

BURBANK-VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

OVER THE GARDEN WALL

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December 1, 2022 Meeting Agenda

10:00—10:15 a.m.	Business Meeting
10:15 a.m.	Gift Exchange—Games with Robin
11:00 a.m.	Entertainment
11:45 a.m.	Raffle and Lunch

President's Message

Here come the Holidays and Good News, including a Holiday Lunch at our December 1 meeting! We are all excited about this because it will be our *first lunch* together since March 2020. I hope everyone will be there. If you plan to come, please make sure your check for \$14 made out to BVGC (Burbank-Valley Garden Club) is mailed to Ingrid Nonnast, 907 North Clybourn Ave, Burbank 91505. Checks are due November 25, a Friday. If you plan to bring a guest, please add \$14 for each person attending.

This year our Holiday lunch will be catered by a local Italian restaurant, Monte Carlo, and the menu is choice of entrée: meat lasagna or eggplant parmesan, plus garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert. We will be entertained by a local Du-Wop Quartet singing holiday songs. Our favorite pair, the Pokorskis, will attend and Robin Pokorski will lead us in Games. Do you enjoy a Gift Exchange? If you do, bring your Wrapped Gift (Holiday or Garden related and valued at \$10) and trade it in when you arrive for a Ticket to participate in the Gift Exchange. The gift exchange is optional. Arrive at 9:45 a.m. for start of festivities!

A special Raffle is to be held at the Holiday Party. Our friends, the Joslyn Quilters, have again donated a handmade quilt to our Club. It is a Christmas-themed lap blanket. Please see photograph on page 2. It will make a fine gift for anyone on your Holiday List. Tickets will be \$5 for one, \$20 for five. With this one exception, we will not have other items for sale or raffle on December 1.

May all your holidays this year be safe, merry, and bright!

Kathy



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December 1, 2022 Meeting

IT'S A PARTY!

Delicious Lunch
Gift Exchange
Games
Raffle
Entertainment

Can you ask for more? Join us!



Christmas Quilt Raffle

Here is a preview of the Christmas Quilt raffle. Our Club is fortunate to receive another donation by the **Joslyn Quilters**; a beautiful Christmas Quilt. The quilt will be the **only** raffle item at our Holiday Celebration. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for 6 tickets.

Who will be the lucky winner? Come to our Holiday Party and find out. It may be you!



Coming in January:

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 in January, but put it on your calendar now!

Gardening is a work of a lifetime: you never finish.
— Oscar de la Renta.

Notes on BVGC's November Meeting



Our club was really lucky to have **Gail Vanderhorst** as speaker. Gail is a member of the Southern California Garden Club and the Woodland Hills Floral Designers Club.

Gail demonstrated her skills in floral design. She showed us how to create a beautiful flower arrangement by using techniques used by floral designers. We learned what props, what flowers, length, size and colors of flowers to use to achieve different types of beautiful, unusual arrangements. It was a most enjoyable meeting.

Robin Pokorski assists Gail Vanderhorst in finalizing the arrangement.



After the flower arrangement demonstration, members were requested to apply what had been learned by creating a small flower arrangement with supplies provided by Gail. Below are members' creations.



Welcome New Members

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Penny Pines

By Mrs. Chipmunk

I am happy to say that I am in my own little home. The tree I live in has been saved from the fire and the canopy only scorched. Some of my friends were not so lucky. We have had our first snow of the season. We all hope for more of the same.

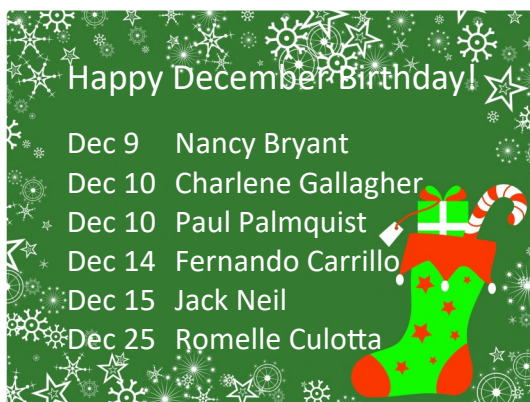
The Southern Sierras cover about a quarter of California's land area. This range runs from Lake Tahoe to Tehachapi. Hundreds of my fellow forest creatures and plants call the region home. The forest helps sequester carbon and store water. What is alarming, as I live here, I see fire and drought always occurs in these landscapes. The decline is so rapid because of this, that the regrowth doesn't seem to keep up.

Thirsty trees are weaker and more susceptible to deadly attacks from bark beetles when fire and drought occur.

The big trees are the ones taking the brunt of this devastation. Wildfires once regularly simmered along the forest floors. Today's large fires are burning at high severity and searing trees on the top.

Climate change is a threat definitely. It causes irreversible damage over a period of time, and along with that, we have changing fire patterns.

My little area is better than most and I am happy to see some of my old friends: Mr. Rabbit... "Jack", we call him, Tom the cougar, who never messes with Jack....other family members of my chipmunk family, and "Terry" the mischievous squirrel and his family. Several other friends are not around, sad to say. Hope they will find their way back home.



Gardening with Nature **From National Garden Clubs, Inc.**

What Gardeners Can Do

- Increase planting areas by restricting lawn to area with foot traffic and play areas. Mow at 3-4 inches and do it less often. Taller grass needs less irrigation.

Gardening with Nature (continued)

- Plant keystone genera that support local ecosystems by feeding insects. Native oaks, cherries, willows, birches, cottonwoods, elms, goldenrods, asters, and perennial sunflowers are often good choices, but find out what is best for your area.
- Plant generously in large areas. Plant in layers: trees, understory trees, shrubs, and perennials.
- Plant for specialist pollinators. We need to support our 4,000 species of native bees.
- Network with neighbors. Share seeds and seedlings.
- Build conservation hardscapes: cover window wells, use motion detector outdoor lights at night, create bird-friendly baths with bubblers, place small bee hotels around the garden.
- Create caterpillar pupation sites under our trees. 90% of caterpillars drop to the ground pupating in the duff or burrowing into the soil.
- Avoid insecticide spraying and non-organic fertilizers and herbicides.

HAPPENINGS IN THE GARDEN

by Kathy Ito-mura

The Burbank Community gardeners began building their raised beds and improving the soil about 9 months ago on land that had seen only herbicides for more than 75 years. Look at these garden plots now! Some members have already started their second plantings, having already harvested their corn and watermelon and tomatoes from the first round of growing. Soil amendments from nearby horse stables, from worm farms, and from local chicken coops have helped turn lifeless soil into a nutrient-rich, and compost-dark growing medium for these beautiful harvests.

Come out and play with us in the Community Garden at Pass Ave and Chandler Blvd on Saturday, December 3rd, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. when Burbank-Valley Garden Club will sponsor an Olla Workshop. See how the ollas work in actual gardens, make your own, and learn how to make more. RSVP to me, Kathy Ito-mura, by email: kkitomura@gmail.com or by phone (leave a message): 818-642-1003. What to bring on the day: 2 terra cotta clay pots of the same size (5" or 6" diameter) and \$1 donation for additional materials to be provided at the workshop. (Michael's has the lowest price on clay pots that I have seen recently, \$3 each.) This is an easy, fun project that gives you an ecologically friendly way to water your plants.



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**Community Garden
At Pass and Chandler**

