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The Presidents Message:

"All gardeners live in beautiful places, because they make them so." Joseph Joubert

Dear Friends



Our garden has been undergoing a major re-landscaping after one of the walls fell over in a fierce wind. We decided a large tree had to be removed, changing a shade garden to sun. What was beautiful has been chaotic and has been so for quite sometime.

The wall has been replaced and others added. It is a time of anticipation for the return of nature's tranquility. What fun it is to discuss what tree will replace the old birch or where to move the iris.

Being president these last two years has been similar to the work we are doing on our garden. We've tried always to have a plan and the anticipation that the choices made would continue to nurture this, "beautiful place," our Riviera Garden Club.

A Great Big Thanks!

What a pleasure it has been to serve you as president of the Riviera Garden Club. Together we accomplished so much. Most of all, we enjoyed all we did.

There is a saying, "Many hands make light work." That certainly seemed true. I had only to

describe what I needed and there were willing hands and hearts that took on the task.

You know, I think our club must be very unique. We are a large group of women, sorry George, who get along, are kind to each other, don't have cliques, and work together as a team. The respect and true concern we feel for one another is a special gift that we share.

Thanks to each and every one of you. You have given me memories I will never forget.

Fondly, Judy

The Discovery Garden at the South Coast Botanic Gardens

Just as our club year was ending, LA Country gave SCBG approval to go ahead with their Discovery Garden project. This project will expand the existing Children's Garden to provide hands on learning experience for pre-school children, which should attract a younger group of visitors. I have been following their progress for a year and planned to suggest funding for the project as our 50th anniversary gift. Several of the clubs in our district made year end donations. Our financial support of this project would benefit SCBG and the youth of our area. RGC has ample funds to support this project. *Judy*

September 13-15

CGCI Fall Board

Host: Costa Verde District

Chairman: Diane Charbonneau

On the Thursday preceding the meeting, there will be a **Parliamentary Law Workshop**.

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

Check out our website at www.rivieragardenclub.org

Email our new presidents at President@RivieraGardenClub.org

Spring Garden Club Meetings

Hospital volunteers thanks us for our succulent Gardens.

The yearly succulent garden workshop was held in March at Pati Johnson's. Her beautiful garage was a great place to fill the containers.

In May, 125 succulent dish gardens were delivered to the patients at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The hospital volunteers, saying how much the patients enjoyed the dish gardens, expressed their thanks on behalf of the patients. Later in May, the volunteers invited June Stevenson, Judy Unrine, and Mary Varieur to tea and presented them an Appreciation Award Certificate.

Rick Wheeler gave hints on successful pruning.

Rick gave a talk on pruning at our April meeting, with an emphasis on fruit trees. He warned against severely topping fruit trees; this puts the fruit high where the birds can reach easily and makes the branches heavy. Fruit trees bought for the South Bay should need few chill hours, not more than 400 hours, but those labeled 100-200 hours are even better.

Old Towne Orange earns its reputation as charming place to visit.

Our May bus trip started with visits to fairy gardens at M&M Nursery and to a sculpture garden at the Garden Gallery. Then the group broke up to sample the restaurants, the antique shops, and the architecture of Old Towne Orange.

Plant and Bake Sale raises scholarship money.

Once again the plant and bake sale was a good money maker. We made almost \$500. Thanks to Charlie and to everyone who helped and brought plants. Helpers included Diane Connell, Betty Moyer, Wendy Tsuji and Judy Unrine. June Young was the cashier. Diane's container demonstration was a big hit.

News from the District

Hints from the Clematis Queen.



Edith Malek, the self-proclaimed Clematis queen, gave a garden talk at the April District Meeting. Her enthusiastic love for this climbing vine made all the attendees ready to take up her obsession. Look her up at <http://clematis.org/>.

CVD installation of offices capped with vintage fashion show and tea.

The Costa Verde District's Installation Tea and Vintage Fashion Show on June 13th at the South Coast Botanical Gardens was a fun time for all. Coordinator Mary Varieur surpassed her goal of one hundred attendees.

Events included meeting the new State President, Robin Pokorski and recognizing the past District Directors.

The room oohed and aahed over the fashion show which paraded over 30 outfits, many loaned from club members. Models from RGC included Gloria Jacobs, Pati Johnson, Betty Moyer, Wendy Tsuji, and Mary Varieur. There was a flapper dress, a woman's sailor outfit; there were coats, gowns, dresses and, after a short break, a group modeling a wedding party, even with bride!

Wendy Tsuji

In Memoriam – Dorothy Copeland



Dorothy turned 100 last October and still came to sit at the back desk to take the names and money from people when they attended the District Meetings. She was very active in the District and State Level, and was a charter member of the Circle of Poppies.

Installation and Mad Hatter Luncheon

Charlie Sappington hosted another successful event as the RGC thanked Judy Unrine and her board for a successful two years. The theme "Hats Off to You" was featured in the table decorations of white hats with purple ribbons and echoed in the programs. She was assisted by Pati Johnson, Marilyn Barker and Toni Sargent.

Trent Houston was awarded our scholarship for a second year at El Camino. We hope to visit with him at the SEA Lab in the fall.

Judges for the hat parade were Daily Breeze Columnist Meredith Grenier and Mayor Frank Scotto, and his wife Cindy. The best hat winners were Charlie Sappington's roses for most beautiful, Pam Barrett's flower pots for funniest, and Toni Sargent's Tillandsia for most unusual.

Judy Unrine announced honorary membership for Jean Levanas, as well as years of membership certificates to Mercedes Murner and Catherine Harlin for 30 years, and Irma Maggio and Nadyne Shelton for 40 years. A club merit award was given to Martha Ann Walter. Special recognitions



awards were given to the phone committee and to the newsletter and yearbook editors. Judy gave an award to Charlie Sappington for woman of the year and Charlie returned the honor by giving Judy a gift for her wonderful service as president. Charlie is pictured with her award.

Irma Maggio, long time RGC member, graciously stepped in at the last minute to install the new officers. Gloria Jacobs was unable to attend, but provided a full script and VIP badges.

Special Board Meeting

There will be a board meeting to finalize committee responsibilities at Wendy Tsuji's on Monday, July 30, at 10 am. Wendy lives at 871 Calle de Arboles and her phone number is 310-373-2721.

Newsletter by e-mail

You may sign up to receive your Sea Breeze newsletter by e-mail only. Postage can account for half of our costs. Please e-mail Geneva to add your name to the e-mail only list.

Membership

Jean Levanas was made an Honorary Member at our June luncheon. For many years, she was our elegant fashion show commentator and welcomed us to her home for the Christmas Party. She was known for her beautiful floral displays. Jean was a forty year member and president from 1991-94.

Welcome to our first new member for 2007-8, Marnie Inman. She lives at 727 S. Broadway #C, Redondo Beach, CA 90277-4671 and her telephone number is 310-540-8519.

Karen Murrey is too busy to continue in the Club. Karen and Gordon have been successful with their own business and she is still a realtor!!

Eunice Hargrove is retiring so she plans to be ACTIVE in our activities!! Welcome back Eunice!!

Please note new e-mail address for Beebe Moorhead: Beebe12@roadrunner.com

If you have any changes for the yearbook, please let Pam or Judy/George, the yearbook editors, know.

Happy Summer, Pam Barrett

El Retiro Library Flower Arrangement Assignments

July 2	Marilyn Barker
July 9	Pam Barrett
July 16	Martha Bragg
July 23	Cecilia Ceasar
July 30	Diane Connell
Aug 6	Sharon Crawford
Aug 13	Anne Jensen
Aug 20	Trudy Doesserich
Aug 27	Wendy Eddy

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

Anne Jensen



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Landscape of the Month

June/July - Edith Van Bellehem at 239 Paseo de las Delicias

Flag Day and the Fourth of July are celebrated in this red, white and blue garden artfully created by Kathy Yandell of Inner Gardens. Red Richmondensis Begonias, white Iceberg roses, blue Lobelia and perennial Salvias provide the patriotic color scheme. Two highlights are a sculptural melaleuca bordering the driveway and twisted junipers in front of the garage that add depth and dimension to this landscape.

May - Helen Vico at 219 Paseo de las Delicias

High above an ivy slope sits a small, private garden lovingly cared for by its long time owner. It is filled with roses, including Cecil Brunner, Shasta daisies, perennial salvia, gardenias, azaleas and a gloriously sinewy tree. A touch of whimsy is provided by an antique water pump at street level.

April – Judy and Chris Bader, 423 San Sebastian

Just two years old, this cottage style garden has many colorful specimens, including fuchsia, scaevola, ranunculus, verbena, lantana and

bedding begonias. A steep corner slope has been artfully terraced and showcases a mature Brazilian pepper tree and a lovely collection of Richmondensis Begonias, purple Lantana and a colorful display of a variety of roses. A bistro table and chairs perches on a flagstone terrace above the slope inviting an opportunity to sit and enjoy the spectacular view. *Ruth Vogel*

Landscape pictures can be found at
http://www.hollywoodriviera.org/Riv02_Landscape/RHALandscapes.htm

Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication

The dedication is being planned in conjunction with the CGCI Fall Board Meeting. Our state president, Robin Pokorski, and State Blue Star Marker Chairman, Ruth Angevine, plan to attend.

Members, please contact George Unrine to help him out on the planning committee or for more information. An organizational meeting is planned for early August. *George Unrine*

Rocketship Park

Gardening will continue through the summer, the 2nd Tuesday from 10am until 11:30am.

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