

Riviera Garden Club



Presidents' Message

It was great to see everyone at the Potluck at St. Luke's. We were especially happy to see **Sharon Saffer** up and about. We thank **Marilyn Rubin** for the succulent center pieces and special thanks to those of you who purchased one. We are grateful to **Tecki Poletti** for an inspiring demonstration on making succulent wreaths. We all enjoyed **Mayor Scott's** talk about conservation and what the City of Torrance has been doing to go green.

Thanks to **Marilyn** for another great meeting at the Madrona Marsh. **Tracy Drake**, Manager of the Marsh, is always a great speaker, as was **Mike Garcia** of Enviroscope.

Please remember to sign up now for the Holiday Party (**Pam Barrett**) and for a library flowers week with **Lynne Stern**, and a weeding opportunity with one of your civic beautification gardeners. Happy gardening!

Geneva Martin & Nancy Weaver

November 27 Meeting

If you love chocolate, you won't want to miss this meeting at the Torrance Airport! Our featured speaker is **Jeffray Gardner**, owner of *Marsatta Fancy Chocolates* of Redondo Beach. A notable chocolatier, Mr. Gardner will bring raw materials used in chocolate making, samples, and items for us to purchase. He sells his chocolates at the Redondo Beach and Torrance Farmers' Markets.



Penny Pines, Please!

We need many more items for the Penny Pines tables. Please bring your gently used treasures to **Charlie Sappington's** home a week prior to the meeting. Jewelry is needed for the Boutique Table, and plant seedlings, too!

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2012-2013 Officers

Co-Presidents: **Geneva Martin** and **Nancy Weaver**

1st VPs: **Marilyn Rubin** and **Carole Lefevre**

2nd VP: **Gay Hargrave**

3rd VPs: **Allison Jones** and **Marybeth Muir**

Co-Secretaries: **Gloria Rezek** and **Toni Ziegler**

Treasurer: **Wendy Tsuji**

Parliamentarian: **Toni Sargent**

Board Advisor: **Karen Lent**

A Cure for Holiday Angst

As the holidays approach, take a moment to do a little something for others—and for yourself!

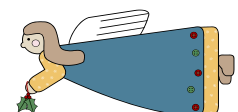
Hospital Therapy

Make someone smile: Our annual Holiday gift giving for male patients at Harbor UCLA Medical Center is here. Please bring gifts to the **November** general meeting or the **Holiday Lunch**, or drop them off at **Jan Charlin's** house before **December 10**. Most appreciated are individual toiletries or clothing, e.g., flannel shirts, socks, underwear, and sweat suits. Items must be new and unwrapped, except used books, games and puzzles.

Salvation Army Angels

Give a child a gift of happiness: Again, **Toni Sargent** will distribute angels to benefit the Salvation Army's Angel Project. Call Toni to select a paper angel, then buy a gift for the child described on the angel, and return the gift unwrapped and labeled along with the lower half of the angel. If you prefer, you may also donate a gift without an angel. It should be labeled with the sex and age of the child for which it is appropriate. Often, these angle gifts are the only present that a child will receive. Please bring the gifts to Toni at the Holiday Luncheon, or to her home **no later than Monday, December 10**.

Happy Holiday Shopping!



Volunteers Make It Work!

Your assistance is needed to help maintain the various gardens that the Club has planted over the years. If each of us spent just **one hour a year**, a lot could be accomplished! **Gay Hargrave** needs assistance at Rocketship Park, as does **Gloria Balcom** (El Retiro), and **Ruth Vogel** (Colinas Circle). They did not sign up to do this by themselves, so please call them and offer your assistance. Or better yet, check out these locations, as well as Walteria Library and the Torrance Marker, and take a look around. What do you see? A weed? Errant grass? Dead blooms? Litter? Please take a moment to pull it out, pick it up, and place it in a bin. TIP: Carry a grapefruit knife (the perfect weeder) in your car or bag.



Holiday Luncheon!

At the November general meeting, **Pam Barrett** will have flyers and will accept your money (\$40) for our annual Holiday Luncheon to be held on Sunday, December 2, at 11:30 a.m.

The **Blue Water Grill** will be the setting for a fun and festive start to the holidays. Please feel free to bring a spouse or friend. RSVP to Pam and reserve with her as soon as possible. You won't want to miss this ever-entertaining event!



And one more thing . . .

- ◆ **Meeting Hostesses**, take note: **Bertie Wood** is the new Properties Manager this year, taking over for **June Young**. Thank you, June, for housing and protecting the Club's properties for so long!
- ◆ Have you received your **Member Yearbook** yet? If not, you may pick one up at any meeting. It's waiting for you!
- ◆ **Lynne Stern** needs a few more volunteers to take flowers to the El Retiro and Walteria libraries. Please contact her. Remember to remove the old plant container when you bring a new arrangement.

Errata: Please make the following corrections in your copy of the 2012-13 *Member Yearbook*:

Betty Moye's email: beyom246@hotmail.com

Sheila Kutkus' phone: 310-542-3448

November 20 Board Meeting: at **Toni Ziegler's home**

Gloria Balcom's email: g.balcom@verizon.net

If you have a mind at peace, a heart that cannot harden, go find a door that opens wide upon a lovely garden.

Welcome to Our Newest Member! **Janette Schaeffer** joined us September, 2012

October Meeting at Madrona Marsh

It was back to nature in at the October 23rd meeting when **Tracy Drake**, Manager, *Madrona Marsh*, presented an illustrated chronicle of the Marsh and early environs. In 2009, the Club donated two benches to the Marsh, with proceeds from our 2008 Garden Tour.

Mike Garcia of *Enviroscape Landscaping* gave an overview of sustainable landscaping, e.g., water conservation through a good water source (drip irrigation, underground watering). RGC members are invited to see his home "enviroscape" at 2609 Vargas Way, RB 90278 on January 15, 2013, at 2:30. Web: www.EnviroscapeLA.com More details about this event will appear in the January newsletter.



Community Service in Action!

When **Marilyn Rubin** was asked to help the Fifth Grade Girl Scout Troop plant two gardens at Cornerstone School in RPV, she contacted **Bill Pettitt** for assistance. Pettitt manages the veggie garden at Riviera Elementary School. On October 24th, he brought lettuce, cabbage and broccoli seedlings and helped the girls plant a winter garden and colonial garden. They pulled out all the old plants and cut them up to make a compost pile, then added organic material before wetting the soil. The girls loved using their hand tools to mix the water and amendments into the cleared beds. Then, they planted the seedlings at the proper depth, as demonstrated by Pettitt. As a reward, Marilyn gave each girl a 4" pot, which they filled with moistened soil and lettuce seeds, thus bringing home the "fruits" of their labor!

We come from the earth, we return to the earth, and in between we garden.



Fifth grade Girl Scouts plant a garden at Cornerstone School, assisted by Marilyn Rubin and Bill Pettitt.

Landscape Awards

The Riviera Garden Club, in conjunction with the Riviera Homeowners' Association, proudly congratulates these Riviera homeowners, with appreciation for beautifully enhancing our area and community.



July 2012—The Harris Residence— 401 Calle de Aragon. Landscape Architect Nicola Lagodis of Amadeus Gardens installed new life after a fire destroyed the home.



Sept 2012—The Baltimore-Howard Residence—112 Paseo de Suenos. Succulents and kangaroo paws border the curving stone path to the home's entry level.



Compliance Corner By George Unrine A Little About Non-Profits

"Non-profit" is usually used to describe an organization that is not intended to provide financial benefit to its shareholders. You come in contact with non-profit organizations when you go to a thrift shop, belong to the Y, attend church, donate to a worthy cause, or, belong to a garden club. They are all around us. The one thing they all have in common is that they are not required to pay

federal or state income taxes. An organization does not need to be incorporated to be considered a non-profit.

While non-profits do not pay income taxes, they are subject to reporting requirements. Since 2006 all non-profit organizations have been required to file a yearly Statement of Information with the IRS. A similar requirement was put in place in 2010 by the California Franchise Tax

Board. The questions asked in the Statements' of Information allow the IRS and FTB to determine if an agency is acting like a non-profit. Failure to file could cause the IRS or FTB to declare an organization to be for-profit and subject to income tax.

I am happy to report that because of our relationship with CGCI, Riviera Garden Club was aware of these requirements and has submitted the required filings with the IRS and FTB.

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Sea Breeze

Sea Breeze is a bi-monthly publication for the members of the Riviera Garden Club, Inc., a non-profit, philanthropic organization of the South Bay.

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A Sunshine Bouquet for Edith Dees, who is healing well at home after rehab from a fall last summer.

Sharon Saffer is looking great and back to our meetings, following her recent illness.



Along the Garden Path

Congratulations go to Riviera Cake Fairy **Anna Spallino** who was named **Youth Volunteer of the Year** by the *Daily Breeze* for her homemade cake sales that raised funds for Free Wheelchair Mission, which provides wheelchairs for disabled adults and children in El Salvador. Anna served us some of her luscious cake at our meeting a couple of years ago.

To order a cake, you can reach Anna at Spallino4@yahoo.com; 310-375-9234; or www.fwm.kintera.org/mobilityfor550.

Happy Birthday, Members!

Calendar of Events

- Nov 20 9:30 Board Meeting at **Toni Ziegler's**
- Nov 27 9:30 Member Meeting at the Airport
Hostesses: Sheila Kutkus, Rita Wagstaff, Marilyn Barker
- Dec 2 11:30 Holiday Party at Blue Water Grill
- Dec. 5 10:30 **CVD** Holiday Potluck at South Coast Botanic Garden (SCBG)
- Jan. 15 9:30 Board Meeting at **Marybeth Muir's**
- Jan. 22 9:30 Member Meeting at the Airport
Hostesses: Eunice Hargrove, Kathryn Joiner, Nan Clancy
- Feb. 13 9:30 **CVD** gen'l. mtg. on Fairy Gardens at SCBG.
 Host garden clubs Riviera & San Pedro
- Feb. 19 9:30 Board Meeting at **Carole Lefevre's**
- Feb. 26 9:30 Member Meeting at the Airport
Hostesses: Mary Varieur, Tecki Poletti, Michele Sagolla

October

- 5 June Young
- 8 Kay Kanuit
- 8 Margaret Majid
- 14 Beebe Moorhead
- 17 Gene Hassan
- 19 Mary Eninger
- 24 Karen Lent
- 28 Sheila Kutkus

November

- 6 Marilyn Barker
- 9 Geneva Martin
- 13 Michelle Sagolla
- 18 Charlie Sappington
- 19 Pati Johnson
- 20 Ruth Vogel
- 29 Shelley Lubinsky
- 30 Marilyn Rubin

December

- 2 Janette Schaefer
- 4 Linda LoConte
- 5 Julia Blake
- 5 Trudy Dosserich
- 10 Lola Ungar
- 21 Irma Maggio
- 23 Diana Crane
- 30 Claudeene Lyon

