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The Presidents Message:

Dear Friends

You all deserve a great big thanks for making this club, the fun and outstanding club, it is. Thank you, especially to those of you who have contributed so much this year. You bring our objectives, on page two of our club yearbook, alive.

Over the next three months we have two bus tours, an installation luncheon, an anniversary tea and fashion show, speakers, a Blue Star to dedicate, our scholarship plant sale... Hold onto your hats ladies, and decorate them too!

Fondly, Judy

February Costa Verde District Meeting

June Stevenson, Mary Varieur, and Judy Unrine competed with eight members of other district garden clubs. June brought a living wreath constructed of succulents, which was later displayed later at El Retiro Library. Mary brought a beautiful and elegant wreath done in white. Diane Charbonneau, of Hermosa G.C., won the competition for her wreath, done in tones of lavender. Judy won her award for a swag created with a hat covered in sphagnum moss and adorned with shiny diamond shaped crystals and gold paper poppies. The winners will be competing at the CGCI State Convention this June.

Two Bus Tours Coming Up:

-CVD Tour to South Coast Plaza Flower Show on April 26th.

-Our club spring tour on May 22nd.
Mary Varieur & Sharon Saffer

2007-2008 Officers

The nominating committee is pleased to announce the members of the next board, who were elected at our March meeting.

- *First V.P, Anne Jensen and Claudeene Lyon.*
- *Second V.P. George and Judy Unrine.*
 - *Third V.P. Pam Barrett.*
 - *Treasurer, June Young.*

The search for a president and secretary will continue. If you would like to be considered or have been thinking someone else would be good for the job, please contact one of the members of the next board.

50th Anniversary Project – Blue Star Memorial Marker Update

Our project for sponsoring a Blue Star Memorial Marker in Torrance is going well. We recently met with our CALTRANS representative, the Torrance Streetscape Manager and Captain Nash to consider the possibility of installing the marker at Fire Station #4 on the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Calle Mayor. All agreed it was a great idea.

The next step is to prepare a specific proposal and present it to City Council for approval. Judy Emerson, Streetscape Manager, will be working with us as we prepare the presentation.

SEWAH Studios has received the order for our marker. Their estimated shipping date is April 27. Thanks to Hermosa Villa Flower Shop for taking delivery and storing the marker.

We hope to have a dedication ceremony in late May or early June. George Unrine

Yearbook Correction

Please note new e-mail address for Martha Bragg:
dadbragg@verizon.net

Please add DeLaine Anthony to your list:
delaineanthony@hotmail.com

Riviera Garden Club Seal

Rachel Bosma has designed a new seal for the 50th



anniversary of the Riviera Garden Club. We can thank Karen Lent for finding this very talented graphics designer to work with us.



To introduce the new seal, we are printing in color.

El Retiro Library Flower Arrangement Assignments

April 2 Jean Vasquez
April 9 Ruth Vogel
April 16 Anna Watson
April 23 Kim Min
April 30 June Young
May 7 Jean Winter
May 14 DeLaine Anthony
May 21 Toni Sargent
May 29*Pam Barrett
June 2 Marilyn Barker
June 11 Gloria Jacobs
June 18 Pati Johnson
June 25 DeLaine Anthony

*Denotes a Tuesday after a holiday.

Please pick up your arrangement at the end of your week. Anne Jensen

Sunshine

Adele Rockwood is recovering from shingles. Sharon Saffer is home from the hospital. She is recuperating and requests cards only while she rests. Virginia Schneider has had a knee replacement. Mercedes Murner has moved to an extended care facility. Jean Levanas continues to recuperate at home. Kay Kanuit is recovering from knee surgery. Please contact me with sunshine news. Trudi Doesserich.

January Meeting – Ikebana



We were fortunate to have Yohko Ogami and her assistant, demonstrating beginning Ikebana flower arrangements for us. Both are members of the O'Hara School of Ikebana.

Yohko showed us a rising form or hanaisho arrangement. In this design, the flowers are held in a kenzon, or frog, that is placed in the center of a shallow bowl.

In creating the artful designs of Ikebana, the length and placement of stems is exact. Quadrants in the bowl or tall vase are carefully measured. The degree of incline or rise of the stems has been determined long ago. Yet the type of design, the decision of how best to place the stems, is determined only when the flower or branch has been respectfully examined.

The arrangements combined many materials – one was acacia, tulips, lemon leaves, and freesia. Another was nandina, lily and pine and forsythia.

RGC Granted Non-profit Status by the IRS

Yes, it is true. We have the IRS classification of a 501 C-3 organization. We can acknowledge any donation you make to the club, and you will be able to use your donation as a tax write-off.

February Meeting – water wise gardening



Reiko Uchida and Tania Finney, from the staff at the South Coast Botanic Gardens, shared with us their plant palette for dry shade. They used a combination of Helleborus, Heuchera and Ribes. For contrast, they used Grevillea or grasses, such as Muehlenbeckia. They invited us to SCBG to see a new area they have planted near the entrance.

Membership

It has been a slow year for membership, so I need help finding people interested in gardening! What are the reasons that people aren't joining? Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions. The time has come for our membership to think about renewing for next season. We will discuss an increase in dues at the April board meeting. I will be sending a reminder flyer around at our meeting in April so be prepared to join us for another FUN season!!

VP--Pam Barrett

Change of address – Catherine Harlin



Pictured is Catherine Harlin, a long time member. This picture was taken at our January meeting. She has left the area and now resides at
5321 La Palma Ave #206
La Palma, CA 90623
714-670-1986

We said farewell at a luncheon following the January meeting

Meeting Hostesses

Apr 17 Board Meeting
Hostess: *Pat Smith, Anna Watson
Apr 24 General Meeting
Hostess: *Kathy Lipp, Anne Greenway, Ruth Vogel
May 15 Board Meeting
Hostess: *June Stevenson, Peggy Thomas
June 26 Installation of Officers and Mad-Hatters
Hostess: *Charlie Sappington, Pati Johnson, Marilyn Barker

*The first hostess for the general meeting will coordinate with the other two. Very limited food should be provided for the Board Meetings.

Landscape of the Month

February's Landscape Award was presented to Gloria L. Gilmore at 115 Via Monte d'Oro.

This is a lovely curbside garden that bursts with color and nicely frames a half moon driveway. Centered around a stately olive tree are a lush planting of iceberg roses, pansies, raphiolepis, dwarf snapdragons and artichokes. Through the entry gate are spectacular, specimen size ornamental cabbages.

March's Landscape Award was presented to Mike Terre at 314 Calle de Arboles.

This is a lovely, mature landscape with some different horticulture. The slope is covered with a beautiful blue ceanothus, "Yankee Point". Ceanothus, also known as California lilac, is a native plant. A spectacular Magnolia soulangiana (Saucer Magnolia) was in full bloom until the winds blew all the magnificent pink blossoms away. Masses of pink Germalton Waxflower hover gracefully above the upper slope to the left of the driveway. A dwarf Japanese maple is nestled into the entry porch shrubbery. All in all, this is a landscape full of interesting variety and texture.
Ruth Vogel

Plant Doctor

It's spring! With the unusually cold, dry winter, we'll have to be especially vigilant with watering. Large trees and shrubs did not receive their usual seasonal soaking, so remember the big guys with an extra soak.

You can remove dead growth on frost damaged plants now. Happy Gardening, Diane

Sea Breeze



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Our schedule is now online at
www.localendar.com/public/RivGarden

Check out our website at
www.rivieragardenclub.org

Riviera, Costa Verde, Pacific Region, and CGCI Calendar of Events

Apr 4, 9:30-noon, Costa Verde District Meeting, SCBG, Clematis, speaker Edith Malek

Apr 10, 10-11:30, Rocketship Park with Diane

April 14, 9-3, Scholarship Plant Sale, Home of Charlie Sappington, 5025 Lee Street, Torrance

Apr 17, 9:30-noon, Board Meeting, Home of Diane Connell, 1839 Reynosa Drive, Torrance

Apr 24, 9:30-noon, Tree and Shrub Care, General Meeting, Torrance Airport Meeting Room, Rick Wheeler is a certified arborist and teaches classes in tree and shrub care at SCBG

April 20- 22, Pacific Region Convention, Hilton Burbank Airport & Convention Center

April 26, Annual CVD Bus Tour to Costa Mesa Flower Show, Leave from Peck Park in San Pedro. All who have paid \$12 are on the list to go. A second bus is available – so bring your husbands and friends.

May 8, 10-11:30, Rocketship Park with Diane

May 15, 9:30-noon, Board Meeting, Home of Shelley Lubinsky, 210 Calle de Madrid, Redondo Beach **new location**

May 22, 8:30-midafternoon, Spring Bus Trip, leave from Lago Seco Park, 3920 W. 235 St., Torrance

June 13, 9:30-noon, Costa Verde District Meeting, SCBG, Tea and Vintage Fashion Show. Come and reminisce as we celebrate our 50th along with Hermosa Garden Club and the State's 75th.

June 26, 11:30, Mad-Hatter Installation Luncheon, South Bay Grill, 23805 Hawthorne Blvd **new date**

September 13-15, CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Torrance Marriott Hotel

Other

April 14, South Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society Spring Garden Tour at 10 or 1, call Loretta Rose at 310-629-0500 to purchase tickets, \$15 per person

April 21, South Coast Botanic Garden Spring Plant Sale, 9-4

April 28-29, Theodore Payne Native Plant Garden Tour, 10-4, self guiding, \$20 per person.

Look for Madrona Marsh events at
www.friendsofmadronamarsh.com

Diane mentioned the Southern California Horticultural Society at one of the meetings. Their website is www.socahort.org/index.html

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm, usually near Griffith Park.

Reminder: Plant, Lawn and Bake Sale at the home of Charlie Sappington on Saturday April 14. All proceeds from this fundraising project are for the \$1000 College Scholarship we award in June.