



SDCGG Newsletter

March 2021

*Welcome to the voice of the San Diego County Garden Guild community...
Getting to the heart of the matter!*

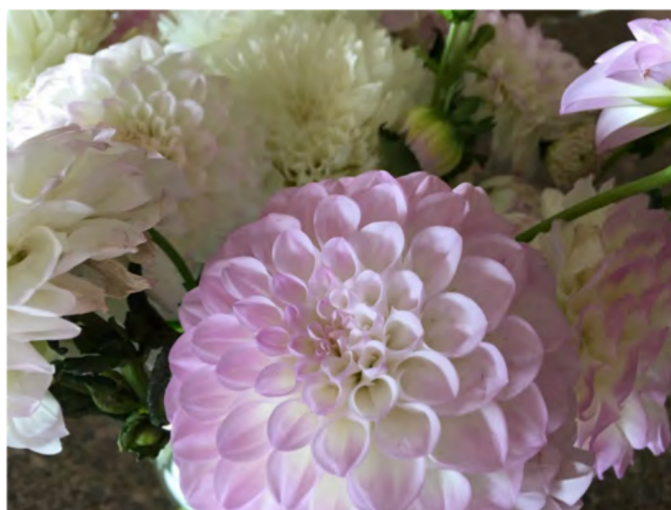


Everything is new in the spring.

~~ Lucy Maud Montgomery

Our world bursts into glorious bloom and inspiration abounds—embrace the possibilities!

Welcome spring!



CELEBRATION OF SPRING!

THE GARDEN JEWELS

This month the Garden Jewels Guild will celebrate the change of season as winter fades into spring on March 20. Historically, this is a time of renewal, rejuvenation, planting and growth, and now, most of all, hope. We are excited about the spring project we have prepared for you. Be on the look-out for your package to arrive on your doorstep the weekend of March 5.

Please send your photographs and stories of your completed March project to share with members of the SDCGG, by **MARCH 20** to: Deanna Weeks (Deanna.weeks.mac.com).



Growing Together



Feed Your Soul ~ Plant a Cutting Garden

For some, gardening is a sort of escape from everyday life. And that's ok! I am one of those people. I love digging in the dirt, pruning, tending, and simply enjoying my garden as a way to clear my head and refresh my soul. And these days, I am spending a lot more time at home with much more time to spend in the garden. As a consequence, I have finally gotten the opportunity to complete a lot of projects that perpetually reside on my "to do" list. And with spring on its way, there is one project that I am most excited about... I am planting a flower cutting garden!

I have always loved arranging a bouquet of flowers (probably purchased at Trader Joe's) and putting them in a beautiful vase to brighten my indoor spaces. The prospect of

walking through my own garden selecting various blooms to put together a beautiful and completely unique bouquet, is sublime. And, although cutting off beautiful blooms may seem difficult at first, the beauty of a cutting garden is that it is meant to be grown in an out of the way spot, filled with plants that are meant to be cut. Because the flowers will be annuals, I won't have to feel bad cutting them as it will actually be helpful — and even necessary — to keep the plants blooming. In a few months, I know I will be excitedly picking a little of whatever is in bloom and bringing them into the house — or sharing those bouquets with family, friends, and anyone who could use a lift.

It is a well-known fact that being around plants and nature is good for the soul and helps people reflect on the more positive aspects of life. I hope your garden blooms hardily this year, lifts your spirits and gives you hope for brighter days ahead!

Linda Morse

President
San Diego County Garden Guild



It's Membership Renewal Time!

Just a friendly reminder that you may renew your *San Diego County Garden Guild* membership anytime from now until **March 31st**. I have sent you an application form in a separate e-mail.

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If you have a friend or friends who would enjoy our Guild, our membership Committee invites you to submit their names for consideration before **April 30th**. I have sent you an application form in a separate e-mail.

We're looking forward to hearing from you soon!



Expertise Sharing



Happy Spring, Garden Guild Friends! I'm missing all of you and our gardening friendship gatherings in Balboa Park. I am looking forward to warm sunshine and being outside in the garden. Although we are still unable to gather in person, our programing is amazing and continues to "blossom." I am thankful, awed, and appreciate the time and talents each of you share, and I have a very grateful heart!

What a sweet surprise we received from the Cupids of Garden Crafters Guild! Thank you to the ladies of the Garden Crafters for their February program and sharing of their handmade creations. It is my belief that when one is gifted something made by hand, you are receiving a piece of the giver's heart, too! It was interesting to stop and think about what each of our "love languages" might be, and equally satisfying was the realization that our participation as members of the Guild is an expression of ALL five languages!

Again, I wish to thank and continue to be impressed by the creativity and dedication of our membership. My compliments to ALL of our Special Interest Guilds for their ability and willingness to adapt to the new ways in which we share our expertise gathering while we are unable to gather in person. They have each been unique and wonderful:

2020

September	BOARD	Memory Book and Finishing Salt Packages & Recipes
October	Seeds & Bulbs	Forcing Bulbs
November	Holidays in the Garden	Video Sharing Holiday Traditions & Recipes
December	BOARD	Olaf's 12 Days of Holiday Fun

2021

January	Mediterranean Cuisine	Olive Oil Tasting
February	Garden Crafters	Valentine's Surprise
March	Garden Jewels	It's a surprise!

This month, you are in for a *real* surprise as the Garden Jewels have not disclosed what's in store for all of us; I can't wait to find out what they have created!

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at lisa@mauzy.com. In addition to making program deliveries, the Board is "on the ready" to assist when and where we may prove to be helpful. I want to encourage each of you to complete and return your membership renewals ASAP and, as well, think about new membership for friends that you think might also enjoy SDCGG. With renewals received, we can accurately know the availability of space that we might have for new members. Also, please begin thinking about what special interest guild topics you might be interested in for the 2021-2022 Guild year. When you have an idea, please email me so that I may begin organizing topics.

Please be sure to share your photos and stories with Deanna for inclusion in the next month's edition of Getting to the Heart of the Matter! Remember the deadline is the 20th of each month; send to deanna.weeks@mac.com, please!

Enjoy Saint Paddy's Day, ladies! May you find a four-leaf clover 

~ Lisa Lomax

Vice President / Programs

The Splendor of Spring



*"The splendor of the rose
and the whiteness of the
lily do not rob the little
violet of its scent nor the
daisy of its simple charm.
If every tiny flower wanted
to be a rose, spring would
lose its loveliness."*

~ St. Therese de Lisieux



Thanks to Pat Peterson for the inspirational quote!

SDCGG INTEREST GUILDS 2020-2021 -- March 2021 Updates

HERBS AND ESSENTIAL OILS

Members include: Bev Bruff, Glennalie Coleman, Fran Gillis, **Cindy Lococo (Contact Person)**, Lisa Mercier, Penny Perryman

Stay tuned for a surprise in May from the Herbs and Essential Oils guild!

EVERYTHING ROSES

Members include: **Barbara Starkey (Contact Person)**, Vicki Turner

GARDEN CRAFTERS

Members include: Dorie Day, Teri Eichhorn, Barb Fiorina, Sue Gale, Jessica Hernandez, Lisa Kelly, Suzie Moon, Robbie Schoder, **Carrie Seeman (Contact Person)**, Kay Teeters, Cindy Tindaro, Stephanie Thornton, Marissa Wright, Emy Yeazell

*The Garden Crafters delivered **Gifts from the Heart** in February!*

GARDEN JEWELS

Members include: Lorraine Bolton, Joan Goodman, Debbie Hall, Allison Harding, Toni Munsell, Diane Openshaw, Connie Reck, Leslie Rubin, Robin Rubin, Candy Sharda, Dee Dee Swansen, Karen Woods, Liz Woodward, **Janet Yaws (Contact Person)**

The Garden Jewels will be delivering a surprise this month!

HOLIDAYS IN THE GARDEN

Members include: Carol Brewer, Natalie Crain, Donna Jones, Kathryn Keller, **Margaret Anne Lozuk (Contact Person)**, Jennifer Messersmith, Kathy Peterson, Pat Peterson, Donna Van Dillen, Deanna Weeks, Sophie Weeks

The Holidays in the Garden guild delivered a surprise video in November!

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

Members include: Carol Blomstrom (**Contact Person**), Mary Lynn Carroll, Korla Childress, Cheryl Nichols, Joanne Quinn, Carvill Veech

The International Cuisine guild will be delivering a surprise in April!

MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE

Members include: Peggy Geyer, Kaye Humber, Lois Kenneally, Joan Kroener, Shelia Padgett, **Kate Palmiere (Contact Person)**, Cindy Witt

The Mediterranean Cuisine Guild delivered a unique olive oil tasting experience to us in January—both educational and delicious!

SEEDS, BULBS & CUTTINGS

Members include: Karen Ames, Gleneva Belice, JoAnn Cando, **Anne Caprioglio (Contact Person)**, Gayle Eales, Lani Freymiller, Charlie Littrell, Lisa Lomax, Janet Mika, Linda Morse, Priscilla Moxley, Karen Novak

The Seeds, Bulbs & Cuttings guild delivered paperwhite bulbs in October!

GARDEN ANGELS CHARITABLE GUILD

This guild is open to all members wishing to lend support to a fellow member and their families in times of need. Past activities include garden renovations, meals and other garden therapies. The contact person is Stephanie Thornton.

GIVING GARDEN - MEALS ON WHEELS GARDEN

Barb Fiorina reports that "Linda Morse and I stopped by Meals on Wheels on Sunday, Feb 20th, to water, prune and offer some loving care to the garden. The earlier planting and gardening of the guild team have paid off with several beautiful beds. The nasturtiums are robust and soon the flowers will be blooming. The herb bed is filled with deep green parsley and marjoram. We harvested about 5 pounds of ripe kumquats which will be delivered to the Meals on Wheels kitchen."

"Thank you to everyone who participates in this philanthropic project--it is truly appreciated by the staff and volunteers at Meals on Wheels!"



In the Language of Love!



Thank you, **Garden Crafters**, for the absolutely stunning Valentine surprise! You really did create a package of LOVE and FRIENDSHIP and delivered it right to our doorsteps. The care, love, and time you put into this endeavor is so appreciated!!

We received many heartfelt responses from our grateful membership:

Thank you, Garden Crafters, for your beautiful, heartfelt creations! I shared the delicious cookies with my husband. The clay succulent is a perfect addition to my small succulent collection in my kitchen. I felt the LOVE!

~~Natalie Crain



Wow! Wow!! WOW!!!

~~ Sophie Weeks

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and thinking of me.
You, ladies, are the greatest. Love & Blessings,

~~Bev Bruff

Thank you for all the hard work and effort you give the Guild. I appreciate you. Lots of love,

~~Charlie Littrell





Many thanks for your generosity of time and creativity during this time of isolation. It means a lot.

~Carvill Veech

Beautiful job ladies. I enjoyed all the heart treats, especially the ceramics.

~Candy Sharda

All of the treats sent have been amazing! Quite the treat during such a difficult time.

~Cindy Tindaro

This was darling! Thank you and happy Valentine's Day to you!

~Debbie Hall



The board also sweetened the holiday with a special e-Valentine message:



What a beautiful card! Thanks for sending it. I enjoyed receiving it. Love,

~~**Gleneva Belice**

Thank you. What a lovely message. Would love to have that beautiful heart wreath wouldn't you. Thanks for thinking of me. The guild is so special and I appreciate all you do to make it that way. Hugs.

~~**Karen Novak**

That was quite a lovely e-card. I quite enjoyed that. Thanks!

~~**Lisa Kelly**

Hope your day is filled with the same!!
Enjoy!!
THANK YOU for sending out cards to our membership; I think it is very meaningful to many! Xo happy Sunday!

~~**Lisa Lomax**

How beautiful! If only my garden looked like that. I hope you have the chocolate and champagne ready. Thank you! Wishing you a very happy V-Day.

~~**Penny Perryman**



Photos of Margaret Anne's Beautiful Garden!







From the San Diego Botanic Garden, courtesy of Margaret Anne!



Mark your Calendars

SDCGG CALENDAR – Updated March 2021

Date	Time	Location	Subject
Saturday, September 12, 2020		Stay at home project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SDCGG Board: Alice Waters' Pantry
Tuesday, September 8, 2020	12:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting - Zoom	
Saturday, October 10, 2020		Stay at home project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seeds, Bulbs & Cuttings
Tuesday, October 13, 2020	12:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting - Zoom	
Saturday, November 14, 2020		Stay at home project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Holidays in the Garden
Tuesday, November 10, 2020	12:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting - Zoom	
Saturday, December 12, 2020		Stay at Home Festivities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mingle & Jingle Activity & Fundraiser
Tuesday, December 8, 2020	12:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting - Zoom	
Saturday, January 9, 2021		Stay at home project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mediterranean Cuisine
Tuesday, January 13, 2020	12:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting - Zoom	
Saturday, February 13, 2021		Stay at home project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Garden Crafters
Tuesday, February 11, 2020	12:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting - Zoom	
Saturday, March 13, 2021	TBA	Stay at home project	Garden Jewels
Tuesday, March 9, 2021	12:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting - Zoom	
Saturday, April 10, 2021	TBA	TBA	International Cuisine
Tuesday, April 13, 2021	12:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting - Zoom	
Saturday, May 8, 2021	TBA	TBA	Herbs and Essential Oils
Tuesday, May 11, 2021	12:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting - Zoom	
Saturday, June 12, 2021	TBA	TBA	Everything Roses SDCGG Board
Tuesday, June 8, 2021	12:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting - Zoom	

Note: Board meetings are normally scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month, but are subject to change at the discretion of the board. To attend a board meeting as a guest, please contact President Linda Morse to be added to the agenda.

Nominating Committee Announcement

The Nominating Committee for 2021 is pleased to present the following slate of nominations for the 2021-2022 year:

Second Vice President/Programs - Lisa Lomax

Secretary - Penny Perryman

Member at Large - Fran Gillis

If you wish to nominate someone for any of these positions you may contact any member of the Nominating Committee during the month of March.

Nominating Committee

Lani Freymiller, Chair - lanifreymiller@gmail.com

Lisa Lomax - lisa@mauzy.com

Cindy Lococo - crlococo@aol.com

San Diego County Garden Guild Historian

The board is very pleased to announce that a new History Committee has been created, and **Sue Gale** has graciously agreed to lead the effort. As committee chair, Sue will soon be reaching out to our membership to request a headshot photo for inclusion in our 2021-2022 directory.

Please join us in welcoming Sue as the first Historian of the San Diego County Garden Guild! Thank you, Sue!!

If you would be interested in serving on this new committee, please contact Sue at suegale3@gmail.com.

SDCGG BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020-2021

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National Garden Clubs

www.gardenclub.org
President: Gay L. Austin
Publication: The National Gardener
Theme: "Plant America"

Palomar District

www.californiagardenclubs.com/palomardistrict
Director: Sharon Tooley
Publication: Palomar Pruner
Theme: "Plant America - One Member at a Time!"

Pacific Region Garden Clubs

www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org
Director: Robin Pokorski
Publication: WACONIAH
Theme: "Reconnect to YOUR Pacific Region"

San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation

<http://www.sdbgf.org>
President: David Tooley

California Garden Clubs, Inc.

www.californiagardenclubs.com
President: Charlene "Shane" Looper
Publication: Golden Gardens eNews
Theme: "Plant America - Plant Parks"

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