

November 2024

San Juan Capistrano Garden Club Newsletter

Presidents' Letter

Welcome to the Holiday Season!

Our Garden Club is looking forward to celebrating the Holiday Season and spending time with our garden buddies! Lots of fun times ahead!

The November Craft will bring out all our creative skills, whether you think you have any or not. Guaranteed to be great!

Also looking forward to our Holiday Brunch. Delicious food, fun and always a great time for everyone!

**We look forward to seeing you all there!
Please remember to sign up for the brunch so you don't miss the fun!**

Mary Crawford and Kathy Dixon

Upcoming Events

November 18 Craft:

Pine Cone Flower Basket

December 9 Holiday Celebration

Member's Only Brunch

(see next page)

January 20 Speaker:

Shelly Trainor: "Herbs"

February 17 Field Trip:

Guided tour at Sea and Sage Audubon in Irvine

March 17 Speaker:

"Growing Veggies in Small Spaces"

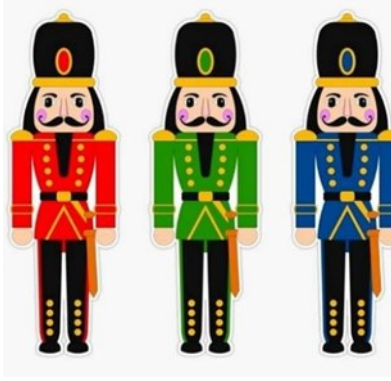


Lynn Rollison

San Juan Capistrano Garden Club

cordially invites you to the

Nutcracker Holiday Brunch



Monday, December 9, 2024—10 a.m.

San Juan Hills Golf Course

Celebrate the holiday season with your fellow San Juan Garden Club members with great food, holiday music and entertainment along with fun and games

Menu

Warm waffles with maple syrup, scrambled eggs, smoked bacon & sausages, fresh berries with whipped cream, seasonal fresh fruit, coffee, tea, juice.

No-host bar available

\$45 per member

Payment must be received by

November 29, 2024.

You may bring cash or check to the November meeting or mail checks to:

32158 Camino Capistrano

Suite A PMB

San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Make checks payable to:

San Juan Capistrano Garden Club

Membership News

Our garden club continues to grow. Since our last meeting in September we have added 5 members: 3 new and 2 returning members. Be sure you introduce yourself at any club events. A hint - their nametag says "New Member" at the bottom. I am including a paragraph about each of the new members in case you missed the club letter sent out before the October field trip. A big thank you to Janell Blue who for was our newsletter editor for years but had to resign due to family obligations. Welcome to Pat Lussier who volunteered to be the new editor.

September Ice-breaker

(lining up alphabetically by 1st letter of birth last name)

New Members:

Marilyn Bevan is a retired school counselor and physical education teacher. She lives in San Juan Capistrano and formerly lived in San Clemente and Long Beach. Her son and daughter are both married, and she has a total of 5 grandchildren.

Sandy Heil is married with grown sons. She lives in San Clemente and is anxious to learn more about gardening and spends her free time riding her E-Bike.

Cindy Sorensen who lives is in San Juan Capistrano enjoys the theater, art, is in a book club and volunteers with a cat rescue group. She recently retired and is looking forward to more gardening time and has started collecting begonias. Cindy also likes to travel, and this summer went on a river cruise up the Danube River.

Renewing Members:

Sheri Kearsley, who lives in Laguna Niguel, is returning to the club after working a year. She missed all the lovely ladies in this group and said her garden would say it missed all the good gardening advice she gets at the meetings. She is happy to be back, and we are happy to have you back.

Kate Bartholomew renewed her membership after taking a year off.

A big welcome to all.

The updated club roster being sent separately. All new members, with their contact information, are printed in **RED so you can easily identify them.**

Lou Heimann

Membership Chairman



Mardi Gras August Fundraiser



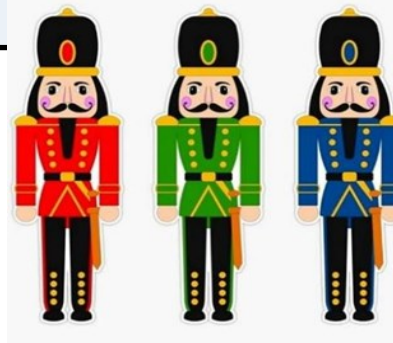
Did You Know?

Tree of Life Nursery is CLOSING :-{

If you have not visited or if you were thinking about visiting this Orange County treasure—now is the time—before it is too late:

<https://californianativeplants.com/blog/news/joint-statement-media-release-by-rancho-mission-viejo-and-tree-of-life-nursery/>

Color me blue :-{



How the Nutcracker Became a Holiday Tradition?

<https://www.christmascentral.com/resources/christmas-traditions/how-did-nutcrackers-become-a-christmas-tradition/>



What month should you plant Sweet Peas?

According to the L.A. Times article 11/3/24

Some Gardening Thoughts—*Enjoy!*

"The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul." — Alfred Austin

**"In a garden, every WOMAN may be her own artist without apology or explanation."
Louise Beebe Wilder (edited P.L.)**

"There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments." — Janet Kilburn Phillips

"My green thumb came only as a result of the mistakes I made while learning to see things from the plant's point of view." — Fred Dale

"Hope is one of the essential tools of a farmer or gardener." — Amy Stewart

"Gardening is full of mistakes, almost all of them pleasant and some of them actually instructive." — Henry Mitchell

PLEASE REMEMBER TO DONATE TO OUR COMMUNITY GIVING CAMPAIGN

Mail checks to : SJC Garden Club, 32158 Camino Capistrano, Suite A PMB120, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

OR

Bring to the November & December meetings

San Juan Capistrano Garden Club

Let's GROW Together

2024-2025 Donor Campaign

COMMUNITY GIVING

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 through:

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

CAMPAIGN GOAL

Raise \$5000 to fund community projects

Phase One = \$2500

Earthroots Field School Emergency Fund

Provide assistance in fighting the catastrophic destruction of the Coastal Oaks in Big Oak Canyon caused by the Goldspotted Oak Borer. See additional information on second side.

Phase Two = TBA

Phase Three = TBA

CAMPAIGN DATES

November 1, 2024 to January 2, 2025

DONOR LEVELS

\$1000+ Swallow



\$500+ Honey Bee



\$200+ Dragonfly



\$100+ Butterfly

\$50+ Ladybug



\$25+ Grasshopper



Hope you had a HAPPY HALLOWEEN TIME TO CUT DOWN YOUR TROPICAL MILKWEED



Tropical milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*) is a non-native milkweed that has exploded in popularity in response to the demand for milkweed. It is simple to propagate, allowing growers to rapidly produce the plant for quick sale. The plant is also attractive, both to humans and monarchs, providing flowers and lush green foliage throughout the growing season – and that’s a problem.

Tropical milkweed becomes a problem when planted in temperate areas where it does not die back in winter. A protozoan parasite of monarch butterflies, *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha* or OE for short, can travel with monarchs visiting the plants and become deposited on leaves. When caterpillars hatch and start eating the plant, they ingest the OE. High OE levels in adult monarchs have been linked to lower migration success in the monarch population, as well as reductions in body mass, lifespan, mating success, and flight ability.

When native milkweeds die back after blooming, the parasite dies along with them so that each summer’s monarch population feeds on fresh, parasite-free foliage. In contrast, tropical milkweed that remains ever-green through winter allows for OE levels to build up on the plant over time, meaning successive generations of monarch caterpillars feeding on the plant can be exposed to dangerous levels of OE.

Sweet Stem Senders Halloween



Happy Thanksgiving!



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