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From The Editor

I gotta say, I'm pretty excited about Home Tour Season! GAH!

As you all know, Floral Park's Historic Home & Garden tour will take place on the last weekend in April and the lineup of homes, gardens, entertainment, retail vendors, food venues, etc. is pretty fantastic. I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy everything this special weekend has to offer. The Home Tour Committee, as always, outdid themselves.

I'm also pretty darned excited to say we've again included content that is very near and dear to my heart, Floral Park's thriving literary community. Check out Jeff Katz's article highlighting some residents whose passion for the written word in all its glorious forms is something to admire. Words...in all their beautiful and devastating brilliance, have long kept me afloat in a world that can at times seem hopeless. Knowing there are neighbors who share my passion, well...it makes me smile.

In the meantime, as one amateur poet once said

“...I keep looking for the words
the exact combination
of sound on tongue
for words that smell like tears and sun...”

Until next time dearest reader,

Warmest regards,

Trace Weatherford

Trace Weatherford
Gazette Editor

Upcoming Floral Park Events

CHILI
COOK OFF
March 23



HOME TOUR
GALA
April 20



HOME &
GARDEN TOUR
April 27 & 28



MEMORIAL
DAY SERVICE
May 30



For more information, go to FloralPark.com/calendar

Letter from the President

by Jeffrey Katz

With the arrival of spring also comes an important milestone for our neighborhood, the upcoming board elections. This is a time for us to reflect on the progress we've made and to chart the course for the future of Floral Park. I encourage each of you to consider getting involved in this process.

Looking ahead to the 2024-2025 term there are countless opportunities for us to make a positive impact in Floral Park. From organizing more community events to spearheading initiatives that enhance the quality of life for all residents, there is no shortage of ways to get involved and contribute to everything that can, and does, make this neighborhood great.

This year, the following positions will be up for election: president, 2nd-vice president, beautification, secretary, and all director positions (home tour, social, communications, membership, and historic resources). Please check our constitution and bylaws for a description of the responsibilities of each of these positions. These documents are available at www.floralpark.com/documents.

Everywhere you look there are good people doing great things. Each of us has the power to make a difference and together we can continue to build a community that we can all be proud of. Let's seize the opportunity to make our voices heard and to make a positive impact in our beloved Floral Park.

Finally, mark your calendars for the 4th annual Floral Park Memorial Day ceremony on May 27 at

9:30 a.m. Join us at the corner of Heliotrope and 19th Street as we come together to honor and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. This ceremony holds deep significance for our neighborhood, infusing Memorial Day with meaning and reverence in a way that truly honors its intent.

I encourage every neighbor, old and new, to attend this poignant ceremony. Let us gather as a community to pay tribute to our heroes and show our support for their families.

Thank You Donors & Block Captains

Thank you to all who participated in our annual membership drive. We had 186 total donors in 2023, 87 of which are recurring donors. Membership donations totaled \$35,854 which exceeded our budget by \$5,854! There's still more work to be done. Only 32% of neighbors contributed toward membership in 2023, so let's increase that percentage in 2024.

A special shout-out to our 2023/2024 block captains: Connie Yoakum on 19th Street; Niki Ramirez on Benton Way; Evan and Staphanie Miles on Bonnie Brae; Colin Donnelly on Flower Street; Michelle Donahue on Greenleaf Street; Linda Salata on Heliotrope Drive; Karen O'Callaghan and Amy Dawson on North Park Boulevard Alyse and Michael DeCavallas on Riverside Drive; Anya deLanellotti and Amy Miller on Ross Street and Eric Finley on Santa Clara Avenue. A most sincere thank you to you all!

HISTORIC FLORAL PARK
HOME & GARDEN TOUR

WINE & BEER GARDEN

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE



OVERNITE OATS

Saturday, 4/27, 11:00 am-3:00 pm



ADAM LEVINE

Saturday, 4/27, 3:00 pm-7:00 pm



SABRINA LENTINI

Sunday, 4/28, 11:00 am-3:00 pm



CORY JOSEPH CLARK

Sunday, 4/28, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

WINE GARDEN HOURS

Saturday, April 27
11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 28,
11:00 am - 6:00 pm



It's Home Tour Season in Floral Park

by Denise Silva

Floral Park neighbors and friends you are in for a treat this April! You'll want to clear your calendars for both the Opening Night Gala on April 20 and the 31st Annual Home and Garden Tour on April 27 and 28.

Plans are underway for the Home Tour Gala event to be held at one of the most iconic homes in Floral Park. In keeping with the period of the home, this year's gala theme is Old Hollywood with all the sophistication and glamour of this bygone era. And while glamorous attire is not required, it is encouraged! It will be a night to remember with food, drinks

and live entertainment on par with previous gala events but as always with a little something different and special.

Advance tickets are \$135 each and \$150 after March 31 and at the door. All proceeds support scholarships for Santa Ana high school and community college students.

This year's auction will not disappoint. Items such as the very popular pizza party donated by Helena and KC Jones and a fantastic wine collection donated by Peter and Diana Christoffersen will return. Jeanette Mustafa, a winning bidder had this to say about the pizza party: "Our hosts thought of every-

thing! From the atmosphere, food and beverages, floral center pieces, china, and glassware, it's as if we stepped into a countryside Italian villa served by world renowned chefs. What a wonderful way to spend an evening with the very best of friends!" Allan Tea, had this to say about the wine collection: "It was a fantastic collection of wines, really enjoyed them. Too bad they didn't last very long; we shared the case with neighbors and friends!"

In addition, to the tried and true, new and exciting experiences - other auction items will also be available. So gather your friends and come ready to bid.



Announcing the Opening of North Broadway Park

Santa Ana's Subdivision Supreme

SANTA ANA has long needed an exclusive residential section; a place where people of refinement demand that their surroundings would not be marred by unsightly structures or irregular building lines. Prohibitive restrictions would permanently safeguard values and prevent the encroachment of a Broadway Park, the largest and most comprehensive subdivision project ever launched in Orange County. It leaves nothing to be desired. Worthy sites are provided here for those who wish to build homes costing \$4,000 upwards and one section of the tract is restricted to residences to cost not less than \$10,000. The price of homesites in North Broadway Park are as low as \$2,250.

North Broadway Park is located on North Broadway and Santa Clara Avenue, extending Westward to Flower Street. It is one block from Main Street. This is what is at present the best residential section in Santa Ana.

FREE PRESENTS
FOR ALL KIDDIES WHO VISIT NORTH BROADWAY PARK
FREE ILLUSTRATED BOOKLETS FOR GROWN-UPS

IMPROVEMENTS

The improvements in North Broadway Park will be the finest type. The streets will be either concrete or macadamized and cement walks, curbs, sewers, water, gas, electricity, telephones, beautiful wide parkways and street lights will be provided.

RESTRICTIONS

The building restrictions range from \$4,000 in some sections down to a \$10,000 in others, thus providing a high-class section as well as a low-class section as well who will build the finest.



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SANTA ANA



A Worthy Setting for the finest of Homes





The homeowners of the North Broadway Park section of Floral Park, north of Santa Clara, are busily sprucing up their historic homes and gardens in preparation for what promises to be one fantastic home and garden tour. I love what Summer Taylor of Ross Street said about the tour, “We aren’t just homeowners, we are caretakers of history. The tour allows a peak into how each home evolves to fit the needs of the current caretaker and honors the history that came before them.”

As with every year the list of homes and gardens is a moving target up until almost the week of the tour. Currently, we have five homes and five gardens planned for your touring enjoyment. To keep the event running smoothly, we need roughly 450 volunteers. Please consider being a docent one of the days; it’s a great way to spend the day, meet new neighbors, still leaving time for you to tour houses.

Advance tickets for the Historic Floral Park Home & Garden Tour are \$45 each up until April 22, then they will be available for \$50 at the event.

The Street of Treasures, curated and produced by our very own Richard Silva, will once again en-



tice shoppers with new and returning vendors; many of which are our neighbors.

Speaking of vendors, we are always looking for ways to improve the experience of our guests. Last year with the increase in number of attendees there were some miscalculations on the amount of food needed to feed them. This year to better serve our guests, we will welcome back El Pico De Gallo Grill and Monkey Business Café and say hello to a few new food vendors, among them Mike’s Mini Doughnuts. Another delicious savory food vendor is slated to join as well but you will have to wait to be surprised on this one! Thanks to Allyson Thompson for taking the food experience to the next level.

The ever-popular wine and beer garden will return in a BIG way. By that I mean the area will be expanded from not just one front yard, but three! A great variety of wines and beer will be available for purchase as well as live music for your enjoyment. The “garden” will be open 11:00 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday the 27th and 11:00 am to 6:00 pm on Sunday the 28th. Some food vendors will remain open after the tour on each day as well.



The vintage auto show, run by John Barnes, will be displayed on North Park Boulevard and he could use your help. If you are a car enthusiast and want to show your car or just lend a hand, let us know. We welcome returning period cars and encourage car owners that have been away or never displayed their cars to join us. A trophy for best in show is awarded so enter your car for a chance at bragging rights. Eric Finley, the winner last year had this to say, “With so many rare and beautiful cars on display I could not have been more shocked and excited to win best in show! As a first-time classic car owner, it made for a wonderful experience.”

It takes a village to bring the collection of these events to fruition. It’s the same people on several committees committing their time, ideas, and expertise. There are too many to name, but I personally want to thank each and every one of you for making Floral Park the special place that we are so proud to share every year at the Historic Floral Park Home and Garden Tour.

Please visit www.floralpark.com/hometour for more information or send a text directly to (714) 721-0508 with any questions.

Pickleball - The Fastest Growing Amateur Outdoor Sport

by Trace Weatherford

I was introduced to this fun little sport this past summer when my husband and I, while camping with friends near Santa Barbara, found they'd rented an entire campsite just to set up as a pickleball court. "What in the world is pickleball?" I said. Because I'd never heard of it! So they proceeded to demonstrate. I remember thinking; the court is small, the ball is large and lightweight. And so my out-of-shape brain was like...I can totally do this.

And so they loaned us some racquets and we proceeded to laugh and play in the sunshine with the ocean breeze to keep us cool and good friends to explain the games intricacies. And while my husband and I sadly, haven't played since... we enjoyed it enough to purchase our own racquets over Christmas and look forward to reprising our role as the pickleball newbies this summer when we are again camping with these same set of friends.

The experience did have me wondering...where did this game come from? Why hadn't I ever heard of it? So of course I did some digging.

Can you believe pickleball has been around for nearly 60 years? It was conceived in 1965. After playing golf one weekend during the summer, Joel Pritchard, a congressman from Washington State and Bill Bell, successful businessman, returned to Pritchard's home on Bainbridge Island, WA to find their families sitting around with nothing to do. The property had an old badminton court so Pritchard and Bell pulled out some badminton equipment but couldn't find a set of rackets. So they improvised and started



playing with ping-pong paddles and a perforated plastic ball. At first they placed the net at badminton height (60 inches) and volleyed the ball over the net, but soon found that the ball bounced better on an asphalt surface and so the net was lowered to 36 inches. Everyone enjoyed the game as it was something the whole family could play together.

The following weekend, Barney McCallum was introduced to the game at Pritchard's home and between the three men – game rules were created. The first permanent pickleball court was built in the backyard of Pritchard's friend and neighbor, Bob O'Brian. Thus pickleball was born!

As to how they came up with the name, there are two stories and I tend to favor the latter. Pritchard's wife Joan started to call the game pickleball because it reminded her of the pickle boat in Crew where oarsmen were chosen from the left-overs from other boats. However, according to Barney McCallum the game was named after Pritchard's dog Pickles.

It wasn't until 1972 that a corporation was formed to protect the

creation of this new sport. And by 1984 the United States Amateur Pickleball Association (USAPA) was organized and the first rulebook published. USAPA continued to invest in staff infrastructure, eventually growing to 20 staff members.

Why the seemingly sudden explosion of Pickleball interest? Methinks media exposure has had something to do with it. In 2022, Pickleball was one of the hottest trends in the U.S. and has enjoyed several segments in the past with national and international segments on NBC's *The Today Show*, CNBC, BBC News, *Live with Kelly and Ryan*, and articles in media publications such as; *The New York Times*, *Vanity Fair*, *Forbes*, *The Economist*, *USA Today* and *Sports Illustrated*. 2022 also marked the year Pickleball was named by The Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) as the fastest-growing sport in America for the second consecutive year. That year's Margaritaville USA Pickleball National Championships drew nearly 2,300 registered players with the professional players competing for \$150,000 in prize money.

So it's obvious that Pickleball is here to stay. But will it flourish in Floral Park? I for one hope the craze catches on here with Randi Igulden hosting (assuming we get enough participants) the 1st annual Pickleball Tournament on Sunday March 16th. The event is supposed to take place from 10 am to 4 pm at the private courtyard at Gene Andres' house on Riverside. Let's cross our fingers that by the time you are reading this issue; that tournament has taken place to the delight of neighbors. And stay tuned for pics!

Floral Park Writes Its Own Story

The Literary Legacy of Historic Floral Park

by Jeffrey Katz

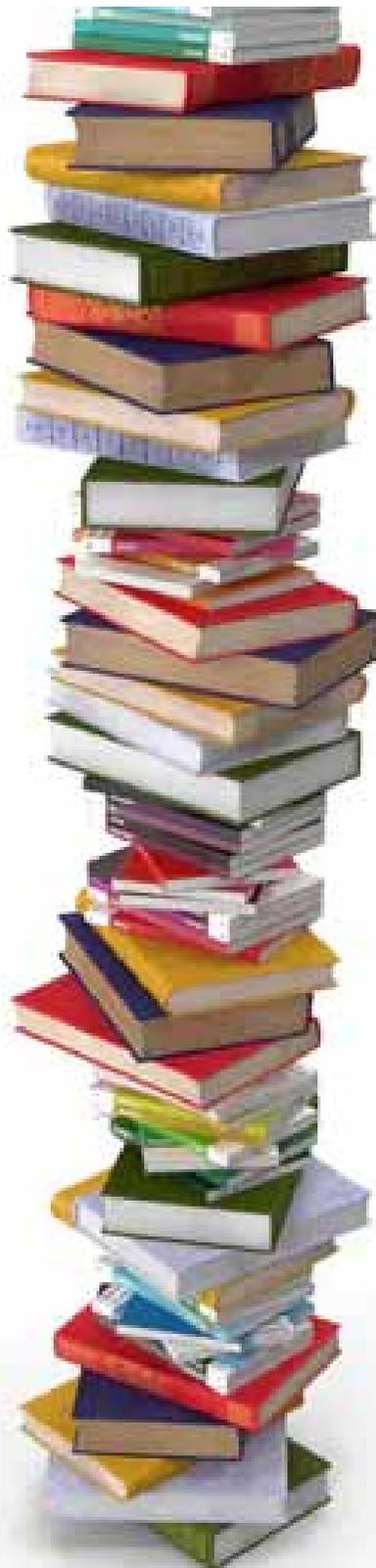
In the heart of Historic Floral Park, where bougainvillea cascades like waterfalls and the streets echo with the whispers of literary dreams; a community comes alive through the written word. This enclave of passionate readers, bibliophiles and authors alike, breathes life into the pages that grace their homes, libraries, and communal spaces.

From our own resident published authors, book clubs, library volunteers and neighborhood little free libraries to the tale of a high school girl whose passion for books ignited a flame of generosity, this article weaves together the literary fabric of our beloved Floral Park.

Newsletters

MARC LA FONT

Meet the visionary behind our very own Floral Park Gazette... Marc LaFont, whose dedication and creativity elevated the newsletter to award-winning status. With every page turned, the collective voice of Floral Park resonates, telling the stories that bind us together as neighbors. The thrice submitted and thrice won "Neighborhood Newsletter of the Year" by Neighborhoods USA, you likely won't find a single resident of Floral Park and the surrounding community that doesn't look upon this thing of beauty with gratitude and wonder.



Authors

GAMZE BERBERCI ÇELİK

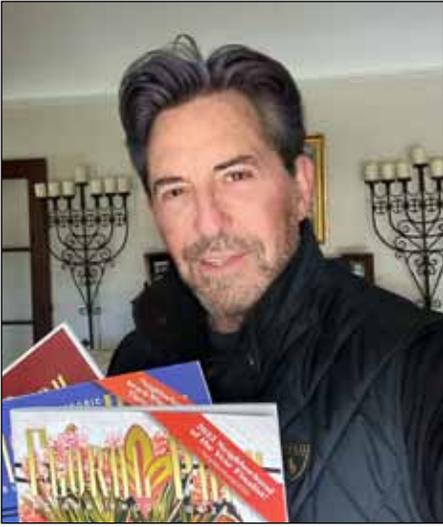
(Riverside Drive)

Gamze Berberci Çelik, born in Istanbul in 1979, is an accomplished author and internationally certified consultant. With a degree in Sociology she explores the intricate dance between relationships and communication. Known for her books "Selfie of Love" and "What Do Men Say, What Do Women Understand," she emphasizes the importance of self-love. Beyond her literary pursuits, Gamze is dedicated to supporting women's social responsibility projects, reflected in her boutique in Balboa Island Newport Beach. In "Selfie of Love," she invites readers on a journey of self-discovery, urging them to embrace the longest relationship of their lives—theirself. Through stories and questions, she guides readers to find lost pieces and answers, promoting a positive shift in perspective for a more fulfilling life and relationships.

JULYE BIDMEAD

(Flower Street)

You may know Julye as the keeper of one of the most whimsical gardens in the neighborhood. But did you know Julye's day job is the Director of the Center for Undergraduate Excellence and Associate Professor in Religious Studies at Chapman? Her most recent book is "Recovering Women's Rituals in the Ancient Near East". Using combined methodologies of feminist



Marc LaFont

ideological criticism, ritual studies, and a re-examination of archaeological remains, this book offers reconstructions of women's rituals and rites of passage in ancient Israel, Canaan, and Mesopotamia during the first millennium BCE.

ANNE ETHERIDGE

(Greenleaf Street)

Anne Etheridge, a dedicated non-profit professional turned prolific author, has left an indelible mark on Floral Park. With a rich literary portfolio, including the New York-based mystery series featuring detective Abbot Chase, Anne's recent works delve into the Vatican's mysteries. She also founded the Orange Coast Playwrights Studio, fostering a vibrant community of local playwrights.

MARY PERO

(Greenleaf Street)

One of our neighborhoods best-kept secrets is resident ghostwriter and book coach, Mary Pero. When asked about her latest book project, she smiles demurely and says, "It's interesting!" Mary's name never appears on the books she's written—something she'd like to keep that way. "When I ghost, I'm helping bring the author's ideas to life.



Gamze Bererci Celik

It's their book, not mine."

Mary got her start working as an administrative assistant for an author and motivational speaker. Overwhelmed at work, he began collaborating with her on writing and book projects. Mary didn't realize she was ghostwriting, "I just knew I could see connections where others couldn't." So she enrolled in the Ghostwriting Program at CSULB, where she discovered that where ghostwriters write the book for you; coaches help you write it yourself. After receiving her certification, she launched her business and never looked back! When asked what she loves about her work, Mary said, "I love writing, but I really love helping other people share their stories. People are so interesting. I never get tired of it."

DANIELLA KAGASOFF

(Heliotope Drive)

In a world where screens dominate our attention, Daniella Kagasoff, a senior at Mater Dei High School and the daughter of Rick and Barbie Kagasoff, is a beacon of inspiration for the children in our community, advocating for the joy of reading. With her passion for literature and a heart dedicated to



Julye Bidmead

service, Daniella has spearheaded numerous book drives, making a significant impact on schools and libraries in Santa Ana.

Daniella's journey into the world of philanthropy began with a simple realization: books have the power to transform lives. As a student deeply engaged in her studies, particularly in AP US History, she understood the profound impact of knowledge and literacy. A personal connection with her teacher further fueled her desire to spread the love of reading beyond the confines of her classroom. "I've always believed that books are more than just words on pages," Daniella shares. "They provide a sanctuary, a place of refuge for young minds to explore, learn, and grow."

Driven by this belief, she took action. Organizing book drives became a passion project, a tangible way to engage with her community and foster a love of reading. Her efforts culminated in a remarkable event on October 7, where she rallied neighbors in Floral Park to donate over 700 books! Since then, her dedication has only grown, with over 1,500 books collected and distributed to local Santa Ana schools.

Daniella's commitment didn't stop there. Currently, she's focused



Mary Pero

on collecting books for a new library, recognizing the importance of accessible resources for all members of our community. Her enthusiasm for this cause stems from a genuine desire to provide children with the same opportunities for growth and exploration that she experiences through books.

“Volunteerism has the power to shape us in profound ways,” Daniela reflects. “It’s not about grand gestures; even small acts of kindness can make a difference.” For Daniela, the choice to prioritize books over social media or digital devices is clear. She sees literature as a gateway to empathy, understanding, and personal development—a sentiment she hopes to instill in others, especially young readers.

PAUL GULINO

(Flower Street)

Paul Gulino is an award-winning screenwriter and playwright. He is the author of *Screenwriting: The Sequence Approach* (2004), which has been adopted as a textbook at schools and universities around the globe, and *The Science of Screenwriting: The Neuroscience Behind Storytelling Strategies* (2018). In 2023, he contributed a chapter on the history of screenwriting



Daniella Kagasoff

ing pedagogy to the Palgrave Handbook of Screenwriting Studies. Gulino’s credits include two produced screenplays (in New York and Los Angeles) and numerous commissioned works and script consultations. He has lectured in the U.S. and Europe, most recently at the Story Academy in Sweden and for Disney Animation. He’s been featured in interviews on Film Courage, as well as podcasts on Bulletproof Screenwriting, and Trendfollowing.

Gulino studied screenwriting at Columbia University with Franck Daniel and Milos Forman, and taught screenwriting at the University of Southern California for five years before accepting a position at Chapman University in 1998.

Library Volunteers

SUE STEWART

(Santa Clara Avenue)

For fifteen years, Sue has been the steadfast cornerstone of The Friends of the Santa Ana Public Library, an organization steeped in history, with roots tracing back to 1975 when the children’s library resided in the venerable old Carnegie building. A true testament to her commitment, Sue dedicates a staggering 70 hours each month to this cause, a



Paul Gulino

feat that speaks volumes about her passion for fostering literacy within her community.

But what exactly drives Sue to devote such countless hours? The answer lies in her deep-seeded love of literature. Back in High School in Santa Ana, Sue found herself drawn to the world of books while working in the children’s library. It was here amidst the towering shelves of books that her journey as a guardian of literacy began by shelving books and reading to young children.

As an adult, Sue became an educator, spending 14 years at Santa Ana Unified and many more in Orange. From kindergartners to eighth-graders, Sue left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of students. Sue’s connection to her community runs deep, with fond memories of Floral Park children flocking to the library, eager to lose themselves in books. Today, the library serves as a sanctuary for many, a refuge for those who seek solace in the written word. For some, it is their only connection to the wider community, their portal to knowledge and their gateway to opportunity.

Through The Friends of the Santa Ana Public Library, Sue has spearheaded initiatives to provide textbook scholarships, fund programs



Sue Stewart

with limited budgets, and offer opportunities for adults to earn their high school diploma online.

CARLA ROEHAL
(Flower Street)

With a professional background as a speech pathologist, Carla's journey wove through the corridors of education, from St. John's library to the Orange Adult Literacy Program. Her dedication to decoding the mysteries of reading, especially for dyslexic learners, is unparalleled. Now, amidst the aftermath of the pandemic, Carla's resolve remains unwavering as she gears up to rejoin the fray, ensuring no child is left behind.



Carla Roehal

TRACEY STEIN
(Flower Street)

Tracey has volunteered at the Friends of Newport Beach Public Library Bookstore for a little over 2 years. The books they sell have been donated by people from all over the county with the proceeds donated back to the library each year. Last year the bookstore gave \$200,000 to the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation. These funds will be used to develop library programs for all ages. "Volunteering at the bookstore twice a month gives me the opportunity to meet fellow book lovers and give back to an institution for which I care deeply," Tracey shared.



Tracey Stein

Little Free Libraries

DIANE WILLIS
(Ross Street)

In the heart of Floral Park there's a Little Free Library that's become a beloved fixture and the first in Santa Ana, thanks to Diane Willis and her husband Bart. It all started nearly two decades ago when Diane fell in love with the concept of Little Free Libraries during a visit to Oregon. Bart, a skilled wood craftsman, built their very own library as a gift to his wife. What began as a simple wooden box has since grown to include a dedicated section for children's books.

Diane carefully curates the collection, ensuring each book meets



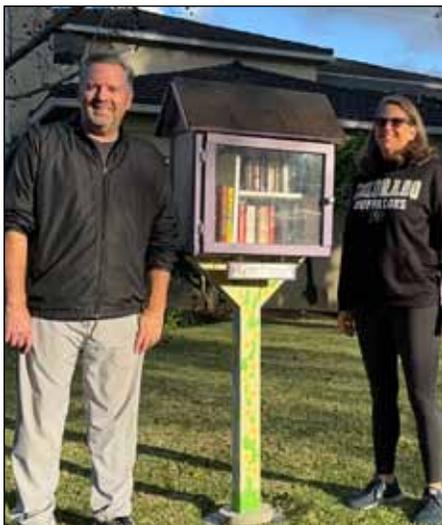
Diane Willis



Tari Brand

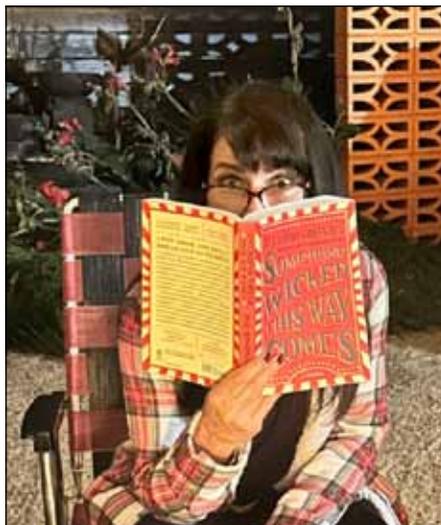


Maria Gaonzalez



Patrick & Markie Lenehan

her standard before it finds its place on the shelves. Those that don't make the cut are kindly donated to other organizations. But perhaps what truly makes this Little Free Library special is the community it fosters. Bart recalls the early days when Michael Houston would come by the library with his young daughter, pull out a book and read to her on the curb. The little library wasn't enough, so Bart moved a bench from his back yard so that Mike and others could read safely under their sycamore trees. Neighbor John V. took part by painting on the bench "He who reads lives a thousand lives; those who do not, live but one."



Suze Katz

TARI BRAND

(Ross Street)

Meet Tari and her husband Dean, artists and guardians of a unique little library in Floral Park. Adorned with Tari's artistic touches, it houses banned books that challenge societal norms – LGBTQI, POC voices, and politically charged narratives. Tari's joy is fueled by grateful neighbors, especially from the LGBTQ+ community, who thank her for this treasure trove of diverse perspectives.

MARIA GONZALEZ

(18th Street)

Maria's Little Free Library emerged during the COVID pause on Santa Ana's Boco del Oro fes-



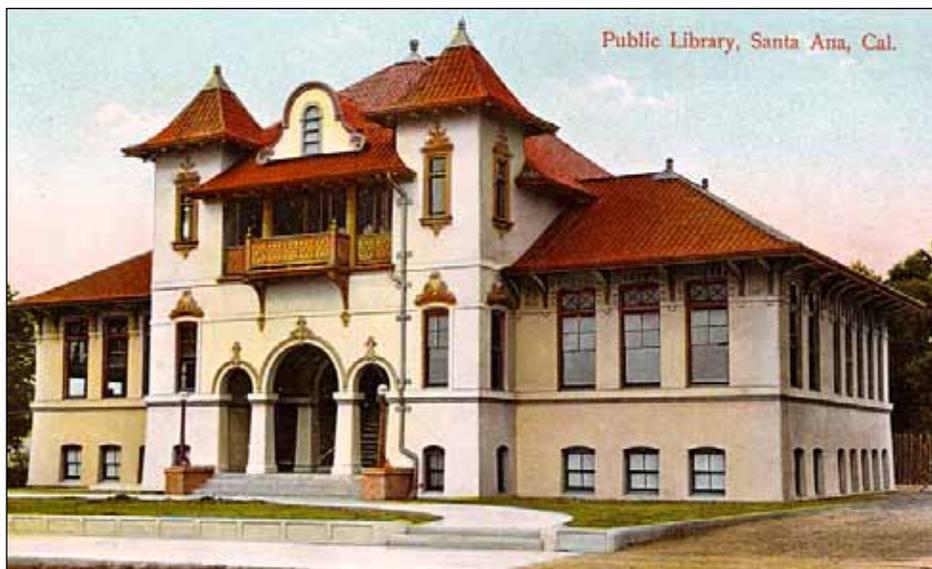
Rhonda Nalisknik

tival. Overflowing with enchanting children's books and vibrant stickers, Maria's creation fosters a love for reading on her street in the southeast corner of Floral Park. Artist Jonathan Martinez, known for his endangered species murals in DTSA, is currently adorning the little library with his brushstrokes.

PATRICK & MARKIE LENEHAN

(North Heliotrope Drive)

Patrick and Markie are new to the neighborhood and the Little Library was part of their purchase. The library disappeared for a short time, but has re-emerged! The Lenehans are continuing the



In 1901, Andrew Carnegie, the infamous steel magnate of the United States' nineteenth century industrial boom, allotted \$15,000 in donations to construct a new building for the Santa Ana Public Library, on the condition that each year the city raise 15% of the sum of \$1,500 for maintenance purposes. W.H. Spurgeon donated the lot on which the Carnegie Library was to be erected. It was built in a Spanish motif on North Sycamore Street. It with-held the great earthquake of 1933 and wasn't replaced with the current structure until the mid-1950s.



Interior of the Santa Ana Public Library in the 1960s.

tradition begun by former resident Marrann Richardson.

Book Clubs

SUZEE KATZ

(North Heliotrope Drive)

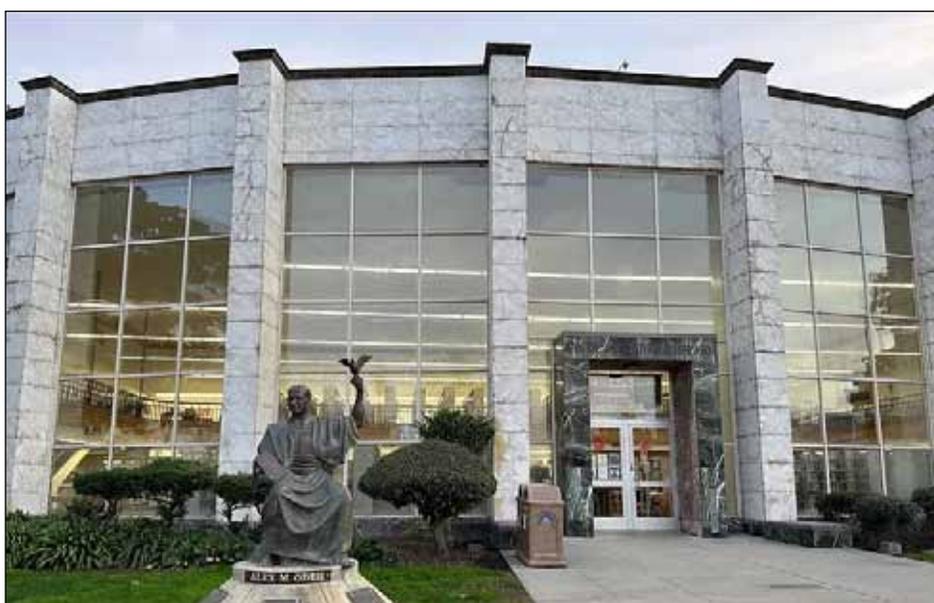
This Floral Park Book Club staple has been going for well over nine years. Suzee has almost single-handedly kept it alive after a couple of original members moved away. The club meets at the end of every month with the exception of November. Everything from autobiographies, Pulitzer Prize-winning fiction, murder

mysteries, bodice rippers, horror, to all manner of nonfiction have been featured.

RHONDA NALISNIK

(Flower Street)

In 2017, Rhonda started “Books at Bowers: Touring Through the Pages” an onsite docent sponsored book club that pairs a topical book with a museum art experience for museum members only in February, April, June, August, October and December. Since its inception, 36 fiction and non-fiction books have been discussed. After a docent-led discussion, an



The new Santa Ana Public Library opened on Civic Center in 1960 Greeting guests before they enter the building is a statue of Alex Odeh, a Palestinian poet and activist who lived in Santa Ana.

exhibit tour is presented. In April, the award-winning graphic novel by Sonny Liew, *The Art of Charlie Chan Hock Chye* will be paired with the traveling exhibit *Asian Comics: Evolution of An Art Form*. Liew’s book is featured in the exhibit.

Local Libraries

THE SANTA ANA MAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

In 1960 when the new Santa Ana Public Library first opened its doors it wasn’t just a building, it was the beating heart of a community. Fast forward 64 years and while the structure has seen changes, its heart remains unchanged. Today, it’s a bustling hub of learning and innovation, offering everything from tutoring to coding classes. And now, thanks to a whopping \$9.3 million grant, renovations are on the horizon including restoring its marble facade and upgrading essential systems for safety and sustainability.

Children’s Library - renovations will include garden illustrations featuring simple geometric forms and vibrant colors to encourage children to play, explore and imagine. Children can create a vibrant garden with unique shapes and textures, while a background mural ignites their imagination. The Library’s design is inspired by nature, so kids and their families can learn about the natural world through interactive STREAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) activities. Stay tuned for more updates as they approach the beginning of construction.

Historic Restoration - This part of the renovation project will retain and restore many of the building’s significant character-defining features—elements that make a

Beautification Reprt

by Chris Switzer



In the new remodeling of the Santa Ana Library, the rear is turned into a main entrance.

building special and if removed, negatively impact the building's historic integrity. Features to be addressed are, but not limited to;

- Restoration of rear porte cochere
- Restoration of interior stair handrailing and mezzanine guardrail
- Restoration of crown molding in the Main Reading Room
- Rehabilitation of the original Fireplace Room

In closing, we're reminded that literature is not just about words on a page, but about the communities it builds. In this small slice of Santa Ana, our love affair with literature blooms around every corner, from the pages of cherished novels to the hearts of passionate readers.

Read about Allan Vaughn Elston, the prolific Floral Park author of western and detective pulp fiction, short stories and screenplays during the '20s and '30s, at FloralPark.com/history.

The rain is pounding down all around us, the creek is glorious; running full, but nowhere close to flooding and if we must get an ark I am not taking my dogs who are bored, driving me crazy and refuse to go outside and potty without an umbrella!

We know this atmospheric river will bring glorious flowers, green grasses, strong trees, and shrubs and this is exactly what the beautification committee lives for!

Did you know:

- Every other Wednesday you can join volunteers in Sarah Mae Downie Park and the exits and entrances to trim, weed, clean up and plant?
- A Curb Appeal Award was created and awarded every month to two recipients just to say "thank you" for keeping our neighborhood beautiful?
- That we bought 24 trees to fill vacant spaces in our parkways? (coming this spring)
- Every time you buy a heart stone via the FP website, that the profits go to the park?
- Look for eblasts telling you when we will be planting spring flowers in March and early in April.
- For more information, please contact beautification@floralpark.com or switzer.christine@gmail.com.

Follow Historic Floral Park on Facebook and Instagram

www.facebook.com/HistoricFloralPark
www.instagram.com/historicfloralparkneighborhood/

Floral Park Welcomes 13 Babies in 2023

In a heartwarming tally in 2023, Floral Park witnessed an unprecedented wave of joy with the arrival of 13 beautiful babies – 8 girls and 5 boys – marking a milestone in recent history for our cherished community. To the proud parents, we extend our heartfelt congratulations on this precious addition to your family. Your commitment to creating a nurturing and loving environment for your newborns is truly commendable and is sure to enrich our tight-knit neighborhood.

As we embark on this new chapter together, let us celebrate the shared joy of these births and look forward to watching these little ones grow, play, and thrive in the heart of Floral Park. Here is a list of the newborns that, while born in 2023, were missed on our Year in Review list from the previous issue of the Gazette.

- Lindsey and Bobby Moore (18th St.) welcomed **Makenna Moore** on March 24, 2023
- Seana and Kenny Reha (Ross St.) welcomed **Ozzy Sjoerd Reha** on December 8, 2023
- Milan and Jordan Cox (Heliotrope Dr.) welcomed **Carolina Muse Cox** on December 12, 2023
- Laura and Ramses Al-Ramahi (Santa Clara) welcomed **Noah Carsten Al-Ramahi** on December 24, 2023



Carolina Muse Cox



Makenna Moore



Noah Carsten Al-Ramahi



Ozzy Sjoerd Reha

Floral Park Curb Appeal Appreciation Project Names Most Beautiful Yards

A five-person committee initiated the “Curb Appeal Appreciation” project back in August 2023 to recognize and say thank you to residents of Floral Park for the beautification and upkeep of their yards; for making Floral Park such a gorgeous place to call home. This recognition is not to be confused with the Most Beautiful Yard Award given by the city of Santa Ana.

Any one of the following criteria is used for curb appeal appreciation recognition:

- Constant maintenance and upkeep
- Actively done something different
- Provided a new focal point
- A yard refresh

The committee selected many homes throughout the neighborhood and put the addresses in a bucket. Each month, two names are selected, one south and one north of Santa Clara. The committee will select recipients again this spring so stay tuned! YOUR home might be next!

December Homes of the Month

2324 Bonnie Brae
1932 N. Heliotrope

January Homes of the Month

2439 N. Heliotrope
501 W. 19th St

February Homes of the Month

1919 N. Heliotrope
2395 N. Flower St.



2324 Bonnie Brae



1932 Heliotrope Drive



2439 N. Heliotrope Drive



501 W. 19th Street



1919 N. Heliotrope Drive



2395 N. Flower

Floral Park Historic Resources Committee Receives Neighborhood Hero Award

Congratulations to the FPNA historic resources committee, recipients of the 2023 Com Link Neighborhood Hero Award.

The Neighborhood Hero Award was established in 1997 by the communication linkage forum (Com Link) board as part of the city's neighborhood initiatives and environmental services (NIES) program to honor individuals who have shown sustained commitment and enthusiasm in strengthening the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

On June 22, 2023, Com Link presented 14 Neighborhood Hero awards to community volunteers who were nominated by residents

of their neighborhoods. These honorees were selected because each has demonstrated leadership, commitment, generosity, and the selflessness needed to enhance their neighborhood and the greater Santa Ana community.

The Floral Park Neighborhood Association historic resources committee (FPNA HRC) was honored as a recipient of the 2023 Neighborhood Hero Award as outstanding community leaders in recognition of their accomplishment in securing Floral Park's designation as a national historic district.

On February 2, 2023, Floral Park was officially approved as a federal and state-recognized his-

toric district. This would not have happened without the leadership and hard work of the volunteers of the FPNA HRC for the last 15 years. In 2008, the all-volunteer committee undertook the daunting task on behalf of the neighborhood to photograph, document, and catalog each of the neighborhood's 636 homes needed for the state and federal application process.

Those committee members present at the award ceremony were: Beverly L. Schauwecker and James, R. Perez, Julie Humphreys, Erwin Schauwecker, Wayne Suraci, Merle Craig, Ed Murahashie, Jim Taft and Richard Weie.

Nominations are accepted by the Com Link board each spring. Any resident of Santa Ana's 64 neighborhoods can nominate a neighbor for the award. Once the nomination is submitted to the Com Link board, a committee reviews all the entries

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and selects the recipients. Jeff Katz, FPNA board president, serves on the Com Link board.

In addition to the current volunteer members of the committee, we also note with great appreciation the extraordinary accomplishments of Dylan Armendral, Park Santiago resident (noted Santa Ana historian, retained by FPNA as consultant to complete the project). Plus past historic district committee members that helped launch this effort: Janelle McLoughlin, Blair O'Callaghan, Wally McCloud, Richard Chiarini, Phil Chins, Jennifer Faiz, Kenny Schmidt, Ramin Faiz, Bob White, Mike Urtel, Rob Johnson, Gary Humphreys, Ann Berkery, Betsy Benton, David-Michael Madigan, Edwin Power, Eric Renezeder, Sandy DeAngelis and Lea Pascoe

With great gratitude and pride, Floral Park has had 14 previous neighborhood heroes over the last



PHOTO: Tony Flores from Assemblyman Avelino Valencio's office, Gabriella Lemus from Congressman Lou Correa's Office, Dustin Lam representing Councilmember/Mayor Pro Tem Viet Phan; presenting the Neighborhood Hero Award to members of the historic resources committee of the Floral Park Neighborhood Association; Beverly Schauwecker and Jim Perez (Co-Chairs), Julie Humphreys, Erwin Schauwecker, Wayne Suraci, and Merle Craig.

26 years, and we would like to thank them again for representing Floral Park and their volunteerism on behalf of our neighborhood.

2021 Christine Switzer
 2019 Angel Barnes
 2017 Angelo Morgan
 2013 Sandy DeAngelis
 2012 Mark McLoughlin
 2010 Beverly Schauwecker

2009 Darlene Glen Wolff
 2008 Linda Schulte and Judy Johnson
 2007 Nicki Curran
 2006 Kim Sinclair and Michelle Morrissey
 2005 John Schulte
 2003 Lou Pecora and Joe Bangor
 1998 Janelle McLoughlin
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FLORAL PARK Social Scene

by Allyson Thompson

What an honor and privilege it has been to serve as Floral Park's social chair. I had big shoes to fill thanks to the hard work of Jay Joyer.

We ended 2023 with our holiday event which in my opinion had the true feeling of a Hallmark Christmas movie! Our little ones were able to meet with Santa, write letters to him with their wish lists, plus kids of all ages (and even our four-legged friends) got to experience our first ever snow-sledding feature! A big thank you to Nate at Snow Pros for bringing the snow. And based on the resounding positive feedback, we are committed to sledding at the

holiday event in 2024.

One of the more popular traditions is the horse trolley. We have it direct from the "horses mouth" that they loved showing Santa's reindeers how it's done. Thank you to Vicki Hoss and her team from G&F Carriages for always making sure the trolley winds its way through the streets of Floral Park during this holiday event.

Mark your calendars for this year's holiday party scheduled for December 14, 2024.

The biggest thank you has to go out to the mighty social committee. We have a volunteer team of 20+ neighbors who time and time again dedicate their time, personal resources and efforts to making these magical events for YOU, our neighbors. We are always looking for more volunteers so if you're interested, please send an email to social@floralpark.com.

Lastly, we have an amazing 2024 planned. Up next on March 23, 2024 is our Chili Fest Spring Block Party! This event will be held at the end of the North Park cul-de-sac from 3 to 6 p.m. Come out and meet your neighbors, taste some delicious chili, and listen to some great music. The event will be presided over by Joe and Chela Banuelos, who started the very first Spring chili party many years ago. Bring your chairs and an empty stomach. Other upcoming events to note:

- Freedom Fest
Saturday June 29
- Fall Concert
Saturday September 21
(hint hint; British invasion is coming our way!)

Again on behalf of the social committee, we wish you all a fabulous 2024 and look forward to seeing seeing you at our events!

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www.greenparrotgallerysantaana.com



Floral Park Gives Back: \$10,000 Awarded to Local Charities

by Julie Humphreys and Stephanie Miles

This year thanks to the success of last year's home tour (and the generous efforts of everyone involved), FPNA is awarding more money than ever to local non-profits and charitable organizations. Many thanks to all those who submitted nominations for this year's awards.

Following deliberation and vetting by the sponsorship committee, along with board approval, we are pleased to announce that ten nominated charities will each receive an award of \$1,000, for a total of \$10,000, with the request that the funds be used for services rendered in Santa Ana and/or for Santa Ana residents. This will still leave a significant \$30,000 for scholarships—our highest amount ever!

The ten organizations represent a variety of causes and services provided, and are predominantly local and/or small.

KidWorks

KidWorks recruits college students (tomorrow's leaders) to serve at-risk youth and families through licensed after-school programs, tutoring, mentoring, college and career readiness, family services and leadership development. It was founded in Santa Ana 30+ years ago and has been able to significantly expand its programs as donations have increased.

(<https://www.kidworks.org>)

Friends of Santa Ana Public Library

The Friends are volunteers that work in support of the Santa Ana Public Library. It holds book sales

and other events to help raise funds for projects and equipment needed by the library that cannot be funded through the city budget, including providing books for textbook scholarships for teachers, churches, neighborhood little libraries, doctor's offices and books taken to other countries. FOSAPL also funds high school scholarships.

(<https://www.santa-ana.org/friends-of-the-library/>)

Orange County Fellowship of Christian Athletes

FCA serves to support the well-being and positive development of youth, utilizing the transformative power of sports and Christian values to instill life-changing principles. Their dedicated team of coaches and mentors work to create a safe and nurturing environment for at-risk youth, offering an alternate path away from gang involvement. Through sports programs, character development initiatives, and faith-based teachings, FCA has redirected countless vulnerable youth toward a more positive and fulfilling future. FCA funds are being earmarked specifically for outreach in the Santa Ana Triangle neighborhood where coach Tony Gomez (with FCA) is working with the youth and community leaders.

(<https://ocfca.org/>)

Film & TV Conservatory at the Orange County School of the Arts

This conservatory teaches students about film and television production as a future career and is one of the few such programs open to high school students, which can

lead to admission into the nation's top post-HS film programs. It is funded on donations from parents and outside organizations/foundations but suffers from a lack of funding for newer technology for needed equipment and software programs used in the industry, including updating the sound mixing room software and equipment and iMacs. This donation would be earmarked for such equipment/software.

(<https://www.ocarts.net/areas-of-study/school-of-fine-media-arts/film-television/overview/>)

SoulRapha

For 20 years, this organization has served to end senior isolation and loneliness for older adults living in aging care facilities and senior communities by, among other things, providing technology to keep residents connected, sending virtual and physical greetings from the community, producing customized weekly media programming, hosting in-person resident events (classes, games, music, etc.), providing caretaker support, including meals and gifts.

(<https://soulrapha.org/about-us/>)

Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts

For 23 years, Therapeutic Arts has offered healing and support for children and youth with neurodiversity, commonly known as disabilities or special needs. Bordering Floral Park at 2215 N Broadway, its programs utilize art, dance, and music to foster emotional recovery and growth, providing a safe space for self-expression and development. In addition, they work with Santa Ana's workforce development program to offer youth employment services.

(<https://www.octact.org/>)



Kids receive free tutoring at La Semilla Learning Center in Santa Ana.

La Semilla Learning Center

La Semilla provides free tutoring to Santa Ana elementary students in a faith-based environment which fosters academic growth and strengthens parents at home and in the community. Students get personalized tutor and guidance attention at a 1:3 ratio four days/week, and parents are offered weekly curriculum and education reinforcement, and are equipped for supporting family relationships and interacting with schools.

(<https://lasemillalc.org/>)

Assistance League of Santa Ana

The SAAL “Soc it to Hunger Program” strives to reduce food insecurity for vulnerable children and families by operating an emergency food pantry providing food and supplies and operating open air food distribution events. It also partners with the SAUSD to pool resources and amplify impact to ensure that no family goes without. It seeks to expand their monthly distribution through additional donations.

(<https://assistanceleague.org/santa-ana/philanthropic-programs/soc-it-to-hunger/>)

The Sheepfold

Since 1979, The Sheepfold has endeavored to equip mothers with children suffering from homelessness or abuse for successful independent living on their own without being tempted to return to their abuser and destructive lifestyle. Its six-month program strives to ease the pain of homeless for abused women and their children, restoring their sense of value and self-worth with the goal of finding employment and establishing them in their own apartment. During their stay, coupled with the non-denominational Bible teachings, they receive everything they need free of charge, including home cooked meals, clothes, hygiene supplies, children/infant supplies, subsidized child-care, transportation and more.

(<https://thesheepfold.org/>)



The Assistance League provides both fresh and packaged food and hygiene products to Santa Ana families that desperately need it

WISEPlace

WISEPlace is the only OC based nonprofit dedicated to ending homelessness for unaccompanied women. Since 1999, it has provided women with safe shelter, and other wrap-around services such as counseling and mental health services, case management and addiction recovery, and employment assistance to help rebuild their lives on a path towards self-reliance. At WISEPlace, the women served often lack the support system of a spouse, significant other, or children; nearly half are disabled, over eighty percent have experienced domestic violence and nearly all have incomes well below the poverty line, all of which put the women served at a greater risk of becoming homeless. In June 2023 WISEPlace broke ground on a new permanent supportive housing development at 1411 North Broadway.

(<https://wiseplace.org/>)

Each of these organizations will be invited to have a table at this year’s home tour weekend event and we hope you will join FPNA in supporting and donating to these worthy organizations.

Next up, we’ll be reviewing the scholarship applications in March. We welcome your participation on the sponsorship committee—no experience necessary! If you’d like to join us, drop us a line at giving@floralpark.com and provide your contact info.



For information and links to all of these events and more, visit Floral-Park.com/calendar.



Friday Night Munchies

Every Friday through May 31
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

1301 S. Bristol Street, Santa Ana

A recurring (weekly on Fridays) An open-air street food fair held at nighttime filled with specialty food stalls along with unique vendors. Kid and pet-friendly.



Photos with the Easter Bunny

March 8 through March 30
The Lowel Level Macy's Court
Main Place Mall



The Wicked of Oz

A Bewitching Brew Festival
March 16, 4:00 - 10:00 pm

The Heritage Museum of Santa Ana A bewitching festival featuring craft brews, photo ops, live performances, roaming characters, and macabre-themed shopping. Must be 21 or over.



Bubblefest

March 22 through April 7
The Discovery Cube
discoverycube.org

The bubble are back! The Cube opened in Orange County in 1998 as a high-quality, engaging and most importantly fun science learning center for kids of all ages that focuses on early learning, STEM proficiency, healthy living and environmental stewardship. With a team of exhibit designers and educators, the staff is continually creating activities that focus on the educational needs of kids regardless of background. From on-site exhibits, to fields, clubs and camps the Cube specializes in kinesthetic, auditory and visual learning. If you've ever been then you know how hands-on and interactive much of the center is and there is no better example of that than their super popular Bubblefest.



Free For All Day

Saturday, March 23
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Bowers Museum

www.socalmuseums.org

Enjoy free general admission and discounted \$10 tickets to Asian Comics: Evolution of An Art Form during this year's Annual Free-For-All Day. This offering is held in collaboration with SoCal Museums.

The Future of Exploration

Sunday, March 24, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

The Bowers Museum

www.Bowers.org

For something a little more 'heady' try the Distinguished Lecture & Book Signing – "The Future of Exploration" with Chris Rainier & Terry Garcia on Sunday March 24. General admission for this special event is \$75 or \$55 for members.



Egg-cellent Adventure

Saturday, March 30

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Centennial Park

300 W. Edinger, Santa Ana

The City of Santa Ana's 2nd annual Easter holiday attraction right in the heart of Santa Ana featuring an egg hunting adventure, perfect for the whole family. Bring the kids for a day of colorful egg hunts, inflatables, a petting zoo, and much more! There's a pancake breakfast from 9:00 to 11:30 am where you can enjoy a delicious breakfast provided by Santa Ana Lion's Club. Tickets will be available on site at \$5 per participant. No pre-registration required. The menu will consist of pancakes, sausages, and a choice of coffee or orange juice. The egg hunts begin promptly at noon.

Cherry Blossom Festival

Sunday, April 7, 11:00 am-3:00 pm

The Bowers Museum

www.Bowers.org



This is a free family festival in the museum's beautiful Key Courtyard. Enjoy live performances, art making, face painting and complimentary treats.



Spring Bling Tea

Saturday April 13

11:30 am-1:00 pm

Heritage Museum of OC

Enjoy a traditional Victorian tea with a sparkling beverage, scrumptious scones, an assortment of sweet and savory delicacies and a selection of fine teas presented by the Victorian Tea Society of Orange County. All proceeds benefit HMOC's children's educational programs.

Me Encanta

Saturday April 20

7:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Numerous park locations including Santiago Park

www.santa-ana.org/me-encanta/

Join for a day of volunteerism to celebrate Earth Day together during the first ever Me Encanta Santa Ana event, hosted by the Santa Ana



Parks, Recreation & Community Services Agency and Santa Ana Public Works Agency. Help beautify Santa Ana and come together as a community. Work alongside city staff on specialty projects throughout Santa Ana. Take pride and ownership of your City this Earth Day and help embody the spirit of our community. Transportation to park locations will be provided the day of from Jerome Park. <https://www.santa-ana.org/me-encanta/>



Santa Ana Fun Run

Saturday, April 27

6:00 am-1:00 pm

Santa Ana Stadium

www.santa-ana.org/run-run-fit-test
Mark your calendars, and start preparing for the Santa Ana Fun Run and Fit Fest.

Mary Lou Heard Memorial Garden Tour

Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5

10:00 am-5:00 pm

Throughout Orange County

www.heardsgardentour.com/

The Mary Lou Heard Memorial Garden Tour is a yearly, self-guided charity event whose mission is



to provide an opportunity for the public to enjoy and celebrate the efforts and hard work of local gardeners and their residential landscapes. This charitable event raises money for The Sheepfold, a shelter for women in crisis and their children.

Cinco de Mayo

*Sunday, May 5, 11:00 am-3:00 pm
The Bowers Museum
www.Bowers.org*

Enjoy live performances, art making, face painting and complimentary treats plus specialty performances.

Open Garden Day

*Saturday, May 11, 9:30 am-3:30 pm
West Floral Park & Fisher Park
www.opengardenday.com*

Explore eight beautiful gardens in two North Santa Ana neighborhoods plus a classic car display, street vendors, live entertainment, demonstrations and food trucks.

Art Opening at the Green Parrot Gallery

*Saturday, May 11, 5:00-9:00 pm
the Green Parrot Gallery
www.greenparrotgallerysantaana.com*

Floral Park neighbor Gene Andres invites you to step into a world of inspiration and creativity at the opening of the new exhibit at the Green Parrot Gallery directly across from the Bowers Museum. You'll experience newly unveiled works by ten different artists.

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Floral Park in Pictures

We once again held a fantastic holiday party with snow, carolers, cookies, hot cocoa, horse-drawn trolley rides, storytime, and more! It was great to see neighbors come out to partake in the holiday spirit and spread some festive cheer. The homes were adorned to the nines with lights and decorations making the annual Walk of Lights another incredible annual tradition.



CHILI

COOK-OFF

Saturday, March 23, 3:00-6:00 pm

Bring your lawn chairs and favorite cold drink and join the fun at this cook-out style event. Chili tasting tickets are only \$1.00! Think you have the hottest chili around? Enter the competition for \$20. Entry forms at www.FloralPark.com/calendar.

Entry form must be received by 3/9/24



Neighborhood Calendar

*Dates and times are subject to change.
Check details at FloralPark.com/calendar.*

MARCH 2024

- Pickelball TournamentSaturday, March 16
- Chili Cook-OffSaturday, March 23
- Home Tour GalaSaturday, April 20
- Home TourSaturday & Sunday, April 28 & 29

APRIL 2024

- Board MeetingTuesday, April 11

MAY 2024

- Board MeetingTuesday, May 9
- Memorial Day ObservanceTuesday, May 30

JUNE 2024

- Yard SaleSaturday & Sunday, March 4 & 4
- Board MeetingTuesday, June 13
- Freedom FestSaturday, June 29

JULY 2024

- 4th of July Bike ParadeThursday, July 4
- Board MeetingTuesday, July 11

AUGUST 2024

- Board MeetingTuesday, August 8

SEPTEMBER 2024

- Yard SaleSaturday & Sunday, Sept. 2 & 3
- Board MeetingTuesday, Sept. 12
- Fall ConcertSaturday, Sept. 21



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Floral Park Community Market Update

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*514 W Park Lane	1,284 sqft	\$739.09	\$949,000	IN ESCROW
*2321 N Towner Street	3,090 sqft	\$558.25	\$1,725,000	ACTIVE
2401 N Olive Lane	2,300 SF	\$595.65	\$1,370,000	SOLD
2307 N Towner Street	2,741 SF	\$561.83	\$1,540,000	SOLD

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