



Riviera Garden Club

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From Our President

Wow! What a busy few weeks! Our April 28 excursion to Pasadena was really enjoyable but very HOT. The Storrier/Stearns Japanese Garden was BEAUTIFUL. If you want to visit that Japanese garden again with your family or just see it for the first time, look on-line to make a reservation for their once a month OPEN SUNDAY. Directly across the street is Arlington Garden, the native plant and Mediterranean garden created on Caltrans land a little more than a decade ago. It's quite unique with all its outdoor "rooms" and water wise plantings.



Our pre-Mothers' Day PLANT SALE at **Charlie Sappington's** was HUGELY SUCCESSFUL. A special BIG THANK YOU to **Charlie Sappington** for organizing and hosting the RGC plant sale. I would say that at least 3/4 or more of our RGC members volunteered to help with the plant sale in some way! THANK YOU! We worked for months creating succulent arrangements at numerous workshops at the home of **Phyllis DeCrescenzo**. We earned more than enough money to fund two scholarships next year. **Dina Wiley** and **Kathryn Joiner** created a charming fairy garden which was used as a raffle prize at the plant sale. Their raffle ticket donations generated \$108 above what we earned selling plants. FABULOUS! The lucky winner of the Fairy Garden was **Judy Gerber**. Judy is a local vegetable gardener/ teacher who presented a program to RGC a few years ago about growing salad greens and other edibles in containers. Ironically Judy is a neighbor of Charlie's.

Last month there was also a workshop at **June Stevenson's** home to create small succulent containers for patients at Harbor UCLA hospital. There was another RGC outreach program at the El Retiro Library for children to learn about monarch butterflies and to take home pots filled with plants that monarchs love. **Geneva Martin** and her crew of volunteers did a great job at the library!

Our Mad Hatter and installation luncheon is June 2. I, **Marilyn Rubin**, have been planning my hat theme for months. I won't tell you my idea BUT I will tell you that it has to do with me being born in Chicago, moving to Santa Monica as a wee baby and now being a vegetable gardener. OOOH! Come to Mad Hatters to find out!

A few days after the June installation co-presidents, **Charlie Sappington** and **Marilyn Rubin**, will be attending the California Garden Clubs convention in Reno, Nevada. Thank you, RGC members, for allowing us to do this and learn how to be more effective garden club presidents!

Marilyn Rubin

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Calendar of Events

Riviera Garden Club:

May 19, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. RGC Board Meeting, Toni Ziegler

May 26, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. RGC General Meeting, Airport, **Attracting Butterflies and Hummingbirds to your garden**

June 2, Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. Installation and Mad Hatters Luncheon, see flyer

Sept 15, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. RGC Board Meeting

Sept 22, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. RGC General Meeting

Other:

May 16, Palos Verdes Woman's Club Garden Tour, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., see website

May 17, South Bay Water-Wise Garden Tour, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., see website

June 8-12, CGCI 84th Convention, Reno, NV

June 24, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Costa Verde District Meeting, SCBG, Installation Meeting, Potluck

Barbara Bratcher-Ott

Remembering

by **Karen Lent**



Barbara was such a lovely person. It was an honor to know her. Many condolences to Larry and the children on their loss.

Barbara loved gardens and gardening. She had her own lovely home garden before her illness forced her to give it up. She joined RGC when Shelley and I were co presidents 5 years ago.

Barbara was very stylish, charming and beautiful. She was also strong and brave. She told us early on about her battle with Myeloma and that it was difficult for her to commit to long range projects but she planned on being as active a club member as possible.

She was very creative and a hard worker. She helped us with Designs for Dining and Power of Art. Those of you who helped with the Power of Art project knew how laborious and time consuming that project was. Barbara even got husband Larry to help and he proved to be the same kind of selfless worker that she was. It was good to see them work together as a team. They were a loving couple.

Three years ago Dina Wiley and I co-chaired RGC's Historic Home Tour. When it became time to go out for advertising dollars - WHO wants to go out and ask retailers for money?! Barbara was the only one to raise her hand to help us.

Here is an appropriate quote.

"Friends come into our lives and friends leave our lives. But friends never leave our hearts."

I'm so glad to have received the gift of Barbara in my life. We will all miss her.

Member News & Tidbits

Congratulations

May Birthdays

Cavin Shorter-2, Irma Chiota-4, Marjorie McKarns-4, Marybeth Muir-11, Lynne Stern-14, Toni Ziegler-25, Tecki Poletti-26

June Birthdays

Judy Unrine -8, Nancy Weaver-9, Ginnie Schneider-14, Mary Lou McCammack-15, Pat Heilmann-18, Leony Filler-28, June Stevenson -29

July Birthdays

Nan Clancy-4, Wendy Tsuji-10, Yvonne Carnes-18, Gloria Balcom-23, Martha Bragg-23, Bobbie Davison-28, Donna Monette-29, Lana Terry-29

August Birthdays

Phyllis DeCrescenzo-13, Emily Lacina-14, Lillian Kitagawa-18

Sunshine

Rita Wagstaff's husband, John, had cataract surgery on May 4th.

Workshops

Butterflies and Milkweed

Twenty kids heard Jay reading a butterfly story and then planted a milkweed seed to take home. Milkweed seeds were donated by **Jenna Christensen**. Jenna organizes weeding at Seaside Heroes Park on the second Saturday of each month.



Librarian Jay Spradlin reads to the kids

Succulent Baskets

The succulent basket workshop at El Retiro was quickly filled and there was a waiting list. **Leony, Todd, Pati, Charlie, Toni** and **Geneva** hardly had room to move among the eager participants.



Toni Sargent, Pati Johnson & Geneva Martin handing out plants



Laurie Valliant, Jeannie Brown and Linda Rosenfeld planting milkweed



Charlie Sappington & Leony Filler (behind the pillar)

Plant Sale Preparation



One of the many plant sale workshops



Todd Aotorne explaining

Officers for 2015-2016

Co-Presidents: Marilyn Rubin and Charlie Sappington

First Vice Presidents: Sharon Saffer, Eunice Hargrove and Lynn Fernandez

Second Vice Presidents: Kathryn Joiner and Nan Clancy

Third Vice Presidents: Leony Filler and Connie Moseley

Treasurer: Emily Lacina

Co-Secretaries: Linda Rosenfeld and Toni Ziegler

Scholarship Awards

Our high school scholarship has been awarded to **Arielle Santos** from Torrance High.



Our El Camino scholarship was awarded to **Jazmin Aguilar** at El Camino's Award Ceremony last month.

Pati Johnson and Jazmin Aguilar

Costa Verde District Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 9:30 a.m.

CVD Officer's Installation, District Director's Convention Report, Club President's Reports, CGCI Awards Presentation

Program at 11 a.m. Fee \$5 SCBG Potluck luncheon to follow.

Fashion Show



Models Emily Lacina, Lynn Fernandez, Connie Moseley, Leony Filler and Linda Rosenfeld

Plant Sale



Dina Wiley, Marilyn Rubin, Charlie Sappington and Linda Rosenfeld at Plant Sale



Succulents Galore

Landscape Award

Given by the Riviera Garden Club and the Riviera Homeowners Association

Lynn Fernandez, Bobbie Davison and Neva Gallegos

Photo by **Julian Chasin**



Paula Tyler, 4502 Greenmeadows, April Winner



Mad Hatter's Luncheon

June 02, 2015, 11:30 am

Cheesecake Factory
605 N. Harbor Drive
Redondo Beach
(Parking is \$2.50)

BUFFET MENU

Chinese Chicken Salad
Mixed Baby Lettuces
Garlic Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Rice Pilaf
Chicken Madeira
Pasta with Four Cheeses
Sourdough Bread and Butter
Petite Cheesecake Squares

Coffee, Iced tea, Hot tea, Soda included

\$ 35

Make reservation checks payable to Riviera Garden Club and send to:
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