



# Riviera Garden Club

## Sea Breeze

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### FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



Marilyn Rubin and Charlie Sappington

We both enjoyed the RGC potluck meeting last week. Good Food! Nice People! Fun! It was wonderful that our past president June Young and her daughter Laurie joined us. Marilyn and Charlie will be travelling out of the USA in October. Charlie will be visiting Italy while Marilyn and her husband Sherwin will explore Spain. Right now both presidents have been working hard to create some more FUN activities for you. Charlie has scheduled a fashion show fundraiser which includes a light lunch at Drapers and Damons for February 9, 2016. Marilyn is arranging succulent work-shops to be held at Phyllis DeCrescenzo's home after the New Year where you can use your artistic talents to create wonderful plant arrangements for our spring plant sale.

**HAPPY GARDENING!**  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS, RGC FRIENDS!**

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### Calendar of Events

**October 7, Wed., 10:30 Costa Verde Dist. Tea \$5**  
Helen Gates' 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday SCBG

**October 20, Tue., 9:30 a.m. RGC Board Meeting**  
Toni Sargent's home, Betty Moye, co-hostess

**October 27, Tue., RGC Bus Excursion to Orange.**  
M and M Nursery specializes in Fairy Gardens and succulents. Lunch on your own in Old Town Orange. \$25 Contact Lynn Fernandez. 310-729-5973

#### **ONE WEEK EARLY DUE TO THANKSGIVING**

**November 10, Tue., 9:30 a.m. RGC Board Meeting**  
Toni Ziegler's home Nancy Weaver, co-hostess

#### **ONE WEEK EARLY DUE TO THANKSGIVING**

**November 17, Tue., 9:30 a.m. RGC General Meeting**  
Torrance Airport room hostesses: Pati Johnson, Linda Rosenfeld, Connie Moseley

**December 6, Sunday 11:30 a.m. Holiday Party \$35**  
Los Verdes Country Club -Contact Pam Barrett-Hill 310-548-3926 for reservation by Dec. 1

**January 19, Tue. 9:30 a.m. RGC Board Meeting**  
Bertie Wood's home co hostess:Toni Ziegler

**January 26, Tue. 9:30 a.m. RGC General Meeting**  
Torrance Airport room hostesses: Marybeth Muir, Betty Moye, Julia Blake

## STORMWATER BASIN ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AT ENTRADERO PARK

By Marilyn Rubin

### What is Entradero Park?

Entradero Park is the largest of Torrance's 17 rainwater catch basins or sumps. In the 1950's Torrance was known as "The City of Sumps". The improvements at Entradero Park are fine examples of Torrance's **Stormwater Basin Enhancement Program**. This park has ball fields, playgrounds, a stone BarBQ, picnic areas, a hospitable environment for local wildlife, walking trails PLUS the *now* pristine catch basin filled with resident and migratory birds.

### Torrance's Stormwater Basin Enhancement Basin Project Benefits:

- Stormwater treatment through natural systems and infiltration basins
- Reduced debris into storm drains/ocean by use of curbside trash screens.
- Habitat restoration
- Enhanced public viewing areas
- Naturalized walking trails
- Groundwater recharging
- Improved landscaping and aesthetics
- Water conservation through use of recycled water (the purple pipes)

**Where is Entradero Park?** Drive north on Anza Ave. to Towers St. Towers St. is between Del Amo and 190<sup>th</sup> street. Turn left on Towers. Pass Entradero. Turn into the park.

Watch this 6 minute **YouTube** video "[Stormwater Basin Enhancement Program-Torrance CitiCABLE published on Sept. 1, 2015](#) to learn more about this vital program.

As a resident of Torrance, it is good to know that our city cares about the environment and is taking positive action.



**Views of Entradero Park**

### TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO A "YOU PICK" FARM

By Kathryn Joiner

Bringing families back to the farm for fresh and flavorful produce year round is the aim of **Underwood Family Farms**. Since 1867 the family has farmed in the fertile valleys of Ventura County. From Field to Market emphasizes quality and flavor. The farmers utilize techniques that maintain and replenish the soil by increasing the use of compost and biological materials and minimizing the use of commercial sprays. Your whole family will have a positive educational and interactive experience. Climb the haystack. Play in the sandbox. Explore the chicken house. Visit sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, rabbits, cows, pigs, horses, emus and alpacas.



For more information: contact **Underwood Farms** 805-529-3690 or [www.underwoodfamilyfarms.com](http://www.underwoodfamilyfarms.com)

#### SCHEDULE

July-October	beefsteak /heirloom tomatoes
August-October	peppers and chilies
October-November	gourds and pumpkins
May-November	raspberries
July-December	blackberries



**Kathryn Joiner** and grandson **James** pick blueberries last summer

Check the internet for other **PICK YOUR OWN** fruit and vegetable farms in Southern California and have fun with your kids and grandkids.

### A BIG THANK YOU to:

**Eunice Hargrove, Sharon Saffer, Linda Rosenfeld**, and *especially* **Sheila Kutkus** for setting up the Potluck at the Women’s Club. Thanks to all other RGC members who brought food and also to those helped with set up and clean up. **YOU ARE AWESOME PEOPLE!**

### LANDSCAPE AWARDS



July 2015 The Antonius residence  
125 Via Pasqual



August 2015 The Kawa residence  
102 Via Alameda



Sept 2015 The Conger residence  
501 Paseo de la Playa

### Bus Excursion to Orange Oct. 27

We will visit M and M Nursery in Orange. M and M specializes in **Fairy Gardens**. After our visit to this highly-praised nursery, we will stop in Old Town Orange for shopping and lunch on our own. Meet at Lago Seco Park at 9 a.m. **\$25**

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#### END OF SUMMER

Summer was here.  
We liked it a lot.  
A little too long,  
And a little too **HOT!**  
We like to complain.  
We think it's OK.  
But we know where we live  
Is our bliss every day.  
So love where you are,  
Enjoy every day,  
'Cause there's no better place  
Than to live in the Bay.

by **Charlie Sappington**

**MEMBER NEWS AND TIDBITS**

October Birthdays		November Birthdays		December Birthdays	
June Young	5	Marilyn Barker	6	Janette Schaefer	2
Margaret Majid	8	Geneva Martin	9	Julia Blake	5
Kay Kanuit	8	Charlie Sappington	18	Trudy Doesserich	5
Beebe Moorhead	14	Pati Johnson	19	Lola Ungar	10
Stella Leontsini	15	Ruth Vogel	20	Claudeene Lyon	30
Gene Hassan	17	Todd Aotorne	24		
Mary Eninger	19	Diane Connell	28		
Sheila Kutkus	28	Marilyn Rubin	30		

**WELCOME NEW RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS!**

**Jane Long**, a friend and neighbor of Charlie Sappington.

**Lucy Torres**, a friend and neighbor of Bobbie Davison

I am sure they will be approved by the RGC Board. They seem to be delightful women.

Enjoy this **WHIMSICAL PHOTO OF A WATER-WISE FRONT YARD**

Marilyn photographed this while going *yard "sale"ing* last week.



For more information about the Riviera Garden Club, check out our website at [www.rivieragardenclub.org](http://www.rivieragardenclub.org)

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