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From our Presidents

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"I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden."
Ruth Stout

Perhaps you feel the same? After our strange winter and the recent rain, the plants certainly seem ready for spring. We hope you are finding time to enjoy your garden- or someone else's. In fact, we hope you have been able to go to El Retiro Library and enjoy "our" garden. I say our because the club projects are coming to fruition.

I hope everyone saw the [Torrance Tribune](#) for February 20. Terri Ann Ferren wrote a long and lovely article on Dean Bardos and the El Retiro Mural.

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We sadly report the passing of Don O'Donal on March 28th.

It's Plant Sale Time Again

Not to make anyone feel guilty but our Sign Up Sheets for our Annual Plant Sale (scheduled for April 11th, Friday (Noon to 3:00pm) ; Saturday April 12th 8:00am to 3:00pm (Shifts 8:00to 11:30am and 11:30am to 3:00pm) and Sunday April 13th 10:00am to 2:00pm (Shifts 10:00am to Noon and Noon to 2:00pm) are not scheduled for enough volunteer staff. We are lacking helpers on Saturday afternoon from 11:30 to 3:00pm and all shifts for Sunday (10am-Noon and Noon -2:00pm)

IF ANY MEMBER CAN HELP US FILL A SHIFT, ANY HELP DURING THE PLANT SALE ; IT WOULD BE SO APPRECIATED.

This year members working as sales people or plant helpers will wear an apron, provided by the club along with RGC name tags. This should help our customers get quick service and their questions answered.



Mural picture with Librarian Kay Ujimori taken by Julian Chasen

All the funds from the Gift Committee projects approved in September have been spent, except for Community Workshop Outreach, which is scheduled for the June 7th Torrance Environmental Fair, and the third and last task at Richardson Middle School Native Garden, which is scheduled for the next big rain.

As every member knows the Plant Sale is one of our biggest fundraisers. The sale takes days of work from set up, sale days to take down. (better known as clean up)

Members working during the Plant Sale will have water and soda available along with bathroom facilities provided by our Hostess Bertie and Host Wistar Wood.

As usual we will offer lemonade but this year it will be served free of charge. There will be a charge for the cookies.

Last year we had 12 members lending tables to our plant sale. This year we have only have 4 members, which will not be enough to provide the tables needed to set up for our plant sale. If you have either a 4' or 6' table available, please let us know. They should be delivered on Tuesday.

Some Garden Club Members have been working weekly with donations of plants at Bertie's home. We have been able to separate, plant and identify any of the plants left there. If you have any plants ready for the Plant Sale, is it possible that they could be dropped off at Bertie's? Or we could send someone to pick them up so that we could name and price them prior to the sale. You are welcome to call Bertie Wood, Nan Clancy, Connie Moseley or Allison Jones to assist you.

Plants from members not already delivered to Bertie's should be delivered on Wednesday, April 9th between 10:00am - 2:00pm. No plant donations will be taken after Thursday, April 10th.

This year we are planning to have different colored tablecloths on the sale tables with a sign stating the cost of the plants on that table, all the plants will have a color coded sticker on them.

As you all know our Annual Plant Sale provides not only local Scholarship but Community Support. Please let us know if there is any way you as a Riviera Garden Club Member can support our Annual Plant Sale.

This year we as co-chairmen are trying hard to simplify the sale making it easier for our members and coordinators.

Nan Clancy & helpers

Time to Celebrate

We've come to a satisfying finish to this year's gift committee projects. It's now time to celebrate and thank the members, donors, City of Torrance employees and generous Historical Riviera House Tour homeowners who made our many projects possible.

Plans are in the works for a Celebration and tree dedication at El Retiro Park on Tuesday, May 13 - home of our new mural, as well as several planters, and a succulent garden and decorative fence.

You will soon be receiving an email with all the details. Please remember to car pool since parking is limited.

Member News & Tidbits

Congratulations

March Birthdays

Cecilia Ceasar	01	Alberta Brice	26
Sharon Ratterree	09	Eunice Hargrove	28
Toni Sargent	20	Carol Lefevre	31

April Birthdays

Allison Jones	04	Betty Moye	19
Pam Barrett	11	Colleen O'Neill	19

Twenty-five Year Members Honored

Cecilia Ceasar and Julia Blake are being honored with 25 year certificates from CGCI.

Mildred Oberlander Remembered



Former member [Mildred Oberlander](#) passed away in February. She was an active member, holding offices in the club and the district, from 1988 until she moved to a retirement home in Fullerton in 1997. Mary Varieur and June Young remember having lunch with her there. A memorial tree will be dedicated to her at the Arboretum -see link.

Calendar of Events

Riviera Garden Club:

April 11, 12, 13 Friday noon to 3 pm, Saturday 8 am to 3 pm, Sunday 10 am 2 pm Plant Sale, Bertie Wood

April 15, Tuesday, 9:30 am. RGC Board Meeting, Toni Sargent

April 17, Thursday, 11:30 am. RGC Fashion Show & Lunch, 25% off merchandise, Draper's & Damon's, 2863 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, \$25, sold out,

April 22, Tuesday 9:30 am. RGC General Meeting, Airport, Peggy Kramer (head of the South Bay Water-Wise Garden tours) will speak on Water-Wise Gardening. Bertie and Wistar Wood's beautiful Torrance water-wise garden as well as Mike Garcia's extraordinary Redondo Beach gardens have previously been featured in Peggy's Water-Wise Garden Tour.

May 13, Tuesday, 11:15 am. Celebration of our Members, El Retiro Park

May 20, Tuesday, 9:30 am. RGC Board Meeting, Marilyn Rubin

May 27, Tuesday, 8:15 am . RGC Bus Excursion to Natural History Museum and Peace Garden, lunch at Peace Garden \$37 - trip half full - sign up now

June 10, Tuesday, RGC Installation, 11 am., Cheesecake Factory

Other:

April 5, Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. South Coast Botanic Garden Spring Plant Sale & Boutique, South Coast Botanic Garden

April 5-6, Saturday & Sunday, 10am to 5 pm. Theodore Payne Foundation Native Plant Garden Tour, 35+ gardens, Tickets \$20 for non-TPF members



April 6-8, Wildflower Conference, Tehachapi. Deadline for room reservations is March 20 & conference April 1

April 12-13, Saturday & Sunday, 9 am to 4 pm. South Coast Succulent Society Show and Sale, South Coast Botanic Garden



April 24 CVD Bus Trip to Spring Garden Show, \$15, leaves from South Coast Botanic Gardens, call Lorraine Ornelas at 310-984-4223 for reservation.

April 24-27, 25th Annual Southern California Spring Garden Show, South Coast Plaza, Macy's Home Store Wing

April 27, Sunday, 11am to 4:30 pm, Windsor Square-Hancock Park Garden Tour, Tickets \$65, includes light supper

May 3rd and 4th, 10am to 5pm, rain or shine, Mary Lou Heard Memorial Garden Tour

May 18, Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm, South Bay Water-Wise Garden Tour

CGCI Reforestation & Restoration Project

Fire, insects, invasive species, and human impact devastate our national forest land. Through the Reforestation and Restoration Fund, CGCI chooses special projects to assist the National Forest Service in returning our forests to native habitats.

We are happy to announce that a sufficient amount has been donated to allow us to choose a special project. On June 4, 2013 CGCI approved the distribution of \$6,809.09 for Phase I of the Mendocino National Forest Restoration Project.

Thank you, Riviera Garden Club, for last years' donation of \$200 to the California Garden Clubs, Inc. Reforestation and Restoration Fund. Your donations will make possible the removal of invasive species from the Rattlesnake Canyon Memorial Overlook located in the Mendocino National Forest. You will be notified of the date and time, and be invited to attend, the transfer of funds to the Mendocino National Forest Superintendant at the project site. Thank you again for your support.

Judy Unrine

Landscape Awards



**January 2014 Pearle Residence
5209 Paseo del Pavon**



**March 2014, Oka Residence -
4101 Paseo de las Tortugas**

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