



Riviera Garden Club

Sea Breeze

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Presidents' Message

Purple has long been associated with royalty. It's such a striking color and seems a bit mysterious. It WAS Cleopatra's favorite color! Shades of purple could be lavender, violet, orchid, amethyst, eggplant, etc. (Makes us wonder why the Red Hat gals didn't choose purple instead of red?!) There is such beauty in the many dazzling flowers that are colored in these purple shades: Wisteria, Lavendar, Lilacs, Violets, Pansies, Delphiniums, etc.. Oh, and the dropping petals of the jacaranda trees remind one of purple rain!

We hope you will join us in RGC's "Delphinium Project" - a flower that comes in many shades of purple, blue, pink and white. (See page 3) It should make a spectacular showing for our Riviera Historic House Tour event in June!

Fingers crossed that all our blooms will be prolific. Happy Spring gardening!

Fondly, Shelley & Karen



A Purple Frame: RGC Member Anne Jensen and husband Bob enjoy Springtime under the wisteria in their upper Riviera home. Anne is an artist and obviously has a green thumb too!

Thank you to our RGC Nominating Committee:

Nancy Weaver, Geneva Martin and Dina Wiley. We understand they have several wonderful candidates for various RGC Board Positions. If you would like to throw your hat in the ring or nominate someone, please contact one of the Committee Members. Nominations will be presented at our March General Meeting (Bus Trip) and a vote will be taken.



Check out the creativity here! At the Flower Arrangers of the Americas Seminar, Orlando, Fl., in February. Thank you to Judy & George Unrine for photo.

CALENDAR OF RGC EVENTS

Mar 20	Board Meeting, 9:30 am, Nancy's
Mar 27	Bus Excursion, Private B.H. Garden & lunch, Wood Ranch, \$35, 9:15 am depart Lago Segó Park
Apr 17	Board Meeting, Gay Hargrave's
Apr 24	General Meeting, 9:30 am, Airport, Speaker: Polly Kinsinger on all things Orchid!
Apr 28	RGC Plant Sale—Charlies'
May 8	RGC Board Meeting, Sheila K's—NOTE change of date
May 12	RGC Happy Birthday Torrance! El Retiro Park 2 pm
May 22	RGC Gen Meeting— Historic Tour Preview!
June 1 & 2	<u>Riviera Historic House Tour</u> Fri & Sat, 10 am—4 pm
June 12	—Madhatters & Installation Lunch, Portofino, details to follow
<u>Other Calendar Events:</u> CVD Board Meeting, May 23; CVD General Meeting Brunch & Awards June 13; CGCI Convention, Sacramento, June 3-7	

Sunshine: We wish a speedy recovery to **Sharon Saffer** who has had pneumonia.

Welcome new RGC Members!

Bill Blischke (a friend of Dina's), 2801 Sepulveda Blvd., #102, Torrance, CA 90505, 310.413.9975, wblischke@sbcglobal.net, Sharon, 7-27

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Sandra Smith (Gloria Rezek's friend), 1222 19th St., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254, 310.483.3659, sandlee32@aol.com



When UCLA announced it's plans in January to sell the **Hannah Carter Japanese Garden**, garden lovers were shocked. Good news: a coalition has been formed to save it. Many RGC Members remember our wonderful visit there a couple of years ago. Contributions to help may be made to the **Garden Conservancy**. Letters of concern to the UCLA Chancellor are encouraged. Email your thoughts to UCLA Chancellor Block at: chancellor@ucla.edu.

Happy Birthday to YOU!

February

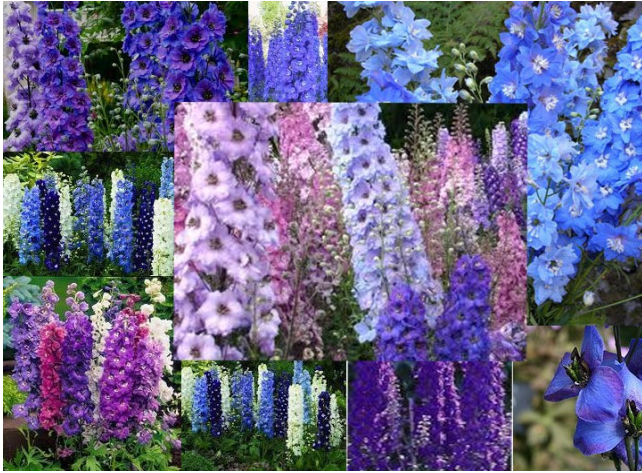
March

Anne Jensen	2	Cecilia Cesear	1
Jacquie Lawlor	8	Gloria Rezek	8
Glyndis Dean	15	Sharon Ratterre	9
Rita Wagstaff	22	Jean Winter	13
Martha Bragg	23	Toni Sargent	20
Barbara Carrington	23	Alberta Brice	26
Gay Hargrave	23	Edith Dees	26
Dina Wiley	26	Eunice Hargrove	28
		Carole Lefevre	31

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE,

Incorporation? Articles of Incorporation were reviewed at the February General Meeting. Questions or comments, please contact Geneva or George.

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Ralph Waldo Emerson



Call or email Karen if you need planting instructions or more info. Also, we can arrange for someone to pick up your pots for delivery before the Tour. See WARNING below.

The Color Purple—RGC’s Delphinium Project—

Please plant Delphinium (or Larkspur) for our Historic House Tour! Plant them in light-weight terra cotta looking plastic pots to transport to our Hospitality House on May 31, the afternoon before our first Tour day, June 1. This is the official Torrance City Flower. We would like these beautiful plants to be blooming all over the place in honor of our Centennial event. If every RGC Club Member plants SEVERAL pots we should have quite a showing! Armstrong Nursery on Crenshaw in Torrance is holding a big supply for us (you DON’T HAVE to buy them there). Right now, 6 packs are \$2.99. If you can’t plant now, plant larger plants closer to the Tour date. Please mark name underneath pot if you want it back after the Tour.

WARNING: The Delphinium (& Larkspur) are highly toxic plants! Never mix food, children & plants without knowing what is and what is not toxic. Even the leaf of a tomato plant and the apple seed are toxic. AND, the most toxic plant of them all is the Oleander—which is planted all around school yards and roadways across America! We gave out a list of toxic plants at the RGC February General Meeting. Call Karen if you would like a copy.



Our Virginia Robinson Garden visit in January greeted us with PERFECT weather! What a wonderful respite just a short hop from Rodeo Drive. Our lunch at the Culinary Institute in Santa Monica afterwards was delicious and perfect too! Thanks **Marilyn Rubin** for arranging another great trip! Thanks also to **Cecilia Cesear** and **Carol LeFevre** for always helping in whatever way you can! And, thanks to all the drivers who safely got us to and fro!





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Reminders:

Please Plant Delphiniums!
Put them in pots to decorate Historic Homes for our Tour—See Page 3

April 24 RGC General Meeting at Airport—learn all about orchids!

RGC Plant Sale at Charlie's April 28- Please call Charlie to donate and/or sign up for a shift.

Designs for Dining—Congrats to the RGC Design team who executed a beautiful table once again for this St. Francis Church fundraiser. Our theme was “Out of Africa.” Pictured are **Dina Wiley, Claudeene Lyon, Karen Lent, Toni Sargent, and Alberta Brice**. Not pictured: **Shelley Lubinsky, Cavin Shorter, Marilyn Rubin, Jan**



Charlin & other RGC contributors—
Thank You everyone—
How fun!



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RIVIERA HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR

Presented by the

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Friday & Saturday, June 1 & 2
10 am—4 pm



Riviera Garden Club now has a P.O. Box:

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