



# MISSION HILLS GARDEN CLUB

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Martha Pehl

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### President

*Meredith French*

### Comments

Of course the holidays and the end of the year turn us inward to contemplate what we have accomplished in the year and what we are thankful for. As I was ruminating about this column, I ran across an article that member Janna Hernholm sent me and realized that being the president of this club has been such a blessing for me. I was at a crossroads in my life and all of you came along and swept me up. I treasure all your supportive emails and the information you share with me. Being busy (good busy) keeping all the balls in the air has been challenging but exhilarating too. I see all kinds of possibilities for this energetic, forward thinking club and am excited to "get to it" each day.

I have been asked to keep this newsletter short – we will have a regular winter issue after the first of the year. But I do want to address the wonderful party we had November 19.

The incredible efforts of a core group made it an affair to remember and perhaps a tradition. Eleven very talented artists (all members)

created gifts for your buying pleasure. This took many, many hours of work and even though some did quite well with sales, I know others were disappointed. I am very sorry for this and hope to make some changes in the physical set up if we try this again.

The catering by Maggie Pinon of *Invisible Chef* was over the top. She is welcome back anytime. The rsvp structure for any future events will need some tweaking. We had some no shows. The raffle items were just stunning. Beaucoup thanks to the artists for contributing such thoughtful and beautiful items. Wow!

In any event, many members we have not seen in eons made an appearance-it was a pleasure to see them and their presence certainly contributed to the delightful evening. *The wonders of free wine and food.* So you all, don't be such strangers! Terri has some hot programs lined up for the new year.

Until then, have a restful, rejuvenating holiday season filled with all the things that are really meaningful in your lives.

*Meredith*

## Taking Care of Our Neighborhood

Thank you tennis court weeders for November. **Meredith French, Kathy Jones, Mary Shelley, Kay Harry, Pepper Sutton, Fran Takvam.** The Weeding Committee meets the last Wednesday morning following the monthly meeting and welcomes all who want to participate. No qualifications necessary. We start at 7:30 a.m. and are usually finished within an hour—in time for coffee. Please bring your own gloves and weeding tools.

WE ARE NOW LOOKING FOR HOMES FOR THE 2009 COFFEE IN THE GARDENS. GARDENS MAY BE SMALL, MEDIUM OR LARGE—THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS IN A VERY RELAXING WAY. PLEASE CONTACT JOYCE DISRAELI AT 619.295.2553 TO VOLUNTEER YOUR HOME.

## Mission Hills Street Fair

Mission Hills Garden Club participated in Mission Hills First Fall Street Fair on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Our booth was heavily visited with lots of questions as to what we do and what our meetings cover. Thank you so much **Pat Bowler, Carol Moseley, Heidi Kelley and Loretta McNeely** for welcoming our neighbors.

## Welcome New Members

Raquel Arostegui, Gail Boyle, Mary Clark, Lisa Maywood, Pam Pogue

## Greeters

*Thank you for making us feel so welcome*

Patti Lobner, Cindy Sparks, Catherine Lopez, Betsy Morris.

**Happy  
Birthday**

### December

Gina Barnes,  
Tristan Degenhardt,  
Jane Haro, Kay Harry,  
Mary Lou Hunter,  
Catherine Lopez, Sandi  
Raddatz, Marc Turasuck

### January

Naomi Howell,  
Donna Knierim,  
Judith Krumholz,  
Judie McDonald,  
Jere McInerney  
Barbara Mondt,  
Scott Sandel

### February

Karlene Bergold,  
Pat Bowler, Dick Disraeli,  
Charles Kempf,  
Maureen Summers,  
Carol Mayfield,  
Carol Moseley, Wendy  
Nash, Kathleen Stoughton,  
Ms. Anthony Swanson,  
Kathy Walsh

## Palomar News for this Quarter

Our October meeting featured “*The Evolution of Garden Design in Southern California from the Missions to Modern Era*” by historian Karla Ogilive. Our club was responsible for check-in this time. Meredith French spoke on our club’s annual doings as one of the hostesses. Announcements were made concerning deadlines for certain contests and the District’s upcoming Floral Design Forum chaired by Marcia Townsend.

You may contact her at 760-749-4976 for registration details. Each session is held the First Monday of the Month at 12:30 pm. Sessions are \$8 each and are held the Woman’s Club in Carlsbad at 3320 Monroe St. You do not have to attend all sessions.

January 5 – features J.R., an AIFD designer

February 2 - “Flower Power” is the title of this presentation

*You can take the coaster to Carlsbad Village!*

## COFFEE IN THE GARDEN

The last Coffee in the Garden for the season was held on October 25<sup>th</sup> in the wonderfully restored home and gardens of Jim Bishop and Scott Borden. Both the gardens and redesign engendered feelings of calm and tranquility.

Jim used colors from the succulent plantings for the walls inside and out. The whole package was very zen in feel. We had a terrific turn out and the two of them



knocked themselves out with home baked food set off by persimmon slices and great brewed coffee.

This home is now offered for sale--contact

Jim Bishop at [jimbishopsd@gmail.com](mailto:jimbishopsd@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## PROJECTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

November found the Projects Committee, under the guidance of **Cheryl Gaidmore** and **David Root**, not only making the usual floral arrangements for soldiers recuperating at Balboa Naval Hospital but also creating wreaths for Fisher House where the families of these soldiers stay when visiting their loved ones. Pictured here is **Martha Tyson** with one of her creations. Many thanks to all who participated in this project.



## GREEN THUMB AWARDS

Our Green Winners are 4383 Sunset Stockton Plumosa. picked excellence in design, especially drought resistant plantings. Congratulations to this quarter's winners.



1506 Plumosa

Thumb Award for this quarter Hermosa, 4110 Blvd, 2110 Ft and 1506 Four homes are each quarter for re-landscape especially those using

## CLUB FIELDTRIP

Our Pauma Valley trip to the ranch of **Scott Borden's** parents was a resounding success. Four hundred fifty acres of orchard produce greeted us as we stepped out of our cars to partake of the bounty. For some of us, tasting Fuyu persimmons was a first time experience.

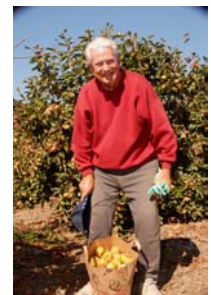
Scott provided cutting and ripeness instructions and then off we went. Lavender was also available for harvest (already prepared). Thank you so much **Scott** and **Elaine Wilson** for organizing this beautiful day.

Participants included **Suzanne Sorger, Eugene Pyeatte, Sherri Schottlaender, Adella Bain, Loretta McNeely, Barbara Strona, Jill**



Suzanne Sorger

**Schmidt, John and Dolores Ford, Stephanie Bremond, Cindy Sparks, Sue Foerster, Sandi Raddatz, Carol Kelly, Martha Pehl, Meredith French, Elaine Wilson, Jim Bishop, Scott Borden, Donna and Lou Knierim and Barbara and Don Schneider.** Should this be an annual event?



Eugene Pyeatte

## PUMPKIN DECORATION DAY

Twenty-five batmen and princesses showed up for our annual Pumpkin Decoration Day at Mission Hills Nursery. The club would like to thank the nursery for their kind donation of space and pumpkins and members who came in to help with supervision and cutting. They are **Sandi Raddatz,**



Mary Shelley



Marissa and Peter Marin

**Catherine Lopez, Katharine Wardle, Mary Shelley, Cheryl Gaidmore, Kathy Jones, Sherri Schottlaender and organizer Martha Pehl.**

## Aquatic Patio Gardens

For those homeowners who have patio gardens and want to create a pond garden, following are some helpful tips:

- Find water proof containers, at least one foot in diameter.
- Look for unusual containers which are often found at garage sales or flea markets.
- Plug any holes in the bottom of the contain with plumber's putty or silicone.
- If the container is not waterproof, it can easily be sealed with a layer of sealant.
- The depth of the containers should be deep enough to accommodate the roots of the aquatic plants.
- Visit several nurseries before making your purchases so that you have the benefit of seeing the many varieties of plants available.
- Keep water plants in their pots and place them so that the pot is under water—covering with small stone will keep the water clean

*Excepts from California Gardens  
Tineke Wilders*

## Water Plants to Consider

### Creeping Water Plants

Parrot feather  
Water lettuce  
Water hyacinth  
Floating heart

### Upright Water Plants

Dwarf umbrella  
Cattail  
Pickerel rush  
Arrowhead

### Ready to Help?

If you are ready to get more involved with the Garden Club, the Community Projects Committee needs you.

**Dick Disraeli**, committee chair is looking for members to help with the many projects the club is taking on—please contact him at 619.980.1280.

The committee meets the second Thursday morning of the month.

## Out in the Garden

*Submitted by Meredith French*

### Proven Winter Bloomers *drought tolerant*

There are a wide variety of wonderful winter bloomers to consider for your garden. Some of these include: Ceanothus whose colors range from white to deep cobalt blue and may range from 1' to 12'; Pentas in colors from white to scarlet red grows equally well in shade and sun; Tagetes in deep yellow gold is a prolific bloomer, especially in fall/winter; Salvia gregii in reds, fuschias, whites, peaches, pinks; Leonotus (lion's tail) in vibrant orange; aloe variety succulents; jade plant; cupheas in reds or purples;lavenders. As an added bonus, the bees and hummingbirds will love you.

Now is the time to turn your irrigation schedules way back if not off. Once the Santa Ana conditions have passed, there will be little evaporation. Add 3 inches of mulch (free at Miramar landfill) and you are good to go.

Try dried cornmeal to control ants. Master Gardeners are currently interested in finding out if this harmless technique works. Let us know!

Round-Up users – since this formula does have harmful additives, it is suggested that you use other brands that only contain glysohate. You may need to apply more than once. Remuda would be an example. Use only as directed. It can remain in clay or rich organic soils. Thank you Cindy Sparks for clarifying this confusion.

## Mission Hill Garden Club Members Ring in the Holiday Season

Our First Annual All Member Holiday Party held at the United Church of Christ Hall was a resounding success. Members we have not seen in many a meeting came out to greet others on this festive occasion. Hearty food provided by Maggie Pinon of the Invisible Chef made it all the more memorable. Raffle prizes donated by member artists were over the top. The club would like to thank each of them for their contributions. They are: Mary Shelley-sterling silver necklace with slide; Carol Mayfield – original wall plate; Eugene Pyeatte – Dried floral arrangement; Pam Pogue – silver/quartz necklace; Suzanne Flowers-watercolor of Reynard Way canyon trees; Meredith French-portrait sitting/print; Don/Laura Starr-live succulent arrangement; Jim Dossett-wood hand created bowl; Joann Dossett-organic clay outdoor pot; Lisa Maywood – glass vase; Deborah Quillin-set of dried floral note cards; Kathy Walsh – wind chime.

Other members who made this party so special are: Cheryl Gaidmore-food and wine arrangements; Elaine Wilson-reservations; Pepper and Marty Sutton-securing permits and setting up the hall; Suzanne Sorger-managing check in; procuring artists-Terri Skwarlo and Meredith French; floral arrangements-Barbara Strona; raffle ticket sales-Donna Turbyfill; Kathy Jones-publicity. We thank you all!

### Activities to Enjoy

**Pt Loma Garden Club**  
**2818 Avenue de Portugal**  
**Pt Loma**  
[www.plgc.org](http://www.plgc.org)

December 10	Annual Holiday Bazaar and Tea	9:30a.m. to 12 noon
January 14	Floral Design Noel Tribbey, AIFD	10.00 a.m.

**San Diego Horticulture Society**  
**Surfside Room**  
**Del Mar Fairgrounds**

December 8	Backyard Vines Pete Anderson	6.00 p.m.
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*"I drive by the wall the Mission Hills Garden Club painted twice a day thinking of you. Thanks for making the neighborhood a better place!"*  
*Anonymously sent to Marien Kissling*

## Garden Club Meeting and Events

United Church of Christ . 4070 Jackdaw Street  
 Fourth Wednesday of Each Month  
 Free to Garden Club members — \$10 for Guests  
 6:00 pm social - 6:30 meeting

### NO DECEMBER MEETING

December 5-6

#### December Nights

Visit the lovely tree that Joann Dossett and Cheryl Gaidmore put together for this year's festivities at Balboa Park. This year's theme is "Trees Decorated with Nature's Bounty".

Friday 5.00—10.00 pm

Saturday 3.00—10.00 pm

Casa del Prado

*Sponsored by SD Floral Society - 619-232-5762*

December 7

**Historic Home Tour** 12.00 noon to 5.00 p.m.

Start at 4204 St James Pl. at Sunset Blvd. Money raised will help fund research necessary to increase core area of Mission Hills historical home district.

\$20

*Sponsored by SOHO and Mission Hills Heritage*

December 8

**Christmas Tree lighting** 5.00 p.m.

Plaza at new Prudential Building - Goldfinch and Washington.

Carolers and refreshments.

Tree donated by MHGC and Mission Hills Nursery

January 28

**Monthly meeting.**

"Dirt Cheap Gardening"

Paul Maschka

Zoo Horticulturist

*may 2009 be filled with peace and happiness*