



# GARDEN GAZETTE

*The San Francisco Garden Club*

Spring  
2024

## *SFGC* *March Luncheon* *March 21*

Narcissus Photo  
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Lisa Harris

### Calendar March

Tuesday, March 12  
Magnolia Tour at  
SF Botanical Garden: 10:30 am

Thursday, March 21  
SFGC Meeting/Luncheon  
Presidio Golf & Concordia Club

### April

Saturday, April 13  
CCSF Volunteer day  
9:30 am to noon

Thursday, April 18  
SFGC Meeting/Luncheon  
Presidio Golf & Concordia Club

April 22 - 26  
Lotusland Retreat

### May

Thursday, May 16  
SFGC Annual  
Meeting /Luncheon  
Details TBD



*Mark Your Calendars*

*SFGC Meeting/Luncheon*

*March 21<sup>st</sup>*

*Program will feature*

***Katherine Glazier***

*A noted Floral Designer  
who will inspire you  
with her creative designs  
Arrangements  
will be auctioned*

# President's Letter



Greetings members,

What a wet winter we are having. It will make for plenty of water and snow and lots of beautiful flowers this spring. Despite the rain, we see ornamental plum and cherry trees blooming and bulbs popping up everywhere. Spring is coming!

It is with great happiness I announce that our lunch attendance has increased. That means more members are attending and enjoying each other's company. After all, we are a social club with a philanthropic mission. \*\*\*Please note, we must provide attendance for each lunch, one week in advance, to the Presidio Gold and Concordia Club. Reservations adjustments after the deadline result in us being charged and passing the increased costs along to you.

Due to a previous commitment, I was unable to attend the Past Presidents luncheon. I understand we had a great turn out and there were lots of beautiful arrangements made and donations raised for the Alice Eastwood Fund. This fund is vital for the floral design and horticulture students at San Francisco City College. A huge thank you to those who contributed. Additional thanks goes to Steven Brown for the thought and creativity that went into the arrangements that captured the interests and personalities of the past presidents.

This March we had hoped to host the Floral Fete again. Lisa Harris, our past president did an excellent job identifying a highly regarded floral designer from out of state but limitations on his calendar availability and the board's concern that we needed more time to adequately publicize and promote the event resulted in a decision not to proceed.

Our treasure Maureen Fox has put together a very special program for our March meeting on the 21st. She is hosting renowned Floral Designer Katherine Glazier of The Gamble House who will present multiple floral designs for auction. Please be sure to attend this one-of-a-kind event. Bring your friends and guests. Our membership is increasing, and we are happy to invite more of your friends as guests.

Finally, our Lotusland Trip still has room for more of you and your friends to join us. This promises to be a very special trip to Santa Barbara and its environs, including the charming town of Montecito, the Botanical gardens, a Santa Barbara city tour, wine tasting and much more. Lots of events to choose from, and you can also just get some R&R at our beautiful hotel, the Montecito Inn. *Bonnie*

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for next year's board are currently being requested by members of the 2023-2024 Nominating Committee. Searching for the best team for next year's board is paramount to future club success.

Please send your recommendations to any member of the committee. The board also welcomes self-nominations. If you would like to participate on the board, please let someone on the committee know.

### Committee Members

Betty Voris, chair; Janis Burke, Anne Katz,  
Eva Monroe and Martha Woollomes.

### SLATE NEEDS

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| President      | 1 year term |
| Vice President | 2-year term |
| Secretary      | 2-year term |
| Directors, two | 2 year term |
| Director, one  | 1 year term |

## Volunteer Day at CCSF Saturday, April 13 9:30 am to Noon 50 Phelan Avenue, San Francisco,



*Steven Brown, Judith Field, Eva Monroe, Gail McCollom*

Join SFGC members at the CCSF Environmental Horticulture Department to help maintain the gardens and greenhouse. You will have a learning experience and enjoy camaraderie with other SFGC members. Volunteering at CCSF promises a fulfilling and rewarding day.

Bring gloves and water. Steven will provide instructions, coffee and refreshments.

Questions? Contact Gail McCollom at  
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# March Luncheon/Meeting

## SFGG MARCH LUNCHEON/MEETING

Thursday, March 21 will feature  
**Katherine Glazier**



Katherine is a popular floral design instructor at Filoli and Gamble Gardens. Additionally, she creates floral interpretations for Bouquets to Art. Katherine trained with Anne Patrick of the Constance Spry School in London, England, and went on to complete a European Master Certification (EMC) in Brugge, Belgium. She holds a Teacher's Diploma in the Sogetsu school of Ikebana. With this background, she particularly enjoys incorporating Eastern and Western design principles into her work. She prefers to use seasonal and domestically grown material with an emphasis on the beauty of California-grown floriculture in her designs.

For our March meeting, Katherine will demonstrate how to construct sculptural floral designs, which will be auctioned. You could take home one of Katherine's lovely arrangements.



### March Meeting Presidio Golf & Concordia Club

Menu: Kale Caesar Chicken Salad or Apple, Spinach Salad (VG)

Cost: \$69 per person

RSVP by March 11<sup>th</sup> with PayPal, Zelle,  
through the SFGC website: [sfgardenclub.com](http://sfgardenclub.com)  
or with a check sent to the SFGC Office

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## February Tours of Cecy Jones's Scarf Studio • J & J Designs

*by Beverley Hayes*



*Cecy Jones*

This was such a fun experience, much beyond the imagination of what was expected. J&J Design's upstairs atelier on Chestnut Street, gives you the feeling of being in Europe.

Viewing the vibrantly colored scarves Cecy designed and produced over the years for so many different organizations made it feel like you were entering a museum. Cecy's enthusiastic story telling ability and genuine warmth along with her international background and journey into the art world, made this tour so very fascinating.

So popular was the tour, many who attended asked if they could return, bringing their friends to enjoy the visit Cecy's very special studio.



*Marie Monica, Peru*



*Beverley Hayes, Diane Dorsa*



*Studio*



# January Luncheon



*Speaker Jim Brown*



*Jim Brown, Lisa Harris*



*Natascha Hopkinson,  
Bonnie Demergasso, Anne Katz*



*Betty and Stephen Voris*



*Cheryl Minvielle,  
Sandra Swanson*



*Janet Cushing, Ruth Wolfe*



*Janis Burke - & daughter  
Katharine Weiss,*



*Joanne Lindeke*



*Lani Pringle, Lisa Harris*



*Katharine Weiss, Marky Quayle*



*Verona Boucher, Judy Field*



*Marilyn Presten*



*Sigrid Dido, Maureen Fox,  
Amy Garrant*



*LaVerne Silverman,  
Sandra Swanson*



*Susan Johnson, Courtney Clarkson,  
Margaret (Peggy) Rae*



*Elaine Larkin*



# Past Presidents' Luncheon



*Past Presidents: Betty Voris, Gail McCollom,  
Sandra Swanson, Lisa Harris,  
Martha Woollomes, Tammy Braas-Hill*



*Steven Brown*



*Steven Brown, Cynthia Woods*



*Verona Boucher, Cheryl Minvielle*



*Carol Ede*



*Cecy Jones*



*Elaine Oldham*



*Eva Monroe*



*Lani Pringle, Jane Evans*



*Kate Sullivan, Judy Field*



*Natasha Hopkinson, Maureen Fox*



*Verona Boucher*



*Betty Voris*



*Gail McCollom*



*Lisa Harris*



*Gail McCollom, Marilyn Presten  
Leslie LaRocca, Janis Burke*



# Horticulture Page

## Tulips

*by Dr. Judith M. Taylor*



We are accustomed to seeing serried ranks of uniform vase shaped flowers marching across our parks and borders. One tulip on its own is a handsome flower but does not have the weight to sustain our concentrated gaze. It is the repetition of the same color which makes the display substantial. These tulips are almost always modern cultivars, bred for sturdiness, clear color and reliability. They do a wonderful job but they are only one facet of a phenomenal genus of plants.

For more than five hundred years this Eurasian bulb has exerted a powerful hold on the imagination of otherwise rather serious and staid individuals. The Flemish diplomat, Ogier Ghiselin de Busbeq, was the first European to pay attention to the flower he found in Turkey and send it home in 1554. Flanders was part of the Netherlands and that country very quickly became the epicenter of tulip production and commerce.

Most people have no idea that the flower originated somewhere else but almost everyone has heard of “Tulipomania”, the brief period in the late seventeenth century when the price of tulip bulbs spiraled out of control in northern Europe. There was a “bubble” when tulip bulbs sold for more than the price of a house. As one can imagine it all ended very badly.

When it comes to wild tulips, things get very interesting. The heavy symmetrical petals are nowhere to be seen. Exquisite pointed petals appear, lending immense appeal to one blossom at a time. The blossom can be bellshaped, on a short stem, just peeping out of the grass.



The distinguished Russian botanist Tatyana Shulkina wrote a fascinating book about her travels over the length and breadth of the old Soviet Union seeking new wild plants which would lend themselves to commercial development. She made her journey in the late 1980s before, as she put it, “The USSR became 15 different countries, all at war with each other”

In the southeastern part of the country, close to the Asian boundary, wild tulips were found all over mountain sides. Dr Shulkina believes that there are many more still to be found if only it were possible to reach them.

The genus has four subgenera, each with several species of great variation. The pointed petals and varied colors appear in some of these groups. Cross breeding has led to very attractive commercial varieties including the Darwin tulip. Next time you feel like buying tulip bulbs consider all these delightful possibilities.

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***Magnolias are blooming in the SF Botanical Gardens***

***Join a club tour led by Garden Director Joe Rothleutner***

***Tuesday, March 12 at 10:30 am***

***Both members and guests are welcome***

***RSVP is necessary: [bettypackard@comcast.net](mailto:bettypackard@comcast.net)***



# History Page

## San Francisco Cottages & Gardens 2015

SFC&G AROUND TOWN

### Garden Club Anniversary Luncheon

**T**he Garden Club of San Francisco held its 89th anniversary annual luncheon on March 3 at the Westin St. Francis. The elegant event featured a lecture by Suzanne Tucker and design vignettes by Greg McIntyre of Shears & Window. Chair Terry Gross, Honorary Chair Gretchen Kimball, Garden Club President Geri Cooper and the event Steering Committee welcomed patrons and guests including Sandra Swanson, Thierry Chantrel, Marilyn Kinney, Lisa Harris, Tina Frank and Allison Caccoma.



1. Second Vice President of the San Francisco Garden Club, **Eva Monroe**, SFC&G Editor-in-Chief **Alisa Carroll** and Director of the San Francisco Garden Club **Trish Turner McConnell** 2. Sandra Swanson, Thierry Chantrel of La Follia, Director of the San Francisco Garden Club **Terry Gross** and **Tina Frank** of the Koret Foundation 3. LaVerne Silverman, Linda Mettler and Jane Scurich of the Conservatory of Flowers 4. Interior designer Suzanne Tucker presents her talk, "Florals as Elements of Interior Design" 5. Honorary Chair **Gretchen Kimball** and **Beverly Dreyfous** 6. Thierry Chantrel, Suzanne Tucker, Alisa Carroll and Marilyn Kinney 7. Bobbi Buich and Peggy Mitchell 8. Lisa Harris and Terry Gross

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AND DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

*Lunch/Meetings/Programs: Social 11:30 • Lunch 12:15*

#### Thursday, March 21

SFGC Meeting/Luncheon  
Presidio & Concordia Club  
Menu: Kale Caesar Chicken Salad or  
Apple Spinach Salad (VG)  
Cost: \$69 each  
RSVP by March 11th - \$10 late fee

#### Thursday, April 18

SFGC Meeting/Luncheon  
Presidio & Concordia Club  
Menu: Mediterranean with chicken or  
Arugula Beet salad (VG)  
Cost: \$69 each  
RSVP by April 8th - \$10 late fee

#### Thursday, May 16

Annual Meeting  
Presidio & Concordia Club  
Menu: TBD  
Cost: \$69 each  
RSVP by May 6th - \$10 late fee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Ways to Pay

- Check sent to the SFGC Office
- On the SFGC website: sfgardenclub.com
- Through Zelle or PayPal

#### Donations

\_\_\_\_\_ The San Francisco Garden Club General Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Alice Eastwood Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Civic Participation Fund  
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#### GRAND TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

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