

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 December 7, 2023

Meeting and Holiday Party

9:30 a.m.	Doors Open
10:00 a.m.	Business Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Holiday Party



December 2023

President's Message

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2023 Plant Sale, Boutique and Bake Sale!!!! It was a wonderful morning of friendship, olla workshop, sharing of plant starts, handmade knit/crochet items and baked goods. Thank you to Susan Law for leading and coordinating with the Joslyn Knitters/Crochet group in joining our Plant Sale event. We split the proceeds. Our share was \$124. With your support, talent and love of gardening we brought into the club over \$600, that includes Boutique sales split.

Hard to believe 2023 is coming to a close. A time to reflect on our lives, our priorities and plan for the new year. As we notice time flying by from one year to the next, it is important to savor the fleeting moments of friendship and family. Over this holiday season I hope you take time in your garden to remind yourself of how precious our time in the garden is for our health and well-being. Our gardens are a source of renewal and commune with nature as we pass from one season to another.

To celebrate the seasons and our gardens, the Board has voted to explore an opportunity to create a Burbank-Valley Garden Club 2025 Calendar. Noella Ballenger has graciously volunteered to take photographs of member gardens or garden features to highlight the seasons and our love of gardening, for each month of the year. We would like to ask all garden club members who would like to join in on this effort to let the Board know if you are interested in participating or coordinating this venture. To honor Noella's time and talent we would like to group garden photograph sessions. We will start with winter and move through the seasons. In addition, we would like to add to each monthly calendar garden tips for the month. So again, if you are interested please let members of the Board know. We hope next year at this time we will be able to sell our calendars to friends, family and the community.

We have a very full 2024 calendar coming up. As always we look forward to having you join our monthly meetings. In the meantime.....

Have a Happy Safe Healthy Holiday Season

Robin

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December 7, Meeting—Holiday Party”.

Be sure to join the Holiday fun on Thursday, December 7th – we'll have live music, games, a festive taco lunch (beef, chicken, pork or vegetarian options), a gift exchange and another beautiful handmade holiday quilt Raffle. Make your \$20 check payable to Burbank-Valley Garden Club and send it now to Ingrid Nonnast, 907 N. Clybourn Ave, Burbank, CA 91505. You may bring a guest if you like, just include \$20 for each guest's meal. Make your payment before December 1st so that our holiday chairperson, Rosalia Gomez, can have an accurate count for the food. Members and their guests may participate in the Gift Exchange Game by bringing a wrapped, \$10 to \$15 dollar value gift. —Kathy Itomura



We are Having a Raffle

Susan Law



The Quilters from Sewing Knitting Crochet Group have donated a beautiful Christmas quilt for the raffle. The proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund. Tickets will go on sale for one ticket for \$1.00 & six tickets for \$5.00. Good luck!

Please note: The cute little dog is not part of the raffle.



November BVGC Plant/Boutique/Bake Sale Fundraiser

Fun Fun Fun



In My Garden

Charlene Gallagher

Time to put away the mums that decorated the house and the yard for Halloween and Thanksgiving. I clipped them to the proper length and planted them in a spare garden where I can resurrect them for the next year's holidays. Saves buying them every year and they keep just spreading out.



Now onto the holidays. The poinsettias. They cheer up anything. Forward looking bright, colorful, come in many different colors. It is an exquisite plant that cheers up a room, or the outdoors. The red are the traditional Christmas flower, Latin name "euphorbia pulcherrima". The red leaves are called "bracts" and are actually not the flower. The flower is the center of the plant's "bracts".

Officially known in California as "painted leaf", or "Mexican fire plant", it was eventually named "poinsettia" in honor of its discoverer Dr. Poinsett. Dr. Poinsett was the founder of the National Institute for the promotion of Science and the Useful Arts....the predecessor of the Smithsonian Institution. He served in the South Carolina legislature and the United States House of Representatives, as well as Secretary of War under President Martin Van Buren. He traveled extensively in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

The ancient Aztecs of Mexico cultivated and regarded this plant as a symbol of purity before Christianity came to the Western Hemisphere. The red bracts were used by them to make a red-dish-purple dye used in textiles and cosmetics. Also used on skin infections after the red bracts were crushed, or they placed plant parts on a person's chest to stimulate circulation. The white milky sap, called latex, became a medicine to treat fevers.

In the early 1900's the plants were potted and sold in California, The City of Ventura, California is known as the poinsettia city. The flowers' industry was pioneered and developed by the Ecke family in the 1920's. They began growing fields of these flowers in Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and today are located in Encinitas, California.

The poinsettias now come in so many colors....what to choose, what to choose!! The holiday is not the same without them.

Happy Holidays!

A Thank You from the Monarch Group

We would like to properly thank the Burbank-Valley Garden Club for their generous donation last fall. Their donation allowed us to plant multiple sites at Chandler and Pass Ave and a site east of the rosemary hedge at the Maple Street intersection. The mention of this multitude of thanks is long overdue. Our gratitude is as strong as ever.

Thank you, Burbank-Valley Garden Club!

Just a Reminder

Beginning November 1, 2023 Burbank Returns to One-Day Per Week **Watering** Schedule.

In accordance with the Sustainable Water Use Ordinance, outdoor watering will be limited to Saturdays only from November 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. During this one-day per week watering schedule, watering on Saturdays should be done before 9:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m., for up to 15 minutes per irrigation station.

Happy December Birthday

December 9, Nancy Bryant
December 10, Charlene Gallagher
December 10, Paul Palmquist
December 11, Deborah Jerd
December 14, Fernando Carrillo
December 15, Neil Jack
December 23, Debra Freedman
December 25, Romelle Culotta



Welcome New Members

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Looking for new and different planter pots? Maybe these would do the job?



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The Pallid Bat is California's State Bat

Golden Gardens eNews

The Pallid Bat is California's State Bat! Senate Bill No. 732, signed into law by the Governor on October 8, 2023, established the Pallid bat (*Antrozus pallidus*) as the official state bat. The bill states that bats have provided California with more than \$1 billion worth of pest control to the state's agricultural land. They have also helped reduce the state's fire risk with their consumption of bark beetles and wood borers.



U.S. National Park Service

According to **LAist**, these bats "can be found in the desert, oak woodlands, coastal redwood forests, and in the pine forests of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It has tan fur, a white underbelly, large ears, a pig-like snout, small eyes, and a wingspan of up to 16 inches. The Pallid bat is preyed on by ground predators like foxes, raccoons, snakes, cats, and large amphibians. Unlike a lot of other bat species, it can catch its prey on the ground as well as in the air."