

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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September 4, 2025—Agenda

9:30 a.m. Doors Open
10:00 a.m. Business Meeting
11:00 a.m. Program: **"Basics of Orchid Culture and Care"**
Speaker: Donna Ballard



welcome

September 2025 — President's Message

Welcome Back Gardeners,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. We have a very exciting garden year ahead. Starting with our schedule of speakers. Eula Warren did a great job lining up some fantastic speakers covering a range of subjects, to include orchid care, world of mushrooms, nature journaling, gardens of Japan, seed saving library, and farm to table. This year to change things up, we have moved our Plant Sale to March 2026 focusing on spring garden plants. As usual we will celebrate the holidays in December and take our Field Trip in May, ending our year with our June Tea celebration.

We will also be bringing back our Garden Calendar Fundraiser. Last year, the club was given a California Garden Club Inc (CGCI) award for best fundraising innovation for our Garden Calendar. We want to thank the Calendar Committee for all their hard work as well as all of the photographic contributors. The 2026 Garden Calendar will be up for sale during our September meeting extending through December. Calendars will sell for \$10. Please remember these calendars make wonderful holiday stocking stuffers you can give to friends and family. Proceeds from our Calendar sale will go toward our Student Scholarships.

Please make sure you drop by the Membership table to pick up your copy of the 2025-2026 Yearbook. We want to give a special thank you to Nancy Bryant for coordinating the Yearbook Committee. Yearbooks are a wonderful resource throughout the year, reminding us of important meeting dates, club events as well as our projects. Projects we will continue to support include, Luther Burbank Middle School Garden, Monarch Mile pollinator garden along Chandler Bikeway, and Burbank Community Garden. Following the January wildfires in Eaton Canyon our club voted to support habitat restoration in Altadena. We will be joining with the California Native Plant Society San Gabriel Chapter in efforts to support restoration of the Eaton Canyon area.

During our September meeting we will also meet both of our Student Scholarship awardees. You will meet Sophia Adams who has been accepted at UC San Diego. She will start working on her career goal of being a marine conservationist. Lauren Delaney, a current student at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, is pursuing her degree in environmental earth science, hoping to someday work as an environmental city planner. With all of our fundraising efforts we were able to award each student with a \$1000 scholarship.

Our speaker this month is Donna Ballard. Donna will be speaking to us on The Basics of Orchid Culture and Care. As the 1st VP for the San Fernando Valley Orchid Society, Donna has graciously agreed to share her orchid care expertise. I know many of you have lots of questions about orchid care. Please bring your questions on orchid care. As usual we will meet the first Thursday of the month on September 4th at 10am at the Little White Chapel. Located at 1711 North Avon St Burbank, CA 91505.

I hope you will all be able to join us. I look forward to meeting new members and catching up with each of you.

Robin



September 4 Meeting: Speaker: Donna Ballard
“Basics of Orchid Culture and Care”



Donna lives in the West San Fernando Valley, is a native Californian, and earned her accreditation as an American Orchid Society Judge in October of 2022.

Donna is 1st V.P. of the San Fernando Valley Orchid Society, is on the American Orchid Society Board of Education and is a new member of the Orchid Digest Board of Directors.

The topic of Donna's talk is the 'Basics of Orchid Culture and Care'. She will talk about the most important things any beginning orchid grower needs to know about taking care of orchids in the home. These include light, water, fertilizing, temperature and air movement

2025-2026 Yearbook



2025-2026 Yearbooks will be distributed at our September 2025 meeting.

Members can pick up their Yearbook at the Membership table. We hope you enjoy this year's Yearbook. We will be submitting our 2025-2026 Yearbook for a California Garden Club, Inc. Award.

Many thanks to Nancy Bryant for all her hard work.

Progress at Hollywood Way Community Gardens

Hollywood Way Community Garden Members have been busy planting and establishing their gardens. We can see everything sprouting. These gardens are wonderful for gardening enthusiasts who do not have access to some personal property.



2026 Garden Calendar

We are celebrating member gardens this year in our 2026 Garden Calendar. Calendars will be on sale for \$10. Buy for holiday stocking stuffers or to just share with friends and family. All proceeds go toward our Student Scholarship Fund.

Barrigan's Restaurant —September Fundraiser

We are kicking off our garden year with a trip to Barrigan's Mexican Restaurant

IMMEDIATELY after our September meeting. This fundraiser supports our Student Scholarship fund. I hope you will join us for a margarita, a great meal and fun with friends.

Here is the flyer for the restaurant. Thank you again for supporting our student scholarship fund.



BURBANK-VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Let's get together after our September meeting!

Restaurant Fund Raiser
Thursday, September 4, 2025
From 11:00 am to 9:00 pm



AT BARRAGAN'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

730 North Victory Blvd. Burbank, Ca.

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

Barrigan's will donate 20% of all proceeds, including take-out orders and alcoholic drinks to our Club.

Mrs. Chipmunk Speaks

A lot of newcomers have moved into the forest. So far, we have been a safe place to live. The newlyweds, My relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Chipmunk moved here because I always brag "what a nice place to live." They lived in the area known as Altadena and, of course, there was a fire in their area that destroyed their habitat. They barely got out with their lives. So happy to see them...and they are tucked in right near me, in a fine big tree. Nice to have relatives around.

We, at this forest, have been lucky so far. All families intact...new babies have arrived, all busy packing away eats for the winter months...not as much to forage in the cold weather.

We have had some hot weather and everyone is on alert. Let us hope for a normal chilly winter that will keep things in the normal range. The people who have been hiking and camping in the park and around us, seem very careful with their fires and the Rangers are out in full force. So, on that happy note, I can feel good and safe.

Gotta go...the locals are gathering to welcome my friends. Even "Bob" the bear, with only one foot, that is another story to tell, is here. Bob is jovial and kind...but a fearsome creature nevertheless. He is a teller of tall tales and most are true. This should be a great get together.

Bye for now...be kind to "Mother Nature". The rewards are enormous.



Welcome New Members

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Dear Members: Are you proud of your garden? Want to show it off? Send pictures of your garden to the newspaper editor and we will put them in the Club Newspaper.

Plant-A-Tree

Reprint from National Garden Clubs, Inc. website

Planting Trees and Saving Forests

For many years, National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the USDA Forest Service have maintained a partnership sustaining our national forests through the **Plant-A-Tree** program. Plant-A-Tree, formerly known as Penny Pines, is a reforestation and forest education program.

Your garden club can participate by contributing to this meaningful conservation project. All contributions help the Forest Service to plant trees across the national forest system where reforestation is needed most—the places most impacted by wild-fires, flooding, drought, and other forest disturbances.

From Penny Pines to Plant-A-Tree

As some of you may already be familiar with this program when it was called Penny Pines, the new name "**Plant-A-Tree**" better reflects the program's mission and will help us reach a wider audience. Additionally, we are also making changes to the donation process to make it more accessible and user-friendly.

1. **DONATION AMOUNT** Previously, we required donations in increments of \$68.00. **Donors can now contribute any amount, starting from as little as \$50.00** to as large as \$10,000.00. This change provides greater flexibility for donors and enables a wider range of people to participate in the program.
2. **CERTIFICATES IMPORTANT UPDATE: DIGITAL CERTIFICATES ONLY** – As of May 31, 2025, NGC no longer mails certificates and has fully transitioned to a digital format. An email address is required with each donation to receive a tax receipt and a link to a **customizable digital certificate**. Donors can opt to make a certificate in honor or in memory of someone if desired, however we no longer need to collect this information. We assure you that your privacy and personal information will be handled with the utmost care and security.
3. **DONATING TO SPECIFIED FORESTS** When donating, you may choose to have your donation go to where it's most needed or you may select a National Forest; however, the Forest Service reserves the right to utilize funds based on need.

If you specify a National Forest where there is no tree planting need, then the donation may be used for planting trees on another forest. *Please note, individual plantings will not be identified per donor (ex: if you donate to a forest, you would be unable to locate a specific tree that you helped donate).

States, regions, districts, clubs, and/or individuals may participate in this program. Please note, a \$50.00 minimum is required with each donation.

Happy September Birthday

September 8	Rosalia Peralta
September 15	Judy Shalhoub
September 19	Pradip Doshi
September 24	Alan Rhodes



Remember **BRING YOUR COFFEE MUG TO OUR MEETING**.....\$1 for a cup of coffee or tea.





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Happenings

Southern California is an international travel destination thanks to its wealth of beautiful [nature escapes](#), unique [small towns](#), [scenic drives](#), and excellent weather year-round. We're lucky to live within spitting distance of some truly spectacular locations, including picturesque [national parks](#) and fascinating [beach](#) cities.

Solvang: This dreamy town near Santa Barbara is known as the "[Danish Capital of America](#)" for its Scandinavian architecture and heritage. You'll want to pick up delicate **Danish pastries and pancake-like æbleskiver** at one of the authentic local bakeries, and then stroll through the town to take in the **Little Mermaid Fountain**, **windmills**, and **the giant red clog**. If possible, time your visit with one of Solvang's highly-anticipated events including **Solvang Festival Theater** from June through September, **Danish Days** in September.

Laguna Beach: Explore seven miles of **scenic beaches and hidden coves** in this quaint beach town near Los Angeles. Whether you make the trip to see the historic [Pirate Tower at Victoria Beach](#), or to trek to the [Thousand Steps Beach tide pool](#), you'll find that Laguna Beach is a wonderful destination for coastal adventurers. The walkable seaside town was initially founded as an eclectic **art colony**, and you'll find that the art scene continues to thrive today. Look for the famous **annual art festivals**, year-round art galleries, First Thursdays art walks, [exhibits](#) at the Laguna Art Museum, and so much more.



Temecula: The wide range of activities in Temecula makes it an excellent destination for **every type of travel group**. Wine lovers enjoy exploring **nearly fifty wineries** throughout the valley, most of which offer luxurious tasting room experiences and property tours. The area is also known for [bucket list](#)-worthy **hot air ballooning**, especially at sunrise; shopping and entertainment along the delightful streets of Old Town Temecula; farm-to-table fine dining restaurants; and the many entertainment options available at the famous **Pechanga Resort Casino**.

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