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The Presidents Message:

Garden Tour Plans Become Firm

This is a special issue on our garden tour planning. Our Garden Tour Chairman, Karen Lent, and her committee chairman have been working really hard on the planning. The house selection committee has done an excellent job. We hope every member will find one or more ways to participate. See you September 9th.

September Meeting now set for September 9th

The September Meeting has been moved to September 9th, the 2nd Tuesday in September, so that everyone can pick up their tickets to sell. Be sure and bring your checkbook, as tickets received must be paid.

All the docents are requested to attend this meeting – both members and the friends of members who have volunteered.

Yearbooks will be distributed.

The September Meeting will be a welcome for the three new members, Gloria Balcom, Janet Pancheri and Pat Reid, that came in May and joined up. We were pleased to see them at the Installation Luncheon. Also, being welcomed are Bobbie Davison, Diana Crane, Phyllis Valentin and Carole Lefevre, who joined for the 2007/2008 year.

The September board meeting has also been moved. It is now September 2nd, the first Tuesday in September. *Wendy & Geneva*

Your Help is Appreciated

Support the Garden Tour

For the garden tour all members will be expected to purchase two tickets, sign up to be a

docent, and bring cookies or bread. For those who expect to be out of town on October 18th, please help at the earlier events during the summer.

Membership News

We had three guests at our May meeting and they all wanted to join. We were pleased to see all three at the Mad Hatter Luncheon

Pat(ricia) Reid

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Long Beach, CA 90815-3115

562-431-2923 Pat_Reid@verizon.net address has an underline between Pat and Reid

Janet Pancheri Husband: Don

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Redondo Beach 90278-5052

310-376-1437 jfpancheri@gmail.com

She has just moved here from Indiana

Gloria Balcom

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Redondo Beach, CA 90277-6719

310-378-5464 gloria@tnlm.com

Gloria is remodeling a house on Granada and is living in Lomita until 9/08.

Eunice Hargrove asks that we use her other email, (separates her mail from husband Richard), euniceatthebeach@socal.rr.com for Garden Club or other mail to her.

Sunshine News

DeLaine Anthony wishes to thank the Garden Club and members for their thoughtfulness and caring in the loss of her husband.

DeLaine will be moving to Colorado in the spring to be near her daughter. We will miss her smile and cheery attitude very much

Beyond the Garden Gate

Our Garden Tour Report

From Karen Lent, Garden Tour Chair



Save the Date!

Saturday, October 18,
10 am to 4 pm

SAVE THE DATE
and tell your friends!

IT'S OFFICIAL -
It's not just a tour –
it's an event! Beyond
the Garden Gate will be
a WONDERFUL

garden event located
within the Riviera! We
have 8 unique homes, 4-5 education tables plus
elegant refreshments.

Have your friends, neighbors and relatives put
October 18 on their calendars! Don't let them miss
knowing about and saving the date for this special
day. We're putting on a great party! Call June
Stevenson or myself for Garden Tour Flyers when
they are hot off the press in mid August – also
available at the September 9th first RGC general
meeting. Please have your friendly cleaners, hair
dresser, etc. post a flyer for us.

I've been emailing my friends to tell them to
save October 18 date for our Garden Tour. If you
are email literate, please do the same! Surely they
will be happy not to have a conflict that weekend!
If you would like an email flyer suitable for
sending to your friends, please call me for a copy,
310.375-6539.

Tickets

Tickets go on sale September 6. Please call
June Stevenson or myself if you would like us to
deliver tickets to you. Otherwise, they will be
available at the September 9th general meeting.
Tickets are \$25 presale/\$30 day of tour. For non-
members they will be available at Bristol Farms,
Villa Hermosa, on our website or through your
friendly RGC club member!

Win a Prize: Please try to sell 5 tickets – every
RGC member who sells 5 tickets will be entered
into a drawing for a prize. There will also be a

prize for the MOST tickets sold by a RGC
member! Every club member is going to be asked
to buy two tickets. Thank you for your support!
Everyone please help!

The Homes

Thank you House Selection Committee!
Your job is done. You've chosen unique gardens
in the Riviera that will make it a "must see" event.
Thanks to: Anna Watson, Pati Johnson, Ruth
Vogel, Phyllis Valentin, Toni Sargent, Shelley
Lubinsky and Marnie Inman – GREAT job!

We will be presenting photographs of the homes
at the first RGC general meeting on a big screen!
Come for a sneak preview of Beyond the Gate.

Houses Co-ordinators:

Water house: Charlie Sappington & Karen Lent
Historic House: June Stevenson
Mediterranean: Anne Jensen
Romantic Hideaway: Phyllis Valentin
Waterfall: Sharon Saffer
Dry Stream: Toni Sargent
Environmental: Jean Vasquez
Refreshments: Shelley Lubinsky

Homeowner Acceptance

It is important that each homeowner understand
the liability and safety issues involved in using
their house. We will be sending an acceptance
letter containing this information as well as the
form they need to fill out with their legal name
and address so we can purchase CGCI liability
insurance.

Special Thanks

Everyone who has helped is greatly appreciated;
after all we could not have done so much without
you. Your ideas and contacts have made my work
more manageable and less stressful. I can't name
all of you, but here are a handful of key helpers so
far:

Thank you Ruth Vogel who is doing our house
write ups for the tickets, Pati Johnson chairing
Publicity, June Stevenson chairing Scheduling and
Coordinating, Claudeene Lyon chairing
Refreshments, and June Young chairing Finance
and Ticketing.

A special thank you to Phyllis Valentin who has been the Selection Committee Historian. Phyllis took the pictures; including the one that is our inspiration for the theme: Beyond the Garden Gate.

AND, Wendy & Geneva – I appreciate your support and guidance!

So save the date and spread the word! Thank you RGC members!

Work Parties to Join

It's Your Time

If you are going to be out of town October 18 you can support the tour by helping with publicity, a work party and/or by selling advance tickets and spreading flyers!

Sign up to be a docent

We are close to having enough docents for all the houses. Please sign up to be a docent if you haven't already done so and tell June Stevenson if you have friends that would like to be docents.

Sign up for two shifts

If you signed up to be a docent and you will be able to work two three hour shifts, please call June Stevenson and let her know. Lunch will be provided for those that work a double shift.

Help make signs

Pati is having a work day at her house on August 9 to make signs for the houses and the neighborhood. Let her know if you can help. She has also requested that members collect paint sticks to be used in making plant identification signs.

Sign up for cookies

Claudeene needs homemade cookies and breads for the refreshment table. Please call her to let her know what you are bringing.

Our Garden Corner

Huntington Library Trip

Everyone enjoyed our sold out Huntington Library Trip, especially the new additions to the Chinese Garden. We welcomed several San Pedro Garden Club members, who were able to come when the day was rescheduled.

Wild Birds Unlimited

Bob Shanman's talk on "Birds in the Backyard" was highly entertaining, as well as educational, with its emphasis on the importance of fresh quality bird seed.

Plant Sale

Our plant and bake sale was a good money maker. We made more than \$500. Thanks to Charlie for her house and her help. Thanks to everyone who helped and brought plants and cookies.

Thanks for the Succulents



June Stevenson, her husband, Aleen Houston and Wendy Tsuji dropped off the

succulents at the Retirement home, then the hospital on May 30. They attended the volunteer recognition ceremony at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center on June 2 as thank for the succulent planter donations.

CVD Corner

In March, Jeanne Scherf spoke on flowers that give colorful blooms in winter.

In June, Erick Brooks showed slides of birds of the South Coast Botanic Gardens with a slide of the prime food source for each bird. Thanks to June Young, June Stevenson, Hazel McQueen, Diane Connell, and Toni Sargent who attended, helped out, and brought refreshments. Also, thanks to Karen Lent for sending food.

In June, at the CVD Horticulture Show, some of us saw how the judges rated flower blooms and potted plants. Thanks to Toni Sargent, Jean Winter, Pam Barrett and Judy Unrine for their entries. Judy won a CVD award for her coreopsis bloom.

Sea Breeze



Landscape of the Month Award

May – Pam Popovich at 421 Camino del Campo

Pam's lovely garden, designed by Ric Dykzeul, is a mixed tapestry of mature azaleas and camellias highlighted by unusual coral bells, Serbian bellflower, pittosporum tobira, begonia richmondensis, variegated fortnight lily and punctuated by a graceful Japanese maple. The handsome paver driveway and winding, lighted walkway creates an inviting and welcoming entry.

May- Roger & Lee Solley at 440 Via Linda Vista

This is an informal, hidden garden sitting low beneath a raised curb side beam. It features a colorful, mixed planting of geranium, agapanthus, orange lilies, violas and iceberg roses. A nostalgic playhouse with a matching red tile roof nestles

into a corner of the garden at the end of a sweeping lawn.

April – Marilyn van Oppen and Anne van Oppen McKinney at 23648 Susana Ave

Jim and Marilyn van Oppen have been low water gardeners for fifty years. Way back in the 50's, they trekked out to the Theodore Payne Nursery in Sunland/Tujunga and planted their entire property with California native plants. This new front garden is a lively mixture of natives and drought resistant plants mainly started from cuttings and seeds, including Australian and South African protea and leucadendron. Anne van Oppen McKinney designed and planted this garden as a living memorial to her father who passed away last year.

Our Calendar Section

Riviera Garden Club Events

August 5 1:30	Coordinator Meeting at June Stevenson's
August 13 9:30-11:30	Sign Meeting at Pati Johnson's
August 12 1:30	Garden Tour Chair Meeting
September 9 9:30-noon	General Meeting, Airport
September 10 1:30	Garden Tour Chairs Meeting
October 12 3 to 6	Preview Riviera Garden Club Tour
October 18 10 to 4	Riviera Garden Club Tour – 'Beyond the Garden Gate'

District, State and Other Club Events

RGC will be selling tickers at Picnic in the Park, CVD Meeting, and Torrance Historical Society Home Tour	
September 7 1-4	South Torrance Homeowner Associations, Picnic in the Park, El Retiro Park
September 8-11	CGCI Fall Board, Holiday Inn Express, Grass Valley Host: Golden Foothills District
October 1	CVD General Meeting, SCBG
October 3	Diggers Garden Club (RPV) Tour to 3 nurseries and a garden in North San Diego County, \$45. Call Jerry Perry at 310 373-4245 or email info@digadirt.com.
October 2-5	NGC Fall Board, Providence, Rhode Island
October 11-12 10-3	Torrance Historical Society Home Tour