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The Presidents Message:



And the time came when the risk to remain tight in the bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom. Anais Nin

This quotation seems very appropriate for us as we begin our new year together. We have pruned our roses and wait for the glorious buds that will be

bursting into bloom.

Hope you took advantage of our time apart to explore your garden. Weather plays such a large part. We aren't often treated to these cold temperatures. What an exciting learning experience it has been. Although it is said, we can grow "anything" here in Southern California, it is interesting to learn the plants which are not perfectly suited.

With the advent of 2007, we are beginning our anniversary year. Besides our Garden Tour, we have planned to install a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker. It would be lovely if each of you collect remembrances, in pictures, words, etc. for our Gallery of Garden Book. Claudine Lyons is collecting the material.

If you have ideas for our celebration, please give me a call.
Fondly, Judy

Hospital Therapy

A big thanks to all members who donated clothing, toiletries, books and other comfort items for male patients at Harbor UCLA Hospital. We gave practical items, estimated at \$450-\$500, that will be appreciated.

Save margarine tubs for succulent planting at the March meeting.

June Stevenson, Hospital Therapy Chairman

**Scholarship Plant and Bake Sale
at the home of Charlie Sappington
on Saturday March 31, 2007.**
All proceeds from this fundraising project will be used for the \$1000 College Scholarship we award in June.
Please save gardening items like pots, garden art, tools, etc. Separate plants and start seedlings now. Also, begin grooming plants you want to donate. A little extra loving care now can make a big difference later.
Don't forget to come to shop! This will be a good way to swing into your spring gardening. You may find just the plant you were looking for at the sale.
Donations of baked goods and items for a white elephant table would also be appreciated

Wildflower Conference

You might want to attend this event sponsored by California Garden Clubs. The Wildflower Conference is being held May 8-10, 2007 in Bishop. The conference sounds like an excellent way to enjoy our natural world. There will be a wide variety of leisure activities amid the breathtaking scenery. Educational programs and lectures are on the agenda. A naturalist will lead a hike to the old Bristlecone Pines. Some meals are included in the price.

The price is \$65 for the conference, made payable to CGCI. Phone Merrilee Ray at 1-760-377-5230 for reservations. Judy also has forms.

Make room reservations directly to the Vagabond Inn for lodging. The cost is about \$70 for one or two persons in a room. The phone number for Vagabond Inn is 1-760-873-6351 or 1-800-522-1555.

Yearbook Correction

Aleen Housteen - 310 316-2562

Landscape of the Month

November's Landscape Award was presented to Marianne Kopcho and Larry Peterson at 206 Vista del Sol.

Marianne and Larry have replaced an ever-thirsty lawn with an extraordinarily creative and stylized landscape designed by Rich Pocapalia of Sunflower Farms Nursery. Highlights are paths of Three Rivers flagstone, a ledge stone viewing deck perfect for enjoying sunsets and a rebar trellis "sculpture" with Peace Rose winding through. Artful plant combinations of at least a dozen varieties of roses, sages, weeping mulberry, coyote brush, fescues, and a variety of sages etc. contribute alluring textures to a rich and colorful garden.

Ruth Vogel

Sunshine

Congratulations to Sharon Saffer on her new granddaughter, Amy, and to Hazel Mulqueen on her new grandson, Kevin. Best Wishes to the daughters of Patti Johnson and June Stevenson on their fall marriages and to Pam Barrett's daughter as she prepares for her spring wedding.

Louise Kilburn had been hospitalized with pneumonia, but is now home on oxygen. Jean Levanas fell and broke her hip, but is also home and doing well. Carollee Schuegraf has been ill.

Wendy Eddy's second son, Wyatt, was born in December.

Please contact me with sunshine news
Trudi Doesserich.

El Retiro Library Flower Arrangement Assignments

Feb 5	Pat Smith	Mar 26	Mary Varieur
Feb 13	*Caron Gansbauer	April 2	Jean Vasquez
Feb 20	*George Unrine	April 9	Ruth Vogel
Feb 26	June Stevenson	April 16	Anna Watson
Mar 5	Peggy Thomas	April 23	Kim Min
Mar 12	Judy Unrine	April 30	June Young
Mar 19	Edith Van Belleham	May 7	Jean Winter

*Denotes a Tuesday after a holiday.

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

December Costa Verde District Meeting

Mary Varieur and Judy Unrine demonstrated wreaths and swags at the December Costa Verde District Meeting.

Helen Gates started the wreath making off with a green swag with antlers. Gudy Kimmel showed us how to make a fresh wreath out of ivy, greens and roses. Gudy told us to use Oasis floral foam only once. She buys it at SCBG, where it has been handled less. Judy demonstrated several dry wreaths with foliage she had gathered, dried, and shaped.



Mary Varieur, pictured at left, made wreaths out of living plants. To attach them, she

combines foresight, Tilly Tacker (glue), and monofilament (fishing) wire. Mary made one wreath out of tilandsia and another with a six pack of 2 1/2 inch potted plants. She uses a lab coat and welder's gloves for the construction of wreaths and for other gardening.

February CVD Meeting:

District Clubs will share their Diamond Jubilee Door Decorations at the February 7th meeting. Let Judy or Mary know if you intend to enter the contest. The judging will take place that day. Hope someone from Riviera wins and has their design displayed in Bakersfield at the June CGCI Convention. Good luck!

There is also a Diamond Jubilee Jacket Contest. Mary Varieur of our club and Diane Charbonneau of the Hermosa Garden Club will be showing their decorated jackets. Only one jacket per district can go to Bakersfield. Come see the friendly competition in our district.

Plant Doctor – Cold Snap

If you have plants that are damaged from our recent cold snap leave them alone! Don't cut off damaged foliage until next month. Trimming will encourage new growth and the plant will sustain more damage with any future cold nights. Damaged leaves act as insulation. Keep plants well watered during cold weather. We should be frost free by mid February.

Happy Gardening, Diane

Angel Gifts

Many thanks to all garden club members who so generously contributed children's gifts to the Angel Program through the Torrance Corps of The Salvation Army.

Dave Rischer, the Director of His House of the Social Service Division of The Army, said they collected over 5,000 children's gifts this year. They helped over 300 families. The children and their families appreciate your help. Often these gifts are the only ones which many children will receive.

Toni Sargent.

Membership – December Holiday Luncheon



We can't end 2006 without talking about the Olive Garden Christmas Luncheon on December 12th. We had 49 members and guests, with 12 men in attendance-wonderful! When I scheduled the entertainment—"Piecin' It Together", the story of pioneer

mothers and daughters told through quilt blocks, I had no idea we would have 12 men. I was very pleased to hear positive feedback about the show, even from the men--thanks!! I do want to apologize for selecting the Olive Garden Restaurant-their service and quality of food was really a disappointment. However, on a positive note, they realized the service wasn't good, so we received a reduced bill and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus can give the club a profit of \$323.97!

Happy New Year Third VP--Pam Barrett

WELCOME -Wendy Tsuji, our first new member for 2007. She lives at 871 Calle de Arboles, Redondo Beach, 90277-6714. Her telephone no.-(310) 373-2721--Email: wt871@earthlink.net.

Garden Tour 2007

The executive board has voted that the Fall Garden Tour will be cancelled unless there are two volunteers for co-chairman

50th Anniversary Project

Our club's thirteen past presidents have decided that we will sponsor a Blue Star Highway Marker to help celebrate our club's 50th anniversary.

NGCI adopted the Blue Star Memorial Highway project in 1946. A year later CGCI adopted the project and sponsored the dedication of highways 40 and 99. The first five markers honoring our service men and women were dedicated in 1948. Today California has 19 dedicated highways and 57 highway markers.

Past club presidents donated sufficient monies to purchase the marker and we have begun the process to make it a reality. Three sites along PCH have been suggested. We have contacted the California Department of Transportation to get preliminary approval for the sites. We will also seek approval from the City of Torrance before proceeding further.

Meeting Hostesses

Feb 20 Board Meeting
Hostess: *Pat Irwin, Anne Jensen
Feb 27 General Meeting
Hostess: *Kitty Hill, Marie Hoffman, Jean Winter
Mar 20 Board Meeting
Hostess: *Sharon Crawford, Martha Bragg
Mar 27 General Meeting
Hostess: *Julia Blake, Cecilla Ceasar, Hazel Mulqueen
Apr 17 Board Meeting
Hostess: *Pat Smith, Anna Watson
Apr 24 General Meeting
Hostess: *Kathy Lipp, Anne Greenway, Ruth Vogel

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

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SeaBreeze



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

Feb 7, 9:30-noon, Costa Verde District Meeting, SCBG, Display and Judging of Jubilee Celebration Door Decorations

Feb 13, 10-11:30, Rocketship Park with Diane

Feb 20, 9:30-noon, Board Meeting, Home of Edith Van Bellehem, 239 Paseo del las Delicias, RB, correct phone 310-375-7524

Feb 27, 9:30-noon, Landscape Architecture, General Meeting, Torrance Airport Meeting Room. Reiko Uchida is on the staff of SCBG and has studied landfill reclamation. She also does independent landscape design. Nominating Committee elected.

Mar 13, 10-11:30, Rocketship Park with Diane

Mar 20, 9:30-noon, Board Meeting, Home of Mary Varieur, 126 Calle de Arboles, Redondo Beach, correct phone 310-375-5037

Mar 27, 9:30-noon, Succulent Gardens Workshop, General Meeting, Home of Pati Johnson, 425 Via El Chico, Redondo Beach. This is our annual workshop to plant succulent container gardens for our hospital therapy project. Election of new officers

Mar 31, 9-3, Scholarship Plant Sale, Home of Charlie Sappington, 5025 Lee Street, Torrance

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

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

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, Cost \$12. Make reservations now.

Other

Feb 9-11, 10 am-6pm. Fascination with Orchids.

A spectacular Orchid Show and Sale held at the Orange County Fairgrounds. Cost \$4 one day, \$6 unlimited weekend admission.

Our schedule is now online at

<http://www.localendar.com/public/RivGarden>