



# Riviera Garden Club

## Sea Breeze

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### FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



**Marilyn Rubin and Charlie Sappington**

RGC enjoyed many successful activities in the past two months. Many members participated in the Drapers and Damons Fashion show and luncheon. Models **Stella Leontsini, Toni Sargent** and **Mary Varieur** were absolutely beautiful! We also had many gracious RGC members volunteer to help host the CGCI Winter Board Meeting here in San Pedro last month: **Linda Rosenfeld, Sheila Kutkus, Connie Moseley, Sharon Saffer, Bill Blischke, Tecki Poletti, Alberta Brice, Kathryn Joiner, Carole Lefevre, Geneva Martin, George and Judy Unrine, Pati Johnson, Pam Barrett-Hill, Marilyn Rubin** and **Charlie Sappington** were all involved to make this event so successful! The guys and gals attending **Phyllis DeCrescenzo's** succulent workshops every week have created some extraordinary living works of art. These beautiful arrangements are being nurtured by **Bertie Wood** until the time of our April 30/May 1 plant sale at **Charlie's** home. NEWS FLASH! **Marilyn Rubin** *MIGHT NOT* be at the March RGC meeting because the first Rubin grandchild, a boy, is due at that time. YES! Marilyn and future grandpa Sherwin are very excited! **HAPPY GARDENING** from **Marilyn and Charlie!**

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 29** Mon 1:30-3:30 succulent workshop with Phyllis DeCrescenzo. 22532 Shadycroft Torrance
- March 2** Costa Verde Dist. Meeting at SCBG 9:30
- March 12** African Violet Show SCBG 11-4 pm
- March 14** Mon 1:30-3:30 succulent workshop at Phyllis DeCrescenzo's. 22532 Shadycroft Torrance
- March 15** RGC Board at Charlie Sappington's home 9:30 am 5025 Lee St. Torrance
- March 22** RGC meeting Torrance Airport 9:30 am STAGHORN FERNS by Michael Moody
- April 9-10** **LOOK** Cactus/Succulent Show SCBG 9-4pm
- April 19** RGC Board at Kathryn Joiner's home 9:30am 165 Vista del Parque, Redondo Beach
- April 26** RGC bus excursion to Getty Center Meet at Lago Seco Park at 9 am See brochure on p. 5

## CREATE YOUR OWN LIVING SALAD BOWL

By Kathryn Joiner

A living salad bowl is a mix of popular lettuce growing in a large patio bowl. Lettuce is one of the easiest vegetables to grow and you don't need much space. A good sized container (about 24 inches or larger) is perfect. When placed in a convenient sunny location and kept well-watered, a living salad bowl will continue to grow all summer providing a full season of fresh salads. Any container will do as long as it has good drainage. Although lettuce roots are relatively shallow, use at least a gallon pot that is 6 inches deep. Three smaller lettuce varieties can fill an 8" pot while five to seven plants fit in a 12" to 15" pot. The leafy varieties grow best in containers and will produce a continuous supply of fresh greens. Some of these are Salad Bowl, Butter Crunch, Oak Leaf, Mesclun Mix, Tatsoi or Arugula Asian Leaf Mix. To start your containers successfully, use a pre-blended, good quality potting soil mix designed for container gardening. Keep the soil moist but not saturated. Full sun is best but lettuce will still grow well with less than full sun all day. You can harvest the leaf lettuce by cutting some (**not all**) of the leaves from the outside. This is called a "**Cut and Come Again**" harvest and more lettuce leaves will grow from the leafy core that is left.

### HOW TO PLANT LETTUCE SEEDS OR SEEDLINGS

#### Planting from seed

- Sprinkle the seeds evenly in the container about ½ inch to 1 inch apart on smooth moist potting soil.
- Gently cover with no more than 1/8 inch of fine light soil and then moisten.
- Lettuce seeds need light to germinate so place your container where it gets light or sun.

#### Transplanting seedlings

- Plant your seedlings of lettuce 2-3 inches apart in the container.
- You can plant more densely if you follow the "Cut and Come Again" harvest method.



The above information was provided by **Judith Gerber**, a University of California Master Gardener who has a certificate in Horticultural therapy. Judith writes about sustainable farming, local foods and organic gardening. For information email her at [farmwriterwoman@yahoo.com](mailto:farmwriterwoman@yahoo.com)

### PATI JOHNSON'S APPLE TART

We all **LOVED** Pati Johnson's **apple tart** at the February RGC general meeting. If you want to bake the **apple tart**, contact Marilyn Rubin to email you a **copy of Pati's recipe** [usteach@rocketmail.com](mailto:usteach@rocketmail.com)

**MEMBER NEWS AND TIDBITS**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY RGC MEMBERS!**

March	BIRTHDAYS	April
1	Cecilia Ceasar	4 Allison Jones
20	Toni Sargent	11 Pam Barrett-Hill
26	Alberta Brice	19 Betty Moye
28	Eunice Hargrove	27 Phyllis Roth
31	Carole Lefevre	

**SLATE OF RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017**

**PRESIDENT**

- Co-president **Marilyn Rubin**
- Co-president **Kathryn Joiner**

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

- Programs **Laurie Vaillant**
- Hostesses **Eunice Hargrove**
- Excursions **Lynn Fernandez**

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

- Publications & publicity **Nan Clancy and ?? (To be determined)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

- Member services **Leony Filler**
- Member services **Connie Moseley**

**TREASURER**

**Emily Lacina**

RGC member **Bill Blischke** thanks you for your shoes for **SOLES 4 SOULS** and requests that you also ask neighbors and friends for shoe donations. Bring your **shoes tied together** to a RGC meeting. **Bill Blischke** is also involved with the charity **FOOD for KIDS** that delivers NON-perishable food to Title One elementary school children in the Carson, Compton and Long Beach school districts. **Bring your cans and boxes of food to a RGC meeting: pasta, tuna, soup, cereal, beans, rice, canned meat etc.**

**WELCOME TO THE RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB!**

<b>Jane Long</b>	October 2015	<b>These lovely ladies have either already become a member or will soon be voted as a member of the Riviera Garden Club. We WELCOME you!</b>
<b>Lucy Torres</b>	October 2015	
<b>Marie Hoffman</b>	February 2016	
<b>Diane Hayden</b>	February 2016	
<b>Gillian Cole</b>	March 2016	
<b>Regina Taylor</b>	March 2016	

## GLORIA JACOBS REMEMBERED

Past President and Honorary RGC member **Gloria Jacobs** passed away January 23, 2016. Club member Beebe Moorhead said, "Gloria has done everything" in the Riviera Garden Club. She was RGC president for four terms and was Costa Verde District Director for three terms. She held almost every office and chaired many committees during her decades in the Riviera Garden Club. Gloria, her husband Ernie and their three children became Californians' almost 50 years ago when the family crossed the country for Ernie's job. The Jacobs lived in a lovely upper Riviera home with a Japanese-style garden that they designed themselves. Gloria Jacobs joined RGC after the Las Colinas Garden Club disbanded in the 1980's. She was known by her friends as thoughtful and kind. She was a person who valued commitment. Past RGC president Karen Lent wrote about Gloria Jacobs in 2008 explaining that Gloria was honored for her 27 years of involvement with RGC and the Costa Verde District. Gloria was a Life Member of the Riviera Garden Club, Costa Verde District, California Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs. The Jacobs were also life members of the South Coast Botanic Garden. Besides being a garden club leader, Gloria Jacobs had been an innovator as well. She was involved in RGC's entry for the first Torrance Festival of Trees in 1991, and she had been chairperson of RGC's first garden tour in 1993. During that first garden tour, Gloria's own Japanese garden was among those showcased, giving her a chance to wear her authentic Japanese kimono. In fact, in 1992 the Jacobs traveled to Kashiwa, Japan with a City of Torrance delegation to celebrate those two Sister Cities' joint 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Gloria Jacobs was a quiet dynamic worker for many Torrance organizations: Riviera Garden Club, Torrance Sister City Association, Torrance Cultural Art Center Foundation, Torrance Art Museum, and Friends of Madrona Marsh. She will be dearly missed by those who knew her and volunteered with her.



Gloria Jacobs' floral arrangement 1996

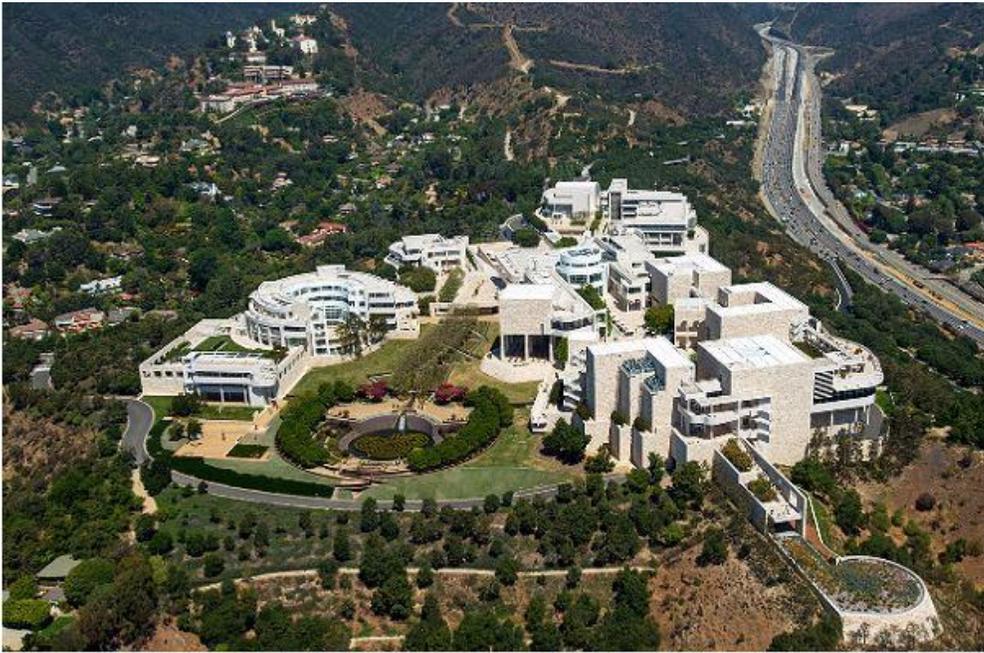
### UPCOMING RGC MEETINGS

**March 22 FERNS** Michael Moody, president of the International Fern Society will teach us about stag horn ferns. Torrance Airport meeting room

**April 26 BUS EXCURSION TO GETTY CENTER**  
See the brochure on p. 5 for more information

**May 24-SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN TIME MACHINE** Peter Olpe, president SCBG board of Trustees will discuss the Botanic Garden's history and future at the Torrance Airport meeting room.

**June 7 MAD HATTER LUNCHEON AND NEW OFFICER INSTALLATION** Cheesecake Factory RB



## **A DAY AT THE GETTY CENTER**

**TRAVEL ON THE BUS WITH THE  
RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB**

**APRIL 26, 2016**

**MEET AT 9 A.M. AT LAGO SECO PARK**

**RETURN APPROXIMATELY 4 P.M.**

**TOUR THE GARDENS AND GALLERIES**

**ENJOY LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

**BRING A WATER BOTTLE FOR THE BUS RIDE**

**\$25 CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

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**RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB  
LANDSCAPE OF THE MONTH AWARDS**



February 2016 200 Via Colusa  
Lynn and Bob Gavola



December 2015 -5502 Via del Valle  
The Nilson Family

**POEM BY CHARLIE SAPPINGTON**

**WEATHER! WINTER OR SUMMER?**

What is it? Do we plant?  
Or do we just watch bulbs come up?  
It's not fair! Winter was barely there.  
Confusion or just an illusion?

Though the cat is shedding,  
He doesn't know there could still be snow.  
Birds don't know to build a nest or to just rest.

Is it safe to say, spring cleaning is on the way?  
No! I think I'll wait to wash the windows.  
Rain may appear and make them clear.

So, my friends, we'll just wait and see,  
For only God knows what awaits you and me.

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