

# OPAWL



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*President*

Pumpkins! Pumpkins! Pumpkins! It's that time of year. Or is it Christmas yet? I saw a post on Facebook the other day that said, "Walmart wants me to put up my tree and wear my Halloween costume while eating my turkey dinner." That about sums up the stores these days. All three themes are available to shop for!

The good news is that OPAWL will be celebrating fall, and only fall for right now, by hosting a Decorating your Pumpkins with Succulents event this October 28<sup>th</sup> at the home of Lois Widly. I have always enjoyed attending this event because I can be as creative as I want. One year my son joined me and decorated a pumpkin for his grandma and one for his teacher. I think that year my pumpkin lasted me through February. At that point I finally had to make room for red hearts and so I planted my succulents in my garden and gave the pumpkin to my chickens. If you have never attended this event in the past, make sure you get your pumpkins soon as the Cinderella pumpkins or also known as Fairytale pumpkins are what is needed, and they usually sell fast at the stores. I promise you that you will greatly enjoy this event so make sure to reserve your spot by prepaying for it through the Evite that was sent out.

Where are you picking your pumpkin this year? Every October parking lots are transformed into pumpkin patches, but do you want to take your pumpkin picking up a notch? Make your way to Tanaka Farms in Irvine or visit Mr. Bones Pumpkin patch in Culver City or better yet, drive on over to Irvine Park. If pumpkins aren't your thing but spooky fun is. Then you need to check out Delusion. It's an interactive theater event that takes place in a Victorian home. What could be a better fit for Halloween than spooky films screened in a cemetery? This October, Cinespia will be showing *The Thing* and *Carrie* at Hollywood Forever Cemetery. I want to do it! Is anyone else adventurous enough to do it with me? Or head on over to Walt Disney Concert Hall. Every year they add a little bit of Frank Gehry architecture to Halloween with a silent film screening accompanied by organist Clark Wilson for an extra eerie feel. This year, take a seat for the silent 1920 masterpiece *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*. But if you are a hardcore concert goer, Danny Elfman returns to the Hollywood Bowl for yet another Halloween-season concert, A high-energy, all-over-the-place, metal-meets-classical concert that includes songs from Oingo Boingo, Elfman's solo career and his most famous film and TV compositions, including *Batman*, *Edward Scissorhands* and *The Simpsons*.

Ok, so there you go...I gotcha covered for things to do in October. Enjoy your fall and don't worry about Christmas yet.

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Our annual fall event is approaching! It is fondly known as...

## Decorating Pumpkins With Succulents

A Sumptuous Brunch & Fun Crafting Party!

This year it will be held on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. As an open event, members may invite their friends, family, and neighbors to come. A lovely brunch is planned and to be enjoyed with lively conversation and a fun crafting session with instruction in the beautiful setting of Lois Widly's backyard.

Guests will walk in with a pumpkin and leave with a beautiful, table showpiece transformed by succulents, moss, and decorations, and ready to display for months of enjoyment. All that is needed from you is a flat-top, uncut, pumpkin with no stem in a color of your choice.

Since this is a potluck affair, we are relying on League volunteers to make the event a success. Please choose how you would like to help and contact the organizers, below.

Here is what's needed:

- ❖ Brunch Foods (suggestions - quiche, salads, fruit, finger sandwiches)
- ❖ Dessert Items
- ❖ Set up and clean up
- ❖ Donations of succulent yard clippings

A prepaid fee of \$25 is requested which can be paid through this link, [PayPal Pumpkin Party](#) or you may mail a check, by 10/24, to OPAWL, P.O. Box 2696 Orange, CA 92859.

Section leaders, please reach out to your members and encourage their participation. Home-fresh foods are favored but donations of easy deli plates or bakery items are welcome, too.

Organizers are Lisa Shuss, (714) 235-7906, [lshuss@socal.rr.com](mailto:lshuss@socal.rr.com) and Sharon Butterfield, (562) 264-9876, [weezymommy@yahoo.com](mailto:weezymommy@yahoo.com). An emailed invitation was delivered to all members and we would appreciate the courtesy of a timely reply so that we may do proper planning.



# SECTIONS NEWS & HAPPENINGS

## Homestead & Garden

Our section had a wonderful outing to Sherman Gardens in Newport Beach. After weeks of oppressive heat, a trip to the coast was just what was needed. As we stepped past the entrance we were met with a refreshing fountain and butterfly garden. We made our way to the rear of the grounds to meet our docent and begin the tour.



We were guided through many garden exhibits learning and appreciating all that surrounded us. The summer garden was planted with bold colors and laid out in such a way that it seemed like an artist had put brush to canvas. We discovered gorgeous mosaic art pieces tucked here and there but none were as dramatic as the huge colorful butterfly set overlooking the rose garden. At one point, we descended a set of wide steps. As we looked back we were surprised to see a vibrant collage of succulents planted under each step, hidden from first view.



After the tour we headed to 608 Dahlia, an eloquent lunch spot in the garden. The meal was delicious and beautifully garnished with herbs and edible flowers grown right beside our table. We enjoyed talking and getting to know each other a little better during the meal.



After a trip to the gift shop, we returned home and talked about a return trip in December when the garden is decorated with cheery lights for Christmas. If you've never been to Sherman Gardens, we highly recommend that you plan a visit.



We will not meet for the month of October, but will be attending the League's Decorating Pumpkins with Succulents event. For more information, contact section leader Pamela Sapetto, (714) 815-7771.

## Pack Walkers



Well after having several weeks off due to the heat and being out of town, we got to walk last Tuesday!! It was a very nice walk, dogs were good and the weather was nice!! Sunset is earlier and earlier, so we need to discuss that and I've had several requests to also walk on Wednesdays!! Come join us! You don't need a dog to enjoy a stroll with our group. Contact me and I'll add you to the weekly walking announcements. Leader: Julie Shaw, (714) 329-3447.

# SECTIONS, *Cont.*

## **Entertaining In Pearls**



“Entertaining in Pearls” Section got crafty! The group of ladies met up at Emilia Sugiyama’s guest house and created one-of-a-kind coasters using natural dried flowers, gold flakes, a blow torch (yup, you read right) and resin...all while wearing fabulous pearls! Here are some photos of some of the finished products. Who knows, we just might start up a side business! They look that amazing! We will not meet for the month of October, but will instead attend the Decorating Pumpkins with Succulents event. For more information, contact leader Emilia Sugiyama, (310) 569-4662.



The Hot Trotters are hitting their stride with fun activities! Mark your calendar for the Tack Sale on Oct. 15 & 16. Not only will we have a table to sell used tack, we will also have a bake sale table. Then on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> we are off to Los Alamitos Racetrack for breakfast and to watch the horses breeze around the track. It’s amazing to see these young athletes and the amazing riders who control their power and energy. All League members with an interest are welcome! Save Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> for Christmas Caroling on Horseback. Contact leader Sarah Holtz, (714) 487-0155, [holtz106@mail.chapman.edu](mailto:holtz106@mail.chapman.edu) or text Julie Maurer, (714) 742-1617.



## **Pickleball**



Our pickleball section had a fun summer learning how to play the game with our instructor, Chico, at Tustin Hills Racquet Club! We continue to meet on Wednesdays at 9am and the cost is \$25 per person for 2 hours of instruction if you are new to the game and want to learn! Now that we have learned the basics, we are exploring other days and times to play at public courts nearby. We are looking into adding additional meetups on weekday evenings and weekends if you were interested before but couldn’t make Wednesdays work! Please reach out to

Tess Breen at 714-200-3004 or [drtesbreen@gmail.com](mailto:drtesbreen@gmail.com). You can also join our GroupMe thread here for all the updates! Click here to join: [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/87073383/36huY0iJ](https://groupme.com/join_group/87073383/36huY0iJ)

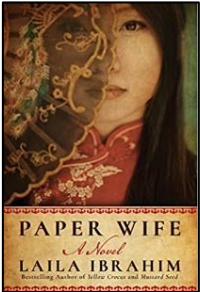
## **Bridge**

Section Leader Donna Aidekman reports that Bridge will meet next on October 17th from 11:am – 3:pm at Moreno’s. Contact Donna, [djaidekman@aol.com](mailto:djaidekman@aol.com), to join us. --We are very patient players.



## SECTIONS, *Cont.*

### **Literature Group**



The current book is the novel *Paper Wife*, by Laila Ibrahim. *A heart-wrenching story about finding strength in a new world. Southern China, 1923. Desperate to secure her future, Mei Ling's parents arrange a marriage to a widower in California. To enter the country, she must pretend to be her husband's first wife—a paper wife.* You are invited to pick up the book and meet with the group for a lively discussion next month. We typically meet every 4th Tuesday, from 4:pm to 5:pm, except for Nov. and Dec. For more info call leader Kathy Manulkin, (714)639-8686.

### **The Foodies Group**

Is lunch your favorite meal of the day? You aren't alone! There are a whopping 34 other women who are looking forward to eating lunch out and making new friends. The only thing standing in the way of fun and good food is someone to be named the leader. Of all the sections, this is the easiest to organize because the group does that all on its own. At the current lunch restaurant, everyone throws out ideas when and where to eat next and it is voted on. All the leader needs to do is send a notice out to the members, and then... —DONE!



If you are interested in stepping forward and to get the section started, please contact Sections Leader, Lisa Shuss, [ishuss@socal.rr.com](mailto:ishuss@socal.rr.com), (714) 235-7906. She'll be happy to give you a hand.

—So, who's ready for lunch!? Here's the long list of everyone who's signed up: Kay Lynn Alvarez, Kathy Ashford, Kate Bonnaud, Cindy Bandom, Kelley Chaplin, Jan Diaz, Dena Durante, Angela El Haj, Paula Fisher, Sandy Forkert, Jassica Gavin, Brittany Gonzales, Barara Grabill, Connie Heavener, Phyllis Helt, Jennifer Holland, Janye Iberri, Ruth Lundring, Reda Main, Kathy Manulkin, Julie Maurer, Mary McCrink, Teri Meis, Mahtty Najiri, Bebe Russo, Asal Saffari, Hana Santos, Heather Schultz, Britney Sinclair, Rachel Steen, Sam Tibbetts, Ann Webb, Adrea Wood, Asparia Zouras.

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*Dear Members: Please reach out to the section leaders to join activities or for information. They are doing an amazing job of organizing events for us. Keep the sections alive by joining in often and be mindful to make RSVP's and cancelations in a timely manner. At times, a cost is associated with an event and a last minute cancelation causes difficulties. --Thank you for being considerate of our organizers!*

# Hey Hot Trotters!

**Tack Sale ~ Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

**It's time to clean out your tack room and trade in your dusty treasures for some cash!**

The last time this event was held, it was busy and very profitable!

The sale is coming up sooner than you think, so dive into your tack now. Don't procrastinate or you'll lose out on a great opportunity.

If you only have one or two items, we can help you sell them, but if you have more, we ask that you take a shift at the booth to help out. To participate contact Julie, [maurer@socal.rr.com](mailto:maurer@socal.rr.com), or Sarah, [holtz106@mail.chapman.edu](mailto:holtz106@mail.chapman.edu).

**So... are you in? Let us know!**



## TACK SALE & SWAP MEET





**OCTOBER 15-16TH, 2022**  
**8:00AM - 4:00PM**  
*NO EARLY BIRDS*

**10541 RANDALL ST.**  
**ORANGE, CA**

**OVER 20 RESALE BOOTHS**  
**ENGLISH, WESTERN, MISC. TACK AND**  
**EQUIPMENT FOR SALE.**

FOR MORE INFO: 714-321-2231 OR [SFORKERT@YAHOO.COM](mailto:SFORKERT@YAHOO.COM)

**CASH AND VENMO ACCEPTED**



**But Wait! There's More!**



The Hot Trotters are having a bake sale booth at the tack sale. We are selling "Grab & Go" goodies and drinks to hungry shoppers.

Can you lend a hand at the booth or contribute baked goods or beverages for the sale? Your help would be absolutely awesome! Please contact Mary Nori, [maryn7777@yahoo.com](mailto:maryn7777@yahoo.com).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCTOBER**
  - Hot Trotter Tack & Bake Sale - 10/15 & 16
  - Decorating Pumpkins with Succulents Party - 10/28
- NOVEMBER**
  - Hot Trotter Los Alamitos Racetrack Breakfast - 11/5
  - Orange Park Blvd. Lighted Christmas Wreath Display
- DECEMBER**
  - Hot Trotters Caroling Parade - 12/4
  - Christmas Party - 12/11 (tentative)
- FEBRUARY** ▪ Valentine's Day Party
- MAY** ▪ Cinco de Mayo Eve Party - 5/4
- JUNE** ▪ 2023 Membership Year Begins

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# OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS



- 5 Teri Mora
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- 13 Kathy Ashford
- 13 Devin Vanderhoff
- 17 Carla Garcia
- 19 Patrice Christman
- 22 Kate Bonnaud
- 24 Brittany Rene Gonzales
- 27 Janye Iberri
- 28 Emilia Sugiyama
- 31 Hana Santos