

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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Agenda

10:00 a.m.	Doors Open
10:30 a.m.	Business Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Tea is Served



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JUNE 2023

Dear Members,

We enjoyed our Getty Villa field trip in May. It began in pouring rain where the bus picked us up, but before we arrived in Malibu the skies were blue and the sun shone through fluffy white clouds. Our expert guides led us through the exquisite Villa gardens. I did not ask how many caretakers keep them so perfect. We ate lunch at terrace tables overlooking the amphitheater and the Pacific. Thanks to all who joined us, including members and guests. Thank you, Susan Law, for making the arrangements and bringing treats.

We hope to see you all at our last meeting June 1st for our Tea and new officer Installation. We are honored that our incoming District Director, Dana Boyd, will be our guest and will conduct the Installation. Doors open at 10:00 a.m., Installation is at 10:30, and Tea will be served at 11:00 a.m. During the Tea there will be a Special Raffle for a Friendship Quilt created by the Joslyn Quilters (please see the photograph on page 2). Tickets will be \$5 each or \$20 for five.

Uppermost in my mind as I write my last President's message is all the good work of my fellow officers over the last four years. Thank you, Noella Ballenger, for the many speakers you have brought us! Thank you D. Jean Collins and Anne White, for the many ways you have helped us grow and care for our membership! Thank you, Susan Law, for your creativity in finding fun ways to keep our club solvent! Thanks to Susan includes deep gratitude to her husband, Ray Law, who backs up everything she does, including heavy lifting at every meeting. Ingrid Nonnast, I thank you for taking care of our money, keeping us on budget, making sure our payments and insurances are always up to date! Thank you, Vonda Neundorf, for writing it all down so that we can remember what we said; we'd be lost at sea without you! Janet Jack, I thank you for the many, many gracious letters and notes you have written on our Club's behalf; and thanks to your husband, Neil Jack, for his beautiful artwork, creating special cards and certificates for our Club correspondence. Thank you, Roland, for parliamentary counsel when we needed it! You all made these four years happen for all of us and you are appreciated.

These officers and I did not do it by ourselves. Thanks to the many, many members who served on committees, made calls, pitched in at meetings, donated time, money, or precious objects, helped clean up, took on a last minute task or errand – you made everything easier for all of us, thank you!

In your wisdom, members, you have elected a fine slate of officers to lead us in the 2023-2025 garden years. While some officers are continuing (though in new positions), I especially thank members Robin Gemmill, incoming President, Rosalia Gomez, incoming Co-1st Vice-President, Nancy Bryant, incoming Corresponding Secretary, and Terry Davis, incoming Parliamentarian for moving up to leadership positions in Garden Club. I know from my own experiences that their rewards will be *many*. Being in a Garden Club is a lot like tending a garden, the joys increase as the time we spend in it.

Kathy Itomura

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June 1, 2023 —Tea Party

Garden year-end celebration and Officer installation.

Amongst other celebrations, the tea will include delicious treats and a raffle of this beautiful quilt prepared by the quilters of the Sewing, Knitting, Crochet Group of Joslyn Adult Center.

Tickets are \$5 each OR \$20 for five.



Go Green Burbank

by Kathy Itomura



Burbank-Valley Garden Club had a table at the April 29th Saturday morning event at Burbank's sustainability event **Go Green, Burbank!** The first of several planned events around the many issues of sustainability and conservation. It attracted many visitors and our table saw lots of attention from people interested in gardening. Members Laura Duran and Mimi House joined me at the table to meet with fellow Burbank people and talk seeds, gardens, rain and weeds. Eleven people signed up to receive more information about our meetings, and another two dozen picked up our Club brochure. Robin Gemmill provided packets of seeds to give away. We met many people and generally had a good time.

San Fernando Valley District Lunch –

An Invitation

By Kathy Itomura

Our San Fernando Valley District has their final meeting of the garden year Monday, June 12th, 9:30 a.m. at the Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd, Encino. New District officers are installed then, and I am proud to say I am incoming Assistant District Director. District meetings are concluded with a lunch provided by a rotating list of the District's Clubs. This year it is Burbank-Valley's turn to provide the lunch, along with West Valley Garden Club and Woodland Hills Floral Garden Club.

Will you join us? Burbank-Valley Garden Club members attending and assisting will have their lunch pre-paid by our Club as a thank you for helping. We would like to have a good representation at this meeting. We carpool and would leave Burbank by 8:15 a.m. in order to be there in time to set up for the lunch. We would assist with cleanup and be back in Burbank by about 2 p.m.

These meetings are always fun. If you haven't been to a San Fernando Valley District meeting, make this your first! If interested, please call me at 818-642-1003 to RSVP and arrange to carpool.

Garden Club Dues and Survey

Reminder: Please bring your Dues and your completed Survey to the June Tea Meeting if you have not already mailed it to Ingrid with your check. If not attending the June meeting, then please mail it before it becomes delinquent after June 30. We do need your updated contact information, your check, and your completed Survey. The Survey informs the Board's planning for next year. Updated contact information is what will go into the Yearbook. Only paid members will appear in the new Yearbook.

Celebrating Grace Davis's 91st Birthday



When old is new again.....

By Robin Gemmill

Over the last few years many have become more mindful of their impact on our environment. This has led people to consider not only how to conserve water during times of drought or how to grow their own food or share extra food, but how to reduce plastics and all waste from going in our landfills. In other words, we have all begun to think more about how we reduce, reuse/re-purpose or recycle the resources we have.

Before we became a single use society, we used dishes, washing them when dirty. We had drinking fountains on school yards, water coolers at work or we took a thermos with a cool or warm beverage. We had our coffee before we left for work. We wrapped our sandwich with wax paper and carried it to school or work in a paper bag. When we did our laundry, we used powdered soap in our washers, then hung the damp clothes on the clothesline. Some are now asking.....what happened to the clothesline, should we bring back the clothesline? Using a clothesline prolongs the life of your clothes, uses no electricity or gas, gets you outside enjoying fresh air, allows sunlight to disinfect your clothes, and is better for our environment. In lieu of bringing back the clothesline, you can purchase a front loader dryer which uses less energy.

Rarely do you see people buy powdered laundry soap anymore. Today, most Americans purchase liquid laundry soap in heavy plastic bottles. Over 700 million heavy plastic laundry soap jugs end up in our landfills every year. Each of those heavy plastic laundry soap jugs take between 70-450 years to decompose. Instead of littering our landfills with heavy plastic laundry detergent jugs we can start using laundry soap pods or sheets. Both laundry soap pods and sheets dissolve in hot or cold water and work in all types of washing machines. Both are free of harsh chemicals, parabens, dyes, and phosphates. Laundry soap pod packaging is not recyclable and does pose a poisoning risk for young children if swallowed.

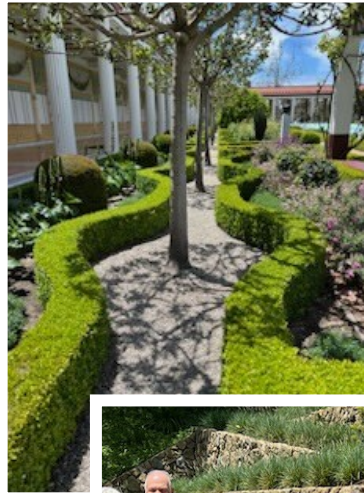
Laundry soap sheets are plastic free, mess free, light weight, soft and flexible. You can use a partial sheet for a small load. Next time you go to buy laundry detergent, consider laundry soap sheets, Eco-friendly, easy to use without harmful personal or environmental chemicals. There are now an assortment of laundry soap sheets available. The one I use and like, Earth Breeze, is a fragrance free laundry sheet created for sensitive skin that is easy on moderately priced and our good for our planet. Washing our clothes with our planet in mind....one of many old ideas with a new twist.

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY!

June 1	Mary Jo Brown
June 10	Marie Parker
June 12	ShirleyThomas
June 19	Ann Foose
June 28	Marlene Osborne



Fun was had by All—That is the Annual Field Trip



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**2022-2023
Executive Board**

President:

Kathy Itomura

1st Vice-President, Programs:

Noella Ballenger

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Susan Law

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Vonda Neundorf

Corresponding Secretary:

Janet Jack

Treasurer:

Ingrid Nonnast

Parliamentarian:

Roland Neundorf

Past Co-Presidents:

Grace Davis

Romelle Culotta

Happenings:

June 5—9, 2023 CGCI Annual Convention

Palm Garden Hotel, Thousand Oaks, CA
Host: Southern California Garden Club
Chairman: Rita Desilets

June 12, 2023—10:00 a.m.

San Fernando Valley District

Final Meeting of the year
Sepulveda Garden Center
16633 Magnolia Blvd
Encino, CA
Everyone welcome.

June 15, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Burbank African Violet Society

Little White Chapel, 1711 N Avon St, Burbank
Program: Judging of the Annual Project Plant, "Strawberry Fields"
Distribution of the New Project Plant, "Midnight Frolic"
Raffle, silent auction, and refreshments. Guests are welcome.

