



Riviera Garden Club

Sea Breeze

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From our Presidents

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Welcome back Riviera Garden Club Members! Hope you had a renewing summer break. Shelley has been enjoying her new granddaughter in Las Vegas. Karen got a touch of Southwest travelling with Georgia O'Keefe landscapes.

Karen's sister-in-law brought her a pot of irises – "offspring" of their mother-in-law's irises planted about 60 years ago. The iris rhizomes (technically NOT bulbs) were carted through three house moves since the original plantings. How delightful to finally get some! They will be passed on also.

This year's club "theme" is "The Inspiration of the Garden." Appreciating a beautiful garden creates a lovely memory and is inspirational. Gardening is healthy exercise, and it provides the satisfaction of a worthwhile and positive endeavor.

The inspiration we receive can be passed on to family members or through public plantings, AND guerilla gardening! A rose to remember a loved one. Bulbs/rhizomes passed to future generations. A tree planting. Or sharing gifts from our gardens with friends and neighbors.

A garden is renewing and inspiring. While California gardens just seem to roll over year after year, we do know seasonal blooming and recognize the cycle. growth slows in the fall, sprouts in spring and culminates in the summer harvest.

We have a lot of super programs and field trips ahead in this new club year. We hope that our RGC learning experiences will inspire you in some memorable way! We look forward to sharing with you! *Shelley & Karen*

May Landscape Award



RGC's Ginnie Schneider & neighbor Kirsten Heffner share Landscape Award for Triangle Park

Ginnie Schneider moves to Oregon

Before moving to Lake Oswega, Ginnie was honored for her years of work at the flower patch at Triangle Park. She was the "guerilla gardener" who maintained the area across from her former home on Calle Miramar for many years.

When she moved to her Catalina Ave. apartment, new neighbor Kirsten Heffner began nurturing Ginnie's corner. Ginnie passed her "green thumb" baton over to Kirsten in May when neighbors and RGC members gathered to surprise Ginnie with the Landscape Award and an impromptu party.

Ginnie and her husband George were very instrumental in the community via the establishment of St. Lawrence Church, Bishop

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Montgomery and Little Company of Mary Hospital, among other notable achievements. Ginnie we will miss you and we thank you for all you've done for RGC and the Riviera and Torrance communities!

July Landscape Award



Alayne and Bruce McKaig, 175 Via Los Miradores

Upcoming Events

Welcome Back Pot Luck & Meeting:

On Tuesday, September 27 at 9:30 am, our annual beginning of the year pot luck will be held in the garden of St. Luke's Church (see directions below).

Bring a pot luck dish to share. We will have drive-up/ drop-off service at the garden side of the church when you arrive (**look for the balloons**). Runners will take your dish because the walk from the parking lot is a bit of a hike w/stairs. (**If you have mobility problems, there is limited handicapped parking** - let us know when you arrive.) We will NOT reheat items but there is limited refrigerator space. Chef Debbie Dubbs will share garden cooking ideas.

St. Luke's, 26825 Rolling Hills Rd. (going up the hill BEFORE you get to South Coast Botanic Garden – between Crenshaw and PV Drive North. If coming from Crenshaw, drive past the church parking lot into the drop-off area beyond the main entrance to the church. Then you will turn left back on to Rolling Hills Road and make another left beyond the church

into the parking lot - be careful of traffic please!

There is **NO cell phone service** in this area – if you have problems or get lost, please call St. Luke's Church office: **310.377.2825**.

No Penny Pines or flower arrangements.

Power of Art, 3 days x 2

The annual art festival presented by the Redondo Beach Art Group will be held at the Redondo Beach Power Plant on two 3-day weekends, Oct. 14-16 and 22-23. This FREE event showcases the talent of area artists. RGC's Design Committee will be designing something "green" and industrial. Come see!

Save the Date: June 2, 2012

RGC's Riviera Historic House Tour

In honor of the City of Torrance's Centennial, we will be presenting a historic house tour of the Riviera. Please mark your calendar. This is VERY important RGC fund raiser and every able bodied person is much needed to help!



Argenbright/Broeg House.

This carefully restored Riviera home was built in 1929 and will be featured on our Historic House Tour. (Look for a speakeasy!)

New African Violet presented by National Garden Clubs

This new African Violet was developed especially for California Clubs for excelling in membership. It is unusual - with citrus green bordered flowers. June Young is taking orders at \$6.00 ea. (If we order as a group we save on postage.)

"You are young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely!" Ogdan Nash

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 20, Tuesday, 9:30 am. Board Meeting, Karen Lent's

September 27, Tuesday, 9:30 am. General Meeting & Pot Luck, St. Luke's Church, 26825 Rolling Hills Rd., RHE

October 14-16 & 22-23, Power of Art. Art Festival, Redondo Beach Power Plant

October 18, 9:30 am. Board Meeting, Betty Moyer's

October 25, Tuesday, 9:30 am. General Meeting, Airport, Holiday Table Arrangement talk

November 8,* Tuesday, 9:30 am. Board Meeting, Shelley Lubinsky's

November 15,* Tuesday, 9:30 am. General Meeting, South Coast Botanic Garden, Table Designs

***November meetings 1 week early due to Thanksgiving**

Other Events

Sept 17 & 18, Sat & Sun 9-5. Orchid Society Show & Sale, SCBG

Sept 24, Begonia Society Show & Sale. SCBG

Sept. 28, Wednesday, 9:30 am. CVD Board Meeting, SCBG

September 30, 5 - 7 pm. South Coast Botanic Gardens, Plant Sale Preview

October 1, 9 am - 4 pm. South Coast Botanic Gardens, Annual Plant Sale

October 5, 9:30 am. CVD General Meeting, "Parliamentary Pause" by Robin Pokorski

October 8, 7 - 9 pm. Madronna Marsh, Star Party, www.friendsofmadronnamarsh.com

October 12, 7 pm. Riviera Homeowners, Richardson School, talk: Hillside Overlay Issues.

Congratulations

August Birthdays

Emily Lacina	14	Marnie Inman	31
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September Birthdays

Hazel Mulqueen	01	Laurie Vaillant	20
Lynn Fernandez	02	George Unrine	24
Aleen Houston	05	Kathryn Joiner	26
Gina Bush	18	Phyllis Valentin	27
Sharon Saffer	19		

Member News & Tidbits

Our best wishes to several members enjoying new grandchildren or anticipating ones on the way

Yearbooks: Yearbooks will be available at the September meeting. We profusely thank our new editor: Doug Hargrave for tackling such a difficult undertaking and doing such a beautiful job! Please take some time to read through the Yearbook - it is our "bible" and contains entire club year calendar! PLUS there is a lot more useful information.

Yearbook Change:

June Stevenson: junestev@yahoo.com

Sunshine

Best wishes to Glyndis Dean, Mary Varieur, Barbara Bratcher Ott, Phyllis Valentin and Charlie Sappington who have all endured medical issues this summer. Happy healing to ALL who have been under the weather this year!

New Members

A warm welcome to our new members: Phyllis Wright, Mary Eninger and Linda LoConte. You'll find them in our new yearbook. Please give them a cheery hello when you see them with their NEW MEMBER badges.

New Honorary Members

We are delighted to announce two new RGC Honorary Members:

- Ginnie Schneider has moved to Oregon but we and she will stay in touch.
- Diane Connell, RGC's Plant Dr., is going into semi-retirement, but will be back to help for special occasions.

Congratulations

Tassia Paschoal from West High received a \$1,000 scholarship. Tassia and her mother Monica attended our June Madhatter's. She is attending Tulane University.

Darlene Vasquez, who is enrolled in the Horticulture program at El Camino College. For the second year in a row we have awarded her a scholarship.

August 2011 Landscape Award



Chuck and Careen Hammer at 221 Paseo de Suenos

Madhatters - so much FUN!

The Bluewater Grill offered a LOVELY view of the R.B. Marina, delicious food, and the nautical decor was perfect. Thank you Chair Gay Hargrave - GREAT Job! Much appreciation also to Claudeene Lyon for assisting. A super way to start our summer break.

Congratulations to Hat Contest winners: Marilyn Rubin, Most Humorous (second year in row!), Betty Moyer, Most Green design (Betty is always creative!) and Ginnie Schneider, "Most Beautiful" Good by California/Hello Oregon design (so sad!).

We appreciate the VIP Judges: RGC member Daily Breeze editor Meredith Grenier, CEO of South Bay Botanic Garden Adrienne Lao, and to RGC's Patron Sponsor Mary Lou McCammack.

Riviera Community News

With great sadness, we note the passing of beloved local historian Marshall Stewart. He has been instrumental in helping us prepare for our Centennial Riviera Historic House Tour event. It was an honor to have known him and have him represent the Riviera so well. Marshall will be greatly missed.

September Landscape Award



Roxanne and Dr. Bill Glenn, 5617 Via de Collado

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