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# Orange Peelings

## Orange County District

California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Hello O. C. Garden Club Members,

I am very excited to be publishing my first edition of our District newsletter! Please be sure to pass this along to everyone.

I just returned from the CGCI Winter Board Meeting in San Diego, and my brain is swarming with information! Orange County District will be hosting the 2011 CGCI Winter Board Meeting, and I hope you are all planning to join us! We will be having a planning meeting on February 17, at 10:00, and we would love to have you there. The meeting will be at my home: 22012 Tobarra, Mission Viejo.

We have a wonderful things planned for our District Meeting on February 1 and much information to share. Our State President Maryanne Lucas will be at the meeting! Please encourage your members to attend. I'll see you there!

Your devoted District Director,  
Annie Hall Bosché

### Orange County District Meeting on February 1, 2010

The cost for the Event is \$10  
Reservations are due by January 25.

9:30	Social Gathering
10:00	<i>General Meeting</i>
10:45	Aenne Caver The Thrifty Gardener
11:45	A Proper Tea Luncheon

Reservations for district meetings are handled by the clubs. Please submit one check per club with the list of attendees to:

Betty Jackson  
30 Sillero, Rancho Santa Margarita, Ca 92688  
bettyj@andersonjacksongroup.com  
Or call 949-589-9077

## Congratulations Sea Isle Garden Club

I would like to tell you about a group of ladies that have reached a really impressive goal. The Sea Isle Garden Club formed with the goal of raising money to donate to the City of Huntington Beach for the landscaping project on Edinger Parkway.

It has taken seven years since Anne White and Dorothy Ralphs started Sea Isle Garden Club to provide funding for the Edinger Parkway Landscaping Project. On December 21, 2009 President, Janet Littlejohn, and Project Liaison, Dorothy Ralphs, presented a check for \$122,000 to the City of Huntington Beach for the community's share of the project costs. The small but mighty club has raised \$400,000.00 for the project so far. There are many residents of the Harbour who have contributed toward their fund raising goal. But they are not finished; they have plans for even more improvements to the Edinger Parkway.

Congratulations! From your very impressed District Director



Director of Public Works Travis Hopkins, Dorothy Ralphs, Sea Isle Garden Club President Janet Littlejohn, and Huntington Beach Mayor Cathy Green accepting the \$122,000 check for the Edinger Parkway from the Huntington Harbour community.

**Club Announcements:**

If your club has an event or project that you would like to announce, there are several ways we can help:

Let us post it on our web site-

Simply mail or email your information to Annie and she will forward the information to our web site editor.

Bring fliers to District Meetings-

Place fliers in the clubs 'Information Files' at the district meetings.

Make an Announcement –

Tell Annie that you have an announcement and would like to be added to the district meeting agenda.

Put it in the district newsletter –

Before I publish each newsletter I ask for announcements. Send in information and I will print it!

Winter Board Meeting 2011

Orange County District is the host district for the CGCI Winter Board Meeting in February 2011. On Wednesday February 17 at 10:00 am we will have our first organizational meeting at Annie Hall's home. Currently Launa Gould agreed to be registrar, Amy Inoue and Janet Strait will coordinate goodie bags and sales table. We need chairmen for: Auditor, Programs, Amenities and Protocol, Floral Design Coordinator, Pages, Presidents Suite, Hostesses, Raffle and Workshops and Field Trips. We plan to meet once a month. We may need to meet more often as we get close to the convention.

We need to select a theme for this event and to showcase the great things we do here in Orange County. Plan to attend the district meeting and sign up for the committee or call me. If you have any ideas as to kind of things you think would be fun to have members from across the state see, let me know. Let's plan a great party that includes learning, meeting new people and having FUN!!!

Carole Lung 714-894-4858

Gardener of the Year

Calling all gardeners! There will be new information passed out at the district meeting regarding the 'Gardener of the Year' award.

If you would like to submit your garden or nominate an other garden for this award, please be sure to either fill out one of the forms or contact one of the committee chairmen:

Karen Olmstead 714-744-9444

Rosemary Spencer 714-368-7105

Submitted gardens will be visited in May and awards will be handed out in June.

## Passionate layering

Don Winterstein

The layering method may not be the simplest way to make new plants from old, but for a wide range of species the method can be very reliable. This is because the tissue that is to become the new plant stays attached to the mother plant and continues to get food and water from it. When you propagate from cuttings, you sever that connection to the mother plant, and the cutting must then survive on its own or die.

There are many ways of propagating plants by layering, but they all involve getting roots to grow on parts of stems that originally had no intention of ever growing roots. Many plant stems, for example, will form roots when they are simply buried in moist soil. Blackberries are well known for this. If and when the roots become sufficiently well developed, you can cut the connection to the mother plant and come away with a genetically identical new plant.

My goal a year ago was to grow a few new passion fruit vines by layering. I wanted these to sell, so instead of burying vines in the ground, I buried them in pots. That way, when the new plants were ready, they'd be already potted up.

My method was to bend a stem sharply (180 degrees) and insert the bend into potting soil. To encourage rooting I damaged the stem at the bottom of the bend by making a small cut. I potted up four such bent and cut passion fruit stems in May or so.

Once a month thereafter I'd pull one of the four stems out of its pot to check progress. Such inconsiderate handling would likely be fatal to a cutting, but not to a layered stem. A nice callus had formed at the bottom of the bend, but there were no roots.

After a few months, progress had become much too slow for my taste, so I took the additional step of stripping off the cambium and phloem of the incoming stem and leaving only the xylem, so that the new plant could still get nutrients from the mother plant but would keep for itself all the nutrients that it generated from its own leaves.

In early March of this year I severed all the new plants from their mother, and they all survived on their own. But they were a really small, sad-looking bunch of passion fruit vines!

This year I did it right: I started out early in the year, February instead of May, and I stripped the incoming stems down to xylem right at the start. This attempt gave me much larger and better-looking plants that were ready to be severed from the mother plant already in August. The lesson I learned is that the layering method for passion fruit vines is very sensitive to time of year. One apparently must start early in the year.

Another procedure I could have used would have been to dip the cut at the bottom of the bent stem into rooting hormone such as Dip'n Grow. The hormone may have sped up rooting.