

# IT TAKES A VISION & A VILLAGE

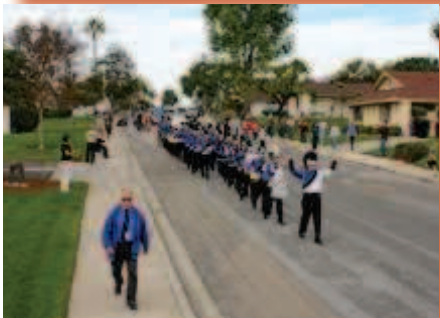
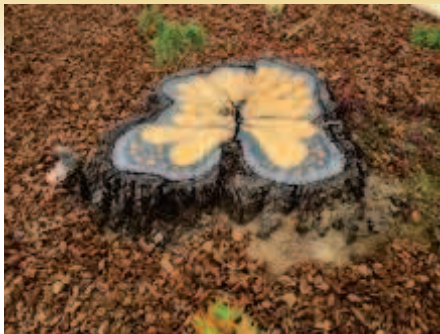
by Judy Morales

Pennant Village, a UC condominium community, is undertaking a continuing beautification and water-wise endeavor. In 2012, residents Kris Worley and Pia Weber formed the creative vision and plan to begin renovating, area by area, the 50-year old community landscape. Starting with succulent clippings, a clubhouse area became a nursery as a few hundred succulents and drought-tolerant plants were donated by friends of Pennant Village. The results to date are stunning, having been steered by Kris' and Pia's energy and inspiration, with very little funding and nearly all volunteer effort.

2012 projects included a *Xeriscape* planter in front of the playground adjacent to the clubhouse where succulents and cactus were planted among a few large boulders and 8,000 pounds of river rock. Next, the tennis court east slope renovation was completed along Erlanger Street. Ice plant and oleanders were cleared; two large rock streams were fashioned; succulents planted, and a wooden dedication sign, crafted by a resident, was installed.

In 2013, the south tennis court slope above the clubhouse parking lot was tackled. Donations from PV residents allowed the purchase of larger nursery plants, and along with many cuttings from previously completed projects, the slope was artfully planted.

The latest venture was the renovation of the driveway planter strip behind the townhomes. Champagne, cider, and spectacular music by the Standley Middle School Marching Band contributed to the late February community ribbon-cutting celebration. A donated concrete bench, exquisitely painted tree stump, decomposed granite walk-way, herb garden, rock streams, mini solar lights and hundreds of drought-tolerant plants comprise this delightful Mini-Park project.



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