



Riviera Garden Club

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From Our President, Ellyn Meikle



Dear Fellow Members:

Spring is officially here, and we are planting our vegetables to harvest this summer, succulents to beautify our water wise gardens, and native plants to keep the butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees busy eating or collecting pollen or enjoying food. If you were able to enjoy my presentation on vegetable gardening, you would have no doubt have bits of information to benefit your garden.

[A word about hummingbird feeders](#) - they need to be cleaned and the nectar replaced every 5 days to keep the birds healthy and to prevent any mold or mildew from collecting in the feeder. Fill the center cup with water to prevent ants and other pests from getting to the nectar. To make easy food for your hummingbird feeder: boil 4 cups of water and mix in and dissolve one cup of sugar. Let cool completely. Fill the feeder with the nectar to the top line and hang. Replace ever 5 days for best health of these birds. More than one feeder will bring more than one hummingbird to play with the other. If you have a hummingbird swing place it about three feet from the feeder. The hummingbirds enjoy hanging around on them. I have three feeders and swings, and I enjoy watching them and hearing them zoom around.

This will be my final President's Message as we will be welcoming our new president Carolyn Pohlner June 7th, at the Installation Luncheon. More information is in this newsletter. Carolyn will take over the President's duties as of July 1st as I say farewell on June 30th. I hope you will be as supportive to her as you have been with me during the last two years of the pandemic protocol.

Ellyn Meikle
President
Riviera Garden Club
2020-2022

Check out our website at:
<https://rivieragardenclub.org/>

<https://hollywoodriviera.org/riviera-landscapes/>

Riviera Garden Club is a member of several parent organizations. One can learn more about them by subscribing to their online publications.

The state's (California Garden Clubs Inc.) newsletter is called Golden Gardens eNews. Subscribe at <http://californiagardenclubs.com/enews-subscription-form>

or just access the current issue from the home

page: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/>

Articles include a message from the state president and news from clubs around the state.

There is also an article on how to attend the virtual yearly convention.

The national organization (Nation Garden Clubs) has also moved their quarterly publication online.

Subscribe at or read the current issue at <https://gardenclub.org/national-gardener>

Geneva Martin

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Upcoming Events

April 26, 2022

Will Be a **Tour of the Madrona Marsh**

Address: 3201 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, CA 90503

Please arrive by 9:45

The tour will be accompanied by a docent and will leave at 10.00 am.

General Meetings:

May 24, 2022

Will be held on Zoom

Speaker TBD

June 7, 2022

- Mad Hatter/Installation event info as of this print date:

Hosted by Marie, Ellyn, and Geneva

June 7, 2022: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

\$45 in advance - \$50 at the door

**Pay via Zelle or mail to PO Box 10112,
Torrance 90505.**

**You can include your dues on the same
check.**

Location – Marie Hoffman's Garden

Box lunch catered by Lisa's Bon Appetit

Remembering our Dear Friend Betty Moyer

BETTY MOYER Torrance, Calif. Betty Moyer, 86, died peacefully at her home in Torrance, Calif., on March 21, 2022. Celebrations of her life will be held on April 2 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Sunrise Room at the Cheesecake Factory in Redondo Beach and in Iowa at a later date. Betty was born April 19, 1935, in Washington, Iowa, to Robert and Mazie Howell. She grew up on their farm in Crawfordsville. She often spoke about all the chores that were expected of a farm girl growing up, from taking care of the chickens and helping with the cooking and laundry. She ran a tight ship with the chickens and sternly put them in "chicken jail" when they behaved badly. She attended Crawfordsville Unified schools. Betty attended Iowa State College in Education, where she met Anthony Moyer (deceased) a graduate student in Chemistry. They married in 1957. While their marriage did not last forever, they raised three children together, Vickie, Julie and Chris, while moving from Iowa to



Boston to Southern California. Once the children were all in school, Betty returned to college at Cal State University, Los Angeles. She was an early adopter of computer skills in Cobol, databases and risk analysis and an expert in many IBM mainframes. Betty divorced in 1996 and moved to Torrance, Calif. She blossomed in her retirement and kept astoundingly busy renovating her house and garden, pursuing her interest in music with the piano, ukulele and harmonica, and traveling the world and Southern California. She also experimented

with cooking and healthy eating before it became fashionable. The Riviera Garden Club was one of her passions. She served in many different positions and was known for her fanciful hat designs, flower arrangements, and boundless energy. She also set up a volunteer garden program at a local elementary school and taught the joy of growing plants to many children who were very excited on the days when Miss Betty would show up. She played and practiced with the South Bay Strummers Ukulele group. She loved to go to gigs and perform, especially at Christmas. She continued to

enjoy playing and singing familiar songs even as Alzheimer's stole her away. Betty was an amazing grandparent to all her grandchildren, Kristen, Evyn, Stormie, Anthony, Stefi and Stephen, and great-grandchildren, Sydney, Jackson and Jonas. She attended many plays and performances, taught cooking, sewing, and gardening. Betty is survived by her three children, Vickie (Moye) Backman, Julie (Moye) and John Dickerson, and Chris and Amy Moye. We also would like to thank Betty's outstanding caregivers, Karla and Melody Edrial, for their love and support. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Mazie Howell, and her brother Gerald Howell. She will be interred at the Cambrian Cemetery in Louisa County, Iowa. Please share a memory of Betty at <https://everloved.com/life-of/betty-moye/>.

Riviera Garden Club Officers

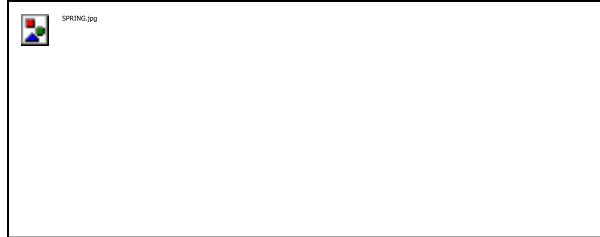
President	Ellyn Meikle
First Vice Presidents – Programs	
Excursions	Marie Hoffman
Speakers	Laurie Vaillant
Second Vice Presidents – Publications	
Yearbook	Geneva Martin
Newsletter	Cynthia Lundin
Proofreader	Toni Ziegler
Third Vice Presidents – Membership	
	Regina Taylor
	Lynn Fernandez
Treasurer	Geneva Martin
Secretaries	Marilyn Rubin
Parliamentarian	Geneva Martin
Advisor	Toni Ziegler



Fundraising

Plant-Less Plant Sale

Thank you to everyone who has already donated. This fundraiser will help us with, all our gifting goals for this year.



PLANT-LESS PLANT SALE

Dear Members,

With the arrival of spring our thoughts turn to spring planting. Some of us are thinking about the seedlings, plant cuttings, or maturing plants to be sold at this year's Plant Sale.

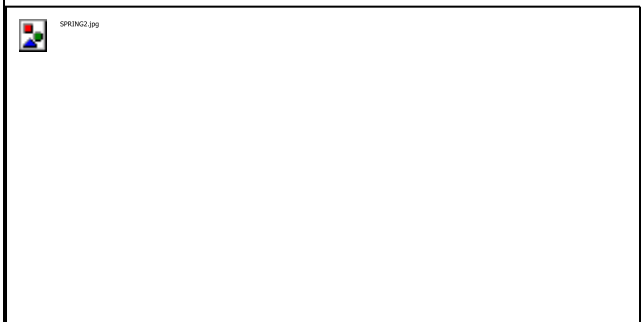
We will have to see what the Covid-19 guidelines will be in up-coming months.

In the meantime, we would like to offer you participation in our Spring Plant-less Plant Sale. Instead of gardening or donating your plants for sale you can sit back and make a donation to Riviera Garden Club.

Your donations are especially important, as we have not been able to hold any fundraisers for over two (2+) years. These donations will help to support our community gifting as well as scholarships.

Please send your donation via Zelle or mail to:
RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB

c/o Geneva Martin, 241 Via los Miradores, Redondo Beach 90277



Landscape Award Winners
Landscape Award:



**February 2022 – The Gross residence – 125
Calle de Arboles**

New Members

Membership is always open. We welcome new members.
Contact Regina Taylor for more information.



Happiest Birthday wishes to:

February

Dina Wiley 26
Marie Hoffman 28

March

Gloria Rezek 1
Marlene Ennis 18
Toni Sargent 20
Alberta Brice 26
Eunice Hargrove 28

April

Carolyn Bazak 7
Joani Thompson 9
Pam Barrett-Hill 11
Susan Tyree 23

*A wish for lots of birthday fun
To last until the day is done.
Hoping that all your wishes comes true,
and your birthday cake is as sweet as you!*

RGC Newsletter Article submitted by Carolyn Pohlner

Go Blue- and Green! By Al Bonowitz

Reprinted from AAA Westways, Spring 2022 Issue

The third-oldest ballpark in Major League Baseball, Dodger Stadium plans to celebrate its 60th anniversary throughout the 2022 season with giveaways, special events and the All-Star Game in July – plus a **new botanical walking tour** featuring greenery amid the Dodger Blue. The next time you walk from the parking lot to the gate, take notice of the landscape, which in December received international accreditation as a botanic garden.

Landscape manager Chaz Perea, a certified arborist and a professor of horticulture science, suggests fans enter through Sunset Gate A to see 22 agaves arranged by height at the crest of the entrance road.

During the walking tour, which circumnavigates the stadium, Perea and his staff point out highlights such as the 800 Mexican fan palms and 149 circular planters. *“There are well over 100 plant species just at the Top Deck where the tour begins”*, Perea says. Home gardeners might be especially interested to learn about water-saving irrigation methods and planting techniques.

Not a green thumb but a true-blue fan? The traditional Dodger Stadium tour includes the playing field and renovated field plaza, plus Dodgers’ awards and World Series trophies.

90-minute Dodger botanical tour or stadium tour: adults, \$25.

Mlb.com/dodgers.

Meeting Minutes

February General Meeting Minutes

MINUTES RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB General Meeting February 22, 2022, held via ZOOM
Schmooze time from 9:45 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Time: 10:01 a.m.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: **Marilyn Rubin** the minutes were approved by general consensus. **Toni Sargent** stated that if no one had any additions or corrections then the minutes are automatically approved by general consensus.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Bank balances as of Jan. 31, 2022: Checking: **\$6055.87** Savings: **\$15,692.63**

Geneva Martin

Report will be filed subject to review.

It was decided that all checks sent to RGC would be immediately acknowledged by the treasurer.

‘Plantless’ plant sale donations to date **\$2300.00**

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Ellyn Meikle

NEW Spring ‘Plantless’ plant Sale donated funds will go to Scholarships. The Scholarship Committee is headed by **Pati Johnson** who is now getting and reviewing applications. Other Scholarship committee members are **Gloria Balcom** and **Toni Ziegler**. The scholarship recipient will be selected Friday Feb. 25, 2022.

The nominating committee, **Pat Heilmann** and **Carolyn Pohlner** will call members to select candidates for next year’s RGC officers. **Carolyn Pohlner** volunteered to be RGC president for the 2022-2023 year.

1st VP: **Laurie Vaillant** was absent. President **Ellyn Meikle** gave the report.

ZOOM Hostess(es)	Feb. 22, 2022:	Diane Hayden
	Mar.22, 2022:	George and Judy Unrine
	April 26, 2022, Marsh.	NONE as there is an excursion to Madrona
	May 24, 2022:	Linda Rosenfeld
	June7, 2022:	Marie Hoffman/Ellyn Meikle

Speakers	Feb. 22, 2022,	Ellyn Meikle - Vegetable Gardening
	Mar.22, 2022	Michael Friedman – The History of California
	April 26, 2022,	Excursion to Madrona Marsh.
	May 24, 2022,	Open

Excursions April 26, 2022, Walk at Madrona March –
Members will drive there individually and meet at 9:30 a.m.
A docent will give RGC members a walking tour of the Marsh and facility. Because the excursion is outside, wearing a mask is an optional personal choice.

2nd VP **Cynthia Lundin and Geneva Martin**

Newsletter The **Sea Breeze** publication was sent out January 30, 2022. Excellent!

3rd VP: **Regina Taylor and Lynn Fernandez**

Membership No new members!

OLD BUSINESS:

- We will stay on Zoom the next few general meetings with the exception of the June 7 Mad Hatter. There will be NO hybrid ZOOM/in person meetings this year. However, we will continue with outdoor in-person RGC board meetings.
- Spring “Plantless” Plant Sale. Please continue to make contributions to reduce the funds we have to take out of our savings account for Gifting and Scholarships. We have had NO LIVE FUNDRAISERS for 2 years.

NEW BUSINESS: Mad Hatter/Installation luncheon June 7, 2022

- The RGC Board is working out details of the Mad Hatter. It will be held outside at **Marie Hoffman’s** Garden starting at 11 a.m. Complete details will be given at the March 22, 2022, general meeting. **Marie Hoffman, Geneva Martin** and **Ellyn Meikle** are planning the Mad Hatter.

LOOKING AHEAD: The next general meeting is Tuesday, March 22, 2022, via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.
The next board meeting is Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at **Lynn Fernandez's** home at 10:00

PROGRAM: **Ellyn Meikle** gave an informative media presentation on Vegetable Gardening.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS:

- **Ellyn** answered numerous questions about safe methods of pest management for vegetable gardens.
- **Ellyn** volunteered to give copies of her presentation to RGC members. You can request either a pdf copy or a printed hard copy of the vegetable gardening program from **Ellyn Meikle**.
- **Carolyn Pohlner** mentioned that the Torrance Historical Society is having a fundraising tea at Chado Tea Room Saturday April 23, 2022.
- **Marie Hoffman** mentioned a Coffee that she was holding for one of the Torrance political candidates.

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Marilyn Rubin, RGC Secretary

March General Meeting Minutes

RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB

General Meeting Agenda March 22, 2022

This meeting will be held on ZOOM

Schmooze time 9:45am – 9:59am Meeting starts promptly at 10:00am

To join Zoom Meeting click on the link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85942772307>

Call to order

Time:

1. Secretary's Report -
 - Feb 22 minutes (pages 4 & 5). If no one had any additions or corrections, then the minutes are automatically approved by general consensus.
2. Treasurer's Report –
 - Balance of checking & savings accounts, as of Feb 28, 2021.
Checking \$6,128.27 Savings \$15,692.75
Report will be filed subject to review.
 - Plantless Plant Sale contributions to date \$2,325
 - Dues (\$50 general/\$60 for associate) are due by June 30, 2022.
Start sending them in April. **Please send your dues via Zelle or by mail to Riviera Garden Club, P.O. Box 10112, Torrance 90505.**

3. President's Report -

- Nominating Committee – present, motion has been made by the board, and approve by general membership vote.
- Carolyn Pohlner – Nominating Committee presentation. Carolyn will read the slate. General membership will vote.

4. 1st VP

Zoom Hostess(es) Mar George and Judy Unrine
 Apr (Excursion)
 May Linda Rosenfeld
 June Marie/Ellyn

Speakers Mar Michael Friedman – The History of California
 Apr (Excursion)
 May To be determined
 June Mad Hatter/Installation luncheon

- Toni Z - Present request for ideas for next season.

Excursion April 26 – Walk in Madrona March.
Meet there at 9:30am. Docent will be leading the walk.

5. 2nd VP

Directory • If you would like a different picture in the 2022-2023 directory, please send it to Geneva.
Newsletter •

6. 3rd VP

Membership •

Old Business

- Plant-less plant sale
Please continue to make contributions to reduce the funds we have to take out of our savings for Gifting and Scholarships since there are no live fundraisers this session, yet.

New Business

- Scholarships – Toni Z.

Looking ahead:

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- There will be **no** general meeting in April - Excursion Day!
- The next board meeting is 10:00am, Tues. April 19, 2022, at Lynn Fernandez's home

Our speaker today is Michael Friedman from the Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center with a presentation on The History of California

After the speaker:

Questions, Comments, Suggestions, Announcements:

- Our condolences to Bertie Wood and family on the loss of her husband, Wistar, who passed peacefully on March 11, surrounded by family with Pastor Josh in attendance. His memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 3, at 3:00 PM. The service will be live streamed and may be viewed at 3:00 PM or any time after that on <https://youtu.be/P4LEcvTKTAI>. Wistar will be greatly missed by all.

Adjournment Time: _____

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