



Riviera Garden Club

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A word from our Presidents, Mary Varieur and Toni Ziegler

“Thanks to all of our members who make our club possible, we have had a very busy time, I think that the next few weeks are going to be a lot of fun, We hope to see you at our regular meetings and the Fashion Show and the Comedy and Magic Club and we will have our Bus Trip to Malibu in April.”

“I hope that I correctly remember all the volunteers who worked at the Queen Mary. Marilyn Rubin and I made the table decorations for the Tuesday luncheon. We had fun making the arrangements, our very nautical theme was a message in a bottle each contained a funny or philosophical message inside along with shells and tilandsias and fishing net. Our volunteer hosts were Charlie Sappington, Bernice Slocovich, Marilyn Rubin, Mary Varieur, Toni Ziegler, Bertie Wood, Laurie Vaillant, Judy and George Unrine, Marybeth Muir, Geneva Martin and Linda Rosenfeld.”

Mary Varieur

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Costa Verde District 2020 CGCI Winter Board Meeting

CGCI just celebrated a “first” - a Winter Board Meeting on the Queen Mary In Long Beach. Great views and a grand way to meet and conduct business. Chairman Alexis Slafer and the Costa Verde District created a FUN time and managed to educate all by including an NGC Tri-Refresher for Consultants. The outstanding speakers included Steve Lang’s “Art full” presentation on using art in the landscape and Price Sheppy’s report on the Mission Blue Butterflies. I can also report that No ghosts were reported as the Queen Mary is haunted.

Provided by Golden Gardens Enews

Thank you to Linda Rosenfeld for coordinating RGC participation in this event. Marilyn Rubin and Mary Varieur for the beautiful centerpieces. Our volunteer hostesses Charlie Sappington, Bernice Slocovich, Marilyn Rubin, Mary Varieur, Toni Ziegler, Bertie Wood, Laurie Vaillant, Judy and George Unrine , Marybeth Muir, Geneva Martin and Linda Rosenfeld. Charlie Sappington, Alberta Brice and Cynthia Lundin for providing Gift Baskets for the raffle.



Mary and Joseph Special Event

A very well attended meeting was held at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in February. A great thanks to Bill Arrowsmith from the Friends of the Madrona Marsh, for sharing the history and importance of the local wetlands. Followed by a lovely luncheon. Thank you to Linda Rosenfeld and Gloria Balcon for coordinating this event and Pat Heilmann for the beautiful centerpieces.



Children's Garden Workshops

“Coordinated with my Co-Captain, Phyllis DeCrescenzo, our dynamic crew, Charlie Sappington, Laurie Vaillant, Marti Dailey, and Sherry Streetmaker we held the first Children's Garden Workshop at Walteria Library on January 11th. It was a good trial run for us, as only six children attended.

Henderson Library on February 15th, on the other hand, was quite a success, as it maxed-out at 20 children, with several others that had to be turned away. Carolyn Pohlner joined us and was a tremendous help to the children and made sure things ran smoothly.

Our next workshop will be held at El Retiro Library on April 18th. At that time Nan Clancy, Marti Dailey, and Aleen Houston will be joining us. It is sure to be a sell-out, as well. And, with it, more happy children and grateful parents. With the RGC Plant Sale the following week, we will have plenty of flyers to help ensure lots of plant lovers attend!” -- Dina Wiley

El Retiro Library (Sat. April 18th)

All workshops begin at 11:00 a.m. and are expected to conclude at 12:30 p.m. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 10:00 for set-up, and stay through the workshop to help with cleanup, which may extend until 1:00.

Something new: the children are going to be decorating their containers prior to filling them with soil and planting their seeds. Decorations will include stickers, colorful marking pens, ribbons, string, etc. Your assistance will be needed!

If interested in helping at the workshops, please call Dina Wiley 310-378-4138.



Leap Year Day Orchid Arrangement Party

A sizeable group of ladies (not just from RGC) gathered at Elyn Meikle's gardens to learn about orchid arranging and how to care for them. In addition to the wonderful camaraderie, everyone received handouts on the dos and don'ts of Phalaenopsis orchids. There was an array of beautiful orchids of various size and color to choose from. Containers, moss, and bark were supplied to complete their creations. It was a lovely day and a lovely way to ring in the leap year!



Plant Sale Prep/ Plant Sale April 25

In preparation for our Plant Sale on April 25th, Ellyn Meikle and Phyllis DeCrescenzo will be hosting Planting Parties.

Planting Parties at Ellyn Meikle's home from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

1350 244th Street, Harbor City 90710

Saturday, March 14

Wednesday, March 18

Saturday, March 28

Wednesday, April 1

Workshops at Phyllis Decrescendos' home (time tbd)

22532 Shadycroft Avenue, Torrance 90505

Tuesday, April 7

Thursday, April 9

Tuesday, April 14

Thursday, April 16

Calendar of Up Coming Events in March and April

- March 19** **Fashion Show** **Steinmart Torrance**
- March 24** **General Meeting** **Speaker Ann Dalkey LA Conservation Corps**
- March 25** **Comedy and Magic Fundraiser Comedy and Magic Club Hermosa**
- April 25** **Plant Sale** **Charlie Sappington's Home (info to follow)**
- April 28** **Adamson House Bus Trip Details to be announced**
- May 26** **General Meeting** **Speaker Gary Duke South Coast Succulent Society**
- June 2 Mad Hatter Luncheon and Officer Installation Cheesecake Factory Birthdays**

Wishes

March

Cecilia Ceasar 1
Marlene Ennis 18
Toni Sargent 20
Alberta Brice 26
Eunice Hargrove 28
Carole Lefevre 31

April

Allison Jones 4
Carolyn Bazak 7
Joani Thompson 9
Pam Barrett-Hill 11
Betty Moyer 19
Susan Tyree 23
Phyllis Roth 27

May

Irma Chiota 4
Marjorie McKarns 4
Marybeth Muir 11
Terri Grijalva 24
Toni Ziegler 25
Tecki Poletti 26



Comedy and Magic Club

RGC Fundrasing Event

will be held

March 25th 2020

1018 Hermosa Ave, Hermosa Beach

Join us for a memorable evening of Laughter and
Magic

Tickets are \$20.00

Contact Pam Barrett-Hill for details

FASHION SHOW
AT STEINMART'S IN TORRANCE

Enhance your wardrobe



Enjoy:

- spring fashions
- demonstrations
- pastries
- shopping with friends
- promotional discounts

Thursday, March 19, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.
3665 Pacific Coast Highway
Torrance 90505

Ride-sharing recommended and guests welcome



Send check for \$20 made out to RGC to
P.O. Box 10112, Torrance, CA 90505-0812

Environmental Fair

Torrance Environmental Fair – Children’s Garden Workshop

The Torrance Environmental Fair will be on Saturday, June 6th from 10 to 2 at the City Yard. We are going to have Children’s Garden Workshops where the children fill the containers with soil and plant their seeds to take home.

If interested in helping at the fair, please sign up at the general meetings.

<https://www.torranceca.gov/government/city-manager/city-yard-open-house>

Landscape Award Winners Congratulations to

Mitchell Clow and Donald Smith-Arizmendi at 416 Avenida de José. Mitchell and Donald do their own gardening. We chose this garden for the colorful use of succulents and native plants.



