



# Riviera Garden Club

## Sea Breeze

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### From our Presidents

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Welcome Back! It will be another great year of programs, trips & gardening info. We liked last year's programs so much that we will be doing much of the same - just changing some names and details. But, your Co-Presidents' names are not changing. We like Riviera Garden Club and you all so much - we're doing it again! For free! AND, we look forward to it.

Everyone liked the Welcome Back pot luck at Shelley's last year so much that we are doing it again too. This year we will plan for possible/probable heat though and we'll have umbrellas. We think you will really like the speaker on organics - we hear she is quite dynamic.

We want to pass along this quote by Albert Schweitzer: "In the hopes of reaching the moon men fail to see the flowers that blossom at their feet." In other words, people don't take time to smell the flowers. Or notice their beauty. Or work in a garden. That might sum up why we are garden club members: BECAUSE we are smarter than rocket scientists! ha ha.

Hope you all had a GREAT summer! We'll see you soon! Fondly, *Karen & Shelley*



Charlie Sappington, Shelley Lubinsky, Karen Lent & Mary Varieur at Power of Art

### Power of Art

This summer, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, RGC participated in Redondo Beach Art Group's Power of Art event.

RGC's Design Group did an interpretation of Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream.

In addition to those pictured, the committee included Gay Hargrave, Alberta Brice, Wendy Tsuji, Toni Sargent, Phyllis Valentin, Geneva Martin, Barbara Bratcher-Ott, Claudeene Lyon, Don O'Donal, Russ Varier, Sharon Ratterree & Gloria Rezek.

### Mad Hatter – Fun was had by all!

...and the winners were: Allison Jones, Marilyn Rubin and Betty Moye, for hat categories Most Beautiful, Most "Green" and Most Comical.

Thanks to our judges Robin Porkowski, Helen Gates and Ruth Brooker. Robin also installed our new officers and added much humor. And we appreciate Macy Varieur for doing such a great job chairing this event for the second year in a row.



Our Mad Hatter award winners

### Welcome Back

Our General Meeting and POTLUCK will be on September 28th at Shelley Lubinsky's. Our speaker will be organic gardener Karen Cancilla, founder of GroOrganics, who will talk about how to develop a healthier lifestyle through eating and growing

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organic foods. Social: 9:30 am; Meeting: 10 a.m., Speaker: 11 am, Pot Luck 11:45 a.m. Penny Pines Table.

## Landscape Design Study School

Sponsored by Costa Verde District

You can become an accredited National Garden Club Landscape Design Consultant. The four sessions of study will take place at South Coast Botanic Gardens: **Nov. 4/5** (Course 1); **Jan. 27/28** (Course 2); **Mar. 17/18** (Course 3) and **Sept. 22/23** (Course 4). All classes run from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Each class is \$90. Early registration for Course 1 is before Oct. 25. Late registration is an additional \$10. You will need to pass a test if taking the course for accreditation.

Course textbook is Stewards of the Land – A Survey of Landscape Architecture and Design in America, edited by Marilyn K. Alaimo, \$40 plus shipping & handling. Available through NGCI, call 800.550.6007. For more information and registration form contact [www.californiagardenclubs.com](http://www.californiagardenclubs.com), School Chairperson Alexis Slafer 323.292.6657 or [aslafer@ca.rr.com](mailto:aslafer@ca.rr.com).

Contact Karen, Shelley or Alexis if you would like to assist with class administration (be a teacher's aide, help with hospitality, etc.).

## Thank you Sam and Adele Rockwood

Adele was an RGC member for 25 years, a grammar school teacher for over 30 years, and very active with local and national charities. Originally from Illinois, Sam and Adele were Riviera residents for 45 years. Sam worked for Hughes Aircraft Co. and served in Patton's 7<sup>th</sup> Division in WWII. In retirement, the Rockwoods traveled extensively.

Adele passed in November 2009 at the age of 95. Sam passed a couple of months later. They had no children but are survived by several nieces and nephews scattered throughout the United States.

The Rockwood Estate remembered many charitable organizations in their Trust. We are very appreciative of their \$5,000 bequest to the RGC.

## RGC's 95<sup>th</sup> Penny Pines Award

At this year's Mad Hatters, the Penny Pines Memoriam plantations were dedicated to Anne Greenway and Adele Rockwood.

Honorarium plantations were dedicated to our commendable members: Gloria Jacobs, Irma Maggio, June Young, Cecilia Cesear, Ginnie Schneider & Charlie Sappington.

Special thanks to Charlie for the many hours she devotes to our Penny Pines (rummage) sales at our Airport Meetings (plus the Scholarship Plant Sale).

## June 2010 Landscape Award



Maria Zilm and Dave Hilton, 732 Calle de Arboles

Maria and Dave purchased their newly constructed 2 story Mediterranean home four years ago. Maria has turned the blank canvas into a landscape work of art. A courtyard wall dividing the house from the street is now surrounded by lush green and color. The courtyard hosts a lovely, bubbling fountain. Banana palms and vines now thrive, giving the home a comfortable and gracious look of permanence. Colorful snapdragons, roses and an array of mixed flowers border the lawn. Look for Maria after work and on weekends enjoying her garden chores.

## Thank you to our Patron Sponsor Mary Lou McCammack

Those of you involved with our 2008 Garden Tour could not help but remember our fabulous "Water House." We thank the Water House owner and the Mary Lou McCammack Foundation for gifting RGC again! We are VERY, VERY appreciative of the

**"The future depends on what you do in the present." Mahatma Gandhi**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sept. 21:** Board Meeting

**Sept. 28:** General Meeting at Shelley's. Bring a pot luck dish to share.

**Sept. 29:** CVD Board, SCGB, 9:30 a.m.

**Oct. 1-2:** SCBG Plant Sale

**Oct. 6:** CVD Gen. Mtg. 9:30 a.m., SCBG, Décor for Autumn (Gudy Kimmel).

**Oct. 19:** RGC Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

**Oct. 26:** RGC Bus Trip: Bixby Marshland, Sunrider Chinese Museum (Chen Art Gallery) & lunch at Thyme, Lomita \$40. (Limit 40 people, RSVP in advance: 310-375-4483, Marilyn).

**Nov. 4 & 5:** Landscape Design Study Program, Course 1, SCBG, 8 am – 4 pm.

**Nov. 16:** RGC Board Meeting, 9:30 am, Karen Lent's.

**Nov. 22:** CVD Board Meeting, 9:30 am, SCBG.

**Nov. 23:** RGC Gen. Mtg. Torrance Airport. Speaker: Casey Burns, USDA Natl. Resources Conservation Services re CA Coastal Conservation Environmental & Water Concerns.

**Dec. 1:** CVD Holiday Party, SCBG, 10 am, SCBG.

**Dec. 12:** RGC Holiday Luncheon, Doubletree Hotel, 11:30 am. \$40 (RSVP Pam 310.548.3926).

### 2011 Highlights

**Jan. 18:** RGC Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

**Jan. 25:** RGC Bus Trip to Greystone Mansion, Beverly Hills. Tour & Lunch Shamshirl Grill, \$46. (Limit 45 people, must RSVP in adv. 310.375.4483 Marilyn)

**Mar. 4 & 5:** Designs for Dining, St. Francis Church

**Mar. 6 – 13:** Philadelphia Flower Show

## Congratulations

### August Birthdays

Kitty Hill	28	Marnie Inman	31
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### September Birthdays

Hazel Mulqueen	01	Pitsa Captain	21
Aleen Houston	05	George Unrine	24
Gina Bush	18	Kathryn Joiner	26
Sharon Saffer	19	Phyllis Valentine	27

## Member News & Tidbits

### Gift Committee

The Gift Committee will meet and make recommendations regarding the Rockwood bequest. This Committee, established after the 2008 Garden Tour, consists of RGC members Shelley Lubinsky, Karen Lent, Wendy Tsuji, Geneva Martin, June Young, Ruth Vogel, Pati Johnson and Gloria Balcom.

If anyone else would like to join the Gift Committee or has recommendations to make to the Committee, please contact a member.

Shelley & Karen want to remind you that there are no shut doors at RGC. Let them know if you wish to volunteer for any position and/or join any committee.

### Congratulations

**Gina Bush**, husband, and little brother-to-be will be welcoming a new baby around February! Our stylish Treasurer **June Young** wore a beautiful red print dress to her granddaughter's wedding in Long Beach in August. **Michelle Sagolla's** son was married next to the ocean this summer at the Interpretive Center. Michelle and husband Donald celebrated later with an 18-day cruise.

### RGC members get 10% discounts

**Moneto Nursery:** located at 13633 S. Vermont Ave., Gardena (near the corner of Rosecrans/110 Fwy.). Contact Gary.

**Sunflower Farms:** at 17609 Western Ave., Gardena (1 block south of Artesia). Contact Wendy.

### New Members

Please welcome new members who joined during the summer and plan to attend our first general meeting. You can identify them by new name tags bordered in lime green.

- Jacquie Lawlor of Manhattan Beach was referred by RGC member Sheila Kutkus
- Dina Wiley is a Riviera resident referred by Diana Crane.
- Toni Ziegler of Torrance is a friend of Claudeene Lyon.
- Teresa Workman of Redondo Beach.

## July Landscape Award



**Joei & Les Sheckman, 5437 Riviera Way**

Joei and Les have lived at their romantic Riviera hideaway for four years. They transformed a Southwestern house into a home that would make the French in the New Orleans garden district proud. Changing the house from peach and aqua to a bold gray with white trim – with shutters, wrought iron and elegant pots -- makes a sophisticated statement. The lawn, circular palm planting and curving walkway are accented with landscaping in pink, purple and white. Drive by slowly and take in the details – you can almost smell the chicory coffee and beignets. (A 2008 RGC Tour House.)

For more information check out our website at [www.rivieragardenclub.org](http://www.rivieragardenclub.org) or contact Gloria Balcom, Editor, at [g.balcom@verizon.net](mailto:g.balcom@verizon.net) or 310-378-5464

## Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to South High graduate **Callie Nottingham**, and El Camino horticulture student **Darlene Vasquez**, for winning RGC's scholarships of \$1,000 each. It was very nice to have Callie and her father, Mark, attend our Mad Hatters' Luncheon.

**A special thanks** to our Scholarship Committee (Gloria Rezek, Lola Ungar & Geneva Martin) for bringing us such wonderful candidates!

And MUCH appreciation to Pati & Nils Johnson, Mary Lou McCammack, and Anonymous for giving us an extra monetary boost, making it possible to give two scholarships rather than one. And thanks to all who helped with our Plant Sale -- putting us over the top with more than \$1,200 in sales.

## Welcome to our new Farmers Market

As of Friday, September 17, our Redondo Beach Riviera Village Farmers Market is open each week from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. It is located on Avenue I between The Esplanade and Catalina. Great news!

## Yearbooks Available at September 28th Meeting

Be sure and pick up your copy!

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