



# Riviera Garden Club

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### FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



**Gloria Balcom and Linda Rosenfeld**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We hope 2018 was good to you and 2019 is even better. In this issue you will be able to look back at what we have accomplished so far, and here is a peek into what is still to come.

As a Club we have many interesting events planned for 2019. We start January off with our general meeting on **January 22**. **Eric Olsen** of **Smart Pots** is the speaker and the program covers container and raised bed gardening.

Our **February 26** general meeting is a **Special Event at Mary & Joseph Retreat Center**. Last year's event was such a success, that we are going back for more. Our guest presenter is **Brittany Goldsmith**, Volunteer Program Manager for the **Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy**. She will give us a glimpse of the peninsula's history and animal sightings.

A delicious **luncheon buffet** is planned. Sign up for this event at the January meeting and remember to bring a check for **\$35** to secure a place. We hope all members come and will consider inviting a guest.

Plans for another **fashion show** at **Talbots** on **March 21** is being planned. Watch your email for further details.

You need to mark your calendar for our **Garden & Plant Sale** scheduled for **May 4**. This is our biggest fundraising source so we hope you will participate. We will be sending out more information shortly about the sale.

Best to you in 2019 and see you soon,

**Linda and Gloria**

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## MEMBER NEWS AND TIDBITS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY RGC FRIENDS!

#### November

5 Marilyn Barker  
8 Meredith Grenier  
14 Geneva Martin  
15 Charlie Sappington  
17 Pati Johnson  
19 Ruth Vogel  
20 Susan Schneider  
20 Diane Connell  
28 Jay Spradlin  
30 Marilyn Rubin

#### February

22 Rita Wagstaff  
28 Marie Hoffman

#### December

5 Julia Blake  
8 Lola Ungar  
9 Irma Maggio  
18 Claudeene Lyon  
**January**  
5 Jeannie Brown  
7 Ellyn Meikle  
13 Linda Rosenfeld  
16 Mary Varieur  
16 Bertie Wood

26 Dina Wiley



Victor Elementary Environmental Engineering Club

These **VEEEEC** club members recycle lunch waste daily, compost food scraps and work in their campus vegetable garden.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Jan. 15** Tuesday **RGC board** home of **Bertie Wood** 310-539-4443 9:30 a.m.

**Jan. 22** Tuesday **RGC general meeting** Torrance Airport 9:30 a.m. **Eric Olsen** presents container/raised bed gardening

**Feb.13** Wednes. 10:30 am Torrance City **FREE** Gardening Workshop at Columbia Park **Planning A Warm Season Garden** . RSVP [ADMIN@PVSCHOOLGARDENS.ORG](mailto:ADMIN@PVSCHOOLGARDENS.ORG)

**Feb. 16** Satur. 10:30 a.m. Torrance City **FREE** Gardening Workshop. Lago Seco Park **Planning A Warm Season Garden**. RSVP [ADMIN@PVSCHOOLGARDENS.ORG](mailto:ADMIN@PVSCHOOLGARDENS.ORG)

**Feb. 19** Tuesday **RGC Board** home of **Geneva Martin** 319-378-9767 9:30 a.m.

**Feb. 26** Tuesday Special Event at **Mary and Joseph Retreat** Catered luncheon Guest speaker Brittany Goldsmith PV Peninsula Land Conservancy. Send \$35 RGC P.O. Box 10112 Torrance 90505



This girl is mashing lunch food waste. It is put in this compost tumbler after lunch each day. The finished compost is used in the VEEEC club's vegetable garden.

## LANDSCAPE AWARDS

Riviera Homeowners Association and Riviera Garden Club

Nov. Dec 2018



**Lee and Susan Gustafson**, owners  
**266 Via Buena Ventura Redondo Beach**  
The Gustafson south facing garden is enclosed by a low stucco wall accented by white roses. Behind this wall is a very sunny and comfortable garden with a large Staghorn Fern situated on a huge venerable pine tree. A swing is next to the path leading to the patio and entry to the Gustafson home. Several whimsical frogs surround a sparkling fountain with other outdoor furniture groupings. All in all, the Gustafsons have created a very comfortable outdoor living area. They purchased their home several years ago and have done a great restoration job.



## Hollywood Riviera Sign Dedication

The Hollywood Riviera was established by developer Clifford F. Reid in 1928. Inspired by the beauty of its seaside location and surrounding hills, he coined the name due to his familiarity with the French Riviera and to attract residents from the movie industry. Sales initially boomed but were soon constrained, first by the Great Depression in 1929 and later by World War II. By 1941, only 42 Mediterranean style, red-tile roof homes and one apartment house had been built. Ultimately, it was the aerospace industry rather than Hollywood that contributed to the neighborhood's growth. The postwar housing boom in 1945 spurred new construction and the original Mediterranean architectural restrictions were abandoned. Hollywood Riviera's borders expanded over time and came to include approximately 3,100 homes.



This sign was dedicated Oct. 28, 2018 at the corner of PV Blvd and Monte d' Oro by **The Friends of the Hollywood Riviera** who worked for 6 years to complete this project. Pictured are **Karen Lent** and **Mayor Pat Furey** with unidentified woman.

# Time for a Garden Tour?

Riviera Garden Club garden tours in 2004 and 2008, as well the historic home tour in 2012, received great response from the community. It could be time to have another garden tour. Over half the responders in the October survey indicated that they were interested in a garden tour. It has been suggested that the club could target the spring of 2020 for the event.

While the project would need to be approved by next years' board, members can start thinking about homes that they can recommend or a function in which they would like to work.

Think about homes that would be good candidates. Homes should have flat yards with good access. Perhaps you want to offer your home. It would be even better if you think one of your neighbors would also be a good candidate. Parking is always a problem. If the homes could be in sets of two or more in walking distance that would be easier for attendees. The previous tours selected homes within the Riviera. This time we might like to expand beyond the Riviera.

Possible Committees you could volunteer for:

- **Home Selection**, which includes house coordinator
- **Refreshments**
- **Publicity** – to include Tickets, Post Cards, Posters & Signs
- **Vendor & Information Booths**
- **Finance & Ticket Management**
- **Public Relations** -Thank you party for hosts and workers plus gifts for homeowners.
- And you might volunteer to be the **Garden Tour chairman**.

By Geneva Martin

<b>1 Hospitality House— Reid-Rice Home</b> 124 Via Monte d'Oro Built 1928	Will Call, Ticket Purchase, Light Refreshments, History Video, Demos and Commemorative Booklet
<b>2 Smith-Odom Home</b> 106 Via Monte d'Oro Built 1929	
<b>3 Marlow-Block Home</b> 156 Camino de las Colinas Built 1928	
<b>4 Elinwood-Vargas</b> 144 Camino de las Colinas Built 1929	
<b>5 Stewart-Walecki Home</b> 255 Via Linda Vista Built 1929	
<b>6 Oden-Martis Home</b> 116 Via Estrellita Built 1930 Difficult stairs	
<b>7 Argenbright-Broeg Home</b> 624 Calle Miramar Built 1929 Difficult stairs	

**Beyond the Garden Gate**  
Peek behind the gates of unique private Gardens in the beautiful Hollywood Riviera  
Presented by Riviera Garden Club  
Saturday, October 18, 2008  
10 am to 4 pm

**Garden Event – Self Guided Tour – 8 Gardens**  
Education Booths, Plant Doctor, and Refreshments

\$25 Presale / \$30 Tour Day / Rain or Shine  
All attendees must be ticketed except infants in front  
No strollers please  
Sorry restrooms not available.  
Comfortable walking shoes recommended, no flip flops  
Info: 310.378.9767 or [www.RivieraGardenClub.com](http://www.RivieraGardenClub.com)

**House 1-Water House**  
**House 2-Historic House**  
**House 3-Mediterranean**  
**House 4-Romantic**  
**House 5-Waterfall**  
**House 6-Dry Stream**  
**House 7-Environmental**  
**House 8-Hospitality**

Riviera Garden Club, founder  
Benefitting civic beautification, education and historic preservation

## RGC GIFTING BRINGS YEAR-ROUND CHEER

By Gloria Balcom

Our Gifting Elves have been especially busy this year, with plenty of progress to report only 3 months into our year. We have already made donations to six of our special community partners:

**ONE:** South Coast Botanic Garden Kids Club is a perennial favorite and this year we sponsored their amazing Great Kids Club Adventure.

**TWO:** Valmonte Farm and Garden (Seed to Plate) received a check to provide much-needed supplies to maintain their magical habitat.

**THREE:** Victor Elementary School received the funds to provide very special tee-shirts to all of their garden and ecology elves. We will also be sponsoring a field trip to South Coast Botanic Garden for 175 of their students (accompanied by 12 adults).

**FOUR:** Riviera Elementary School was given a check to cover tools and a tool box (with an RGC name tag) for their new garden.

**FIVE:** Henderson Library Youth Library received a donation for books on ecology, gardening and the environment. This library is adjacent to Victor Elementary School so the students will benefit.

**SIX:** A donation has been made to Torrance Hospital so that Judy Gerber can use her talents and knowledge to start a garden on the hospital grounds.

Our Gifting team is still working on our all-important scholarship selection and a couple of other projects. It is your generosity and participation in our fundraising events that makes this possible

## THANK YOU, RGC AND FRIENDS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**Sea Breeze Editor Marilyn Rubin  
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Check out our website at



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On your computer/ I phone go to  
**Facebook Riviera Garden Club.**

Click on photos.

## ENJOY!

