tour of Camarillo House

 11:00 a.m.
Demonstration by special guest Gabriel Pacheco
12:00 p.m.

Picnic Lunch with Program in the Barn
100th Year Celebration of the Ventura County Garden Club
Fashion Show through the decades with music & dancers
Silent Auction closes
Channel Islands District Meeting & Blue Ribbon Awards
Announce winners for Door Prizes, Flower Show & Silent Auction

REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 15th - Reservations \$50 each

Mail Check & Form to: Nancy Cope, VCGC Treasurer * 603 Fourth Street * Fillmore, CA 93015 * (805) 603-6868

#1 LAST	FIRST	Club
Name _____	Name _____	Affiliation _____
Phone () _____	Email _____	
#2 LAST	FIRST	Club
Name _____	Name _____	Affiliation _____
Phone () _____	Email _____	
Check # _____	Rec'd by _____	Date _____

Picnic Lunch includes choice of sandwich served with Mediterranean Penne Pasta Salad, Fresh Potato Salad, Assorted Fruit Cup, GF Chocolate Chip Cookie & Coffee/Decaf, Hot & Iced Tea, Basil Lemonade, Ice Water Sandwich on fresh baked rolls & breads, greens, tomato, onion, pickle (on the side - Dijon & Pesto Dressing)

Please write #1 / #2 to indicate the sandwich of choice:

- _____ ROAST TURKEY AND JACK CHEESE SANDWICH
 - _____ BLACK FOREST HAM AND CHEDDAR SANDWICH
 - _____ VEGETABLE AND CHEESE SANDWICH
 - _____ *VEGAN SANDWICH AVAILABLE WITH PRE-ORDER
- Gluten Free on Request

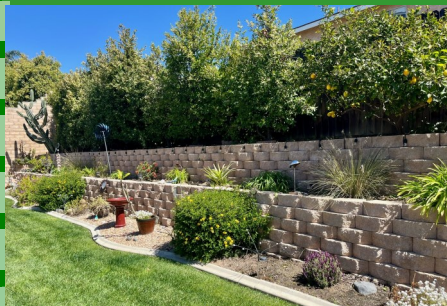
Club News, continued



Field Trip to Escape Gardens



Botanical Gardens in New Zealand
By Conda Guggia



Adele Lins Garden



Club News, continued



Tokyo Gardens
Sabrina Brewer



Azalea
by Marilyn Brackett



Camelia
by Martha Baskerville



Dutch Iris
Andrea Soriano

Club News, continued



Cynthia Simpson's Garden



Tanya Andrews
Blue Bells, Wisteria, Azalea

Club News, continued



Aaron Landworth's
Grevillea's, Tidy Tips,
Calif. Poppy, Hass Avocado
blooms with bees,
Monarch and Verbena

