

HESPERIA GARDEN CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2017

The object of the Hesperia Garden Club is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening. We are a community of people of all ages who wish to learn, do and grow. Come grow with us.

Membership is open to those interested in gardening and many related topics. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month (excluding the months of July and August) at 1:00 p.m. at the Percy Bakker Community Center, 9333 E Avenue, which is just south of Main Street in Hesperia. For more information, call Debra Ann Peterson at 760-403-6888. The Hesperia Garden Club has its very own Facebook page. Look us up.

The Hesperia Garden Club is a member of the Roadrunner District of California Garden Clubs, Inc. which belong to the Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Each part of the Organization is important. Each member keeps the purposes of Garden Clubs alive and growing.

AT OUR MEETINGS...We have Club T-shirts and aprons for sale, \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Our History Table is set up near the Ways and Means table at the back of the room. You may pick up any Newsletters from previous months that are on the table. There are photo books from past years that are fun to look at and items/articles that may be of interest to you. The collection buckets for used postage stamps benefiting Boys Town, pull tabs collected to benefit Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda, and Labels for Education to benefit Juniper Elementary School, are all located on the History Table. Cal Herbold donates plants and garden-related items for our Opportunity Table. For a small contribution you will have an opportunity to win something. And, be sure to check out the Ways and Means Table that sells fun items and lots of plants.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year has passed and The Hesperia Garden Club has grown so much. When I took over the position of your Club President we had 35 members and now we have a total of 105 members. On behalf of myself and the Board we are thrilled that so many people love gardening and want to belong to our Club.

It has been an honor to serve as your President and I hope I have served you well. I remember the day I became President I ran into Judy and Viola in the market and they welcomed me and I said to them that my goal was to have people look forward to the second Tuesday of each month where they can meet their friends and share their knowledge of gardening as well as learn from each other and our many Presenters. I feel that goal was achieved.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your many hours of volunteering for Home Shows, Hospitality Crews, District Luncheons, Way and Means, Opportunity Table, Newsletters, calling members and all of the other positions in this Club that makes it what it is. Without all of you there would not be a Club.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Board:

President	Claudia Marsh
Vice President	Linda Smetzer
Secretary	Nancy Andrus
Treasurer	Gail LaPointe

We had a nice turn out at our last meeting with 56 members present and 17 guests.

Our income from May was:

Ways and Means	\$63.25
Penny Pines	\$31.21
Opportunity	\$86.00

We would like to welcome Zandra Gue, Elaine Swartzhart, Judie Newson, Henry Puckett, Linda Ham and Kathy Willhoit as new members and Cindy Shields who has re-joined our Club. WELCOME.

Judy Barajas will be doing a presentation on basil and rose geraniums today.

A yummy potluck will round out the meeting for today and I would like to wish each and every one of you a happy summer and hope to see you during the summer at one of our lunches.

Kudos go out to all who helped with our District Luncheon. It was a HUGE success and everyone really enjoyed themselves. The room was decorated so nice and the food was delicious. Linda West was the Chairman of this event and Linda, you and your Crew were the BEST.

Thank you, again, for making these last 4 years very memorable for me.

Respectfully yours,
Terry Sampson

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them

Liberty Hyde Bailey

Plant dreams, pull weeds and grow a Happy Life.

Gardening forever! Housework whenever.

Wherever life plants you, bloom with grace.

My favorite things in life don't cost any money. It's really clear that the most precious resource we all have is time.

Steve Jobs

MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

President Terry Sampson opened the May regular meeting of The Hesperia Garden Club at 1:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ginny Kight gave the Inspiration. Terry introduced the members of the Board. Our guests stood and introduced themselves. New members stood and told us a little about themselves. Pat Kriske handed out Opportunity tickets to our members who have a birthday in May. The Minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting were approved as read. Our Treasurer, Gail LaPointe, gave her report. We have \$4,346.96 in our treasury and \$35.20 in Penny Pines. The Treasurer's Report was approved and filed for audit. A garden statuary metal peacock was presented to Gail in memory of her husband Gordon, a member who passed away recently. Our members planted 5 trees since our last meeting. Terry introduced Oscar from Dr. Earth who will be our Presenter today.

Linda West encouraged us all to attend the District Meeting on May 23 and to take part in the preparations. Claudia Marsh spoke about her upcoming Workshop which will be about preparing our plants for the June Flower Show. Maureen Barrale encouraged us to think of who we know that could apply for our scholarship, which has been increased to \$500.00. She said it would be nice to give it to someone we know. Claudia, head of the Flower Show Committee, said we should pick up a card for each flower or plant we intend to enter in the Flower Show. Entries should be brought in no later than 12:00 noon on our June meeting day so that the Judges will have more time to judge.

Terry thanked today's Hospitality Crew, Renee Hahn and the Chavez Family, Jose, Cindy and Jojo. Next month will be our annual end-of-year potluck. Terry asked for more volunteers for the Hospitality Crew to join Ted Benson, Barb Chow and Viola Turner. Several hands went up. Terry suggested we give a donation to Casa Romantica. Linda Smetzer suggested we give \$250.00. Linda West amended that amount to \$100.00. Motion made s/c. Terry encouraged us all to attend the District meeting on May 23. We are the host Club.

We were urged to pay our membership dues now so that our names would be in the new Yearbook. Rose Hampton, Bree Hampton and Jackie Kennedy worked at Relay for Life and Rose described the experience. Ken Barrale told us about how our \$15.00 membership fee is spent. Jojo Chavez and Terry Sampson will represent our Club at the Wellness Seminar in Victorville on May 17. Gail LaPointe told us about Sunset Hills, where young children and teens can receive grief counseling when they have lost a family member. We considered giving a donation but tabled it till next meeting when we will have more information.

June Clinkenbeard passed a basket around to collect the election ballots. Terry reminded us that tomorrow is the last day you can register to attend the Convention which will be held starting May 30 in San Luis Obispo. Terry rescinded her nomination as Assistant District Director. The nominees for Officers of The Hesperia Garden Club told us a little about themselves. Sharon Bartley was unable to attend today's meeting so Linda West read a note from Sharon describing her qualifications for Vice President. The other candidates for Vice President, Pat Kriske and Linda Smetzer, told us about their qualifications. Claudia Marsh for President, Nancy Andrus for Secretary and Gail LaPointe as Treasurer were unopposed. While the ballots were being counted, Terry introduced Oscar from Dr. Earth who gave a Presentation on the Dr. Earth products and answered many garden-related questions from our members. Jose announced the results of the ballot count, Linda Smetzer will be our new Vice President.

Terry reminded us of Linda Moore's Open House which will be on May 21. We broke for refreshments, the Opportunity was held and we adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Laverne Hileman, Secretary

INVITATION FOR ALL MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY OUR NEWER MEMBERS

Although The Hesperia Garden Club does not meet during the months of July and August, some of us still want to connect with our garden club friends. So we meet informally at the Sizzler Restaurant, which is practically kitty-corner from our usual meeting place. We meet on the same day of the month that our meeting would be held and this summer that would be Tuesday, July 11 and Tuesday, August 8. We do change the time to 11:30 a.m. We gather in the back at Sizzler, where they have the long tables. Everyone is welcome. Hope you will come.

POT PLANTING taken from an article written by Mary Crowell for Golden Gardens

Why garden in containers? Many reasons. Containers are versatile, portable and utilitarian. They can be a great use of space while being decorative, an art form, an accent and a super use of recycled materials. Anything can be a container if it holds soil, drains well and is able to be out in the elements. Complementing the plants is key to a well-balanced scape, keeping in mind color, texture, size, proportion, shape and scale of plants to the container. It is fun to recycle oddities that can double as a pot, again mindful of the weight, size, portability and drainage of the container itself. Interesting containers could be 3-tier hanging veggie baskets, old small BBQs, black plastic oil pans, old shoes, old jello molds, metal dishware, garden gloves you can Varathane and then hang, broken vases, old wooden boxes, chimney flue-pipes, metal pails, wall pots, half barrels, old cans, sinks, tubs, hypertufa or concrete pots, making sure always there is drainage before planting. Successful container gardening depends on how often you water, the plants you choose, your climate and location, location location.

AN ENDING

This is my final Newsletter for The Hesperia Garden Club. Someone else will be taking over and I hope they will enjoy doing it as much as I have. It's been a fun learning experience for me. I look forward to being a regular member and sitting at a round table come September. I wish you all a wonderful and safe summer and hope to see you at our Sizzler lunches. Laverne Hileman

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

Zandra Gue, 8406 Ave. I, Hesperia, CA 92345, 760-680-7942, Birthday 8/8

Linda Ham, 8123 Arcadia Ave., Hesperia, CA 92345, 951-275-1440, Lindah5@live.com, BD 12/2

Judie Newson, P. O. Box 71, Victorville, CA 92393, 909-519-7737, jnewson55@yahoo.com Birthday 2/25

Henry Puckett, 15944 Ash St., Hesperia, CA 92345, 760-244-2655, SNHpuckett@verizon.net, Birthday 12/5

Cindy Shields, 18855 Hinton St., Hesperia, CA 92345, 760-981-4855, ozziwok@charter.net, Birthday 8/30

Elaine Swartzhart, 15055 Kimball, Hesperia, CA 92345, 760-810-9887

Kathy Willhoit, 19487 Maple Creek, Apple Valley, CA 92308, 760-220-3345, RKwillhoit2@gmail.com
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