

Our Annual Celebration of Giving Was Amazing!



l to r: Max Michel, Ethan Garcia and Leland Strothers representing Liberty Charter High School

Our Annual Celebration of Giving, held on May 15, recognized our 2024 grant recipients. Over 130 members and guests began the evening with a lively reception followed by a delicious dinner of gourmet burgers catered by Copper Kings Restaurant, with entertainment by guitarist Alex Guillen. Grant recipients shared in the food and festivity and showcased their projects funded by the Garden Club.

This year, \$140,000 was distributed to the following recipients: **Armed Services YMCA** (Pine Valley), **Barrio Botany/Euclid Elementary School** (Southeast San Diego), **Berry Good Foundation** (San Diego), **Boys and Girls Club of Carlsbad**, **Challenger Middle School** (Mira Mesa), **Coastal Roots Farm** (Encinitas), **Co-Harvest Foundation** (San Diego County), **Community Montessori** (Escondido), **D'Vine Path Program** (Fallbrook), **Darnall Charter School** (Southeast San Diego), **Del Sur Elementary School** (San Diego), **Encinitas Educational Foundation**, **ECOLIFE Conservation** (Escondido), **Garden 31 Initiative** (Vista), **Good Shepherd Ministry Center** (El Cajon), **La Costa Heights Elementary**, **Liberty Charter High School** (Alpine), **PRIDE Academy** (Santee), **Sager Family Farm** (San Diego County), **Second Chance Program** (Southeast San Diego), **San Dieguito Academy** (Encinitas), **San Diego Children's Museum** (Escondido), and **Torrey Pines Elementary School** (La Jolla).

The **Agrarian Institute**, represented by founder Mario DeMatteo, was also honored with the second installment of their four-year, \$100,000 grant partnership with the Garden Club.

To view the article and the many photos posted in the *Ranch Review*, please click on [this link](#).

The 2025 grant cycle begins in October of 2024 with applications due in early December. For more information on the grant program, visit the RSF Garden Club website at www.rsfgardenclub.org



Have You Renewed Your Membership Yet!

Our new membership year begins on June 1st. If you have not renewed your membership (or if you would like to join the club), now is the time to do it. We have some great events coming up including our trips to the Blue Barn Lavender Farm and the Agrarian Institute.

Also, you won't want to miss our annual Farm-to-Table dinner at Coastal Roots Farm in August and our Holiday workshops/speakers. As you know, most of our events are free to members, and if not free, at a very reduced cost.

You can renew (or join) online by going to [Join/Renew Now](#) and pay via PayPal using your PayPal account or via credit card. You may also download and print the application and send it via USPS mail. The application includes instructions on where to send your application and check. In addition, next week our current members who have not yet renewed will receive a convenient renewal form in the mail.

If you are not a current member of the club, you are welcome to check out our website at www.rsfgardenclub.org and obtain more information about the club including our philanthropic focus, details of past and future club events and the option to join!

For any questions, please contact Ms. Natalie Kaczur, our Executive Director, at natalie@rsfgardenclub.org.



Loving Some Lavender??

What's better than spending a summer morning at a beautiful and fragrant lavender farm. Join us for a trip to the Blue Barn Lavender Farm and pick fresh lavender to take home and infuse your house with its calming aroma. We will also visit their outdoor shop which has handmade lavender items for purchase.

Carpooling is encouraged for this event since we will be traveling to Sage, CA (near Hemet -- about 40 minutes from Escondido). Ms. Kaczur will gather a list of those who wish to attend and coordinate carpools in collaboration with the attendees. Departure times will differ based on the starting location of each carpool or individual driver. We plan to arrive at the Lavender Farm at 10:30 am!

You may drive on your own if you choose. When you register for this event, please indicate if you:

- Cannot drive and need a ride
- Need to drive by yourself

- Will drive and can take other passengers

There will be no charge for the event for club members. Guests will be charged \$20 to attend. Guests must accompany a member and guest payment must be made upon registration. For more information or to register, simply click the button below.

If you have any questions, please call or text Natalie Kaczur at natalie@rsfgardenclub.org or at 760-522-8461.

For More Info or to Register

Update: July 8th Visit to Agrarian Farm

Registration for our rescheduled visit to The Agrarian Farm **will open on June 10th**. You will receive an email with a link to register for this trip. Initially attendance was capped at around 45, but we received word that they can handle 70 guests! This is great news since due to space limitation, there were so many members who were not able to register when it was slated for February. Now, we should be able to accommodate those who want to visit the farm and enjoy a farm-to-table lunch. This is a member only event unless we have space available when we get closer to the date of the event. Then we may open it up to guests.

Below is the agenda for the day:

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Arrival at Farm (Follow balloons to Education Garden). Coffee & Snacks
Mario DeMatteo

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Introduction to The Agrarian Institute's Vision and Programs

11:00 AM - 11:20 AM

2023 Milestones with RSFGC Grant and 2024 Goals
Mario DeMatteo

11:20 AM - 11:45 AM

Tour of Education Garden and Hands-On Veggie Harvest Experience

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Farm-to-Table Lunch and Q & A

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

Optional: Tour of the Bonsall Berry Farm



Member Survey Delayed

Last month, we had planned to launch a short member survey, but we decided to postpone it a bit longer in order to capture new members who joined at the beginning of this membership year. Therefore, the survey will go out on June 7th. Please keep your eye out for it and take a few moments to complete it. Your opinion is important to us when planning our upcoming events. Thank You!

**Remember to regularly check out our upscale resale shop,
"Bloom Again." We receive new items daily and you just may
find the treasure you are looking for!**

Also - If you have items to donate, please drop them off at the shop during regular business hours. After hours you may leave items in our donation shed located at the entrance to the shop.

Thanks...we truly appreciate your donations!

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RSFCyC 2024 Calendar of Events

Tuesday

June 25-10:00 am

Field Trip: Visit to Blue Barn Lavender Farm and Shop - 2024 U-Pick Lavender Season

Monday

July 8-10:00 am

Field Trip: Visit to Agrarian Farms in Bonsall With Tour and Lunch. Limited attendees

Monday

Aug 5-10:00 am

Workshop: Craft TBD

Wednesday

Aug 21-5:00 pm

Annual Farm-to-Table Dinner at Coastal Roots Farm
Limited seating

Monday

Sept 9-10:00 am

Speaker Series: Beloved Bonsais

Monday

Dec 9-10:30 am

Workshop: Annual Holiday Wreath-Making

Monday

Oct 14-10:00 am

Workshop: Succulent Pumpkins

Monday

Nov 11-11:00 am

Annual Holiday Brunch with Guest Speaker

Note: For the June 25th trip to the lavender farm, we plan to arrive at the farm at 10:30 am. Departure times will vary based on the origination of the driver.



Click below to join our club, check out our website or see the upcoming events for the remainder of the year.

Become a Member

Visit our website

Live Calendar of Events

With your support, we are proud to make a difference in our community!

Membership in the Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club is open to everyone.

Please reach out with your questions or ideas to:

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