

January 2025

Newsletter

San Juan Capistrano Garden Club

Presidents' Letter

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

We are off to quite a start to 2025. These awful fires have affected so many of our Southern California families and friends. Please reach out to your garden club friends when you have needs for your loved ones. Our members may want to personally support them in their needs. Our fellow citizens will need a great deal of support in the future. Our environment will need a tremendous amount of support and rehabilitation in the future, also. Kathy and I anticipate that our club will be offering financial support to appropriate programs in the future.

The garden club is respectful with the funds in which it is entrusted, ensuring the validity of the recipients. At our January meeting, we know you will enjoy meeting and hearing from Jodi Levine, Founder and Executive Director of Earthroots Field School. You have been hearing about this fabulous organization for the past four months. Jodi will bring us information about the goals and projects of Earthroots. We are also very happy to be able to present her with a check to help battle the Goldspotted Oak Borers who are damaging our California Oaks. Thank you very much to our generous club donors. You are making a difference.

We welcome our new members and our "seasoned" members to an exciting year at Garden Club. Some people would not equate excitement with garden clubs, but those people just don't know us! Lynn continues to find unique educators and sites for us. Thank you, Lynn!

We also offer a very cheery thanks to the entire holiday celebration committee! (It doesn't seem possible that was just a few weeks ago!) What a fun, fun day we had! Maureen Gebelein, Pat Webster, JoAnn DeYonker, Linn Felthaus, Diane Hegyi and Carol Mansukhani—you rock! Thank you for sharing your time and talents with the SJC Garden Club!

Please reach out to a board member with your ideas and offers to help!

Respectfully,

Kathy Dixon and Mary Crawford

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." – Audrey Hepburn

Upcoming Events

January 20 Speakers:

**Jodi Levine, Founder & Executive Director Earthroots
Field School**

Shelly Trainor: “Herbs”

Sign-up for Next Month’s Field Trip

Pre-order Bluebird Houses

February 17 Field Trip:

Guided tour at Sea and Sage Audubon in Irvine

March 17 Speaker:

“Growing Veggies in Small Spaces”

Lynn Rollison

Membership News

We are excited to add two more members to our garden club roster since our December brunch. Please introduce yourself and make them feel a part of our club at the January meeting.

Donna Pennington sold her family home in Belmont Shores, retired and chose SJC to purchase her forever home. She remodeled and partially landscaped the property and then rented it out for a year. It was during this time that she received a note on her door asking if she would be willing to have her garden in the SJC annual garden walk. Donna now lives in the home with her 5-year-old beagle. (A potential garden for our in-house garden tour this year.)

Shelley Evans has lived in SJC for 20 years and is the mother of 2, been married for 47 years and is Southern California born and raised. She is an artist and has shown her art at the Festival of the Arts in Laguna Beach for 30 years. She also collects textiles from all over the world and uses them in her 3-dimensional fiber sculptures. Shelley loves to travel and learn about different cultures. Gardening holds her interest now and she has a special love for staghorn ferns and orchids. Shelley is constantly working, building and planting in her yard.

Lou Heimann

Walking Club

Lynn Rollison is heading up the Walking Club for us! She will be sending out reminders and making plans with the walkers. She will meet all the walkers and wanna-be walkers at 9:00 am on Tuesdays at the Arroyo Bird House Park at 27999 Calle Arroyo, San Juan Capistrano. We follow the creek path and can walk with groups of fast walkers and less fast walkers. It is always a pleasant 45 minutes to enjoy the beautiful area, learn about the trees, shrubs, and birds from each other, admire the horses, and enjoy each other's company!

Mary Crawford

Sweet Stem Senders

Creating and taking a bit of cheer to the residents of Atria Senior Living. We were met with huge smiles and lots of appreciation. We left inspired and with warm hearts looking forward to the holidays. Blessings to all this holiday season. Feeling very Blessed!

Kathy Dixon



Holiday Celebration



Thanks to Rosic McCabe for these great photos!

**Thanks to our member donors who generously contributed
to our Community Giving Campaign.**

**The funds will be given to Earthroots to support their efforts to combat the
Goldspotted Oak Borer which is devastating our native California Oaks.**

COMMUNITY GIVING

MEMBER DONORS

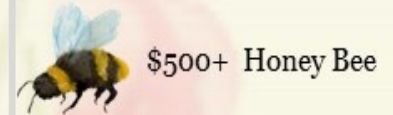
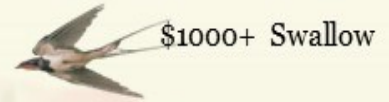
**As a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, San Juan Capistrano Garden Club seeks
opportunities to support community activities that meet our
organization's mission:**

*To enjoy, enhance and enrich our grounds through
education, planting and community involvement with:*

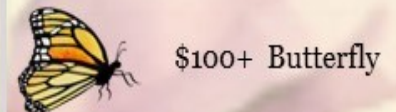
- *Education & Scholarships*
- *Interactive Caring for Historic Gardens*
- *Holiday Love for our Seniors*
- *Restoration of California Forests*

***We thank these members who have
given so generously...***

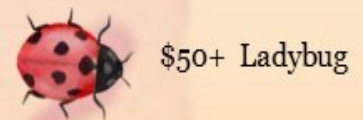
2024-2025 Donors



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Lori Bickel

From their newsletter—although it is directed at Birders—gardeners should also be aware if they are in contact with bird droppings



Southern California Bluebird Club



INTERNATIONAL
BIRD RESCUE

CALLING ALL BIRDERS & OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS: CLEAN SHOES STOP BIRD FLU

WHAT TO KNOW

Bird flu can spread through saliva, mucus, and droppings (feces). If you're walking in nature where there may be bird droppings, please disinfect your shoes to prevent the spread.

WHAT TO DO



1. Remove

Remove shoes after each adventure in nature.



2. Clean

Clean off visible dirt with a scrub brush.



3. Disinfect

Disinfect with a diluted bleach solution.



4. Dry

Leave shoes in the sun to dry.