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"San Diego Victory Gardens: Potatoes, Petunias, and Patriotism"

October General Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 2:00 pm

Social & Refreshments 1:30 pm

Casa Del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park

Presented by Lee Somerville

Today's community gardens have long-established roots. Come hear how San Diego residents did their part in growing vegetables during the harsh years of two World Wars. With the help of the San Diego Floral Association, urban community gardens were established in 1917. Articles and guidelines provided home and community gardeners with lists of suitable vegetables and growing hints. "War Gardens" (later renamed "Victory Gardens") declined in popularity over the next two decades but with the threat of another war, their importance was revived. What can today's home gardeners learn from yesterday's Victory Gardens?

Lee will bring examples of the seeds, plants, and recipes of the time period, and discuss the substitutions that provided nutrition for San Diego families during those lean years.

Lee Somerville is a landscape historian, Master Gardener, and the author of two books. She received her Master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her thesis on 19th-Century Wisconsin garden history served as the basis for one of her books.



Message from the President, Thea Gurns

The calendar circles around... Welcome to a new San Diego Floral year, join us in the season of awakening.

San Diego Floral Association, much like Southern California gardens, goes a bit dormant in summer. At the end of summer comes a sense of renewal in both our gardens, after a siege of ferocious heat, and in our Association, after an interval of energy replenishment.

Nature guides us into a season of renewal both in our gardens and in our gardening hearts. We gather, rejuvenated, ready to plunge into a year of growth. September brings an issue of *California Garden* magazine, October gives us a newsletter, a members' meeting, and the announcement of the schedule of events for the coming year.

The SDEFA schedule fills up quickly. We offer great speakers and activities this year. Our series of floral design classes has already been launched. During the members meeting on October 19, Lee Somerville will tell us all about Victory Gardens and their legacy in today's community gardens. Following fast after will be Maker Faire San Diego in Balboa Park, Kate Sessions Birthday Celebration at Marston House, and of course the annual Festival of Trees in Casa del Prado during December Nites.

**COME JOIN SD FLORAL VOLUNTEERS
AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FUN.
NOTHING BUT GOOD TIMES AHEAD!**

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At the annual meeting on June 15th, the membership approved the slate of nominees for the upcoming San Diego Floral Association year, 2016-2017. Since then, the Association sadly received the resignations of President Bonnie Gebhardt and Treasurer Pat Forsberg, with extreme gratitude for the service they have given to SDFA for many years, in almost every capacity and activity.

Vice President of Programs, Thea Gurns, succeeded Bonnie Gebhardt as President. Lee Somerville is acting as Vice President of Programs, and Director Nancy Carol Carter is acting as Treasurer, as we move forward with wishes for Bonnie's full recovery.

Please Keep the Library Open

Contact Laurie Lee, lee3525@yahoo.com

...if you can volunteer 2.5 hours per month to assist visitors to the San Diego Floral Library, Casa del Prado, Room 105, Balboa Park.

Shifts : 10 am to 12:30 pm & 12:30 pm to 3pm
Monday through Friday

DON'T MISS OUT -!

TWO NEW SERIES OF FLORAL DESIGN CLASSES

Floral is pleased to announce two new series of Floral Design classes taught by award winning floral designer, Kathy Taylor de Murillo.

The Beginner's Series was held in September, but please join us for any or all of the five Advanced Series classes beginning on Nov. 10.



Each class is \$20. Please see the Sep/Oct California Garden for more information and learn what to bring to class. Go to www.sdfloal.org to learn more about the class and pay on a Pay Pal account, or mail your enrollment to SDFA, 650 El Prado, Room 105, San Diego, CA. 92110.

COME CELEBRATE KATE'S BIRTHDAY –

NOVEMBER 5, 2016

It's time to again celebrate the birthday of one of our founders, Kate Sessions. The festivities will be on November 5 in the Marston Gardens. Included in the celebrations are music, cake, garden- and plant- related booths, kids' activities, and a chance to walk and enjoy the beautiful gardens surrounding the home.

The Marston Home will be open for tours, as well as the new Irving Gill exhibit, honoring the home's architect. More information will be in the next issue of California Garden.

Festival of Trees 2016

Planning is underway for Floral's annual holiday display during December Nights. This year's theme is 'Talk to the Animals' to honor the 100th Anniversary of San Diego Zoo Global. Talk to your garden club or association about putting together a festive display to delight visitors to Balboa Park on December 2-3. For more information, contact the office during library hours, M-F, 10 am to 3 pm, 619-232-5762.

The Flower Arranging Guild of San Diego

If you are interested in becoming a more accomplished flower arranger, whether you are a novice or an experienced designer, perhaps you should consider joining a study group devoted to that subject.

The Flower Arranging Guild of San Diego meets monthly in Balboa Park, on the first Thursday of the month, at 10 AM in Casa Del Prado Room 101.

Learn about flower arranging and practice it on an ongoing-basis. There is no cost or annual dues to join the group, but you provide your own materials for your monthly design, which you take home to enjoy at your leisure.

Whether you want to practice for entering flower shows in the future or just want to create beautiful arrangements for your personal satisfaction at home, this is an excellent opportunity to become more proficient in this art form.

Please contact Dale Rekus at (619) 491-0830 or by email at dalerekus2@yahoo.com if you have any questions or would like to attend the next meeting.

RSVPs are necessary so that adequate spaces are prepared.

Membership

S DFA currently has 608 members.

Many Thanks to our Life Members

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**Botanical
Building
Tours**

San Diego Floral
Association offers free,
docent-led tours
of the Botanical Building
in Balboa Park.

Please meet
at the south end
of the Lily Pond
on the 3rd Friday
of the Month
at 11am.