

# 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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## May 8, 2025—Agenda

9:30 a.m. Meet at Little White Chapel for bus trip to  
South Coast Botanic Garden

4:00 p.m. Return to Little White Chapel



## **BVGC Newsletter May 2025**

Hello Gardeners,

It has been a busy couple of months for our club. During our April meeting Scott Klittich, owner of Otto and Son's Nursery in Fillmore California, spoke to us about current roses in stock as well as some of the old favorites. He answered a lot of questions regarding management of pests. We also want to thank Scott for donating two 15gal roses in support of our meeting raffle.

We voted in our new Board Officers. Congratulations to everyone. We look forward to our new 2025-2027 Board Officers being sworn in during the June Tea. They are:

**Co-Presidents:** Robin Gemmill and Rosalia Gomez

**1<sup>st</sup> VP Programming-** Eula Warren

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Co-Membership-** Judy Kenehan and Judy Shalhoub

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP Ways and Means-** Laura Duran

**Recording Secretary-** Anne White

**Corresponding Secretary-** Nancy Bryant

**Treasurer-** Ingrid Nonnast

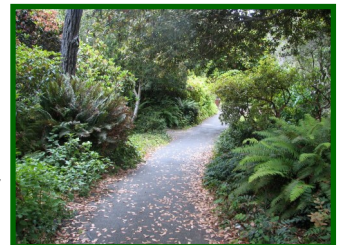
**Parliamentarian-** Ann Foose

The Scholarship Committee shared with everyone our two award winners. Sophia Adams from Burbank High School, who will be pursuing studies in marine biology and conservation. Lauren Delaney, currently enrolled at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo is pursuing a degree in environmental science. Each will receive a \$1000 Scholarship. Club membership again voted to dedicate all restaurant fundraising money to the Scholarship fund. This month's restaurant fundraiser will be Tuesday May 20 and Wednesday May 21 at the Ramp. If you are going to dine in, please make reservations ahead of your visit.

Our 2026 Calendar Committee will begin reviewing photographs for the calendar. You have until May 30 to send your photographs to Noella Ballenger. It is a real joy to see club member gardens highlighted every month. Please consider submitting your garden photographs.

The June Tea Committee has begun working on coordinating our annual June Tea set for June 5, 2025. This year we will have installation of our Board Officers as well as awarding our Scholarships. If you would like to help or host a table for our June Tea please contact Millie Eberhardt.

This month on Thursday May 8, we will be taking our annual Field Trip to the South Coast Botanic Garden in Palos Verdes. We will meet our bus at the Little White Chapel parking lot at 9:30am. Please arrive 15 minutes early so we can all get settled on the bus in order to leave on time. You have a choice of packing your own lunch for the day or ordering a box lunch from the Corner Bakery for \$13. If you have not already made a choice of sandwich or paid for the box lunch, be sure to contact Robin before Tuesday May 6. Robin will order the box lunches on Wednesday, picking up the lunches before we leave for the Botanical Garden. All members will need to bring their own water bottle. We will have treats available during our bus ride. We will return to the Little White Chapel around 4pm.



Robin



## BURBANK-VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Cordially Invites you to our  
May Fundraiser  
Tuesday May 20 & Wednesday 21  
From noon till 9:00 pm



## THE RAMP RESTAURANT

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors and let's have a great turnout!  
Just inform your server that you are supporting the fundraiser for the  
Burbank Valley Garden Club.

**The Ramp, an American and Italian food restaurant  
7730 North Hollywood Way, Burbank (at the 5 frwy ramp)  
Please make a reservation in order to dine-in.  
818-768-6499**

**Bring this flyer for the club to get credit or mention the club for credit**

**Also note, large parties will receive one bill.**

### Yearbook Committee

Every year during our summer break, the Yearbook Committee comes together to create our club Yearbook. Our Yearbook highlights our clubs mission, along with the community activities/projects we have chosen to participate in and donate to. We highlight our planned speakers for the upcoming garden year as well as the member directory so everyone can connect with another member at any time.

This year we are looking for new club members to join the Yearbook Committee. It is a wonderful opportunity to show off your creative talents. Please contact Ingrid Nonnast if you are interested in creating this year's Yearbook.

*Time for tea!*

**Burbank-Valley Garden Club  
Invites you to a  
TEA PARTY  
June 5th 10 am  
The Little White Chapel**



### Penny Pines Question and Answer

Robin Gemmill

A few members had questions about whether Penny Pines money was being used to support restoration of the Palisades and Eaton Canyon fire zones. So I sent the question to our Penny Pines Representative. Here is her answer.

The Penny Pines money is only used for the National Forests. I have been told in the past that if there is a big fire in a certain forest and another forest has "extra money" they do help each other out.

As far as the terrible fires we have had here in California there may be a way to donate some money to the Pacific Palisades Garden Club. According to my roster the

President's name is Mary Shanahan and her email is [pacpalgardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:pacpalgardenclub@yahoo.com) Hope this helps you out. It is very kind gesture that your club wants to help out.

Terry Sampson



**GARDENS ARE NOT MADE BY SITTING IN THE SHADE**

**Rudyard Kipling**

## In My Garden

Charlene Gallagher

The sunflowers have done their job. The fat birds can barely fly after indulging themselves on the seeds. They are all gone: birds, flowers and left the faded seed pods for me to cut off and tidy up. I left the stalks. They make great stakes for the sweet peas that are coming up again this year, right underneath the old stalks of the sunflowers. Sometimes I surprise myself with my genius. It works!

I always pick a bunch of sweet peas for some of my neighbors. Most remember sweet peas; some have never heard of them. So, I enlighten them. The fragrance is lovely. They come in so many different colors, and the rains this year enabled them to grow profusely. Try them next year...the plant is a delight. Keeps the neighborhood happy as they walk by and see some color during our gray period of rain. Sweet peas are heaven's blessing for early spring.

Happy Spring!!!!



## WHO KNEW!?

My Uncle was a lawyer and a frustrated writer...so he opened his own newspaper in Sturgis, South 'Dakota and called it the "Black Hills Press". He also owned three ranch sites and it is where my horses wintered when I was in school. Anyway, I wrote high school activities for the newspaper. It was local and everybody liked having their name in the paper. I was the most popular person in town...worked for Louella Parsons and Hedda Hopper...and Charlene Milek...later Gallagher.



## Create a Sunny Pollinator Patch

California Native Plant Society

Areas with full sun are perfect for drought-adapted native flowering plants, which also serve as important sources of food and shelter for pollinators and birds.

### **Tips and tricks:**

- Include a dense shrub like toyon, which provides cover and berries for birds.
- Up the quantity of flowers by sowing annuals like clarkia and phacelia. You can also start the seeds in pots and then transplant for more control.
- Consider including a bird bath to provide birds and other wildlife with water as well as food.
- Plant species that flower at different times of the year to provide a longer foraging period for pollinators.



### **Welcome New Member**

#### **Shelly Heyman**

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### **Happy May Birthday!**

May 3 Grace Davis  
May 5 Terry Rhodes  
May 8 Mimi House  
May 10 Robert Neundorf  
May 11 Robin Gemmill  
May 18 Margarita Codina  
May 26 Susan Law





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**: 2024-2025  
Executive Board**

**President:**

Robin Gemmill

**1st Vice-President, Programs:**

Rosalia Gomez

**2nd Vice-Pres., Membership:**

Janet Jack  
Susan Law

**3rd Vice-Pres., Ways & Means:**

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**Happenings**

**Friday, May 2—Sunday, May 11, 9 am—6 pm  
Rose Festival—Roger's Garden**

2301 San Joaquin Hills Road, Corona del Mar  
Immerse yourself in the aroma of roses known to be the most beautiful and fragrant and shop Southern California's largest selection of roses. Discover our "Rose of the Year," Martha Stewart™, along with over 350 rose varieties.



**May 10 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm \$5 – \$20**

**Southern California Garden Club Garden Tour**

Five Gardens (addresses supplied with tickets). Plant Sale, Jewelry Sale, Yard Art Sale, Bake Sale. Contact Co-Chairmen Gail Vanderhorst (GG411@pacbell.net, 818-988-3631) or Robin Pokorski (CGCIRobin@gmail.com, 818-425-3247).

**May 18—May 21 National Garden Club Convention**

The Embassy Suites Hotel  
North Charleston, South Carolina

**May 17 @ 10:00 am—4:00 pm**

**San Clemente Garden Club 2025 Garden Tour**

features self-guided tours and live entertainment at multiple San Clemente-area gardens. Tickets can be purchased online before the event for \$35, or \$30 each if purchasing four or more. (Tickets purchased the day of the event are \$45.) Proceeds support the San Clemente Garden Club College Scholarship and Junior Gardeners programs in San Clemente. [sanclementegardenclub.com](http://sanclementegardenclub.com)