



Riviera Garden Club

Sea Breeze

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Presidents' Message

Happy Fall everyone! Wasn't our Potluck fun! What a beautiful garden at St. Lukes'—how special to have that lovely day and place to start off our new club year! Oh, and the food was so DELICIOUS! Thank you everyone!

We finally feel we are back into the full swing of things! We just successfully finished Power of Art for the third year. We hope you were able to attend this fun art festival which featured everything from salsa dancing to art talks. It was hard work but fun! Proceeds of the R.B. Art Group's event benefits local philanthropy such as Hands on Art for students in local schools, plus the disadvantaged and seniors.

And, Susan Hillyer was such an excellent presenter at our October meeting. Will any of us ever be able to see a gourd again without imagining a turkey!!!

Hope to see you at the Blue Water Grill in December. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Fondly, Karen & Shelley

Karen Lent & Shelley Lubinsky



RGC's Power of Art Designers: from left: Dina Wiley, Karen Lent, Toni Sargent, Barbara Bratcher-Ott and Mary Varieur, Chair. Not pictured: Cavin Shorter, Claudeene Lyon, Lola Ungar, Gay Hargrave, Judy & George Unrine.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to support the Redondo Beach Art Group's gift of philanthropy to area students and seniors. We are happy to help promote enrichment for community children who are lacking due to school budget cuts.

*RGC Holiday Luncheon
Sunday, December 4, 11:30 am*



The VERY talented **Cali Rose** will entertain us at our Holiday Luncheon.

The Blue Water Grill will be the setting for our annual Holiday Luncheon, Sunday, December 4 at 11:30 am. Join us for a fun and festive start to the Holidays. Please feel free to bring a date (spouse and/or friend/or not). RSVP to Pam Barrett, \$40, chicken or salmon. No host bar.



Floral arranger Susan Hillyer enthralls RGC at the October meeting. (What are those cute hats about?) Happy Halloween! Thank you Sheila K!



Power of Art “Industrial Green” by RGC

Happy Birthday to YOU!

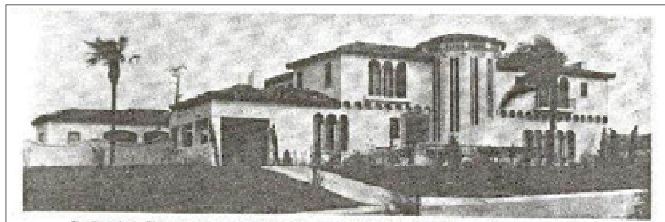
October

- June Young 5
- Kay Kanuit 8
- Margaret Majid 8
- Beebe Moorhead 14
- Gene Hassan 17
- Mary Eninger 19
- Karen Lent 24
- Sheila Kutkus 28

November

- Marilyn Barker 6
- Geneva Martin 9
- Michelle Sagolla 13
- Charlie Sappington 18
- Pati Johnson 19
- Ruth Vogel 20
- Diane Connell 28
- Shelley Lubinsky 29
- Marilyn Rubin 30

**Birthdays are nature’s way of saying:
“Eat More Cake!”**



CENTENNIAL/HISTORICAL HOUSE TOUR:

Would you be interested in joining the Historical House Tour Committee and/or helping research Riviera History and People for our Historic House project & event? Call Dina or Karen

And in the end it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years. —Abraham Lincoln

HOLIDAY ANGELS (wrapped) due to Toni Sargent by December 10. Pick an ANGEL (a designated child w/ name and age from Toni) OR Wrap a present and label it Boy or Girl with age range appropriateness on package.

MENS PHILANTHROPY (UCLA Harbor Hospital) (unwrapped) gifts of clothing (sweat pants, shirts, socks, etc.) and/or small gifts of cards, games, notepads, etc. due to Allison Jones by Dec. 15.

Member News & Tidbits

Thank you to **Dave Sargent** for auditing RGC books once again. Dave reported on what a nice job past Treasurer, **June Young**, has done keeping RGC's greenbacks accounted for! Much appreciation to **Dave and June**.

Congratulations to RGC member **Bobbi Davison** for winning 2nd Place in the September Torrance Art Guild Show for her beautiful acrylic piece.

Much thanks to **Pete's Coffee** (at Rolling Hills Plaza) for providing the coffee and condiments at our September Pot Luck.

Sunshine: Best Wishes to **Judy Unrine**, after foot surgery, **Mary Eninger**, knee surgery and **Wistar Wood** who had a stroke. Healing to you all!

Please make Yearbook Corrections:

Rita Wagstaff email should be jr wagstaff@verizon.net (add j).

Laurie Valliant email should be laurie.vaillant@verizon.net (not com)

Save the Date

RGC Historical House Tour

June 2, 2012

CALENDAR OF RGC EVENTS

REMINDER: November Meetings move up ONE WEEK due to the Holidays

November 15 General Meeting to be held at South Coast Botanic Gardens on Crenshaw Blvd., Room A. We will participate in "Hollywood at the Movies" Table Designs and have a short talk by local garden teacher and RGC member Sharon Ratterree on how to spruce up your garden for company.

Nov 8 Board Meeting, 9:30 am at Shelley's

Nov 15 General Meeting, 9:30 am at SCBG
Table Designs & Garden Spruce Up

Dec 4 Holiday Luncheon, 11:30 am, Blue Water Grill, \$40, RSVP to Pam Barrett

Dec 7 CVD Holiday Lunch, tbd, SCBG

Dec 10 Holiday Angels to Toni S

Dec 15 Men's Philanthropy Gifts due to Allison

Jan 17 Board Meeting, 9:30 am at Gloria R's

Jan 24 General Meeting, 9:30 am, Airport,
Speaker: Jon Bell: Succulents & Propagation

Jan 31 8:45 am, Meet at Lago Seco Park for Car Excursion to Virginia Robinson Gardens & Culinary School Lunch, \$35, RSVP to Marilyn R

A VERY warm welcome to our NEW MEMBERS

Please add them to your yearbook:

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(Lisa is Anne Jensen's daughter and Nan is a former RGC Member who moved back in town. Welcome!)



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Happy Thanksgiving!

Reminders:

Let's share the Holiday Spirit!

- Don't forget to pick a **Holiday Angel** (to be wrapped) from **Toni Sargent**. (see details inside)
- **U.C.L.A. Harbor Hospital Holiday Men's Philanthropy**, men's clothing and small gifts (unwrapped) to **Allison Jones**. (see details inside)
- **RSVP to Pam Barrett** for Holiday Luncheon, December 7 (details page 1)

November Landscape Award



Geneva Martin & Patrick meet up with DeLaine Anthony in Denver (where snow has already arrived by November!). DeLaine is doing well, enjoying family, and is in a small garden club—we miss you DeLaine!

Chris and Andy Balk have built a showstopper contemporary home on a spectacular corner view lot at **405 Via Anita**. Carefully planned, with architect Louis Tomaro and Renee of Southern California Landscape, the home is very open to the view inside and out. The landscape is a serene mix including a green lawn at the front, fescue at the hillside and terraced planters along a steep slope. Spatifolium is a backdrop in several areas. Uniform rows of birds of paradise, palms, kangaroo paws, succulents and white ice bergs give order on several levels to the terraces and yard. We welcome the Balks', formerly of Manhattan Beach, to the Riviera!

RGC OPPORTUNITIES: We are in need of a Newsletter Editor, Mailing Chair and Arbor Day Chair. We also could use new Green Thumb Work Party Members. (Thank you SO MUCH to **Gloria Balcom, Gay Hargrave** and **Allison Jones** who are already helping!) If you would like to take part in any of these wonderful opportunities, please call Karen,

HORTICULTURE NOTE: Fall is the best time to do your planting. Mix organic fertilizer into your soil before any rains. THIS is the time to plant wild flowers, and of course, bulbs for Spring!