



# THE LEAF

## RANCHO SANTA FE GARDEN CLUB NEWS

### President's Message

Recessionary times make for great opportunities. People are staying at home and are becoming more involved in their community, which is good news for us. Recessions are two edged swords, however, and this one brought low rental income to the club last year. Also, during '08 and '09, we spent the majority of our reserves on renovations to the building so our finances are a bit light. Fortunately, we are in better condition than many organizations and have lots of ways to be successful. Your new board is enthusiastic and full of ideas for making the club a great value to its members. It will take some time but we know we need to cut overhead, trim expenses and find creative new ways to have fun.

In order for this Board to be successful we need to know our membership. How do you feel about the club? What direction would you like to see it go? Are you ready to pitch in? The Harvest dinner on September 18th is a hands-on, roll up your sleeves kind of event designed for us to have fun on a shoestring and to help the club at the same time. We are asking you to bring your own food, your own wine, a little money and lots of energy. You may decorate your own table if you wish or we'll do it for you. (I've heard decorating challenges flying around already.) So, come out and hear some wonderful music, enjoy our beautiful grounds under the stars.

Many other new events are planned this fall. On September 28<sup>th</sup> The Garden Club and Library Guild join forces to bring Petals and Prose. If you spent lazy summer days with your nose in a book I hope you were inspired to create an arrangement to go with it. Please call to reserve a spot for your masterpiece and see if you can stump the fans as they try to match each arrangement with each work of prose.

Carol Coburn and Bev Boyce are planning a series of craft classes. On Sept 8<sup>th</sup> don an old shirt, some gloves and learn how to make hypertufa planters. They are earthy, beautiful and fun to make. Obtain that designer look by doing a series for the center of your outside tables. They are great planted with succulents but they will look equally wonderful with other posies and herbs.

Lots more is coming in Oct and Nov; Jazz, Crafts, Morning in the Garden, Dining by Design and Bridge. Please look at our website often and make sure we have your e-mail address. We'll continue to send the Leaf but there will be more timely information coming by e-mail. E-mail also saves postage.

Please remember to contribute items to our Shoppe and frequent it for fun finds. I found some great iron candle stands. They'll look great with my tufa planters or even on my Harvest Table!!!!

Helen DiZio

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### SEPTEMBER 18

##### HARVEST DINNER

Come and Enjoy a Lively Evening of al Fresco Dining with Live Music and the Bounties of the Season

#### SEPTEMBER 8

##### HYPERTUFA CRAFT CLASS

Make your own rustic planter box in this one day craft event .

#### SEPTEMBER 28

##### PEDALS AND PROSES

Create a flower arrangement that is inspired by a favorite book .

#### OCTOBER 2

##### GARDEN CLUB WORK PARTY

Join other members in sprucing up our Club Garden.

#### OCTOBER 13

##### JACK 'O LANTERNS CRAFT CLASS

Turn gourds into Jack 'O Lanterns that will last for years

#### OCTOBER 23

##### DUBIOUS DUPLICATES

A fun bridge game with Paul Foster and Donna Wood.

#### SEPTEMBER 16 -

#### NOVEMBER 18

##### INSIDE THE THIRD REICH

The Lifelong Learning Institute brings Prof. Jack Williams Ph.D for a lecture series entitled "Inside the Third Reich: The Political Philosophy & Ideology of Nazi Germany.

A Garden Club Fundraising Event

## **HARVEST DINNER**

A Casual & Lively Evening of al Fresco Dining.  
Live Music by Daniel Oldham & Friends  
At the Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club Grounds and Clubhouse

*Saturday, September 18th*

*6 pm 'till 10 pm*

Form your own table of friends. Bring your own meat to be grilled. Bring beer, wine or soft drinks. For the community harvest table each couple is asked to bring a house made salad, vegetable or dessert of seasonal bounty for sharing with ten. All service items will be provided.

*Donations \$100 per couple, \$50 single*

Seating options: Tables of 6 - 10 are available or we will seat you with others.

Participants are encouraged to decorate their tables upon arrival.

Reservations are mandatory and limited

Call the Garden Club @ 858-756-1554

## *Craft days at the RSF Garden Club*

- **Wednesday, September 8th - Hypertufa Planter Boxes**
- **Wednesday, October 13th - Gourd Jack O' Lanterns**



What the heck is a **Hypertufa**? Diane Uke, a professional craft teacher will guide us through creating these Antiqued Planters. These rustic planter boxes are made of a mixture of dry cement, sand, peat, perlite and vermiculite. Students are asked to bring a shoe box and any succulent cuttings. All other materials will be provided.

**Wednesday, September 8th, 9:30 - 12:30 at the Garden Club**

**Members price is \$35. Non-members \$45 if members don't fill the class**

Get ready for Halloween by learning the art of dry gourd carving and create a Jack O' Lantern that will last for decades. All supplies will be provided.

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**To Register for Crafts Class call 858-756-1554**





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