



San Diego Floral Association Newsletter

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Updates At a Glance

New KOS book celebration – postponed
April 9th Floral Class – cancelled
April 15th General Meeting – cancelled
May 14th Floral Class – TBD
May 23rd FoBp Butterfly Release – cancelled
June 6 Garden Walk – TBD
June 17 Annual Meeting – TBD
June 17 Board Elections – postponed

In response to directives by government officials, Balboa Park and the Cultural Organizations within it are currently closed until further notice, and SDFA activities scheduled at the Park are cancelled. If you are using the Calendar of Events in California Garden Magazine, please consult individual organizations for the status of their events.

Message from the Co-Presidents

We are all reeling from the lifestyle changes of the past few weeks. Instead of looking forward to a busy season of garden-related social activities, we are self-isolating, worrying about our families and friends, and wondering what will happen in the weeks ahead. But at least we can enjoy the beauty of our own gardens and neighborhoods as Mother Nature continues her never-ending cycle. The Covid-19 virus will eventually die away, but our gardens will continue to thrive.

Balboa Park, one of the most beautiful places in San Diego, is closed and its entrances barricaded. We already miss walking amongst the trees, shrubs and flowers that blossom throughout the park during April and May. Our office and the Casa del Prado is shuttered, and we cannot even access our mailbox or phone messages. Social distancing means that we cannot hold our April meetings. We are still hoping that the June 6th Garden Walk will take place, and that we can honor our scholarship recipients at the June 17th Annual Meeting. Both could possibly be postponed until later in the summer. Check our web site or

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Facebook page for current activities and enjoy the wide variety of featured photographs and articles. www.sdfloal.org

We are sorry to announce the resignation from the S DFA Board of two of our most active volunteers, due to family commitments. Cheryl Nealy and Suzanne Johnson will be sorely missed. Cheryl chaired the Membership Committee, and co-chaired the Garden Walks and Festival of Trees for several years. Suzanne edited the Newsletter and was the talented designer of the fountain display for the annual Friends of Balboa Park luncheon, as well as the face of S DFA at the Del Mar Fair. Thank you Cheryl and Suzanne.

We hope our members and friends will get through this difficult time, and we look forward to gathering together again before too long. In the meantime, look after yourselves, and remember to take time to smell the roses.

*Jan Thoresen and Lee Somerville
Co-Presidents, S DFA*

A Garden of Inspiration

There is peace within a garden, a peace so deep and calm,
That when the heart is troubled, it's like a soothing balm.

There's life within a garden, a life that still goes on,

Filling the empty places when the older plants have gone.

There is glory in the garden at every time of year.

Spring, summer, autumn, winter,
to fill the heart with cheer.

So always tend your garden, it's beauty to increase.

For in it you'll find solace-and in it you'll find peace.

~Lady Rosalind Langham

S DFA

Floral Design Classes

S DFA classes will resume on the 2nd Thursday of the month in Casa Del Prado room 104 from 10:00 to Noon when Balboa Park re-opens. Classes are \$25 for S DFA members and \$30 for non-members. All supplies are included. Payment must be received by the Monday before the class.

Fairy Gardens

Kathy Taylor de Murillo

Kokedama

Kathy Taylor de Murillo and Lynn Langley

Teacup Birdfeeders

Kathy Taylor de Murillo

For updates, visit www.sdfloal.org.

Annual Board Elections Postponed

Due to the current situation, the Nominating Committee will postpone its meetings and the formation of a new slate of officers for election to the S DFA Board until September. Current Recording Secretary Kathy Esty has agreed to be the Chair of this committee. The first step of the committee will be to contact current board members to determine whether they will to continue to serve on the Board. If you are interested in a board position, or in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact Kathy Esty via email at secretary@sdfloal.org.

Treasurer's Note:

Due to the present circumstances, our income is down from last year's 1st quarter. Fortunately, we had excess funds last year that carry us over to this year during this low spot. Of course, the Kate book expenses are covered by the Thursday Club grant received last May.

Our highlight for this quarter is our CD interest income of \$1022, which posted in February. The two CDs were then renewed for six months.

Income, 1st Quarter 2020:

Membership dues -	2,660
Magazine ads -	1,145
Magazine sales -	34
Office sales -	651
Program income -	36
Classes/events -	9
Donations -	2,040
Bank interest.	<u>1,022</u>
TOTAL INCOME =	\$7,597

Expenses, 1st Quarter 2020:

Magazine expenses -	4,749
Operations -	2,651
Library -	770
Office/Volunteer -	97
Membership & newsletter expenses -	289
Programs expenses -	250
President's fund -	43
Networking/Outreach -	345
Scholarship/Internships -	2,000
Kate Sessions Book -	<u>16,538</u>
(Thursday Club Grant-funds carried over from 2019)	
TOTAL EXPENSES =	\$27,732

Stay safe, stay healthy!

Kris Napora, Treasurer

Birds, Bees, Flowers and Trees

Oct. 17, 2020 ~ Kathy Esty, Chair

This event will be bigger and better than ever. Our fall event will occupy most of the Casa del Prado areas – Rooms 101 & 104, and Patios A & B. In addition to vendors and kids activities, we will feature classes, lectures, demonstrations, and flower arranging, free to the public. If you are an eco-friendly vendor, or have something to share via a class, demo or lecture, please contact me at secretary@sdfloral.org.

Floral at the SD County Fair

June 6 – Bloom 'N Art Party

June 7 – Bloom 'N Art Party

June 19 – Information Booth

SDFFA members are encouraged to participate in the Flower and Garden Shows. For more information, please email entry@sdfair.com.

School Garden Program Update

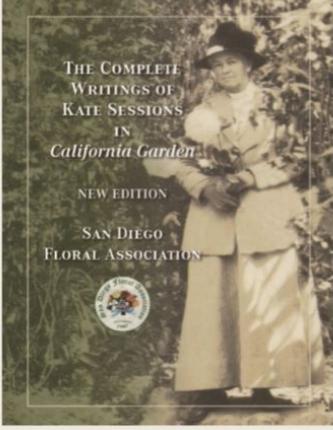
From Kathy Esty

Both Cabrillo Elementary School and Florence Elementary School cultivated their gardens in the fall of last year. Unfortunately, the spring plantings with the Gardening Angels from UCSD were postponed due to school closures. These programs will resume in the next school year. If you know of an elementary school garden that seeks funding or assistance, please have that school contact me at secretary@sdfloral.org.

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NEWSLETTER UPDATE FROM KATHY ESTY

I am very happy to take over the newsletter from Suzanne Johnson in June. All of us from Floral want to thank Suzanne for writing the newsletter for the past five years.

After a lot of discussion, we feel that the best way forward is to send the newsletter out via e-blast, as many of our affiliates are now doing.

If you receive a paper newsletter, please contact info@sdfloral.org with your email address. If you do not have an email address, please send a note directly to Co-President Lee Somerville at 3376 Hill Street San Diego, CA 92106. We will then figure out how to keep you updated.