



# Garden Chatter

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## Blooms (Messages) from the Co-President Joyce Klemann

Have you heard this one yet? HAPPY NEW YEAR! Our fundraisers are over and we've made enough money for our teacher grants and budget expenditures—yay! We have some ideas for next year's pumpkin and wreath sales but you'll have to wait. Whatever, it's always fun. Meanwhile, we have some very interesting meetings to look forward to, along with our plants and pots exchange, and our end-of-the-year installation luncheon.

Our next general meeting is on the third Thursday of this month, January 16th. Come at 9:00 for visiting and refreshments and we'll start shortly after. It will be a good one: our own Dianne Anders will tell us all about beekeeping—because she's an expert bee keeper. If



we're lucky, she'll bring along some delicious honey to buy. Hmmm, sounds good already.

Our next field trip will be on Thursday, January 23rd. We'll be going to the Camarillo Ranch House for a garden tour. If you've never done this, you're in for quite a Camarillo historical and botanical treat. It is being planned by Marilyn Brackett and Becky Hosseini.

On Friday, February 21st, there will be a district meeting at CSUCI. It's such a beautiful setting out at the university and our district president, Darcey

Lober, runs a great meeting. You'll get to meet other Ventura County garden club members, have some great coffee and treats, and maybe get a tour of the area. Darcey lives out there and loves to show off the community garden.

Talking about friends, I think our club is one of the friendliest clubs around. Want to know others better or meet people you don't know? Sign up for one of our committees or offices. We'll be getting a nominating committee together soon, so it will be your chance to be a real part of the group. Practice looking in the mirror and saying, "Why yes, I'd love to!"

I'll see you on the 16th!

## 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 1, 2024	\$4,872.72
Deposits/Credits	1,600.00
Withdrawal/Debits	1,481.05
Balance as of December 31, 2024	\$4,991.67



# News at a Glance

## Volunteers

### Courtyard Care

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

January - Sharon Bellman, Peg Tancreto  
 February - Alice Smith, Conda Guggia  
 March - Sharon Harada, Marilyn Brackett

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.

January - Dianne Anders, Peggy Celic, Karen Roth, Sandy Stewart, Linda Goodwin, Judy Crenshaw, Sabrina Brewer

BRING YOUR COFFEE MUG

## January 16th Meeting

9:00 - Socialize and Coffee

9:15 - General Meeting

10:15 - **Bee Keeping** - Dianne Anders, Bee keeper and member of the Pleasant Valley Garden Club.

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

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

May 1 - Board Meeting

May 15 - Installation Luncheon

# 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



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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.



## Field Trip Info

### Camarillo House Garden Tour Thursday, January 23

Garden Club will have a docent led tour of the Camarillo House gardens on Thursday, January 23rd, from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM. Currently we have 17 ladies signed up, but will be able to accommodate more, so you may sign up at our next meeting, and perhaps arrange carpools. We are to meet at 12:45 outside the barn for the tour. There will be ample parking available. Please bring your \$5.00 donation for the Camarillo House. Each carpool will decide when and if they would like to go to lunch. Please see Marilyn Brackett or Becky Hosseini if you have any questions about the Garden Club field trip.



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## Elections for Garden Club

We are in the process of forming a nominating committee for next year's slate of officers. Please think about how you can serve and contribute to the future and success of our club. Volunteering to become an officer or serve on a committee is just one way to help!

## November Meeting Protecting, Improving and Nurturing our soils



To learn more about the **UC Master Gardener Program** and see a list of upcoming classes, visit our website at <http://ucanr.org/sites/VCMG> or scan the QR code below

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## Resources

Mulch <https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/pdf/8672.pdf>  
 Compaction <https://cemendocino.ucanr.edu/files/17259.pdf>  
 Soil pH <https://ceventura.ucanr.edu/7blogpost-24750&blogasset=109383>  
 Test kits <https://ucanr.edu/blogs/CCMGBlog/blogfiles/38756.pdf>  
 "Soils: An Introduction" Singer & Munns ISBN 978-0131190191  
 Protect-Nurture the soil "Chuck Ingels"  
 "California Master Gardener Handbook" ISBN 978-1601078575

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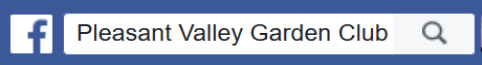
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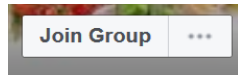
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## Horticulture

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 in- to your garden.

## Field Trip to Gallup and Stribling Orchids



## Club News, continued

### Holiday Luncheon



### Toy for Tots