

## BURBANK-VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

# OVER THE GARDEN WALL

*Member of the San Fernando Valley District, California Garden Clubs, Inc.,*

*Pacific Region, and National Garden Clubs, Inc.*

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### **January 5, Meeting Agenda**

10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

Business Meeting  
Speaker, Noella Ballenger



#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JANUARY 2023**

Happy 2023, Members! We had a grand party to finish off 2022 – the Italian lunch was well subscribed and enjoyed by the thirty-six members and eight guests who attended. We had rousing entertainment with games and songs led by Robin Pokorski and by the very well-received DOUBLE DATE quartet, who sang Christmas songs to a duwop beat. Ann Foose is the fortunate member who won the beautiful Christmas themed lap quilt created for us by the Joslyn Quilters; it earned \$205 for club activities.

So many club members have stepped up to help with Club meetings this fall, and I especially want to thank Noella Ballenger, Lilia and Fernando Carrillo, Margarita Codina, D. Jean Collins, Joyce Davis, Terry Davis, Millie Eberhardt, Ann Foose, Charlene Gallagher, Diana Garcia, Robin Gemmill, Rosalia Gomez, Pat Heydon, Mimi House, Janet and Neil Jack, Judy Kenahan. Susan and Ray Law, Sandra McFarland, Vonda and Roland Neundorf, Ingrid Nonnast, Marlene Osborne, Shirley Thomas, Anne White, and Molly Whitman for the many, many things they contribute to the success of our Club. You do make our Club SHINE, and we all thank you! When members step up, we get to know each other better and we fulfill our Club Theme: "Growing Each Year in Friendship and Service."

At the January meeting we need to form a Nominations Committee to nominate an Executive Board of officers for the 2023-2025 two-year term (see page 29 in your Yearbook for our Bylaws). The Board has appointed one member to this committee and needs two more members to be elected in January. This committee has one job to do and their work is complete at the March meeting. If you have questions about this, or if you'd like to volunteer for this committee, call me at 818-642-1003.

Also, in January, we would like to know how many trees our members planted in 2022? Please think about this. Did you put in a shade tree this year? Did you plant a tree in memory or honor of a loved one? Did you plant a tree for a fruitful harvest? National Garden Clubs, Inc. is asking all the State Garden clubs to report how many trees were planted by their members. We will of course count all your hundreds of trees that you donated through the Penny Pines program!

We have a beautiful 2023 planned and hope to see as many of you as can be with us.

Best wishes,

Kathy

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## January 5, 2023 Meeting

### All Things Eagle

Speaker, Noella Ballenger

We are fortunate to have Noella Ballenger, a professional nature photographer, wildlife photographer, and writer as a member of our club. Noella has travelled all over the world to find the stars of her photographs.

Noella will be speaking of America's national bird, the Bald Eagle. Alaska is one of the most beautiful places on earth and it is the primary home of the Bald Eagle. This program shares insights into the life of the Bald Eagle, from Alaska to a winter home at the Great Salt Lake, Utah.



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### Lunch or Dinner at our Favorite Restaurant:

Put Wednesday and Thursday, January 18 and 19, 2023 on your Calendars! Our own favorite restaurant, The Ramp, is sponsoring another fund-raiser for our Club! Go eat for lunch and/or dinner and 20% of your food menu will be donated to Burbank-Valley Garden Club. We'll give you the coupon/flyer this month, but put it on your calendar now! Additional copies will be available at the January meeting.

A vegetable garden doesn't just feed your body. It also feeds your soul — Doug Green

## Notes on BVGC's December Holiday Party

It was a fun, festive event for our club members. After a short business meeting, we played two different very challenging games (ha ha) led by Rob-in Pokorski.

We thoroughly enjoyed listening to holiday songs by the singing quartet "Double Date". Susan Law and her well-trained and organized team were in charge of the special holiday lunch. Everything was fantastic from the beautiful, festive table decorations to the delicious lunch.



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## Burbank Community Gardens Update

by Kathy Itomura

We had a small turnout for the Olla workshop at the Chandler/Pass Community Garden on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the garden club members who came enjoyed the experience of making their own ollas and seeing the different ways the community gardeners are using them in their garden beds. This first Community Garden is looking good since our native planting last month. Many thanks to garden club members who have come out to help plant and water the new plants. On Saturday, Rob-in Gemmill and others created 100 plant labels, identifying each plant by both its Latin botanic name and its common name. This lets anyone walking past the native garden identify the plant and enables them to tell their nursery what they want to buy for their own home gardens.

Burbank is very proud of this first Community Garden and is in the late planning stages for opening the second later this year. Stay tuned!



## Penny Pines

By Mrs. Chipmunk

"The snow is falling; the snow is falling and we are all tucked in for the night."

Yes, we in the mountains have snow and rain, and it looks like the forest will flourish through the winter season. It is cold, wet and wonderful!

A lot of our neighbors are back. We thought we lost them in the fires. I am happy to say that they took off long before the flames crept into their homes. Much chattering and joyful antics as everyone was welcoming each other back.



Here's to a new year, new beginnings, and new and old friends. Don't forget us. The trees don't talk...but we do!

Thanks for thinking of the forest and we creatures who live here. When you give to Penny Pines, you help save our forest habitat.

Photo credit: Andy Reago and Chrissy McClarren

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## In My Garden

By Charlene Gallagher

I've been gazing at my garden and it's a pretty sight.

I never knew I had so many blankets; I'm using them to cover everything and anything that might freeze. Even my fountain I have to cover so that it won't crack.

When it rained, I had to uncover and then back again to cover for the frost. Sometimes I envy the cement front yards, but when summer hits, I chuckle; I'll bet they miss a tree or two, or a hedge, or flowers.

I do have California natives growing in certain places, but I also have camellias, hibiscus, fruit trees, and avocado trees that keep on giving. Chrysanthemums are my weakness. I love the various types and colors. In a garden they are so cheerful and as cut flowers they can't be beat. Of course, they are not the only flower I cherish, but they come pretty close.

Anyway, my blanket garden certainly gets the nod. Halloween it was a knockout. I sure had to do a lot of explaining, but it was worth it. I met some new neighbors and renewed my friendships with the old. Boy, have their kids grown...and that's a neighborhood for you.

But I'm looking forward to the day when I can be sure the frosts are behind us and I can fling off the covers and start to prepare for Spring!

## Happenings



### **January 9 @ 2:00 pm—3:30 pm**

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Membership Monday Zoom- People, Plants, and Programs; Sign up to receive the Zoom link through Member Resources.

Membership Monday is a free monthly Zoom event for all federated garden club members. Join us on the 2nd Monday of each month from 2PM - 3PM EST. Learn new skills, share success stories, resolve commonly encountered issues, and brainstorm solutions with fellow members across the Americas.

Sign up: [Membership@GardenClub.org](https://www.membership@gardenclub.org).

### **January 19 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Burbank African Violet Society

Little White Chapel

1711 N Avon Street, Burbank

Installation of Officers, Program Planning for the year of 2023. The learning lab will be testing the Ph Balance in your water. Members and guests are to bring a sample of their water that they use to water their African violets and other Houseplants. All the samples will be tested and compared with tips and techniques learned.

### **January 30-February 1:**

CGCI Winter Board Meeting

Host: Palomar District

Harrah's Resort Southern California

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**January gardening tip:** Plant trees, perennials, bare-root rose bushes, and cool-season vegetables

### **Welcome New Member**

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**HAPPY JANUARY  
BIRTHDAY!**

January 26

Joyce Davis





**2022-2023  
Executive Board**

President:  
Kathy Itomura  
1st Vice-President, Programs:  
Noella Ballenger  
2nd Vice-Pres., Membership:  
D. Jean Collins and Anne White  
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Grace Davis  
Romelle Culotta

**Campo de Cahuenga Re-enactment of Treaty**  
**By Martha Smyser**

Did you know that we live close to one of the most significant sites in California history? On a rainy January 13, 1847 Andres Pico, the Governor of Alta California and John C. Fremont signed a treaty which ended hostilities between Mexico and the United States and led to the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in which Mexico ceded California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, most of Arizona and Colorado and parts of Oklahoma, Kansas and Wyoming to the United States. It has been several years

since there has been a re-enactment of the 1847 signing but this coming January 15, 2023 there will be a celebration at the park in Studio City. The park will be open from noon until 4 PM and the ceremonies start at 1:30 PM. In past years District garden clubs have provided wreaths made of local and/or natural materials for display at the park.



American troops as an honor guard in 1846 uniforms