

# IDYLLWILD GARDEN CLUB

February-March Newsletter

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Julie Roy, President



### Notes from the President...

As I write this letter, the snow is falling, creating a winter wonderland in our idyllic mountain communities. As we start a new year, I have a few things on my mind to share with you.

In my former life, I enjoyed coaching entrepreneurs on growing their businesses. At the end of every year, I conducted a session where my clients reflected on the past year and listed their wins, triumphs, and most significant accomplishments. As I look back on what the Garden Club achieved during our last year, we have a lot to celebrate under Wendy Read's guidance. The Club continued to grow in membership, offered excellent programs, maintained the gardens at the Elementary School and Historical Society, and raised funds to not only cover our administrative costs but our educational and beautification expenses as well. Thank you to all those who contributed their ideas and physical efforts. You are all appreciated.

We know that attending our meetings in a closed environment or on Zoom prevented many of you from participating. To that end, we are excited to announce that we will be enjoying the beautiful facilities and grounds of the Idyllwild Nature Center. Not only will we be holding our monthly meetings at the Nature Center, but we also have proposed plans with the Friends of the Mt. San Jacinto County Parks (FSJMCP); the Garden Lovers will join the Nature Lovers in future projects. Many more details will be presented in upcoming newsletters.

The board has been meeting monthly to continue the business of our Garden Club and to make plans for an exciting 2022.

If you are interested in participating in a project or committee, please contact [Julie@AlpacasNextDoor.com](mailto:Julie@AlpacasNextDoor.com) or [858-361-6321](tel:858-361-6321).

All the best for a safe and healthy New Year.

*Julie Roy President, 2022-2023*

# Announcements



## [GARDEN TOUR IS A GLORIOUS 'GO' !!!](#)

Save May 21st for our Mountain Garden Tour because it will be a good one. Wendy says we have five unique gardens as well as the Historical Society location. We will be notifying Garden Clubs throughout the southland, so we anticipate a good showing, especially since this event fits in very well with Covid restrictions. The tours are self-guided, they'll be outside, and we guarantee lots of fresh air.

Tickets will be on sale the day of the event, at a kiosk downtown and at the Historical Society. We're keeping the cost at the previous \$15 each, children under twelve free. Of course, there will be more details as we go forward, regarding the gardens, refreshments, times, etc.



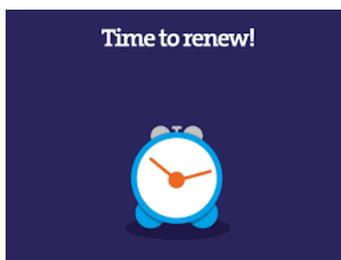
## [RENEWALS ARE COMING IN](#)

Thanks to those of you who have already renewed your membership. Those who have will continue to receive our updates and newsletters, so they don't miss details on meetings, programs, and events for 2022, and to assure they are in our new yearbook.

Speaking of which, the sooner we have your renewal, the more likely we will be able to have you in our yearbook, which will be distributed at our first meeting, in April. We would really like to have your renewal and any changes in your listing, by the end of January.

There's still time! Mail a check to IGC, P.O. Box 681, Idyllwild, 92549, or log on to [www.idyllwildgardenclub.net](http://www.idyllwildgardenclub.net), renew and pay by Credit Card. Any questions, email to [idygar@gmail.com](mailto:idygar@gmail.com), or call Toni at 858-472-4337 (\$20 - Single, \$30 - Couple)

**NOTE:** If we don't have an email for you, please add one, or ask us to. This is the easiest way for us to notify you of changes and upcoming events.



### [NEW YEAR, NEW PLANS AND A NEW VENUE](#)

As you get out your new 2022 calendars, be sure to make a note on the first Wednesday of each month, April – October. Those will be our IGC General Meeting dates where you'll find out what's going on, what plans we've made, and be able to hear some terrific speakers on topics specific to our area and gardens.

We will no longer be meeting at the Community Church but will be gathering at 12:30 at the Nature Center, on Hwy 243. A committee will be working on our By-Laws to include that change. Since we will no longer be paying the Church a \$25 monthly fee for storage, or the \$50 per meeting fee for usage, we will make a \$400 donation to the Nature Center, which they can use for signage around their native garden.

Our storage shed has moved to the Nature Center, where we will keep our supplies in water-tight containers

Our new President, Julie Roy, is considering a task force for helping with their native garden beautification, possibly with sessions conveniently scheduled following meetings.

\*If this task force might be of interest to you, please email us at [idygar@gmail.com](mailto:idygar@gmail.com), or call Julie, 858-361-6321.

### [LOOKING FOR SOME HELP](#)

This is the time of year we need a little help in the Membership department. We have no one specifically filling that chair and need one. Julie will be glad to train and collaborate with a volunteer. It is a critical position, but not terribly difficult. It's more a matter of staying organized and on-top of it.

Any interest, or questions, please email us at [idygar@gmail.com](mailto:idygar@gmail.com), or call Julie, 858-361-6321. This should be someone who lives up here most, if not all of the time.



### [NEW WEBSITE PROGRESS](#)

Erin O'Neill and Lynne Eodice, under the auspices of Communications, are making great headway on our beautiful new website. Not only should this be a simpler version of what we have now, it will save us a significant amount of money, which helps keep our dues at the same level, and should make it easier to update.

Until such time as the new site is completed and evaluated, we will all still be using [www.idyllwildgardenclub.net](http://www.idyllwildgardenclub.net) for our announcements and for members to join or renew.

### [DEAR ELVES, YOU DID IT AGAIN!](#)

We had fewer checks come in for our Christmas Family, but with some additional generous members, we were able to get everything on the family's Christmas List, plus a little extra for a gift card. It's called having faith, and you opening your hearts!

Our family is a single woman with a six-year-old daughter who loves rainbows and unicorns. The little girl wanted a special toy pony, and bedding for her twin bed. She needed sheets, a blanket, quilt, and a pillowcase. We were able to find a complete matching set for her with Unicorns AND rainbows. Her Mom spends their special time together hiking and exploring, so this little mountain girl now has a new pair of pink and purple hiking boots. Plus, an art set, a warm pink hoodie with one of her favorites, Vampirina (A little girl vampire who is a ballerina!), and three pairs of leggings. Also, a book on horses and one about a Unicorn. (I love giving books.), the toy pony she wanted and a Walmart gift card for Mom to use as needed. We were able to get them delivered before the Help Center cutoff, so the mom knew what her little girl was going to get early enough to take the pressure off. You are awesome and embrace the true meaning of the season.

*Thank you again!!*



In 2017, CNPS launched Re-Oak Wine Country, a volunteer effort to collect acorns from burned landscapes of Sonoma, Mendocino, and Napa counties. The next year, CNPS received and processed the acorns, grew them into seedlings and replanted them near their mother trees, building on a ground swell of support to launch a statewide Re-Oak program. With 2020 came more fires, drought, and time to examine the program's challenges, accomplishments and ask some questions: Shipping acorns, growing them into seedling and shipping them is costly. Establishing trees in the midst of a drought is chancy. Going forward, can we keep materials local and plant acorns in most cases?

Collecting from older oaks and amplifying a single individual may not be best if we want seedlings adapted to a hotter, drier future. Should we collect from younger trees that are best weathering the recent years of drought? The future version of Re-Oak will address these questions and get better at "closing the loop" with monitoring of our planted oaks...

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