



Riviera Garden Club

Sea Breeze

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WE DID IT!
Riviera Garden Club—
Congratulations!
We sold over 1,000 tickets and heard raves about how nice you were! How professional! Guests loved the beautiful historic homes, delicious homemade cookies, the fabulous video and brochure! MUCH appreciation to ALL!

Riviera Historic Homes Tour Riviera Garden Club

Kudos to GREAT weather, wonderful publicity and a public anxious to attend our tour! Thank you so much to the Historic Homeowners who so graciously shared their homes, the Committee Chairs that worked so hard for months, the magnificent RGC members, husbands, friends, guest docents, neighbors, advertisers and sponsors who made this event come together so well for the whole community, and our club! With admiration & thanks to all! Dina, Karen & Shelley

Presidents Message

Dear Riviera Garden Club,

We've had A LOT of fun serving as your Co-Presidents for three years. Thank you all for your support and for being such a great group!

We started working & getting to know each other during the 2008 Beyond the Garden Gate Tour and were on the Landscape Award Committee together. As Co-Presidents we got involved with the Gift Committee that used those '08 Tour funds in so many great ways. We also enjoyed the fun and innovations of Power of Art and Designs for Dining.

We have tried NOT to forget that we are a garden club and have enjoyed MANY wonderful speakers and trips. In between we worked hard on projects, but had lots (Continued on page 4)



Enjoying RGC's Madhatters at the Portofino! Co-Presidents Shelley Lubinsky & Karen Lent with Dina Wiley. We are MOST thankful for Dina's hard work & dedication on behalf of RGC's VERY successful Historic Homes Tour. GREAT job Dina! See inside for more honored folks!

Gardening is a matter of your enthusiasm holding up until your back gets used to it.

Happy Birthday to YOU!

APRIL: Allison Jones-4, Pat Reid-7, Pam Barrett-11, Betty Moye-19, Phyllis Roth-27

MAY: Cavin Shorter-2, Marybeth Muir-11, Lynne Stern-14, Toni Ziegler-25, Tecki Poletti-26

JUNE: Judy Unrine-8, Nancy Weaver-9, Ginnie Schneider-14, Barbara Bratcher-Ott-28, June Stevenson-29

JULY: Wendy Tsuji-10, Pat Smith-22, Gloria Balcom-23, Bill Blischke-27, Lana Terry-29, Bobbie Davison-31

For all the advances in medicine, there is still no cure for the common birthday. John Glenn

Sunshine: Our condolences John & Ethel Sellars on the loss of their son Jim. Wishing all the best to Sharon Saffer in her continuing recovery.



George Unrine, Geneva Martin, Karen Lent & Judy Unrine receive RGC's California State Garden Club awards at the June Costa Verde District Meeting.

Blue Ribbon Award!



Gay & Doug Hargrave produced such a lovely yearbook! Thanks & congrats to you! We also won a National Garden Club Recognition Award for it!

Among other awards, we received a Penny Pines 1st Place Club Award too! Congrats RGC!

Penny Pines Honorariums: For significant and long standing contributions to RGC efforts: Edith Dees, Karen Lent, Shelley Lubinsky, Tony & Dave Sargent, Marilyn & Sherwin Rubin, Mary Varieur and Dina Wiley.



"Mug Awards" for VERY OUTSTANDING club service were presented to our Riviera History Video Producer: Sherwin Rubin and Homes Tour Co-Chair: Dina Wiley—they are honored for their huge dedication to the Historic Homes Tour this Year. Thank you SO MUCH to you both!



Mary Lou McCammack



Mr. & Mrs. Rice with Cavin Shorter



Kay Kanuit & Beebe Moorehead

Welcome to the 2012-13 RGC Board, installed at Madhatters. Thank you to Gudy Kimmel for the humorous presentation!



From left: Marilyn Rubin- 1st V.P., Marybeth Muir & Allison Jones-3rd VPs, Membership, Gay Hargrave-2nd VP, Toni Ziegler & Carole LeFeuve (not pictured)-Co-Secretaries, Toni Sargent-Parliamentarian, Geneva Martin & Nancy Weaver-Co-Presidents.

Madhatter's Hat Contest Winners: **Laurie Valliant:** Most Beautiful, **Allison Jones:** Most Original, and **Dina Wiley:** Most Humorous for her umbrella creation of "raining cats and dogs!"



And, a great time was had by all! - at the Portofino, on June 12. Thank you to our Chair, Gay Hargrave for such a well-planned event. And, thank you to our esteemed judges: Mayor Frank Scotto, Mary Lou McCammack (RGC's Patron Sponsor), Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rice, Historic "Castle" Homeowners, Karen Odom & Suzy Broeg, Historic Homeowners, Sherwin Rubin, RGC's History Video Producer, & Loreen Trovino, esteemed neighborhood volunteer! Gudy Kimmell of Los Gabrielenas Garden Club, was also a judge and did the Installation duties in a very amusing fashion. So many GREAT hats! - this was NOT an easy contest to judge! Thank you Gudy & all other judges for a job well done! Thank you guests & members!



Torrance Mayor Frank Scotto



Karen Odom, Claudeene Lyon & Alberta Brice



Toni Sargent & Jean Vasquez



Mary Varieur & June Young



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Reminders:

Dues are DUE!

Please remit \$30 dues (what a bargain!! (Trips, speakers & outstanding people!) send to RGC Treasurer, P.O. Box 10112, Torrance, CA 90505

SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday, September 25
RGC's Welcome Back Meeting!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (cont'd from page 1)
of fun and enjoyed knowing and working with ALL of you! To those RGC members that are not very involved with the club, we encourage you to change that-working with RGC members is fun!

We are a friendly, fun club—it's not the Presidents or the Board that makes a club—it's the members—and we thank you all for being "down to earth" great people!

Although Shelley has moved to Mission Viejo, she will stay an RGC member, and Karen will be doing various things with the Club too. We'll also both be enjoying our new granddaughters!

Best Wishes to Nancy Weaver & Geneva Martin and the new 2012-13 RGC Board, who we look forward to working with! Have a GREAT Summer Everyone! See you in September!

Fondly, Shelley & Karen

PLANT SALE REPORT: Congratulations to Charlie Sappington and the great RGC team—we made a record of almost \$2,000 from our May Plant Sale! Enough to support two college scholarships! Thank you Charlie, all the bakers, the propagators, the shift workers AND everyone—you are the BEST!



Hummingbirds at the fabulous Gottlieb Garden.—RGC field trip, March 2012.

Photo by George Unrine