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NEWSLETTER

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A Message from our Co-Presidents

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SDFA IN THE COMMUNITY!

Please visit our website at
www.sdfloal.org
to learn about our
Community Outreach
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Gardening Angels

SDFA is blooming, along with the spring flowers. Join us on April 20th to celebrate our first in-person meeting in over two years! It's going to be a wonderful program (see below for details) and we look forward to meeting and greeting old and new friends.

Our library, Room 105 in the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park, also acts as SDFA's organizational hub and has recently been undergoing some reorganization. We are once again open during the week and invite you to visit, meet our office volunteers and check out the art and the ever-changing shelves of interesting horticultural books for sale. However, because we rely fully on volunteers, it's a good idea to call first, just to make sure someone is there.

And finally, if you are interested in becoming more involved with SDFA, please consider joining our group as a volunteer. Information is available on the web site or elsewhere in this newsletter.

We wish all of you a happy and healthy spring and hope to see you at one of our events.



Jan and Lee

UPCOMING EVENTS

Program Meeting - Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 1:30pm

IN-PERSON MEETING

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 101
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**“ART ALIVE 2022: How to Appreciate
the Fusion of Art and Flowers
through the Principles and Elements of Floral Design”**

Presented by Betty Patterson-del-Sol



Her program offers a timely introduction to San Diego Art Museum’s popular event, ART ALIVE, a collection of art-inspired floral creations designed by regional artists. Betty will highlight some of her favorite show-stoppers from past years with photographs, and explain their form and composition using the principles of floral design.



Classes - 2nd Thursday of each month, 10:00am

Please continue to check our website at www.sdfloral.org
for information on our spring classes.

SAVE THE DATE

San Diego Floral Association’s
Annual Garden Tour

Kensington

Saturday, June 11, 2022

10:00am to 4:00pm

Watch for details at www.sdfloral.org



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

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We need your help!

Please consider joining us at one of our many activities throughout the year. Meet fellow members and make new friends.

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Spring: *Garden Tour*

Summer: *SDFA Annual Dinner Meeting*

Fall: *Birds, Bees, Flowers and Trees*

Winter: *Festival of Trees*

Contact info@sdfloal.org and sign up!



Want to join SDFA? Find membership and gift forms at www.sdfloal.org

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Kris Napora - VP Membership

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our latest members:

Terry Barker
Ashley Blackstock
Gail Brady
Deborah Halliday
Patricia Hasbrook
Margaret Henning
Mike Miller
Eloise Morgan
Adam Orin
Mark Orlando
Suzy Schaefer
Darren Thompson

A special welcome to our latest Professional Affiliate:

Living Designs by Linda
Linda Bresler

A very special thank you to those renewing at the Benefactor level:

Mike Kelly
Lynn Langley
Sarah Lydick
Rita McConn-Stern
Christie and Robert Wright

Thank you always to those who faithfully renew your memberships – double thanks to those who renew early!!

New Member Appreciation!

SDFA TOTE BAG

Members who join this year will receive a free SDFA Red Tote Bag decorated with our logo! Already a member? You too can receive it when you renew! This roomy 12x12x8 inch tote is perfect for shopping, books - or whatever you need to bring with you. Sorry, we cannot mail, must be picked up at our office in Balboa Park: 1650 El Prado, Room 105, San Diego. Please call 619-232-5762 or email Kris Napora at membership@sdfloal.org to make arrangements.



ON SALE NOW at www.sdfloal.org

The Complete Writings of Kate Sessions in California Garden - New Edition

Local florist, nursery owner and horticulturist Kate Sessions published hundreds of articles in San Diego Floral Association's Magazine. All are captured in *The Complete Writings of Kate Sessions in California Garden*. You can learn more about Kate Sessions from Nancy Carol Carter by visiting www.sdhort.org and click on the August YouTube Meeting to hear her presentation.

THYME-LY TIPS

By: *The Casual Gardener*

“Broken clay pots: not just shard anymore”

Yes, clay pots were made to be broken. Why else would we pick such a fragile medium to hold wet dirt and heavy root-bound plants? I have broken so many clay pots that my shard container is overflowing so I decided to research other uses for this wonderful substance.

Aside from the typical multi-layered fairy garden, there are other fun ways to utilize these bits and pieces. Keeping with the fairy garden theme, if you break them into smaller pieces, they will look like natural pavers in your fairy garden patio.

I love the idea of turning them into plant markers. Just place the broken pot directly in the soil with the rim sticking up out of the soil, and write the plant name on the rim with a waterproof marker.

Another nice decorative idea is to make a candle holder out of a triangular piece – they won't melt or catch on fire. You can even use them to dress your soil of a potted plant.

PLEASE SEND YOUR TIPS TO: outreach@sdfloal.org
We would love to hear from you!!

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 - Watering Rocks
- San Diego Horticultural Society
- San Diego Orchid Society
- Walter Andersen Nursery



Multi-layered fairy garden



Natural pavers for your fairy garden



Plant makers



Candle holder and potted plant soil dressing