



NEWSLETTER

Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club

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President's Message

*A society grows great when old men plant trees
whose shade they know they shall never sit in.*

-Greek Proverb, quoted by Dr. Ari Novy

Dear Ladies,

What a gift it was to have our future GCA Honorary Member, Dr. Ari Novy, share an evening with details of his educational journey and highlight the global importance of kindness. Our local trees have demonstrated our need for respect and patience. How fortunate we have been that the tropical river storms have subsided, and we may admire their beauty.

Our March General Meeting will be filled with business matters, so I invite all to come to coffee, and we may start a bit early. Please review the exceptional three finalists for our 2024 GCA Founders Fund as we all vote to share our club's favorite project. Bruno Duarte of Toronto, Canada will have us spellbound as he shares a lecture and floral design at our guest meeting. We will be celebrating his birthday as he leads us in a fabulous hands-on workshop on Friday, March 22. Not only will you take home a floral structure to use for years to come, but you will also be privy to the latest floral design tricks of the trade.

With spring fever,

Cass



Mark Your Calendar

March General Meeting - Guests Welcome at 10:30 am

Date: Thursday, March 21

Time: 9:30 am

Venue: Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center

The March 21 General Meeting at Carpenter Hall will feature guest speaker Bruno Duarte. Please have your guests arrive at 10:30 am for the presentation.

Bruno will also lead a very special floral design workshop at Carpenter Hall on Friday, March 22.

Please email [regrets only](#) to Cass

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, March 5, P4P Dunes Workday, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Thursday, March 7, Lunch for Provisionals and Proposers, 11:30 am

Thursday, March 7, Hort Meeting, MEarth, 3:00 pm

Tuesday, March 12, Civic Gardens, 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Thursday, March 14, Board Meeting, Gathering Place Meeting Room at Harrison Memorial Library, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Thursday, March 14, Photography Committee, Gathering Place Meeting Room at Harrison Memorial Library, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Tuesday, March 19, P4P Dunes Workday, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Thursday, March 21, General Meeting, with Floral Designer Bruno Duarte, Carpenter Hall, 9:30 am social, 10:00 business meeting, 10:30am - 12:30 pm presentation

Friday, March 22, Floral Design Workshop with Bruno Duarte, Carpenter Hall, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Tuesday, March 26, Civic Gardens, 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Thursday, March 28, Conservation Committee, Field Trip to Rana Creek Ranch, meet to carpool at Earthbound Farms, 9:15 am - 12:00 pm

Committee News

Conservation

March Meeting Recap

Dr. JP Dundore-Arias is Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology in the Department of Biology and Chemistry at CSUMB. He focuses on investigating the biology, ecology and management of plant-associated microbes, with the ultimate goal of developing practical applications for enhancing plant and soil health and promoting biological suppression of plant pathogens. His new study program of 100 students (Agricultural, Plant, Soil Science), introduces our local farming community to a new resource for employment.

Some students find regional employment before they graduate. His students have also been past Scholarship recipients of our Club. One of his students (Jose Flores) came to the presentation. He is employed at the Carmel Valley Ranch and was peppered with questions by our ladies. Dr Dundore-Arias's successful program of 4years allows students to stay and find work in the Salinas area, which is such an enhancement to our farming community.



Upcoming Meeting

On **March 28th** we will visit Rana Creek Ranch and meet with Frazier Haney, Executive Director of the Wildlands Conservancy, and Tom Little Bear Nason, Tribal Chairman and President of Esselen Tribe of Monterey County.

Carpool from Earthbound Farms. Meet at 9:15 am. We will pick up sandwiches and drinks at Earthbound for lunch at the ranch. Provisionals are always invited. There will be an RSVP for sandwich orders. Our group is one of the first visitors since Rana Creek Ranch has become a Wildlands Conservancy Preserve.

The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share.

-Lady Bird Johnson

Lolly Menzies
Conservation chair

Floral Design

A decorative poster for a floral design seminar. The background is white with a border of various colorful flowers (red, yellow, blue, pink) and green leaves. The text is centered and reads:

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA GARDEN CLUB
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A
FLORAL DESIGN INSTRUCTIONAL SEMINAR
WITH
RENOWNED TORONTO, CANADA FLORAL DESIGNER
BRUNO DUARTE, FRESH FLORAL CREATIONS

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND
SUNSET CENTER, CARPENTER HALL, CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
9:00 A.M. WELCOME AND COFFEE
9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. SEMINAR WITH SNACKS

\$175.00 PER PARTICIPANT - ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED
KINDLY RSVP BEFORE MARCH 5TH
SUSIE MACMICHAEL: S.MAC4ICHEBELLA@GMAIL.COM
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Judy Harrold and Susie MacMichael
Floral Design co-chairs

Garden History & Design

A 'Rock of Ages' Bench in my Lady Friend's Garden

Morning shadows reveal a lot about one's garden design. My Carmel neighbor, Alison, whose primary residence is Kansas City is a member of the GCA Westport Garden Club. When Alison and Eric redesigned their Carmel garden, an outdoor landscape rock was essential, especially one with a bench impression, so tantalizingly natural in dimension. Their "bespoke" rock bench came to life. Looking closely to the right, a towering Cypress tree casts a substantial silhouette against their home with shadowy branches emanating from both sides. These branches remind me of the poem, "Love and Harmony" by William Blake. Where *roots together join*, so does the friendship I enjoy with my neighbors whose *Rock of Ages* bench whispers love amongst the Cypress trees in their garden...across the street from mine.

*Love and harmony combine
And round our souls entwine
While thy branches mix with mine,
And our roots together join.*



Recommended Reading

Please take a moment to read the February 2024 Zone XII GH&D Newsletter ([click here to read](#)).

Marcia B. Harrington
GH&D chair

Horticulture

Come one and come all. The next Horticulture Committee meeting will be on **Thursday, March 7 at 3:00** pm. (NOTE the unusual time). We will meet with Brian Laneve who will show us the propagation area at MEarth (right next to Carmel Middle School). There will be 1-gallon native plants available for sale, and members may find something from which they can make a cut for the upcoming Bench Flower Show. Parking is across the street from the green house. Please RSVP to Susan Osborne.

Our final meeting of the year will be on **April 30**; members will carpool to the home and native plant installation of Erica and Loren Walden in Carmel Valley.

For the Bench Flower Show, which will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting on **May 16**, the Horticulture Class will be "Some Like It Hot". Please bring a cutting from a native or fire-resistant plant. Members must have owned the plant for at least one month. Entry cards will be available at the March and April General Meetings.

P.S. A Hort. suggestion

If members have flowering trees, this is a good time to do some light pruning, and you get to enjoy the blooming branches in your home.

Gay O'Connor and Susan Osborne
Horticulture co-chairs

P4P - Partners for Plants

North Dunes Habitat Restoration Project

February Workday at the Dunes

More eucalyptus debris fell during recent storms, and eight dedicated volunteers managed to bag 75 lbs. of smaller debris and oxalis and collect piles of about 1.5 cubic yards of larger eucalyptus bark and branches. We also were able to plant six *Dudleya caespitosa* (coast Dudleya) which Joey had grown from site-specific seed she had collected.

With a calendar change, we now will have 2 workdays in March in order to get control of the oxalis and other invasives. The dates are **March 5 and 19**, and you could make a real difference at the Dunes!







Friendly reminder of our friends in the dune - On June 24, 2020, a workman found a Legless Lizard near the dunes and brought it to Joey, who showed it to us. She cradled it in her sand-filled gloves so as not to touch the lizard with her skin. She placed it in the sand, where it quickly escaped underground.

Diana Fish
P4P chair

Photography

We have our final Photography meeting of the year on the afternoon of **March 14**. Bring the photos you're working on for the Bench show. We will discuss basic edits and printing options.

Barbara Davidge and Courtney Doust
Photography co-chairs

Provisionals



Clay McGuire invited our three provisional Laura Vogel, Rita Bell and Julie Gikas for an afternoon of propagating her wonderful plants from her garden. From hydrangeas to *passiflora sanguinolenta* they all went home with pots filled with small starters. Check with them in six months to see how the babes are doing!

Chris Johnson and Margaret Pelikan
Provisional Committee co-chairs

Scholarship

At the February Conservation meeting, we learned that two of last year's scholarship recipients have well-matched employment in their chosen field of plant pathology.

Cecilia, on the left in the photo below, graduated in December from CSUMB and is taking a position starting March 4 at Wish Farm as a seed technician. Alex on the right, will be graduating in May and already has secured a job, also as a seed technician, at Vilmorin-Mikado in Salinas.



Incy Brooks and Pat Cogan
Scholarship co-chairs

Visiting Gardens

Many Hands Make Light Work!

The Visiting Gardens Committee is busy planning for the Pasadena Garden Club's visit to our homes and gardens on **Tuesday, April 9th** in the late afternoon and **ALL DAY** on **Wednesday, April 10th**.

If you would like to volunteer (and are not on the Committee), please contact Bonnie Brooks who is working on volunteer assignments for our various activities. Thank you!

Save the Date - Spring Outing

Visiting Garden will head north for an outing on **Thursday, April 25th**. We'll arrive at Merrill McGowen's Garden in Hillsborough 10:00 am, then visit Liza Jane McNaughton's Garden in Woodside. We'll enjoy a box lunch and garden visit before we depart at 2:00 pm to avoid traffic.

Isabella de Siebert
Visiting Gardens chair

Ways and Means

We want to thank you all for your fantastic support of our Member Experiences and Gifts fundraiser. We are grateful for our generous donors and our generous buyers. I am personally enjoying my compost and Mahjong classes and looking forward to my other adventures.

If anyone needs help putting their tours or experiences together with the buyers, please let us know. You all amaze us!

Gratefully,
Lori Hightower and Hilary Gustafsson
Ways and Means co-chairs



Don't Forget to Read the Minutes

[Click here to read the February General Meeting Minutes.](#) These minutes are pending approval at the March General Meeting.

February Reception and Presentation by Dr. Ari Novy





Show and Tell



At first glance this looks like a gorgeous sunset, but Lynn was up early and captured a colorful sunrise.



Lynn shared a photo of a camellia from Shirley Meneice called 'Mrs. Harms'. After three years, it's finally blooming - and it sure is a beauty.



The first blossoms of Lori's Santa Rosa plum show that we have turned the corner toward spring. Hooray!

Monthly Book



Judy Harrold - a donation to the Education Fund designated for the Bruno Duarte lecture

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