

# QUAIL TALES

## HESPERIA GARDEN CLUB

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### Hesperia Garden Club

Meetings: September – June - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday!  
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

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#### 2023-24 Officers

President	Linda West
Vice President	Jaclyn Winters
Secretary	Joyce Miller
Treasurer	Betty Roberts
Parliamentarian	Elisabeth Tufo
Past President	Linda Smetzer

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Linda West

*Happy Fall Y'All !! and welcome to our 2023-2024 Garden Club year!*

*I do hope your summer was filled with lots of fun gatherings, an abundance of veggies and beautiful blooming gardens! Seems like our summer went by so fast and it was hot-hot-hot too. We had a couple of*

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

*great gatherings during the break, such as our Mini Retreat where we shared new and interesting ideas, also we had a member "Picnic in the park" at Hesperia Lake. It was such a beautiful day in one of the most amazing places in our High Desert.*

*Our Executive Committee has been working tirelessly this summer, getting organized, re-charged and ready for our coming year. Our line-up of speakers is inspiring, educational and very informative. We're sure you'll learn a lot and have great fun too! Jackie Winters has put together a wonderful venue.*

*For this month of September we have our first meeting on Tuesday, September 12th at the Percy Bakker Center. The speaker will be Jony Walters from Mojave Water Agency on plants to grow in your winter garden.*

*Also, special activities for this month will be first and foremost, our Hesperia Garden Club booth at The Home/Garden Improvement Show at the fairgrounds on September 29<sup>th</sup> thru October 1st. Please be sure and sign up to help set up and work our booth. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and our committee chairs Joyce Miller and Linda Smetzer are working diligently to make it a huge success.*

*One of our local businesses, Santa Fe Trading Company, located in Victorville, is having their annual "Fall Fiesta and Craft Show" on September 16th. You don't want to miss seeing all their great garden items and fun crafters that participate.*

*Fast but not least, Betty Roberts will be happy take your dues if you haven't yet paid and also welcome any new members joining.*

*We are excited to see you at our first meeting, we have some fun surprises for you too!! See you there!!*

*All the best to you.....*

*Linda*

# HESPERIA GARDEN CLUB

## FYI

**Save Your Empty Ink Cartridges, Stamps, and Pull Tabs**

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

### HOME/GARDEN IMPROVEMENT SHOW

**Joyce Miller/Linda Smetzer**

And the fun begins! As President Linda stated, we are jumping right in with the show the end of September with setup on **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and the actual show on September 29<sup>th</sup> through October 1st!** This is always a fun time with meeting the community and spreading the word about our organization! Volunteer for one of the days and enjoy the camaraderie with fellow members! And bring plants to sell!

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT **Betty Roberts**

We are starting the year with 56 members! Contact and birthday information is available in the new 23-24 Directory (used to be called Yearbook!) Come to our meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> to receive your copy!

### NEWSLETTER **Betty Roberts**

Please send newsletter items to me so I can include them in the new production!

### OPPORTUNITY/WAYS AND MEANS

**Joyce Miller/Linda Smetzer**

This is one of our monthly fundraisers for the club, sort of our bread and butter, to help with the yearly budget! We hope to have something of interest for all! If you would like to donate an item for the table, please let me or Linda Smetzer know. And, of course, we have the Hesperia Garden Club aprons and t-shirts – be sure to get one to wear for the Home Show!

### PENNY PINES **Ted Benson**

The Penny Pines program is a California Garden Clubs Inc. program where clubs donate money to the National Forest in California of their choice to honor or in memory of a person or entity. The National Forest Service uses this donation to help reforest or maintain our California forests. Penny Pines has a balance of \$78.78. If you know someone you wish to honor or remember, please let me know.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES (cont.)

### SCHOLARSHIPS **Executive Committee**

Our Scholarship recipient for the 22-23 fiscal year is Sofia Donoso who is attending Victor Valley College and served several internships this summer. Congratulations Sofia and good luck in your future!

### SUNSHINE FUND **Joyce Miller**

Please let me know if you or someone you know is under the weather so I can send a card. Contact with our members and helping them survive these current times is our goal.

## THINGS YOU MISSED!

Fun things happen when you least expect them!

### Youth Summer Lunch Program

The Hesperia School District and the US Department of Agriculture requested that we provide a program for two lunches! On June 27<sup>th</sup>, we participated with the lunch program at Lime Street Park. We prepared cups with planting soil and helped the students propagate cuttings of Red Apple succulent (from Debra Ann Peterson)! The students loved it, especially when we gifted them frisbees and/or bubble wands! They and their parents were so eager to learn about planting and the students took their plants home!

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, we conducted the same program at Cottonwood Elementary School!

### Garage and Plant Sale **Jaclyn Winters**

Thanks to the efforts of our club members, the garage and plant sale was a huge success! We held the sale at my home on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We grossed \$1,216.75 with expenses of \$28.00, netting \$1,188.75! How's that for something we dreamed up on the fly?!?

The Club members thank Jackie and Jay for their leadership, hospitality, and lunches!

We also had a donation bottle for Ronald McDonald House at the garage sale. The treasurer received an SOS email saying that many of the units were not available because of air conditioning and/or plumbing problems and the repair cost would be over \$43,000! A donor offered to match donations sent within the first 72 hours – we collected \$62.75 and made the matching!