



# Riviera Garden Club

## Sea Breeze

December 2011—January 2012

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### Presidents' Message

Cheers Everyone! AND Happy New Year!  
Hope you had a wonderful Holiday season.  
And whether you make a New Year's resolution or not, this is a nice quote:

"Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us." (Hal Borland)

So let's DO enjoy the NOW AND the year before us! The next part of our club year will be VERY full with lots of planning, details and work with our exciting Riviera Historic House Tour right around the corner. We hope you are signed up for a spot? We will need you all!

We'll sign off with another quote to brighten your day and year:

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN,  
YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE,  
SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.

**All the BEST to each of you! Enjoy each day!**

*Fondly, Shelley & Karen*

A BIG thanks to Pam Barrett and Jim Hill for once again winning Best Costume Award at our annual Holiday event! Everyone loved the festive tables with the stunning pink and red cyclamens. The food was so yum and **Cali Rose** is such an outstanding entertainer! (We hear that some of that outrageous singing is on video but hasn't reached U Tube as yet!



**Gloria Jacobs, with husband Ernie,** is honored for her 30 years of RGC membership at the December Holiday Party. Gloria has done A LOT of volunteer work in the community plus had two separate two-year terms as RGC President. Thank you Gloria for all your dedicated volunteerism— you did so much! We appreciate you!



**Shelley Lubinsky, Cecilia Caesar, Mr. Shorter (Cavin's dad) and Cavin Shorter** at the Blue Water Grill luncheon.

## CALENDAR OF RGC EVENTS

- Jan 17 Board Meeting, 9:30 am at Gloria R's  
 Jan 24 General Meeting, 9:30 am, Airport, Speaker:  
     Jon Bell: Succulents & Propagation  
 Jan 31 Beverly Hills Excursion & Lunch—Sorry,  
     MAXED OUT  
 Feb 21 Board Meeting, 9:30 am at Geneva's  
 Feb 28 General Meeting, 9:30 am, Airport  
     Speaker: Judy Gerber on spring gardens  
 Mar 1 Set up Designs for Dining  
 Mar 2&3 Designs for Dining, St. Francis Church  
 Mar 20 Board Meeting, 9:30 am, Nancy Weaver's  
 Mar 27 Bus Excursion, Private B.H. Garden &  
     lunch, Wood Ranch, \$35, 9:15 am Lago Segro  
 Apr 17 Board Meeting, 9:30 am, Gay Hargraves'  
 Apr 24 General Meeting, 9:30 am, Airport, Speaker:  
     Polly Kinsinger on all things Orchid!  
 April 28 RGC Plant Sale—Charlies'  
Other Calendar Items:  
 Feb 6—9 CGCI Winter Board Meeting, Pismo  
     Beach (check CGCI website for details)  
 Feb 29 CVD Board Meeting, 9:30 am, SCBG  
 Mar 7 CVD General Meeting, 9:30 am, SCBG,  
     Topic: Flower Show Ins & Outs



### Tillandsia (Air Plant)

There are over 500 kinds of this plant which is a bromeliad. The most common variety is Spanish Moss. Tillandsia needs NO SOIL but a light misting of water a couple of times a week.. Thank you **Mary Varieur** for telling us about this plant and the creative things you've done with it (actually gluing it to various objects!) at our November meeting.

## Save the Date

### RGC Historical House Tour

June 2, 2012

**To all generous RGC members** who contributed to **Holiday Angels** and **UCLA Harbor Men's Hospital**—much thanks for brightening the Holidays for the disadvantaged! from your Committee Chairs **Toni Sargent** and **Allison Jones**.

**CONGRATULATIONS RGC!** Our December gift to the community was bringing ALL civic gardens into pristine condition! Thanks to new member **Nan Clancey** for helping out the **Power Gardeners Gloria Balcom, Allison Jones and Gay Hargrave**. And hey! The Riviera Lamp Post looked pretty darn good too—**Thanks Cavin!**

## Happy Birthday to YOU!

### December

Linda LoConte 4  
 Julia Blake 5  
 Trudy Dosserich 5  
 Lola Ungar 10  
 Phyllis Wright 10  
 Irma Maggio 21  
 Diana Crane 23

### January

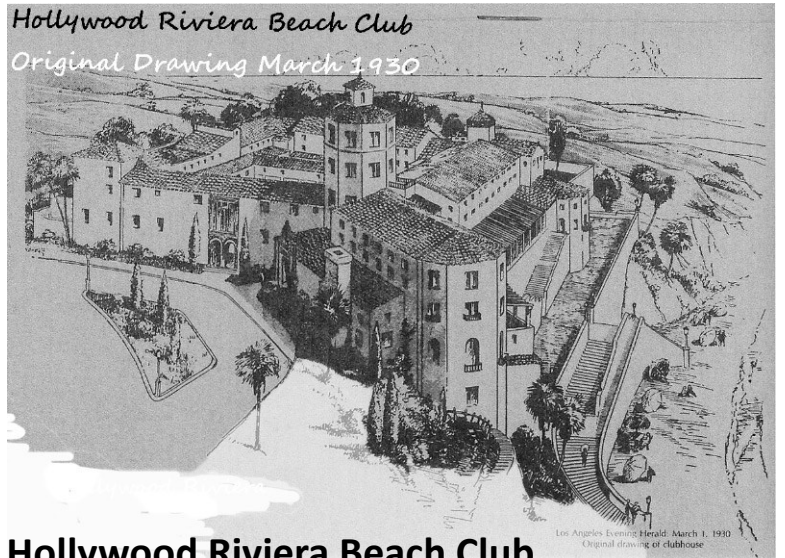
Jean Vasquez 2  
 Don O'Donal 2  
 Jeannie Brown 5  
 Mary Varieur 16  
 Bertie Wood 16

**You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely. ~Ogden Nash**

An exploratory committee (**George Unrine, Geneva Martin & Karen**) have been researching RGC's possible Incorporation. The reason to do this is to protect against any possible future liability costs. Because of the societal increase in litigation, we have been advised that this is a prudent thing to do. We'll keep you posted.

"The greatest oak was once a little nut who held its ground." ~Author Unknown

**The Beach Club** was imposing and beautiful with a double curving stairway leading to the beach below the bluff. Original Riviera home owners received membership to the Club with a 75' pool, tennis courts and dining facilities. The Beach Club became the place to spot celebrities in the early days (Cary Grant rode his horse on the beach) and a hot spot for local social events. (The Club later fell into disrepair and sadly burned down in the 1950's. The former club site has become Miramar Park (at the end of Calle Miramar) which sits above a stretch of beach called "Burnout" by the locals.)



### Hollywood Riviera Beach Club

1930 original drawing, Los Angeles Evening Herald (Photo courtesy Parkway School, Red Tile Roofs Homes Tour Brochure - October 1985)

**The Centennial Committee** has been very busy planning the Riviera Historical House Tour to be held **June 2**. Several houses have been lined up. The Archives Committee is tracking down info and a slide/video presentation is in the works. Final decisions are near the finish line. We hope you have signed up to help with this VERY exciting event! **If not, call Dina Wiley**. Thanks to the GREAT Committees who have done so much already!



### Sharon Ratterree Peeks Over Her Garden Gate

**Gate**—Thank you Sharon for your inspiring and humorous look at “quick fixing” a garden at RGC’s November meeting. Sharon recommended focusing on our gardens as “rooms” with extra attention to the space that company will be spending time in, ignoring ones that might be blocked by a serving table, etc., plus giving some instant fixes (inserting potted plants to freshen up fading specimens) in entryways and doorways. Sharon shared her gorgeous garden with us last year. Thanks for the special treat Sharon!



**Our African Theme Table at the South Coast Botanic Table Design Event in November** was really well received. Thank you **Toni Sargent** for your amazing authentic African tree with orchids idea! Kudos also to **Claudeene Lyon, Dina Wiley, Shelley, Karen** and all those that contributed so many special items: **Allison, Alberta, Marilyn R & others**.



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### Reminders:

**RSVP for the March 27 Bus Excursion** to Beverly Hills to visit the Gottlieb's private native & wild life garden with lunch at the Farmer's Market. \$35—checks & RSVP to Marilyn Rubin.

**April 24 RGC General Meeting** at Airport—learn all about orchids!

**RGC Plant Sale at Charlie's April 28-** Please start propagating now—this is how we are able to provide scholarships to one or two lucky students.

**RGC OPPORTUNITIES:** We are in need of a **Newsletter Editor & Mailing Chair**. We could use more **Green Thumb Work Party Members** for our Civic Beautification spots. It's fun to dig in the dirt with your RGC members! Call Karen to volunteer.

**HORTICULTURE NOTES:** Things to do in your garden in **February:** Plant Bulbs for Spring and Summer blooms: **Dahlia, Gladioli, Lilies, Tuberous Begonias, Tuberose and Calas**. Good time to start seed propagation indoors using peat pots. Happy Gardening!

**Volunteers Needed** for The Garden Angel: a hands-on gardening program that connects Redondo Beach elementary students to the source of their food supply. Sponsored by Beach Cities Health District, they help students create and maintain gardens at 8 local schools. Please contact **Amber Tippett**, Garden Coordinator, Youth Services for Beach Cities Health District at (310) 944-0726 or [Amber.Tippett@bdhd.org](mailto:Amber.Tippett@bdhd.org).



**December 2011 Landscape Award**— 24219 Neece Street—**Mary Beth & Ron Ely** with dog **Diesel** receive the last Award of 2011. The white sided house, shutters and a picket fence make this residence look a little like Mayberry in the middle of the charming WALTERIA neighborhood. Yard art, bird houses and a rabbit watering can add to a mix of green lawn and careful and colorful landscaping. A tall American flag in the front yard adds to the Americana theme. Red bows on white fence and other holiday décor enhance the curbside appeal. Congratulations Ely's for your deserved Award!