

May 1, 2017

Club meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at the Descanso Library or other announced location at 4:30 pm

Guests are welcome!



Descanso Garden Club

E - News

For more information about the Descanso Garden Club and to view our meeting schedule check out our website:

descansogardenclub.org

Descanso Garden Club Board

Lee Quinn, President

Linda Good & Nancy Manning,
Vice President

Sherree McGinley, Treasurer

Kerry Forrest, Secretary, E-News

Marguerite English, Webmaster

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The next meeting of the Descanso Garden Club happens **May 11**. It promises to be a great adventure for us all! This will be a Progressive Tour of 4 members gardens. We will meet at **4 pm** in the **Descanso Town Hall parking lot and car pool to our first stop**, Tina Ludeman's garden on Central Ave. After viewing the garden we will then go to Susan Lancaster's garden on Manzanita Lane then off to Terry Gibson's garden off Hwy 79. Our final stop will be in Pam Jessup's garden, off Hwy 79, where we will view her garden and enjoy a potluck of "finger foods" provided by all of us! Please bring easily transportable finger foods/snacks for all to share. We will spend about 15-20 minutes at each stop and then be at our leisure in our final destination.

Sherree is hosting a crafting party to work on items for our annual June Plant sale on April 30 from 1-4pm. She will also be hosting a second workshop where we will make wind chimes out of old utensils on May 21 from 1:30-4pm. **All materials will be provided**, you may bring your own beads for that special touch and bring a pair of needle nose pliers if you can so we have more to share when bending the fork tines. Kerry will be guiding us in this project (page 6). Again all the items are for the plant sale June 3, which is our main fundraiser for the year.

The June 8 Garden Club meeting will be at Terry Gibson's home where we will make stepping stones. Bring your own stepping stone and if you have any broken pottery you want to use in your mosaic please do so.



It is time to renew your membership! Please use the form on page 3.

Renew soon, don't miss out on all the fun.

Treasurer's Report- Sherree McGinley



Descanso Garden Club	
Treasurer's Report	
April 1, 2017—April 30, 2017	
Beginning Operating Balance	\$2719.09
Income	
Donation, Club Recycle Table	\$19.00
Donation, Descanso Town Hall Assoc.	\$50.00
Total	\$69.00
Expenses	
Home Depot ,potting soil	\$75.10
End Operating Balance	\$2702.99

Secretary's Report– Kerry Forrest



Descanso Garden Club Business meeting of April 13, 2017,

President shared information about an upcoming meeting of the Palomar District to occur on June 5 in Coronado. Members are invited to attend and outgoing President would also like to go as they will be discussing the district scholarship.

Our annual fundraiser, Plant Sale, will be held on June 3 in conjunction with the Friends of the Descanso Library (FODL) Rummage sale at the Descanso Library. We will set up on Friday in the evening around 6pm. Members should bring their donations at the time except for baked goods which will have to be delivered on Saturday morning. Those working the sale should be there at 7am for an 8 am start time. Sally will do the plant sale flyer and work with the FODL for distribution.

Please bring any boxes you might have to help transport customer purchases. Linda Good led the discussion regarding the May meeting, Progressive Garden tour. See page 1 for more information.

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*Descanso Garden Club
Membership Dues for June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018*

_____ \$20.00 for single member Date Joined _____

_____ \$25.00 for family

_____ Donation

Please print your name, address, telephone number and email address below:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email _____

Make check payable to Descanso Garden Club.

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(cut along dotted line)

Please mail check and form to:

Descanso Garden Club
P. O. Box 824
Descanso, Ca., 91916

Meetings:
Second Thursday each month: 4:30 to 6 pm.
Descanso Public Library

Member: California Garden Club, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization

Receipt for annual dues
June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018

Check # _____

Amount \$ _____

Dues and Donations are tax deductible.

Keep this copy for your records.

Questions? email: Membership@DescansoGardenClub.org

Secretary's Report– Kerry Forrest Continued

Elections were held for Board positions with the following results:

President: there were no volunteers and it remains open, Lee Quinn has declined to continue

Vice President: Linda Good with Nancy Manning as Co-VP and Linda Hoody as backup

Treasurer: Sherree McGinley will continue

Secretary: Susan Lancaster with Lee Quinn as back up

Membership/Yearbook/E-News: Kerry Forrest will continue

Possible fundraisers were discussed by the members, possible ideas were a Club sponsored garden tour where tickets are sold. Concern about insurance was raised and will be looked into. There was a motion to raise the annual dues to \$20/year. Members vote was 15 yes and 1 no, motion was passed and dues have been raised for this year's renewal.

Speaker quality and topics were discussed for this coming year. The VP's will be working on the annual plan for the yearbook.

July is the Descanso Day's Parade; a committee should be formed to work on the float.

April 22 will be an "Adopt a Highway" trash pick-up event along our stretch of highway the club has adopted in honor of Earth Day.

The Descanso Garden Club Scholarship application draft was reviewed with some minor changes. The Scholarship committee for this year will be Terry, Cindy, Jennifer and Linda H.

Sherree is working with the California Garden Club and the Library on the Smoky the Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest and distribution of plant kits to children using the AM/PM Library program.



Out My Backdoor /Window

May 2017

Sue De' Mars

Out my back window...

I can see across the canyon and right into Judy's yard (good binoculars). Judy is always busy in her garden pulling weeds and planting seeds. Her wheel barrel is full of orange and yellow blossoms spilling out on the ground like confetti. I wonder how she gets so many flowers in early spring? Judy always shares her garden magic so... I decided to visit her garden and see those buttery blossoms up close.

Those orange and yellow blooms were growing on a pretty ornamental wire fence around the outside her art studio. It was a hardy vine, heavy with an abundance of fruit. Yes, fruit, "sweet thangs" we called them. Judy gave me a bucket to take some home.

I put my reading glasses on for a closer inspection of the vine. What a shock to see, it's a candy corn vine! I barely touched the vine and candy dropped in my hand. It was ripe, sweet and fresh tasting.

Judy said it was an accidental "hybrid" invention. The "trick" is... planting the seeds during Halloween moonlight.

Recipe (plant next to playground for best results)

3 sugar cubes

12 fairy lantern seeds

8 oz glass of goat milk.

Thanks Judy!



GARDEN WIND CHIMES FROM OLD SILVERWARE

Gather your materials. For this project, you will need 6 pieces of silverware, at least 1 of which must be a fork. Forks and spoons are preferable to knives, as the thick handles of knives make them difficult to drill a hole through for hanging. You will also need a pair of pliers, a pair of needle-nose pliers, some fishing line and small fishing line split weights or thin ribbon, big beads, and cinch beads if you do not have split weights.

· **Prepare the fork that will be the centerpiece.** All of the remaining pieces of silverware will hang from this central fork. Now you'll need to bend each of the fork's tines in a different direction to make room for the other pieces hanging below. Use your pliers to bend each tine until they are at a 90 degree angle to the fork's handle. Make the bend right where the tine meets the broad part of the fork, and spread the tines out until they are each at right angles to their adjacent tines. Finally, curl the end of each tine so that the fishing line can be looped through it. Use your needle-nose pliers to grab the end of each tine and wrap it back on itself until it forms a small loop. **Make decorative changes to the remaining pieces of silverware if desired.** The 5 remaining pieces of silverware can be hung as-is, or they can be altered in shape.

- For example, you can use your needle-nose pliers to curl the tines of forks tightly back onto themselves. You could also curl the blade of a knife or the basin of a spoon in the same way.
String beads and other decorative items on the fishing line

Hang the lower pieces of silverware from the central fork. To begin assembling the wind chimes, cut 5 pieces of fishing line to the length that you want the lower pieces of silverware to hang.

- Carefully tie the end of each piece of fishing line to the hole in each lower piece of silverware. Secure with the cinch bead or split weight. Cut off any excess length after securing the knot.

String beads and other decorative items on the fishing line

- Loop the other end of the fishing line through 1 of the curled tines of the centerpiece fork. Tie a knot to secure it in place. The fifth piece of silverware should be tied to the hole you drilled in the broad part of the central fork. . Secure with the cinch bead or split weight. Cut off any excess length after securing the knot.

Hang the entire set of wind chimes from your desired location. Now, the 5 lower pieces of silverware should be hanging from the centerpiece fork above. The only remaining step is to tie a piece of fishing line through the hole in the handle of the central fork. This fishing line can then be tied to a hook such as a large split ring for hanging. . Secure with the cinch bead or split weight. Cut off any excess length after securing the knot.

Descanso Plant & Yard Sale

Great Deals!

**Think Global,
Shop Local!**

Saturday June 3rd
8 am-All Day & Plants till 2 pm
Descanso Library

Surprise Stuff • Decorative & Household Items
Furniture • Glassware • Yard Equipment
Books/DVDs/CDs

Vegetables • Herbs • Flowers • Succulents • Trees
Shrubs • Native Low Water Plants too!

Donations welcomed at the Library now till June 2nd!
NO Electronics or Clothes Please!

Thanks for your support! Brought to you by:
Friends of the Library & Garden Club

Descanso Garden Club Scholarship Application

You must be a local Descanso resident attending college during the 2017-2018 academic year. Applications will be available online and must be received by 5:00pm Aug. 1, 2017. There will be one \$300.00 scholarship awarded for college expenses.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

How does our exploration of the natural world help us understand our place in it?

Please list any employment:

Please list any volunteer work:

Please list hobbies or interests:

Please attach additional pages as needed to fully complete your application

Application can be downloaded on the club Website:

www.descansogardenclub.org

This application along with proof of residency and proof of enrollment must be received by Aug 1, 2017.

Mail to: Descanso Garden Club , PO Box 824, Descanso, CA 91916

Possible interviews will be held thereafter with the award being presented at an informal Descanso Garden Club meeting Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017.

Please email dgcpresident@descansogardenclub.org if you have further questions.