



# Riviera Garden Club

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### FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



Marilyn Rubin and Charlie Sappington

What a delightful holiday season it's been! A BIG THANK YOU to **Pam** and **Jim Hill** for hosting our annual RGC holiday party. The magician Don Frank was mesmerizing and we enjoyed singing carols. **Tecki Poletti's** festive Dec. dessert gathering was lovely. Marilyn has collected many beautiful and whimsical containers this past year from either members, yard sales or thrift shops to use for our pre-Mothers' Day plant sale. Soon we'll have workshops at **Phyllis DeCrescenzo's** home to create our artistic succulent arrangements. **Geneva Martin**, husband **Patrick** and **Marilyn Rubin** took the RGC men's clothing donations to the Harbor/UCLA Medical Center while our own **Toni Sargent** delivered the RGC Angel gifts to the Salvation Army last month. **HAPPY NEW YEAR, RGC Friends!** Marilyn and Charlie wish you all a very **HEALTHY 2016** that is filled with family and friends.

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### Calendar of Events

- January 13, 2016 Wed. CVD Winter Board planning mtg.**  
SCBG 10 a.m.
- January 19, 2016 Tue. 9:30 a.m. RGC Board Meeting**  
home of Bertie Wood co-hostess Toni Ziegler
- January 26, 2016 Tue. 9:30 a.m. RGC General Meeting**  
Hostesses Marybeth Muir, Betty Moye, Julia Blake
- January 31-Feb. 3, 2016 CVD Winter Board** San Pedro  
Double Tree Hotel by Hilton
- February 2, 2016 RGC hosts lunch at CVD Winter Board**  
Double Tree Hotel San Pedro 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- February 9, 2016 Fashion Show Draper's and Damon's**  
\$25 Contact Charlie Sappington cell 310-991-2687
- February 16, 2016 Tue. 9:30 a.m. RGC Board Meeting**  
home of Mary Varieur co-hostess Sharon Saffer
- February 23, 2016 Tue. 9:30 a.m. RGC General Meeting**  
hostesses Kathryn Joiner, Nan Clancy, Dina Wiley
- Succulent Planter Workshops** with Phyllis DeCrescenzo  
Select Mondays and Thursdays (10:30 am OR 1pm) in  
January/February **EXACT DATES TO BE DETERMINED**



**200 Via Colusa**



**421 Paseo de Gracia**



**235 Paseo de las Delicias**



**5523 Riviera Way**



**241 Via los Miradores**



**4414 Greenmeadows**



**329 Camino de las Colinas**



**501 Paseo de la Playa**



4825 Paseo de las Tortugas



5401 Calle de Arboles



122 Monte de Oro



225 Camino de las Colinas

Riviera Garden Club member **Pati Johnson** photographed the above local yards in early January. These landscapes exemplify different styles of water-wise gardens. Some use succulents. Some use California native plants mixed with appealing Mediterranean plants. Some rely on decorative rocks and hardscape while others have bark and mulch surrounding the low-water trees and shrubs.

## UPCOMING RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS

**Tuesday January 26, 2016** at Torrance Airport, RGC member and florist, **Pat Heilmann** will demonstrate **how to make simple floral arrangements** from flowers that either come from our gardens or from the market. One design will showcase Valentine's Day and the theme of the other is Spring.

**Tuesday February 23, 2016** at Torrance Airport, **Bill Brandt** from the Rare Fruit Society will discuss **caring for the fruit trees in your yard**. He will demonstrate how to graft a branch from one type of fruit tree to another tree in the same family. These grafted branches will create one tree that can have multiple varieties of fruit growing on it.

**MEMBER NEWS AND TIDBITS**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY RGC MEMBERS!**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS
.2 Jean Vasquez	22 Rita Wagstaff
.5 Jeannie Brown	23 Gay Hargrave
.7 Linda Rosenfeld	26 Dina Wiley
16 Mary Varieur	
16 Bertie Wood	



**GINNIE SCHNEIDER REMEMBERED**

Riviera Garden Club honorary member **Ginnie Schneider** died last November at the age of 91. Karen Lent interviewed Ginnie in 2009 when Ginnie received The Cardinal Award from the Los Angeles Catholic Archdiocese. This award was presented to individuals who have given to their community in extraordinary ways. The Schneiders were founding participants of St. Lawrence Church, Bishop Montgomery High School and Little Company of Mary Hospital and they were instrumental in helping create the nursing institute at Little Company through El Camino College.

Ginnie and her late husband, George raised 11 children in their Hollywood Riviera home. According to one daughter, “Mom (aka Ginnie) was a garden queen, talented cook, volunteer extraordinaire, adventurous traveler, basketball fan and the original do it yourselfer.” Ginnie joined the Riviera Garden Club in 1995. She participated as club secretary for several years and was also involved with the Landscape Award Committee. One year she won the RGC Mad Hatter contest for “Most beautiful hat.” Ginnie Schneider was always an excellent gardener. Although she was in her 80’s, she took care of the plants at Triangle Park in the Riviera until she moved to Oregon a few years ago to be closer to family. Ginnie Schneider is greatly missed by those who knew her.

**CONDOLENCES TO PAM BARRETT AND JIM HILL**

Jim Hill’s 104 year old mother, Martha Hill, died December 22, 2015. Martha had lived in Torrance for over 70 years. According to Pam, her mother-in-law had a long and happy life.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

**Regina Taylor** of Palos Verdes Estates has applied for membership to the Riviera Garden Club.

**SOLES 4 SOULS**

Riviera Garden Club member **Bill Blischke** needs your unwanted shoes for his charity called “Soles 4 Souls” Be sure to **TIE OR ATTACH EACH PAIR OF SHOES TOGETHER** when you bring the shoes to a meeting for Bill. *On the next page there is a sheet you can print and share with others* that tells how this charity benefits people all over the world including the USA.

**SHOES NEEDED**

Bring your shoes to a Riviera Garden Club meeting.

# SOLES 4 SOULS

W E A R I N G O U T P O V E R T Y ™

**MISSION:** Soles4Souls is a not for profit global social enterprise committed to fighting poverty through the collection and distribution of shoes and clothing.

**HOW IT STARTED:** Soles4Souls was founded as a disaster relief organization after philanthropists and shoe executives provided footwear to those most impacted by The Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Since 2006 Soles4Souls has collected and distributed 26 million pairs of shoes to those in need in 127 countries around the world and all 50 states in the U.S.

**CREATING ECONOMIC GROWTH:** Our micro-enterprise model provides entrepreneurs the ability to start small businesses by providing a steady supply of high-quality, low-cost product; a powerful and sustainable way for people to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.



**LANDSCAPE AWARDS from the Riviera Garden Club and Riviera Homeowners Association**



October 2015 940 Calle Miramar  
Christopher and Isabel Marino



November, 2015 137 Via Sejo  
Nune, Angelique, Melina and Yani Nitsiotis

**ORIGINAL POEM by CHARLIE SAPPINGTON**

After Christmas Letter to Santa

Oh, thank you, dear Santa, for coming and going.  
 We're never quite ready and over the moaning.  
 You gave us our gifts, (wanted or not)  
 But we are all grateful for what we got.  
 Twas the season! It comes and it goes,  
 Leaving us with our bills and our woes.  
 We won't complain for at least 12 months.  
 Then again we'll commence,  
 For we have no sense.  
 But we still love you so!  
 Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow! (or rain).  
 HAPPY NEW YEAR, SANTA!  
 P.S. Please no more coal in my stocking.

**For more information about the Riviera Garden Club, check out our website at [www.rivieragardenclub.org](http://www.rivieragardenclub.org) Email: [president@rivieragardenclub.org](mailto:president@rivieragardenclub.org)**

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