



Riviera Garden Club

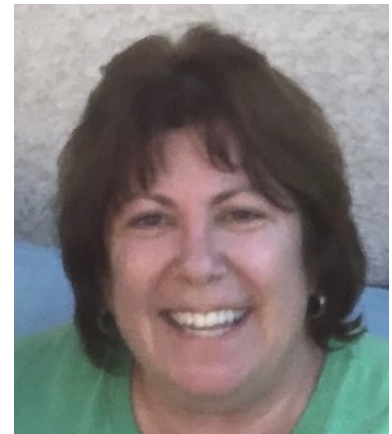
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A word from our President Ellyn Meikle



As we fall into autumn, the seven months of COVID-19 has brought us to a change in our everyday lifestyle. Instead of getting out and about for the day we find ourselves at home catching up on cleaning closets, reading, arts and crafts projects, TV shows, etc. October brings Halloween without trick or treats, November has Thanksgiving without a table filled with food and family, and December's Christmas and Chanukah is all decorated for our own admiration. I look forward to us all having freedom and family in the coming year.

Last month's general meeting on ZOOM had an 80% participation and a wonderful speaker, Michael Friedman, enlightening us about kelp forests in our ocean off Palos Verdes. The speaker for the October 27th meeting, Jeffrey Warner from Uni of CA, will speak about growing fruit trees in the South Bay. I hope you can join us. We have a number of members who are standing by to assist you on how you can get to the meeting seamlessly.

Though we have not had any activities or in-person meetings, you should know that George Unrine and Geneva Martin continue to maintain business requirements for Riviera Garden Club. I thank them for the time they put into the accounting and paperwork they have had to coordinate to appease various state and federal requirements.

May this season bring you and your family patience and hopefulness for a better future.

Ellyn Meikle

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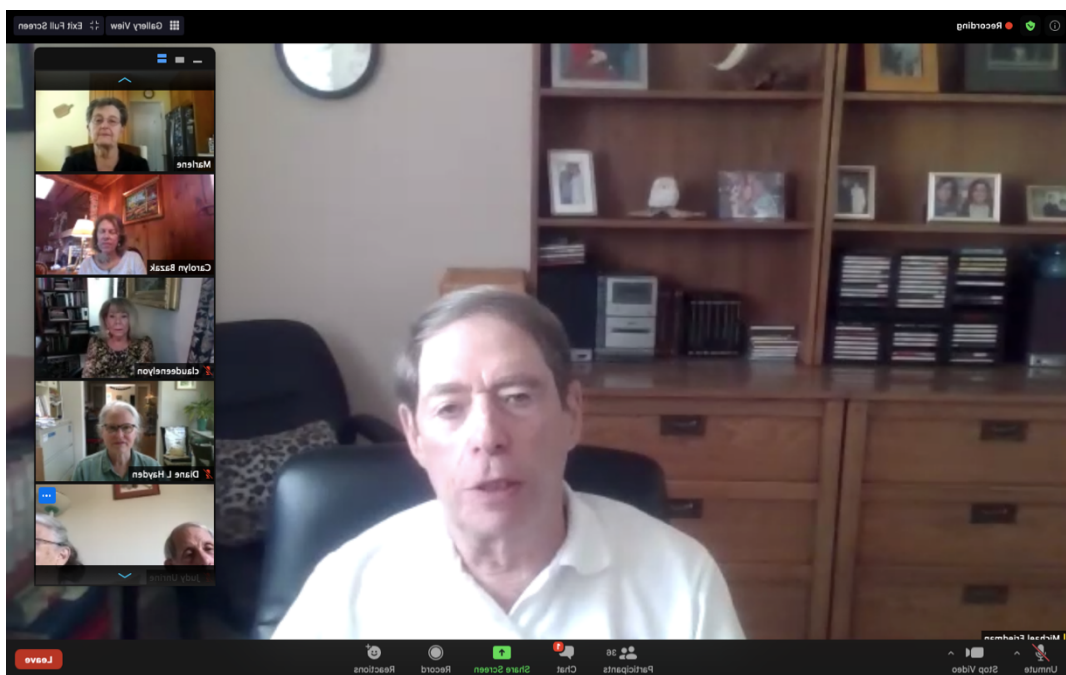
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General Meeting - September 22, 2020

Our general Meeting was well attended. We had 37 Members in attendance.



Thank you to Michael Freidman, Docent from Point Vicente Interpretive Center. Rancho Palos Verdes. Michael gave a very informative talk on The History of California Kelp Forest



October General Meeting Zoom Link

Topic: RGC May General Meeting

Time: Oct. 27, 2020 9:30 social-Meeeting-10:00 AM
Pacific Time (US and Canada)

**Jeffery Warner, Master Coordinator,
University of California will be speaking on
Growing Fruit Trees in the South Bay.**



Gifting Committee Update

GIFTING 2020-2021

Help harness a moving target

Normally, we would be having our first Gifting meeting about now to give us plenty of time to select and approve the many needs of our Community Outreach partners. But....

With schools working off site and on-line, libraries limited to curb-side, our forests burning, and cities, businesses, and parks struggling, nothing is normal – and everything is changing.

As a result, we are delaying our first Zoom Gifting meeting until early November, but we are already contacting our Community Outreach partners to exchange needs and ideas. We want to be ready to lend assistance quickly at the right time, where it is most needed.

If you have any Gifting ideas – or are interested in attending our zoom meetings – please contact me at (310) 539-3708 or g.balcom@verizon.net.

Corrections to RGC Yearbook

Please note

Jodi Rhodes is one of our gardeners at The El Retiro Library and her birthday is November 10.

Garden Projects

We have ongoing beautification project at:
El Retiro Library and Park

Gloria Balcom, Jodi Rhodes and Carolyn Bazak

Los Colinas Circle: Ruth Vogel, Linda Rosenfeld and Wendy Tsuji

Rocketship Park: Toni Ziegler, Wendy Tsuji, Geeta Gupta and Connie Moseley



Staying Connected

Volunteers are calling 10 people a month. Please feel free to join in and call members.

A new way we would like to stay connected is the, "make a call, get a call" plan. This will connect members with at least two other members during this isolating time.

For this plan every member would call the woman above her in our directory and connect with a chat or a message.

Being in relationship is such an important part of why we all belong to the garden club. Let's make sure we continue that connection while we maintain social distancing.

Landscape Award Winners Congratulations to:

Todd and Nancy Heater in front of Paseo De La Playa. The Heaters have taken to landscaping in a big way on this huge corner lot. They have several themes going and it all works. A desert garden faces Camino de Encanto and a vineyard is north of that. The west side has a nice outdoor living area with vegetables and herbs tucked in everywhere. Lots of hard work has really paid off for this enthusiastic couple.



Happy Birthday

October

June Young	5
Kay Kanult	8
Margaret Majid	8
Beebe Moorhead	14
Gene Hassan	17
Mary Eninger	19
Mary Alessandra-Cook	20
Sheila Kutkus	28

November

Marilyn Barker	6
Meredith Grenier	8
Geneva Martin	9
Jodi Rhodes	10
Charlie Sappington	18
Pati Johnson	19
Ruth Vogel	20
Diane Connell	28
Jay Spradlin	28
Marilyn Rubin	30

Upcoming Events



President's Jewelry Box

An ONLINE FUNdraiser for the
2019-2021 President's Project



Contact: Julie A. West, Chairman
707-829-9342
JulieAWest@aol.com

Are you looking for a fun activity during these challenging times?

Mark your calendars to join us for a **SPOOKTACULAR** event...CGCI's first "virtual Fundraiser"

An online Silent Auction

Main auction page sample

Bidding **begins at Noon, Thursday, October 29** and **ends 48 hours later at Noon, Saturday, October 31, 2020 (PDT)**.

- On Thursday, October 29, prior to the start of the auction, you will receive an email with a link to the CGCI website main auction page. (Note: bids submitted before the start time will not be accepted.)
- The main page lists all items and each item has a link to a bid form.
- The bid forms will be familiar to you as they look like many other CGCI forms. The submissions go directly to the auction chairman.
- As bids come in, the latest and highest will be posted to the main auction page so check it frequently.



President Loper has donated 10 precious treasures from her jewelry box including bracelets, rings and necklaces. Minimum bids vary from \$20 to \$50 with \$5 bid increments. Each item has a photo and brief description to help you with your selections. Your generosity will raise funds to restore San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden at San Bruno Mountain State & County Park in San Mateo, CA.

Winning bidders will be notified within 24 hours of the auction closing. Please note: checks only – NO credit/debit cards. Checks are payable to CGCI and mailed to P.O. Box 75, Graton, CA 95444-0075. Upon receipt, the item will be mailed to you in a padded envelope with USPS tracking number.

Please join us for this FUNdraising opportunity and find a new jewelry treasure to enjoy!



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**RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB VIRTUAL HOLIDAY
PARTY AND WINE TASTING ON TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 15, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M.**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL WINE TASTING PRESENTED
BY SOMMELIER KARL ZIEGLER OF CONCURRENT WINES OF
REDONDO BEACH. FEATURED WINES ARE LA BERNARDE
ROSE FROM PROVENCE, FRANCE AND BREA PINOT NOIR OF
SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS IN CALIFORNIA.**

**THE WINES WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR
PRIOR TO THE TASTING. INCLUDED WILL BE A LIST OF
SUGGESTED CHEESE PAIRINGS AND A COUPON FOR A
FUTURE WINE PURCHASE.**

**PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 4 TO CYNTHIA LUNDIN
AT 635 PASEO DE LA PLAYA #304, REDONDO BEACH
90277 WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$45 MADE PAYABLE TO
RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB.**



**RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB
General Meeting Minutes
Sept 22, 2020**

Call to order: **10:03 am by Ellyn Meikle, President**

Attendance: **37 Members in attendance via Zoom**

1. Secretary's Report - • May 2020's General Meeting's minutes were approved in June at the Mad Hatter gathering. **Carolyn Pohlner**
2. Treasurer's Report – • Balances checking & savings accounts **\$10,221.23 \$15,690.23**
Report will be filed subject to review.
• Proposed Budget - **\$5,000 from dues and cancelled events GM CL**
• Dave Sargeant's 2019-2020 fiscal year end report Dave **thanked Ellyn for the thoroughness of her work**
3. President's Report - • **Ellyn said nothing new was happening and she thanked her very supportive and competent Board and Committee Chairs.**
4. 1st VP
- Hostesses **Geeta Gupta reported that in addition to herself, Carolyn Pohlner and Cynthia Lundin were today's hostesses.**
• **EM has instituted a new policy for both Board and General Meetings: Hostess(es) will go online 9:45 to greet before the 10:00 start. There will be different hostesses assigned to each meeting.**
- Speakers • Report on speakers for 2020: **Ellyn thanked Laurie Vaillant for doing such a good job getting speakers for next three months**
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| Sept 22 | Kelp Forests in Palos Verdes |
| | Michael Friedman, Pt Vicente Interpretive Center |
| Oct 27 | Growing Fruit Trees in South Bay |
| | Jeffrey Warner, University of California |
| Nov 17 | Early History of Vanderlip Family In PV Peninsula |
| | Don Christy, Family Member |

Dec 15

Zoom Holiday Party

Excursions

• None this year

Marie Hoffman – No report.

5. 2nd VP

Directory update

Ellyn thanked Geneva for the excellent job in producing our annual directory.

Newsletter update

The first newsletter for this year will be out soon. If there are any changes that we missed in the Directory, they will be noted in the upcoming newsletter. Please let us know your updates for newsletter publication.

6. 3rd VP

Membership update

* We have 62 membership renewals.

Regina Taylor – No report.

New Business:

* Zoom requires all who log in to our meetings be directed first into a waiting room where they will see a message, “. . . *your host will be with you shortly.*” The meeting host will have to manually log them in, as per Zoom’s requirements for safety. If you have a guest that would like to log into a future meeting to hear the speaker, please contact Geeta so the hostess can let them in from the ‘waiting room’ to our Zoom meeting.

Looking ahead:

EM encouraged members to use paper stationery to reach out to Club members, emphasizing how extra special receiving a note in the U.S. mail can be particularly for our older members.

Please continue to reach out to members regardless of their physical condition. I have sent note cards with a few sentences asking how they are, letting them know I am lonely, bored, sad, too. They will know they are not alone. End with a cheery sentence that may include, “talk to you soon” or “I hope to see you soon.” Little flower or cute stickers add a bit of cheer, too. *et &*

Our next General Meeting is October 27, with a speaker from the University of California who will talk about “Growing Fruit Trees in the South Bay”.

Adjournment:

EM adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 10:16 am.

At which time, today’s speaker, Michael Friedman, was introduced and gave an interesting talk about “Giant Kelp Forests in Palos Verdes”.

The General Meeting officially ended at 11:04 am.

Notes:

Sheila Kutkus invited all RGC members to a Zoom talk sponsored by The South Bay League of Women Voters about the “Pros and Cons of the Propositions on the November Ballot” on October 14, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Pohlner, Co-Secretary

Oct. 3, 2020