

FEBRUARY 2013



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Garden Club members cheerfully arrived for Games Day, some brought their spouses and friends. We enjoyed a fun afternoon, leisurely passing the time with friends, playing bridge, scrabble, monopoly, bingo, and puzzle. A BIG THANK to **Helen Scholten** for gamely stepped up to assume the event chair's role and responsibility in short notice. I also want to thank her team **Louise Bacigalupi, Dottie McHugh** and **Pansy Waller**, who generously pitched in to help with the set up and clean up. The clubhouse was decked out in abundant number of beautiful cymbidium and phalaenopsis orchids, in all glorious colors. Bright and cheery early spring daffodils graced the game tables. Winners of the games got to take home the lovely table centerpieces. All and all, it was a successful event and everyone had a good time.

Our February program brings us a very special event: the Ikebana presentation on Monday, the 18th. More than simply putting flowers in a container, Ikebana ("living flowers" or also known as "the way of flowers") is the Japanese disciplined art form in which nature and humanity are brought together, with its employment of minimalism and the practice of noble silence. Sounds like a Zen meditation? Come and find out. The presenter is **Nancy Locke**, a member of the San Francisco chapter of the Ikebana International Society. Nancy will cover the history of Ikebana and perform demonstrations of four arrangements. There will be a raffle with these arrangements as prizes. Don't miss this special event. RSVP by February 12: **Katie Balestreri** @ 665-5140 or kksbal@att.net

Get ready for the Lunar New Year party. It's the year of the Snake. Dim sum, roasted pig, lion dance and fun! The Forest Hill Association and the Garden Club jointly sponsor our fifth annual celebration on Sunday, March 10th. Volunteers are needed to tend the food & drink stations and greeting guests at the door. Contact **Kenny Chin** @ 566-8963 to offer your service. See announcement in the FHA newsletter for more details.

Meanwhile, have a Happy Valentine !

--Yen Bachmeier

Events

Monday, February 4 - Board Meeting

10:00 AM Coffee Time - Hosted by **Katie Balestreri** at her home
10:30 PM Meeting - Board and Standing Committee Chairs

Monday, February 18 - General Meeting and Ikebana Presentation

01:00 PM Social
01:15 PM Ikebana Presentation. This event is organized by **Katie Balestreri**
RSVP: **Katie Balestreri** @ 665-5140 or kksbal@att.net
02:00 PM General Meeting. Raffle. Refreshments to follow.

NOTES:

Upcoming Events:

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| ❖ 03/10 | Lunar New Year Celebration | ❖ 04/15 | Garden Tour |
| ❖ 03/15 | Spring Party - Flower Power | ❖ 04/20 | Spring Community Service |
| ❖ 03/18 | Create a Garden Room | ❖ 05/20 | Strawberry Social |

Ikebana Raffle:

Each member and paid guest will receive 1 raffle ticket to have a chance to win. Additional raffle tickets will be available for \$2 each or 3 for \$5, 6 for \$10 or 15 for \$20. Prizes will be the 4 arrangements that Nancy Locke will demonstrate (without her containers & supplies) and also one ticket to the Ikebana International Exhibition on March 16 & 17 in Golden Gate Park (\$10 value).

Spring Community Service:

This year, we go back to donating to women shelters in the city. Please collect your travel sized toiletries (soaps, lotion, combs, toothpaste, sewing kits, etc...) and bring them to our meetings or deliver them to **Clorinda Aldrich** @ 564-0236 Thank you! Your participation is much appreciated.

FOREST HILL GARDEN CLUB (www.foresthill-sf.org/gardenclub)

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Telephone:
Tickets:
Holidays Dinner Dance:
Webmaster:
Wreath Making Day:

COURTESY: Please report births, illnesses, and deaths to: Ann Impett, 566-9876

ROSTER, EMAIL, ADDITIONS AND CHANGES: Dottie McHugh, 681-5750

BULLETIN: Please email information for bulletins to: Yen Bachmeier at yen@foresthill-sf.com

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