

OVER THE GARDEN WALL

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December 5, 2024—Agenda

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



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President's Message

This years Annual November Plant Sale was a resounding success. We made over \$600. I would like to thank everyone who made our annual Plant Sale a great success. Without the work of so many dedicated volunteers we would not have been this successful. A special thanks to member, Eula Warren, for hosting club members who gathered to create our wonderful gift baskets. As always we are grateful for the Joslyn Knitters, Quilters, Crochet group for their basket donation. Thank you all.

We will kick off the holiday season this year with our Holiday Party set for Thursday December 5. This year members only and invited guests will celebrate with a holiday potluck of appetizers and desserts. We invite all members who plan on attending to bring their favorite finger food/appetizer or dessert to share with club members. The club will provide beverages. If you bring your favorite mug for coffee you will get a free raffle ticket. We will have entertainment by Jason Keene. Robin Pokorski will also be joining us, offering fun and games for everyone to enjoy. We will also host a gift exchange. If you would like to participate, bring in a wrapped gift, no more than \$15. Each person with a gift will be given a ticket to participate in the gift exchange at the end of the festivities.

Our 2025 Garden Calendars, on sale for \$10, will be available as well for anyone looking for a last minute holiday gift for friends and family. If you have not had a chance to exchange your calendar for an updated Calendar, remember to bring in your calendar to exchange during our December meeting.

Joslyn Knitters, Quilters, Crochet group has donated a beautiful Christmas theme quilt for our Holiday raffle. The Holiday raffle tickets will be set at \$5/ticket. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Luther Burbank Middle School Garden. The School Garden is taking donations as part of a Seed Money Grant. Funds raised will support the garden purchase of a Greenhouse. Here is the link to learn more about this school garden fundraiser. <https://donate.seedmoney.org/10264/luther-burbank-middle-school>

We hope you all will join us on Thursday December 5, 2024 at 10am at the Little White Chapel located at 1171 North Avon St. Burbank, CA 91505

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December 5—Holiday Party

The Holiday Party is a Burbank-Valley Garden Club tradition and returns this year with entertainment, music, goodies to eat and games.

Please reserve the date! You don't want to miss out on celebrating and having some great fun.



PLANT



SALE



A SUCCESS



Photograph your Garden - Noella Ballenger

Plan for the 2026 Calendar Now!



The Holidays are coming up quickly and you might be decorating your yard. What fun it would be to have one of those photos in the 2026 Calendar. So, to make a successful holiday photo, remember to keep it fairly simple. You don't have to show everything in one photo. Start with perhaps a festive pot or display. Take some shots in the morning when there might be dew drops on the plants. Sunshine is not always the photographer's friend because it causes bright highlights and deep shadows. And how about that plant that only blooms in the winter? How can you take that and make it look special? Walk around the plant, take it from a high angle or a low angle. Take the whole plant, then get closer and photograph a part of the plant like a leaf or flower. Don't forget to photograph it from the back as some of the most beautiful designs on plants are on the back of the flowers or leaves. And just for fun, go out at night and enjoy the Christmas lights with your camera. Send them to me and we can have another beautiful calendar for 2026.

Raffle at Holiday Party

Pictured below is the lovely quilt to be raffled off at our Holiday Party. Sorry, the doggie is not included. Proceeds will be donated to the Luther Burbank Middle School Garden.



The quilt was donated by the Joslyn Volunteer Program's Sewing Knitting Crochet Group. Raffle tickets will be one ticket for \$5.00 and 5 tickets for \$20.00.

David Hobson: "I grow plants for many reasons: to please my eye or to please my soul, to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience, for novelty or for nostalgia, but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow."

Let's Talk Dirt

By

One Who Knows—Charlene Gallagher

Attention: Those that love getting their hands dirty,
A little dirty talk about gardening

We all have our secrets, or discovered some way to get things to grow faster, more glorious than your best friend's garden does. There is always the standard "dig a hole,,or a space,,add some amendment...put in seed...water...and wait.

Does it grow...What did I plant...Oh good heavens...I can't get around it...I can't deal with it every year that it comes up...What do I do? Is it pretty? Does it add to the design?

Do I have a garden design? Did the weeds destroy it?...What is holding it up?...When do I fertilize?...When should I water?...What should I plant around it?... Is it edible,,poisonous...to humans...animals?

Too many questions. What good luck have you had my gardening friends, What plants,,what fertilizer...weather conditions...ahhh come and share.

About what clever idea have you patted yourself on the back and said,,,"well done".

Sooooo...I have one that I will share with you today. A serious one. That I am proud to say my genius has solved.

Staking lilies that always fall over at some point or never show their full beauty as they limp along in the garden. This is dangerous stuff. Almost put my eye out one day as I was cleaning the ground around the lilies and the wooden stake suddenly reminded me. "Watch out". Close call...what pull the lilies...no way...fix it.

Hey, I got an idea and I would like to go share it. I went to a local store that has school supplies...bought the little extra erasers that fit over a pencil head...rubber..or whatever and usually white. Put it neatly over the top of the small wooden stake..."voila" it worked. Saved my eyes, and now I also know what is staked and what is not. Well I wanted to share that with you. If anyone else has a better story...please share. I'd buy them lunch, but can't...broke.

Went to a swell garden store and came home with five more bulbs. Now where am I going to put them?

Here is another of Charlene's idea put to good use.

Discovered this on Facebook.

Ingrid



Happy
Holidays!

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Happenings

December 1 @ 8:00 am - 10:00 am
California Botanic Garden

1500 N. College Ave, Claremont
Family Friendly Bird Walks hosted by the
Pomona Valley Audubon Society
Space is limited, so sign up early online or at the front kiosk.
Contact: California Botanic Garden
Email: info@calbg.org
Phone: 909.625.8767

December 14; 7:30PM - 9:00PM

Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden

Adult Night Hike: Holiday Plant Lore
Learn some of the folklore and history behind some traditional
holiday plants, such as evergreen, holly, and citrus. Explore
the plants out in the gardens after dark. The experience will
conclude with a holiday themed craft.

Dec 14, 2024 Marina Del Rey Boat Parade
Fisherman's Village or Burton Chace Park

The festivities begin at 5:55pm with fireworks,
and the boat parade starts at 6pm, rain or shine

January 27, 2025 - January 29, 2025
CGCI Winter Board Meeting 2025

The Winter Board meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

