

February 2024

Don't Miss Our March Event! - Tuesday, March 5th at 10:00 am *"Growing and Caring for Proteas" and Protea Plant Sale*

Named after the Greek god Proteus, the floral species are the best known of the Protea family. Come and listen to **Diana Roy, of Resendiz Brothers Protea Growers** in nearby Fallbrook, talk about growing and caring for these gorgeous flowering plants. She will also be bringing some plants with her for sale. Resendiz Brothers grows 300 varieties of these distinctive plants so I'm sure she will be bringing some that most local nurseries won't have! To register for the event, click on the button below. Members-Free; Guests \$25



[For More Information and to Register, Click Here](#)



Some Spots Left for Agrarian Farm Visit - Feb 21st at 10:30 am

Initially, we were limited to 35 guests for our visit to Agrarian Farm in Bonsall, but we have obtained another 15 spots. Those on the waitlist have received an email notifying them of the opportunity to register for this trip.

Agrarian Farm is the recipient of a 4-year/\$25,000 per year grant partnership with RSFGC. Their accomplishments with the 2023 grant include:

- Built the RSF Garden Club Plot: 9 in-ground permanent raised beds, 3' wide x 80' long, mulched walkways, water wise irrigation, rabbit fencing
- Launched our distribution partnership with +Box, ensuring our produce gets directly into the hands of neighbors in need

- Grew and donated 4,000 lbs. of vegetables
- Launched Internship Program
- Built Wash & Packing Table
- Built Concrete Storage Shed
- Received 140+ fruit and nut trees, donated by Moon Valley Nursery for our 2024 Tree Planting Campaign and food relief food forest

If you are interested in visiting the farm, seeing their progress, participating in the harvesting process and having a wonderful farm-to-table organic lunch, **please register ASAP**. The cost is free to members. Due to space limitations, this is a members-only event. Carpooling is encouraged.

[Click Here for More Information or to Register for the Event](#)

Welcome New Members

In an effort to introduce and welcome new club members, we will begin to announce the names of the new members in this newsletter.

Please welcome the following individuals to the Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club:

- Carol Womack
- Robin Grant-Coykendall
- Libbie Nienstedt
- Janet Savage
- Sheri Sachs



We Are Still in Need of a Finance Committee

We are in the process of rebuilding our Finance Committee and are looking for members who are financially savvy and would like to serve on this committee. We have a bookkeeper and a CPA but in accordance with our club bylaws, we need a Finance Committee for oversight purposes. It will not be a huge time commitment, there won't be any "data entry" or other paperwork. Committee members review

the monthly financial report from our bookkeeper, the financial statements from our investment management organization and our general bank account. The chair of the committee will report on the club's financial status to the Board at their bi-monthly meetings.

If you have a financial background (or just really savvy with numbers) and are interested in helping out, please contact our Executive Director, Natalie Kaczur, at natalie@rsgardenclub.org or call/text her directly on her cell phone at 760-522-8461.

What We've Been Up To

Our first two events of 2024 were awesome! In

January, our fellow club member and rose enthusiast, Andria Sullivan, kindly opened her home to us and gave us an informative and "live" demonstration on how to trim roses and put them to sleep for the winter. She was joined by another club member, Beth Van Boxtel, a rosarian who shows her roses and has received numerous awards for them. It was a chilly day, but at least it was dry and everyone learned quite a bit about trimming roses and tips for caring for them and creating beautiful springtime blooms. To view photos of the event including some of Andria and Beth's "go to" rose care products and tools, go to our website at [Rose Trimming Photos](#).



And speaking of roses, they are notorious for attracting bugs...good ones like bees and bad ones that can destroy the plant. In February, Linda Stewart, a San Diego Master Gardener, gave a presentation entitled, "What's That Bug and What Can I Do About It?" Not only did she discuss the little "buggers" that love roses, but she talked about all kinds of pests that present on various plants/trees and the best way to get rid of them. To view photos of this event, please go to our website at [Photos of Event](#) where you can also view the entire presentation.



Are You a New Member This Year?

If you are a new member and have **not received** a welcome letter and your membership card, **please contact me**. Things got a little "jumbled" when I lost data on my flash drive a couple of months ago and I've only been able to resurrect a portion of what was lost. The new member list I keep was included in that snafu.

I apologize if you did not receive your letter/card and want to ensure every new and renewed member receives this.

You may contact me via phone or text on my cell phone at 760-522-8461 or via email at natalie@rsfgardenclub.org.

2024 Calendar of Events Through May



RSFCyC 2024 Calendar of Events



Monday

Feb 5th-10:00 am

Speaker Series: "What is That Bug and What Can I Do About It?"
-Linda Stewart, Master Gardener

Wednesday

Feb 21-10:30 am

Field Trip: Agrarian Farms in Bonsall. Tour and Lunch
Limited to 35 people

Tuesday

March 5-10:00 am

Speaker Series: Growing and Caring for Proteas and Protea
Plant Sale - Diana Roy

Monday

Mar 18-10:00 am

Workshop: TBD
(Due to the very limited number of registrations we can have for the hupertufa planters, we will be substituting another workshop)

Monday

Apr 1-10:00 am

Speaker Series: "Healing the Body, Mind and Planet with Mushrooms and Other Fungi" -
Steve Farrar, Chief Technical Officer and Mycologist

Thursday

Apr 18-10:00 am

Docent tour of Japanese Friendship Garden-Balboa Park;
Lunch at The Prado Restaurant-
(self pay)

Wednesday

May 15-4:00 pm

Annual Celebration of Giving:
Grant award ceremony and evening soiree

June through December events will be posted by
Mid March



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

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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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