



Garden Chatter

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



This Saturday finds our community mourning the loss of so many homes, disruptions of so many lives, the truly frightening power of fire and wind.

And we are also thankful that no lives were lost, and people were sheltered and fed. The first responders were, as always, spectacular. And we are still hearing the sound of the helicopters continuing to battle the fire, and the smoke in the air. Be safe and careful, fellow garden club members.

While we wonder what we can do to help, we came up with a project to start in the future--to aid the victims of the fire in restoring their gardens. Stephanie Zierhut, a friend and president of the Delta Kappa Gamma group that many of us belong to, lost her home and all possessions. She hosted many Christmas parties in the past, with fantastic decorations. She mentioned that she could use help with restoring her gardens in the future. I thought that this could be a project for our club--something meaningful. Bev Adams' son could also use help in the future. He also lost his home.

On other matters--the pumpkin sales were a success, with \$1071.00 raised. The teacher grants were very nicely submitted, and we need to vote to authorize \$100 more than the budgeted amount, so we can fulfil them all.

Our next field trip will be to Carpinteria to Gallup & Stribling Orchids on November 14. If you're signed up, please don't forget to call the leader if you can't come. And our next project is the wreath purchase and decoration, to be held on November 22. This is another fundraiser, and a fun craft project. See photos from last year.

Members went to the Ventura Botanical Gardens on the last field trip. And they had quite the hike, with a nice lunch afterwards. I missed it, since I had a long-planned trip to Lotusland--highly recommend it, although it is a bit \$\$.

The speaker for our next meeting on November 21 is Dani Brusius--master gardener, topic is soil protection, improvement and nurturing. I wonder what impact the fires have on our soils. I hope to see you there.

Don't forget your checkbook, to sign up for our wonderful holiday luncheon, and the Wreaths, also small bills for Penny Pines. Also don't forget your coffee cup, and non-perishable foods for the Food Pantry at the church. If you have flowers or plants for a Horticulture presentation, please bring those as well. See guidelines in the Yearbook.

Joyce and I attended the CGCI district meeting, and shared our reports with other local clubs.

There is lots of information about state-wide projects, and ideas for speakers and projects. We have upcoming meetings for the California Garden Club--virtual meeting in January, and convention in June. I hope we can represent our club there.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

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 October 1, 2024	\$5,044.67
Deposits/Credits	1,409.00
Withdrawal/Debits	968.05
Balance as of October 31, 2024	\$5,485.62



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News at a Glance

Volunteers

Courtyard Care

Linda Goodwin is chairing the Courtyard care. If you have any questions, please contact her.

November - Lynne Matthews and Sharon Bredeson
December - Donna Holland

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 Linda Goodwin at the end of your month so it can be given to the next volunteer. We water twice a month!

Hospitality

Contacts: Pam Gaffuri, Becky Hosseini, Marie Coolidge, Lynn Saxey, Linda Malone, Lorraine Otis, Marilyn Brackett, Peggy Celic, Jeannette Filosa, and Yolanda Fisher. Patricia Turner for table decorations.

November: Carol Cannon, Linda Goodwin, Donna Holland, Joyce Klemann, Carolyn Harrington

BRING YOUR COFFEE MUG

November 21st Meeting

9:00 - Socialize and Coffee

9:15 - General Meeting

10:15 - What Can We Do To Protect, Improve, and Nurture Our Soils? Dani Brusius, Master Gardener of Ventura County

Bring your checkbooks to pay for your wreath(s) and Holiday Luncheon. (separate checks for each)

Dates To Remember

November 7 - Board Meeting

November 14 - Field Trip Gallup and Stribling Orchids. Carpinteria

November 21 - General Meeting. What Can We do To Protect, Improve and Nurture Our Soils?

November 22 - Decorate Christmas Wreaths

December 11 - Holiday Luncheon

January 2 - Board Meeting

January 16 - General Meeting. Bee Keeping

January 23 - Field Trip Camarillo Ranch House Gardens

February 6 - Board Meeting

February 20 - General Meeting Ikebana and Other Flower Arrangements

February 26 - Field Trip Desalination Plant

March 6 - Board Meeting

March 20 - General Meeting. Current Trends in Native Plant Landscaping

March 27 - Field Trip. SB Botanical Gardens

April 3 - Board Meeting

April 17 - Pots & Plants Exchange and Election of Board Members

April 24 - Pleasant Valley Garden Club Garden Tour & Lunch

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

Holiday Wreaths

We will be decorating wreaths on Friday, November 22nd (the day after our general meeting). You can still sign up at the November 21st meeting or contact Peggy Colby. The wreaths are \$35. On Wednesday, November 20th we will meet at Alice Smiths home to spray paint the flora. Wear old clothes and bring gloves.



These are some wreaths made last year.

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REMINDER

Don't forget to bring food for the food pantry. The church provides food for families in need. It is also a way to thank them for the use of their facilities. So when you go to the grocery store pick up non-perishable items, including protein, canned tuna, peanut butter, and chicken and bring them to the meeting. Place them on the fireplace hearth.



Penny Pines

Please bring \$1 bills for Penny Pines. This money is used to plant trees in the forest. There will be a flyer on the tables with information on how our donations was used.

Reminder from the Treasurer

Please turn in your receipts on a 8.5 by 11 paper. This prevents the receipts from getting lost. Thank you.

Gallup & Stribling Orchids Field Trip

Thursday, November 14th

- Meet at the church at 8:45 am to car-pool
- Carpools decide where to have lunch. There are quite a few places to eat at nearby.
- These are the ladies who have signed up.
- Looking forward to seeing you there!



Thurs, Nov 14
Gallup & Stribling Orchids
 3450 Via Real, Carpinteria
Meet 8:45 in church Parking Lot.

	Name	I can drive	# seat belts
1	Mary Rockwell		
2	Becky Hosseini		
3	Peggy Colby	x	5
4	Joyce Klemann	x	4
5	Linda Malone		
6	Lorraine Otis		
7	Sabrina Brewer	x	5
8	Martha Baskerville		
9	Carla Hermann	x	5
10	Theresa MacLennan		
11	Maria Trainor	x	4
12	Conda Guggia		
13	Christiane Lancaster		
14	Karen Roth		
15	Lori Beving	x	5
16	Karen Nakaba		
17	Sharon Harada		
18	Barbara Wilsey		
19	Linda Martin		
20	Judy Crenshaw		
21	Maria Coolidge		
22	Jeanette Filosa		
23	Patricia Turner		
24	Bev Adams	x	4
25	Adele Lins	x	3
26	Sandy Stewart		
27	Cathy Giles		

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Pleasant Valley Garden Club

Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club

2600 South Harbor Boulevard, Oxnard, 93035

Phone: 805-985-7292

Cost: \$40.00

Checks payable to PVGC

To Linda Martin with menu choice

By Wednesday, November 27



PLEASE BRING:

Unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots

Gift for "Gift Exchange Game"
(\$15-\$20 value)

Name: _____

Entrée Choices:

___ Chicken Picatta (sautéed Chicken Breast topped with picatta sauce and linguini noodles tossed in olive oil)

___ Farmers Salad with Coconut Shrimp (baby greens, strawberries, candied walnuts, apple, gorgonzola with balsamic dressing)

___ Farmers Salad with Grilled Salmon (baby greens, strawberries, candied walnuts, apple, gorgonzola with balsamic dressing)

Meal includes Rolls and Butter and Chocolate Tort Dessert
Coffee and Tea

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

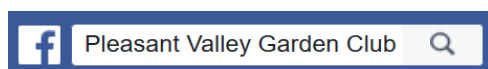
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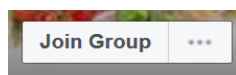
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Horticulture

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.

Garden Club Teacher Grants:

My committee and I read the teacher grants from 6 schools. Teachers from Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, primary and upper grade classrooms as well as a Behavior Structured Program at Monte Vista Middle School applied for the grants. The grant money will be used for herbs, seeds and starter plants, irrigation repairs, compost and soil amendment. We were able to award grants to all 6 schools for a total of \$1,000. The teachers will receive the checks by the end of the month so they and their students can begin planting!

Thank you for all of your help in prepping the pumpkins, decorating the pumpkins and selling them at the Farmer's market. All of the proceeds went towards the Teacher Grants! Thanks a bunch!! -Sharon

Pleasant Valley Garden Club has 76 members



With Deepest Sympathy

Marie Coolidge's husband passed away. A card and plant was sent to her. A former member Franki Giffen passed away. Condolences to her family and friends.



Club News, continued

Thoughts and Memories of Jan Ackerman

Andrea Soriano: Jan was one of the first people I met when I moved to Camarillo in 2012. I “Googled” garden clubs up came a link to PV Garden Club which directed me to the co-presidents, Jan and Sharon Krebs. They immediately responded to my inquiry and suggested we meet at the Coffee Bean. They were so gracious and signed me up immediately. The club was on summer hiatus at the time but when we resumed, Jan sought me out and welcomed me warmly. The first event I attended was making Hypertufa planters in her yard on Esteban. She took me on a walk through the property and give me cuttings of succulents to start my garden. This photo is from the 2019 Holiday Party. When the pandemic hit in 2020, I did some grocery shopping for her and we would sit in the yard on Valle Lindo and visit (6 feet apart, of course). Jan was a force of nature and will be missed.



Lori Beving: I had known Jan for over 30 years. We attended the same church here in Camarillo. She is the reason I joined the garden club. She was always telling me all the fun things the garden club did and encouraged me to join when I retired. She participated in all kinds of activities at the church and was always inviting and welcoming me to join. She was such a kind and loving person and always very friendly. I will always remember her smile and loving ways. Both her and Dale were kind and loving. A very good example of how we all should be.

Sharon Bellman: I was fortunate to teach with Janet at Somis School. I had returned to teaching after staying home to raise my children. Janet was an excellent teacher and an inspiration to me. Years later we were back together in Pleasant Valley Garden Club and Delta Kappa Gamma. She was always generous with her time and her home. I will miss her.

Bev Adams: My first introduction to Jan was the summer of 2012. My friends had told me about the garden club and invited me to an introductory coffee and it was at Jan's beautiful home. I did join that year. Jan and Sharon Krebs were the co-presidents that year and they were wonderful. Jan was a wonderful hostess and president, a born leader. She was always willing to roll up her sleeves to get a job done.

Alice Smith: Jan was outgoing and embracing of new people in her life. I treasure my memories of PVGC activities, spray painting foliage in her back yard, her slice and bake chocolate chip cookies at meetings and relaxing on her patio. There were DKG Christmas parties and helping her sort through her treasured possessions before she moved in town. Jan took me under her wing and introduced me to DKG and other organizations. She was a good and loyal friend that I truly miss.

Judy Crenshaw: Memories of Jan Ackerman span many years, from my early years teaching in Pleasant Valley through the most recent years during her retirement. As I attended various conferences throughout the county, Jan always seemed to be a greeter and welcomed all who joined. She was active in The Ventura County Reading Association, as well as participated and led reading and literature workshops at the county level through the years. She was a leader in the community and was honored as a Dona by the PV Historical Society. Other community organizations also enjoyed her active participation and included PV Garden Club, AAUW, DKG, Cal Retired Teachers Association, PV Historical Society. She held many leadership positions in each of these organizations and was a strong and supportive member of the group and individuals in them. Jan was a leader in the various activities at Trinity Presbyterian Church and helped with No Room at the Inn several years. I miss her warm, friendly personality and beautiful smile and will always treasure her friendship.

Joyce Klemann: I met Jan many years ago through four organizations we both attended: Pleasant Valley Garden Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, California Retired Teachers Association, and American Association of University Women. I used to wonder how she had the energy to do all she did for all those organizations. She was a true “worker bee.” I will miss her enthusiasm, communal spirit, and friendship. Rest in peace, dear Jan, you cannot be replaced.

Club News, continued

Information For Fire Mountain Victims



We are deeply saddened by the fires impacting our Camarillo community. Our hearts go out to each of you, whether you've personally lost your home, know someone who has, or have simply felt the devastating impacts of these local fires. During times like these, we are saddened by the wake of destruction, but it reminds us how proud we are to be a part of such a tight-knit city, especially as we see countless examples of the community coming together to support one another in this time of uncertainty.

As an eyecare provider, we would love to do our part as well. While we can't claim to have any experience with carpentry, electrical, etc, we would like to provide eyecare help to those affected by the fires.

If you know anyone who has been impacted by the fires, please let them know we are providing eyecare needs. Even if these people are not existing Las Posas EyeCare patients, we will do our best to provide them with contact lenses, glasses, or other tools they may need (for example, ash can be quite uncomfortable in the eyes). Please have them reach out to our office directly, and our team will be happy to help them to the best of our abilities.

If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Keeping all of Camarillo in our thoughts.

Sincerely,
Las Posas EyeCare

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Find information on the dedicated Mountain Fire page on City of Camarillo's website [cityofcamarillo.org/mountainfire] and our social media platforms.

In light of all that has happened to many families losing their homes to the Mountain Fire, we do have gratitude that no lives were lost. Wishing everyone a grateful Thanksgiving.



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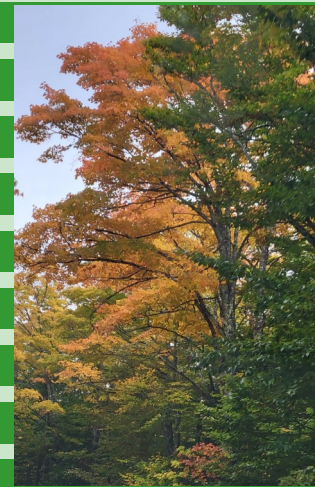
Fall Colors from Mary Rockwell's Vacation



Mary Rockwell's Orchid Cactus

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Fall Colors from Lori Beving's Vacation



If you look closely you'll see a beaver lodge in the pond.

