



Las Flores Community Garden

Newsletter

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News from the Garden

From the President's Desk:

The quarterly meeting was called to order at 9:30am on Saturday, February 4. Approximately 65 members attended the meeting at the garden. Susan Sundell, president of Las Flores Community Garden (LFCG), hosted the meeting.

Introduction of 2023 Board Members

- **President:** Susan Sundell
- **Vice President:** Jan Fang
- **Plot Manager:** Betty Cruse
- **Treasurer:** Debbie Rollins
- **Secretary** – To Be Announced

(Note: Due to the sudden passing of Jim Carlson, the vice president elected, Jan Fang, the secretary elected, agreed to step up to be the VP.)

Board of Directors:

Susan Sundell

- President

Jan Fang

- Vice President

To Be Announced

- Secretary

Debbie Rollins

- Treasurer

Betty Cruse

- Plot Manager

Plot Mgmt. Team

Taty Valladares

- Task List

Jim Hervieux

- Walk Through

This Issue's Contributors:

Susan Sundell

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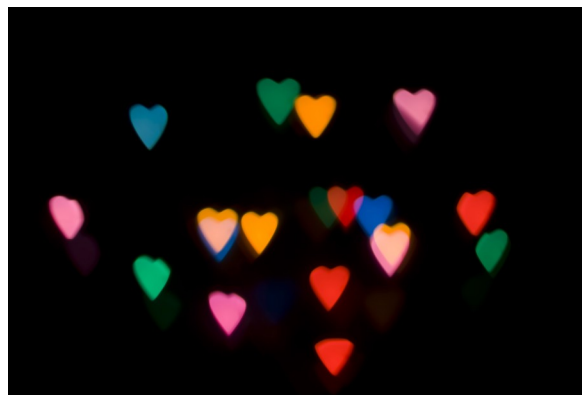
Thank You!

Susan Sundell - Editor

Roberta Rials - Publisher

In Memoriam

As Flores Community Garden lost three loved ones in the past several months: Jim Carlson, elected vice president, garden member Jo Ann's son and garden member Elizabeth's son. The attendances had a moment of reflection in remembrance of the loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim, Jo Ann and Elizabeth's family! Please look after the plots of these three families in case they need any help.



Calendar of Events

Friendship/Memorial Garden Rock Painting Party: **March 18th**

- The beautiful Friendship & Memorial Garden, an Eagle Scout project gifted by Alex Li, is almost completed. More flowers will be planted in the following months.

Saturday, March 4 - 10:00am - Greenhouse Orientation

8:00am to 11:00am - Workday

Saturday, March 18 - 9:30am to 11:30am Rock painting event.

If you want to come to paint a rock for your loved one, or your pet, please come to join us.

Saturday, April 15 - 9:00am to 1:00pm Earth Day Celebration.

At the park next to T.O. High School. Plant sale at the Arbor Day (aka Earth Day Celebration). Please take some seeds home and grow for our plant sale.

Will look for volunteers to support the plant sale.



Garden Updates

Treasurer's Report:

- Saving: \$11,188
- Checking: \$9,346

- Debbie reminded all members to sign the sign-in sheet, not the task list to get the credit.

New wheelbarrows, tools and hoses will be purchased for the garden. Let Susan know if your area needs a new hose.

Stinging nettles:

- Although stinging nettles may be used in herb teas and compost, it is a nasty weed in the garden.
- The members voted to ban the stinging nettles at LFCG.

Bulk soil:

- LFCG will no longer order bulk soil due to less and less demand and high price. If a member needs to order bulk soil, please contact Susan to inquire if other members need it to order in a small group, but this will not go through the garden treasury.
- More Athens compost will be delivered to the garden.
- Please save the current Athens compost for the new members.

Pergola use for LFCG Events only:

- The Board of Directors voted to restrict the use of our Pergolas. The garden Pergolas will be used for our own events/workshops, and can not be used or leased out by any business, organization or club due to liability and rising insurance costs.

Sink/workstation in pergola was removed. More bench/tables will be placed in the pergola.

Members who need to use a sink, please use the one behind the main shed.

"Garden Chat" nights:

- The suggestion of having Garden Chat Nights was well received.
 - Members are welcome to chat about gardening experience, tips, *etc.* with a cup of tea or snacks. Deneen will be asked to chair. Stay tuned for any updates!
- Last year, members approved to sell the tractor, and some shredders/roto tillers. CRPD approved this request. LFCG is getting ready to sell the machines we do not use.
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Greenhouse

- All greenhouse users must be trained before using the greenhouse. The next greenhouse orientation will be on March 4th @ 10:00a.m.
- Each member can have 2 trays. Please label your trays with your name. Remember to water your trays.
- Must use the materials provided by LFCG.
- New to greenhouse: one kit is \$7.00, but you may reuse your trays if you clean them out with bleach before bringing them back into the greenhouse. No additional fees for the cell packs and sterile seeding mix.

Las Flores Community Garden - New Members

Rebecca Z. - #162

Jenn G. - #149

River F. - #145

Gina M. C. - #62



Welcome aboard!

From the Publisher

Dear Gardeners,

Among the growth of winter vegetables and the moody work of mother nature, lays the human story. The hard reality of how quickly, and often unexpectedly, life can change. An experience three of our gardeners suffered just very recently with the loss of their loved ones. To them we offer our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy.

As we move on, as we must, our garden community continues to be the link that helps soothe the soul. We are the caring and loving force embracing one another in the time of need.

We plant, we grow, we nurture and we know; know what to do. Thank you all.

Recipe Corner

By: **Roberta Rials**

In spite of the holidays being over (don't worry, more are on the way...), there is a traditional Italian dessert served at Christmas. Torrone. While the original recipe is a more convoluted work of preparing a nougat, I propose a quick and easy (and just as wonderful and addictive) way to match the original.

18 oz. White Chocolate Chips (Nestle)
9 Cups Small Marshmallows
3 Cups Roasted Whole Almonds
2 Sheets Rice Paper (9 1/2 x 13)
1 Tbs. Butter



Method:

Melt chocolate with butter in a nonstick pan on very low heat. Add marshmallows and melt. Add almonds and mix very well. Spread mixture on one sheet of rice paper in a 9 1/2 by 13 nonstick pan. Press and smooth with the second sheet of rice paper. Let cool completely. Cut into very small pieces (2" x 2"). It freezes well. Enjoy!

**When you receive email communication from the garden, please do NOT use "reply all".
Members' information including email addresses are confidential.**

The Newsletter is a great venue for all the Gardeners to stay in touch. Please share your knowledge, ideas, experience and interesting bits by submitting an article or forwarding info to Roberta Rials at robertalrials@gmail.com