



Sea Breeze

Riviera Garden Club

Costa Verde District, CGCI, NGC

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The Presidents Message:

How fast this year has flown. I am thankful for the support you have given me. Always, there has been a smile, a kind word, or an offer of friendship and help.

I won't be seeing some of you until our Members Celebration on Sept 7. As we are about to close, I wish you the happiness that sunshine, lazy days and warm weather brings.

Fondly, Judy

Rose Garden at Exposition Park



Picture by Pati Johnson

The last trip for the season was to Exposition Park. The 16,000 roses were in full bloom.

California State Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention: Awards

Riviera Garden Club won the Blue Ribbon Certificate for recognition of outstanding work for the promotion of garden club objectives in 2005. This certificate represents the work of all the members. The 2005 newsletter, *Bloomin' Times*, won a Second Place Award. The club yearbook also won a second place. Finally, the club was awarded a citation from National Garden Clubs. for the net increase in membership. Thank you, Marie Hoffman, Karen Murrey, and Pam Barrett for the extra effort you put into these projects. Judy

Officers for 2006-2007

President: Judy Unrine

First Vice Presidents: Mary Varieur & Sharon Saffer

Second Vice President: Karen Murrey

Third Vice President: Pam Barrett

Secretary: Jean King

Treasurer: June Young

Parliamentarian: Toni Sargent

National Garden Clubs Convention: Orlando

Instead of enjoying Memorial Day picnics, George and I were attending the NGC Convention in Orlando Florida. It was fun meeting presidents from many states. Floral Designs took their themes from Florida cities. George spent most of his time in the pool. He did take time to take me to see the Flower and Garden Show at Epcot Center. I bought a pin with Tinkerbell sitting on a purple Petunia. While in Florida, Elisabeth Tufo, CGCI President, asked me to be the chairman for Habitat for Humanity for the state. If you have information on a Habitat project, I would like to hear about it. Judy

National Garden Clubs Herb Garden Contest

Earn recognition for your herb garden and a cash prize. Send NGC a 250 word essay and 8 by 10 photo of your garden. Uniqueness and creativity are emphasized. If you would like to enter, ask Judy Unrine for further details. The deadline is Oct 31.

Garden Doctor

I hope you enjoyed the monthly horticulture reports this past year. If you are missing any, let me know.

It's been a strange year weather-wise. First no rain then some rain, but actually not enough. Be sure to water well this summer! We've had lots of inspiration for our gardens with our wonderful field trips and tours. Don't forget to take time out from garden chores and spend time enjoying your gardens! I got a cute sign on a recent trip to Catalina with my sister that says "All My Weeds Are Wildflowers." How true. So enjoy your wildflowers and your planted ones. Have a great summer.

Happy Gardening, Diane

P.S., Feel free to contact me with garden questions this summer. The Plant Doctor will be in!

California Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention: Ontario

President Judy and I along with RGC members Gloria Jacobs and Martha Ann Walter attended the CGCI convention in Ontario. The event was the kickoff for the Diamond Jubilee celebrating the founding of the CGCI. Also attending were District Director Loraine Ornelas, Golden Gardens Editor Diane Charbonneau and seven other members from Costa Verde. We attended some very informative workshops; one even featured a live bat. The highlight of the convention was the Gala Banquet. On display in the ballroom were flora designs from the 1930's forward. The most exciting part of the evening was the vintage fashion show; twelve ladies including member Gloria Jacobs, our state president Elizabeth Tufo and yours truly modeled fashions from the 1930's thru the 1980's. We were accompanied by music from each era with vocal accompaniment from past president Bob Gordon and future president Robin Pokorski. It was a very glamorous and memorable evening.

Mary Varieur

Riviera Calendar of Events

"Gardening with Diane" Rocketship Park, July 11, Aug 8, and Sept 12, from 10am-11:30am.

Sept 7 New Members Celebration, Home of Karen Murrey

Sept 19 Board Meeting

Sept 26 General Meeting, Torrance Airport

Local, District, CGCI and NGI Events

Aug 19-20 Dahlia Show and Sale, South Coast Dahlia Society, South Coast Botanic Gardens

Sept 13-15 CGCI Fall Board, Fortuna.

Sept 27-Oct 2 CGCI Garden/Theater Tour with gala opening of the NGC Butterfly Garden at the National Garden, Washington, DC.

Oct 4 Costa Verde District Meeting, South Coast Botanic Gardens

Oct 22-27, 85th International Standard Flower Show and Tour, Buenos Aires and Iguazu Falls.

El Retiro Library Flower Arrangement Assignments Summer 2006

El Retiro Library is in El Retiro Park, which is located at 126 Vista del Parque, Redondo Beach, off of Pacific Coast Highway

June 26	DeLaine Anthony
July 3	Marilyn Barker
July 10	Pam Barrett
July 17	Martha Bragg
July 24	Cecilia Ceasar
July 31	Diane Connell
Aug 7	Sharon Crawford
Aug 14	Barbara Davis
Aug 21	Trudy Doesserich
Aug 28	Wendy Eddy
Sept 5	Kitty Hill
Sept 11	Marie Hoffman
Sept 18	Pat Irwin
Sept 25	Pati Johnson

Installation of Officers and Mad Hatter Luncheon

Gloria Jacobs, former President, District Director and CGCI chairman, presided over the installation of the new officers. Her theme was the simple flowers of our garden and their significance to each office.

Judges for the hat parade were Tina Chen, El Retiro Librarian Supervisor; Jim Reinhart, Past State President of the Lions Club; and Elizabeth White, Superior Court Judge. The best hat winners were Virginia Schneider with greenery collected in Ireland for best represents nature, Mary Varieur with a Madame Butterfly ensemble for a true work of art, Anna Watson with "gardening is for the birds" for most humorous, and Ann Jenson with a family dragon-fly scheme for most creative.

Judy and George Unrine presented awards to Jean Winter, Diane Connell, Karen Lent and Ceilia Ceasar for their work on Civic Gardens; Betty Moye for her work with youth at the Washington School; June Stevenson for succulent dish gardens for hospital rooms and Charlie Sappington for hosting the plant sale to benefit Penny Pines.

2006 Riviera Garden Club Scholarship

Trent Houston, recent graduate from Torrance High and Southern California Regional Occupational Center, was awarded our \$1000 Scholarship at the installation luncheon. His mother and father, Aleen and Darrell, also attended. Trent will start El Camino College this fall. To augment his scholarship, he will work at Armstrong Nursery. Trent is a perfect candidate for our scholarship. He has a genuine interest in horticulture and the environment. His senior paper was on water conservation. He has volunteered his time to help landscape the new West Building at SCROC. Ask Trent any question about horticulture or our environment and he will give you an ecologically sound answer. It is evident that Trent has a future in conserving our world's natural resources. Joanne Soloman and Pam Barrett, Scholarship

Honorary Memberships

June Young and Betty Moye presented honorary memberships to Ethel Sellars and George Unrine.

George Unrine (Judy's husband) has been the Club's "Ladies' Man" for eleven years. Everyone in the club knows and likes George – he has been a tremendous help with printing, computers, membership, luncheons – anything requiring a strong back and a right hand!

Ethel Sellars has been a Garden Club member for 26 years. She was Co-President with Nadyne Shelton in 1990-91 and served as Landscape Award Chairwomen for many years. Ethel, a former librarian, loves to read. She is mother of 3, and has been married to husband John for over 50 years.



Picture provided by Ethel Sellars
Installation Lunch 1991

In the earlier days of the Club, Ethel says they concentrated more on flower arranging than gardens. She also recalls the Valentine Luncheon being a bridge luncheon at the Botanical Gardens. The husbands would bring over card tables and the Club Members would serve the lunch they cooked before getting down to some serious games with paying guests. Sounds like Leave It to Beaver times and we're sure George would have wanted to have been helping out too!

Karen Lent

Woodsy Owl/ Smokey Bear Poster Contest



LEND A HAND - CARE FOR THE LAND!

Students can help the environment. We're inviting first through fifth grade students to demonstrate through original drawings of Smokey the Bear or Woodsy Owl their understanding of fire prevention or basic environmental conservation principles. Each entry should be 11 x 17 inches in size. Crayons, markers, or paints may be used. Draw either Smokey or Woodsy with their slogan. Deadline for entry is Jan 15, 2007.

Contact Judy Unrine if you would like to sponsor a student artist.



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Landscape of the Month

June's Landscape Award was presented to Peggy McSweeney at 473 Camino de Encanto. Peggy and her husband raised 6 children here and were the original owners of this lovely, well-maintained home. Her garden is very sweet, and at 83 Peggy is still doing all the work herself!

May's Landscape Award was presented to Laurie and Michel Jonquieres at 4725 Paseo de las Tortugas. Their beautiful garden reflects their knowledge, attention to detail and a special love for roses. A lovely bonus is the fabulous terraced rear garden with multiple fruit trees, a vegetable garden and more gorgeous roses.

Ruth Vogel

Donations for 2005-2006

Letters that acknowledge our contributions for the 2005-2006 have been received from the following organizations: Palos Verdes Land Conservancy, Theodore Payne Foundation, Anza-Borrego Foundation, Tree People, Marine Mammal Care Center, International Bird Rescue Research Center and South Coast Botanic Garden. Contributions were also made to Penny Pines.

Membership

New Address: Jan Kaminski, 104 Aspen Way, Rolling Hills Estates, 90274, 310-377-0628.

Ten new members joined in 2005/2006. The latest four new members are:

Glyndis Dean	Wendy Eddy
414 E. Moorhaven Dr.	5529 Laureete St.
Carson, 90746	Torrance, 90503

Claudeene Lyon	Geneva Martin
256 Paseo De Granada	241 Via Los Miradores
Redondo Beach, 90277	Redondo Beach, 90277

June Allen and Margaret White have decided to retire from our club this year. We are sorry we have to wish our good friends farewell. We will miss them at meetings, but know they will join us when they can. Irene Brenner has recently moved to Colorado.

Please mail me your membership dues ASAP — your name will not be in the yearbook if I don't have your dues by June 30. Pam Barrett

Golden Gardens Magazine

The circulation editor of the CGCI magazine, Golden Gardens, has been replaced. If you have not received your magazines this year, please call June Young (375-9979). These member's names have been submitted to the new circulation editor: Wendy Eddy, Glyndis Dean, Geneva Martin, Jean King, Sharon Saffer, Anna Watson, Karen Murrey and Pam Barrett.

June Young, Golden Gardens Chairman