



Garden Chatter

*Pleasant Valley Garden Club
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PVGC Webpage

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Blooms (Messages) from the Co-President Peggy Colby

Greetings to our lovely PVGC members. And welcome back to resuming our regular schedule of meetings, special events, and field trips. It's hard to remember that it is indeed fall with the temperature at 100 today. We're all remembering to water our plants, I hope.

I trust that your summer went well! Mine was busy with trips, family and friends.

Our theme for this season is "Blooming Harmony"--celebrating the beauty and unity that gardens bring to our lives.

To recap--we had a very nice tour of Members' gardens in April, and many of us were able to participate as docents of the Livingston Memorial Hospice



Garden Tour in May. Check out our photos in this newsletter. We had a Summer Social delicious potluck at Mission Oaks park July 18 as well.

Thanks so much to Bev Adams for her sterling work preparing our new yearbook that will be available for pickup at our meeting on September 19, our potluck and business meeting. Be sure to check and record dates for meetings, trips and special events. We will meet at the Seventh Day Adventist Church as usual.

Some reminders: October meeting

is pumpkin decorating and the following Saturday is the Farmers' market sale. Please volunteer for collection, cleaning and prep-ping. This is our major fundraiser.

Please bring some cash (\$1) bills --no pennies!! for the Penny Pines fundraiser. We received recognition for our donation. Please bring non-perishable food to donate to the church food pantry.

In this newsletter, and as a separate mailing is the new budget, which was approved by the Board on the 5th.

I'm really looking forward to seeing you at the 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 August 1, 2024	\$6,022.07
Withdrawal/Debits	217.50
Balance as of August 31, 2024	\$5,804.57



News at a Glance

Volunteers

Courtyard Care

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

September - Pam Gaffuri

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: 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.

September: Everyone bring a dish for 6-8 people

BRING YOUR COFFEE MUG

September 19th Meeting

9:00 - Socialize and Coffee

9:15 - General Meeting - Distribution of Yearbooks, reviewing special activities and trips.

10:15 - Coffee Break

10:30 - Potluck Brunch - Please bring a brunch main dish or dessert to share to this meeting. Bring a dish enough to serve 6-8 people.

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

September 19 - Welcome back potluck Brunch

October 3 - Board Meeting

October 17 - General Meeting and Decorating the Pumpkins to sell at Farmers Market

October 24 - Field Trip Ventura Botanical Gardens

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

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

September Birth Flowers

Morning Glory



Aster



DON'T FORGET THE OCTOBER MEETING

IT IS OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER

October 17 Meeting

We will be decorating pumpkins with succulents to sell at the Farmer's Market on October 19. This is fundraiser for the club and a fun time to decorate and be creative with succulents. Start collecting succulents and any other fun things to put on the pumpkins.



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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.



Important Article from California Gardens Club, Inc

PHISHING

Some of us may have enjoyed fishing when we were kids. Nowadays, this word has a whole other meaning and spelling. In the computer world, 'phishing' means the practice of sending fraudulent communications that appear to come from a legitimate and reputable source, usually through email and text, in order to acquire sensitive data, such as bank account numbers, passwords, etc. Not too long ago, I received an interesting email which contained the Microsoft logo colors and was entitled "cagardenclubs.org Validation." It was not from Microsoft. The sender was listed as "lifemember," but when I used my computer mouse to hover over that word, the real sender was revealed as "nreply@sendforce.com" -- a bogus email address. It was sent to me using the email "lifemember@cagardenclubs.org." The text of the message was: "Hello lifemember: lifemember@cagardenclubs.org is due for validation. Reauthenticate your lifemember@cagardenclubs.org below," which was followed by a link to "Re-authenticate Now." Naturally, I did not hit the link. There is never a requirement for Life Membership recipients to "re-authenticate." The cost for a CGCI Life Membership is a one-time charge of \$100. If you receive any emails like this, just delete them.



Club News

FIRST PASS BOARD REVIEW 9/5/24		2023-24 Info			
		2024-25 Proposed BUDGET	2023-24 BUDGET	2023-24 Actual	VARIANCE FROM BUDGET
TOTAL RECEIPTS					
	Dues - Existing Members (70 members pd thru 6/ 2024)	2,450.00	2,450.00	3,153.00	703.00
	Dues - Est. 10 new members after June 30	350.00	80.00	160.00	80.00
	Received from members for Newsletter mailing	20.00	20.00	-	(20.00)
wash	Penny Pines collections (Est. 2 duing year)	136.00	150.00	68.00	(82.00)
	Fundraisers:				
	Succulent Pumpkin Sale	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,313.00	313.00
	Wreaths sale (20 @ \$35 ea.)	700.00	700.00	465.00	(235.00)
	Check rec'd from CGCI for yard signs (elimnte)		100.00	-	(100.00)
				-	-
	SOCIAL ACTIVITIES ARE SHOWN BELOW			-	-
				-	-
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,856.00	4,500.00	5,159.00	659.00
TOTAL EXPENSES					
	Bank fees/checks	20.00	40.82	40.82	-
	Conventions/Conferences	500.00	500.00	194.00	(306.00)
	Dues:			30.00	30.00
	CGCI/State/National \$2.75 x 70 as of 6/24	192.50	192.50	192.50	-
	District Dues \$2.25 x 70	168.75	157.50	162.00	4.50
	Liab. Insurance \$1.50 x 70	112.50	105.00	90.00	(15.00)
	RRF1 form	25.00	25.00	25.00	-
	IRS/CA/NON-PROFIT - GTEP fees for forms	15.00	15.00	15.00	-
	Donations			-	-
	Teacher/School Grants	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	200.00
	Church Pantry/7th Day Adventist	500.00	500.00	500.00	-
	CGCI - President's project	250.00	250.00	-	(250.00)
	PV Historical Society	500.00	300.00	800.00	500.00
	V. C. Animal Shelter Project Materials**	50.00	50.00	-	(50.00)
	Church Courtyard Care	50.00	50.00	-	(50.00)
	Gifts/District Expenses	150.00	150.00	-	(150.00)
	Horticulture awards	75.00	75.00	61.08	(13.92)
	Hospitality (Incis Exp for Garden Tour& picnic))	300.00	125.00	267.80	142.80
	Set up room - \$20/meeting	100.00	100.00	-	(100.00)
	Newsletter - Non email members-stamps, printing	20.00	20.00	-	(20.00)
wash	Penny Pines (\$8x2) (US Forest Svc)	136.00	150.00	68.00	(82.00)
	Presidents Expenses (printing, gifts, etc.)	150.00	350.00	121.60	(228.40)
	Secretary exp.enses	25.00	25.00	9.90	(15.10)
	Speakers Program	750.00	650.00	750.00	100.00
	Sunshine (Postage and cards)	-	-	-	-
	Treasurer exp./postage and supplies	50.00	100.00	87.30	(12.70)
	Undistributed Reserves/Emergency Fund/petty cash	50.00	100.00	-	(100.00)
	Website Fees	175.00	175.00	163.87	(11.13)
	Pumpkin materials	300.00	300.00	215.48	(84.52)
	Wreaths - 20, exp.	200.00	200.00	257.19	57.19
	Yearbook (printing, mailing)	186.72	178.14	178.14	-
	Social Activities misc.expenses (incl in hospitality above)	incl in hospitality	100.00	64.71	(35.29)
	TOTAL EXPENSES	6,051.47	5,983.96	5,494.39	(489.57)
					-
	Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,195.47)	(1,483.96)	(335.39)	1,148.57
Social Activities - not part of official budget figures					
	Xmas Lunch receipts				
	Xmas Lunch Expense				
	Installation Luch Receipts				
	Installation Lunch Expense				

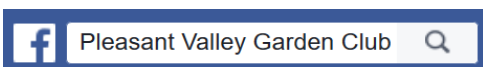
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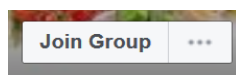
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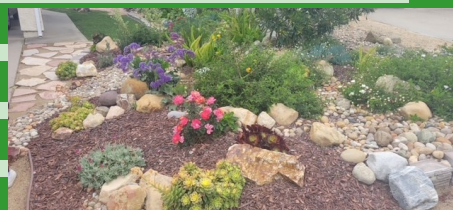
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Horticulture

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.

Members Home Tour In April



Pat Matthew's Garden

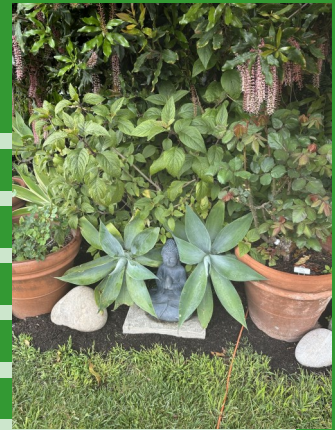


Bev Adams Garden

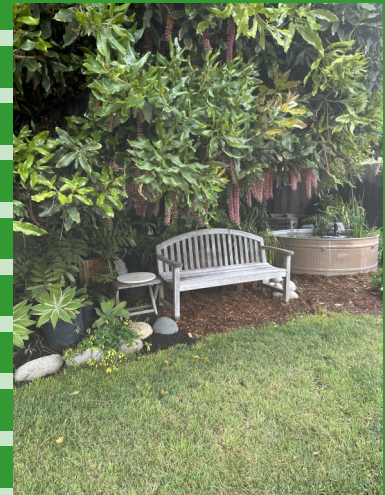


Club News, continued

Members Home Tour



Aaron Landworth's Garden



Adele Lin's Garden

Club News, continued

Recipe Apricot Shortbread Cookie Bars
Source _____
Ingredients/Instructions
4 C. molasses (not instant)
3 C. flour
1 lb. C. brown sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
1 lb. butter (melted)
2 tsp. vanilla
Mix dry ingredients. Add melted
butter and vanilla. Pat 2/3 of mixture
on cookie sheet. Spread apricot
filling. Add remaining dry ingred-
ients.
Apricot Filling
1 1/2 lbs. of dry apricots (cut with
seissors)
2 C. sugar
Enough water to cover
(cook until tender)
Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes
serves _____
☐ can do ahead ☐ can freeze ☐ serve immediately

Yolanda's Apricot Shortbread

Club News, continued

Camarillo Ranch House Tour and 100th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon in May



Club News, continued



Linda and Judy
Organizers

May Installation Luncheon at
the Corinthian Yacht Club



Mary Rockwell
Member of the Year

