

Riviera Garden Club



Presidents' Message

2012-13 has been a good year for the Riviera Garden Club. We feel we have made some good progress. We are pleased that the Club voted to allocate **Adele Rockwood's** bequest to create a special garden project in El Retiro Park.

This year also produced a member survey. Excursions and meetings/speakers were marked as the most important items on the survey by members. As you know, the Club gives an honorarium to the speakers and pays for the meeting room.

Also on the survey, members indicated support for the civic beautification projects. We have some wonderful volunteer members who work on them: **Marilyn Rubin, Gay Hargrave, Ruth Vogel, Gloria Balcom, Allison Jones, and Nan Clancy.** As these garden projects are not supported by the city, we sometimes need to pay for gardeners to do major trimming.

Thanks to everyone who supported our fundraising projects. **Marilyn Rubin** has been getting donations for the videos all year. **Pam Barrett** did an outstanding job organizing the Comedy and Magic Show.

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May 28 Excursion!

Tuesday, May 28, 9:00 a.m.
Marilyn Rubin has planned a very special road trip to the Environmental Nature Center in Newport Beach, followed by luncheon at Café Jardin in Sherman Gardens, Corona del Mar. As usual, bring your own water in a reusable bottle. Snacks will be provided. **NEW TIME!** Meet the bus at Lago Seco Park at **9:00 a.m.** The bus will be *departing promptly at 9:15!*

Dues for 2013-2014

Keep the Garden Club growing! Dues for 2013-2014 are due by June 30th. If you haven't already, please forward your dues check to RGC, P.O. Box 10112, Torrance, 90505. Thanks for your support!

Members: \$50
Associate Members: \$60

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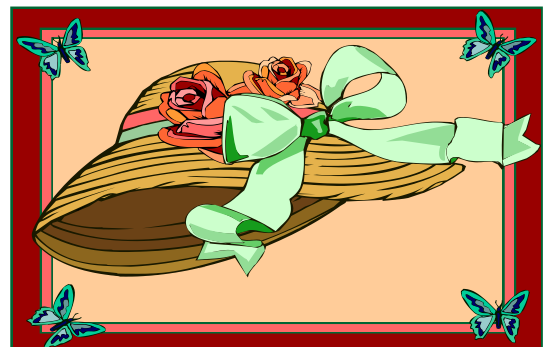
The flowers of all tomorrows are the seeds of today

2012-2013 Officers

- Co-Presidents: **Geneva Martin and Nancy Weaver**
- 1st VPs: **Marilyn Rubin and Carole Lefevre**
- 2nd VP: **Gay Hargrave**
- 3rd VPs: **Allison Jones and Marybeth Muir**
- Co-Secretaries: **Toni Ziegler and Gloria Rezek**
- Treasurer: **Wendy Tsuji**
- Parliamentarian: **Toni Sargent**
- Board Advisor: **Karen Lent**

June 11 Mad Hatters Luncheon and Officer Installation

It's almost here! Our annual fun-filled end-of-the-year event, the *Mad Hatters Luncheon*, on Tuesday, June 11, 11:30 a.m., at The Cheesecake Factory. "Registration is still open for members and guests," reminds **Emily Lacina**, this year's hostess. "Since there is no general meeting in May, this is your reminder! If you have not already registered, please do so before **June 4.**" Mail your check for \$40, made *payable to the Riviera Garden Club*, to Emily Lacina at P.O. Box 973, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274. Valet parking is \$2.50. *Carpool, anyone?*



Presidents' Message, cont.

Nan Clancy, Bertie Wood, Charlie Sappington and many more members managed a very successful plant sale. The succulent plantings by **Marilyn Rubin, Karen Lent** and **Wendy Tsuji**, as well as others, were big sellers. **Nan**, with her torn Achilles' tendon, worked diligently all week, kept the troops rounded up and brought lunches for everyone all four days. What a pleasure to have **Diane Connell** to answer plant questions. Thanks to **Tecki Poletti** for her succulent wreath demonstration. **Marilyn's** signs brought in lots of customers Saturday, as well as Sunday. **Bertie Wood** provided Sunday's workers with a great lunch. Bertie says she is ready to do it again next year! Many thanks, **Nan** and **Bertie!** We are still finalizing the expenses, but we made more than enough to cover our scholarship. The gift committee is beginning work on ideas for the club gift projects. We are looking forward to progress on this.

We hope to see you at the Madhatters Luncheon in June, and as there is a bus trip rather than a General Meeting in May, we want to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy summer gardening.

— *Geneva Martin & Nancy Weaver*

Plant Sale a Success!

What a successful Plant Sale!! Thanks to each and every one of our members who participated by donating plants, cookies, tables and best of all their time and plant knowledge. A special thanks to **Bertie** and **Wistar Wood** who opened up their yard and home for our sale. It was a pleasure for me as the Plant Sale Chairman to meet so many talented members who worked tirelessly to make the sale a success. Thank you all!!

— *Nan Clancy*



Outstanding Landscape Award

The Riviera Garden Club, in conjunction with the Riviera Homeowners' Association, proudly congratulates these Riviera homeowners, with appreciation for beautifully enhancing our area and community.



April 2013—The Babcock Residence—417 Via los Miradores
—photo and article by Karen Lent

This attractive ranch house on Via los Miradores used to be a haven for beautiful tall dahlias—but alas! **Bill** and **Laura Babcock** have gone totally green with a front yard vegetable garden. **Bill** has beautifully woven attractive garden elements: a welcoming stepping stone path set in green grass, raised beds lined with attractive stone, colorful flowering accents and tall palms. Amongst some colorful succulents you will find bok choy, spinach, beets, onion, tomatoes, chives, parsley and more. The driveway welcomes rain with its permeable decomposed granite surface. The **Babcocks** also have a space at the community garden at Lago Seco park. They compost too! Thank you **Bill** and **Laura** for demonstrating how a front yard veggie garden can be a pleasing and attractive space!

Member Garden Spotlight!

The lovely home and gardens of Member **Gay Hargrave**, at 5647 Sunmist Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes, salutes spring and heralds the coming of summer. From the front, manicured hedges, topiaries, and plants enhance the main entry. But once in the back garden, a whole new world awaits. Built on several levels, a stairway leads up an inclined slope overlooking a stunning expanse of magnificent foliage, including Australian tree fern, maples, fuchsias, begonias, orchids, azaleas, camellias, pittosporum, geranium, lavender, sage, trumpet vines, to name a few. Thank you, **Gay**, for inviting us in your garden!

More photos of **Gay's Garden and the Plant Sale** on our website: www.RivieraGardenClub.org



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A Sunshine Bouquet for . . .

Linda LoConte, who is at home recuperating from a recent surgery. We hope to see you back with us soon!



Along the Garden Path

Member **Jean Vasquez** and husband, **Armand**, have relocated! Their new address is:

29040 Clevis Drive
 Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275
 (310) 732-6919

Calendar of Events

- May 21 9:30 Board Meeting at **Marilyn Rubin's** home
- May 28 9:30 Bus Tour to Environmental Nature Center & Sherman Gardens to 4:30
- Jun 11 11:30 Officer Installation & Madhatters Luncheon

SUMMER BREAK!
See you in September!

- Sept 17 9:30 Board Meeting
- Sept 24 9:30 General Meeting

Happy Birthday, Members!



May

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

June

- 8 Judy Unrine
- 9 Nancy Weaver
- 11 Ronnie Silverstone
- 15 Mary Lou McCammack
- 18 Pat Heilman
- 22 Cindy Miller
- 28 Leony Filler
- 28 Barbara Ott
- 29 June Stevenson

July

- 10 Wendy Tsuji
- 22 Pat Smith
- 23 Gloria Balcolm
- 23 Martha Bragg
- 27 Bill Blischke
- 28 Bobbie Davison
- 29 Donna Monette
- 29 Lana Terry

August

- 10 Jan Charlin
- 14 Emily Lacina
- 31 Marnie Inman