



Riviera Garden Club

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From our Presidents

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Ray Bradbury was a graduate of Los Angeles High School and a successful author of Science Fiction. Maybe he was also a gardener. Here is his quote:

"Everyone must leave something behind when he dies, my grandfather said. A child or a book or a painting or a house or a wall built or a pair of shoes made. Or a garden planted. Something your hand touched some way so your soul has somewhere to go when you die, and when people look at that tree or that flower you planted, you're there."

It doesn't matter what you do, he said, so long as you change something from the way it was before you touched it into something that's like you after you take your hands away. The difference between the man who just cuts lawns and a real gardener is in the touching, he said. The lawn-cutter might just as well not have been there at all; the gardener will be there a lifetime."

We have so many members who are "real gardeners". We can see that when we visit their homes and see the community gardens that are taken care of by them. Thanks to Gay Hargrave, Toni Ziegler, Gloria Balcom, Allison Jones, Nan Clancy, Marilyn Rubin, and Ruth Vogel for their efforts. And Cavin Shorter's lamppost is beautiful. They all certainly are a credit to our community. And they would probably appreciate more hands to help them, if you are also a "real gardener".



If you would like to join a gardening group, please contact us.

Geneva & Nancy

RGC Gives Back

Our September Gifting survey spoke loud and clear – and our Board has listened and acted. The Board approved and the general membership ratified:

#1 Community Outreach Workshops – 44 votes out of 46 (96%).

#4 El Camino Scholarship – 36 votes (78%)

#6 Richardson Middle School Native Garden – 30 votes (65%)

The Board approved the following to move forward with City negotiations:

#2 El Retiro "Dedicate a Living Tree" – 39 votes (85%)

#3 Rocketship Park bank planting – 36 votes (78%)

#5 El Retiro "Bench Dedication" – 33 votes (72%)

#7 El Retiro Library mural – 29 votes (63%)

Thanks to everyone for your tremendous work and support.



Penny Pines

Congratulations members! Your generous donations and Charlie Sappington's great leadership from September 2011 through July 2013 purchased 16 plantations which we dedicated to the remaining contributors of our Historic House Tour:

Host Families: Rice, Odom, Block, Vargas, Walecki, Martis and Broeg

Home Tour Committee Chairs: Jeannie Brown – Refreshments, Geneva Martin – Tickets, Nancy Weaver – Logistics, Lynn Fernandez – Logistics, Wendy Tsuji – House Coordinators

Home Tour Volunteers: our House Coordinators, our Member volunteers, our Member spouses and friends

In memory of Marshall Stewart – Mr. Hollywood Riviera - Our Inspiration.



Upcoming Events

Fall Pruning of Bonsais and Other Trees

General Meeting at Airport Meeting Room

November 19, 9:30 to noon

Gib Hoxie, a Bonsai expert will demonstrate Fall Pruning of Bonsais and Other Trees . He'll bring personal Bonsai samples to demonstrate proper tree-pruning techniques.

Costa Verde District Party

A Merry Victorian Tea will be held December 4 from 9:30 to 2 at the South Coast Botanic Garden.

Speaking will be Rosie Sato and her gift wrapping magic with ideas galore for us all! Our special guests will be our State President, Rita Desilets, and Past President, Robin Pokorski. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and reservations are absolutely necessary. Bring your own pretty tea cup and saucer. Let Nancy or Geneva know if you will come. Also, let them know if you would like to help with the food, the table decorations or the decorated package contest.

Holiday Party

December 15th, Luncheon at 11:30

At the November general meeting, Pam Barrett will have flyers and will accept your money (\$40) for our annual Holiday Party. The Blue Water Grill will be the setting for a fun and festive event. Please feel free to bring a spouse or friend. RSVP to Pam and reserve with her as soon as possible.

"Everything We Need To Know About Houseplants"

General Meeting at Airport Meeting Room

January 28, 9:30 to noon

Sonya Harper and Theresa Serrato, owner of Peter's Garden Center, will teach us "Everything We Need To Know About Houseplants." Peter's Garden Center is at 814 N Pacific Coast Hwy, Redondo Beach.

Bus Trip to Descanso Gardens

February 25, arrive at Lago Seco Park 8:15 to board the bus for a 8:30 departure. Sign up for the bus excursion to Descanso Gardens (La Canada Flintridge.) RSVP to Marilyn Rubin (\$37). The camellias will be in bloom at Descanso Gardens. We will have a tram tour plus enjoy Patina Group box lunches in the beautiful Descanso Garden courtyard.

Holiday Donations

If you would like to help, please bring gifts to November meeting.

Soles4Souls is a global non-for-profit organization dedicated to fighting the devastating impact and perpetuation of poverty. Soles4Souls advances its mission by collecting new and used shoes in any condition. It distributes the shoes directly to those in need or via provisioning qualified micro-enterprises designed to create jobs in poor and disadvantaged communities. The distribution encompasses 127 countries as well as victims of natural disasters in the US. The unusable shoes are converted to renewable energy. Please bring paired shoes to the Nov. RGC meeting. *Bill Blischke*

Salvation Army Angels

Once again I have Angels for The Salvation Army's Angel Project. If you would like to help a child, you can call me to select a paper angel, buy a gift for the child described on the angel and return to me the gift unwrapped and labeled with the lower half of the angel. Also, you may donate a gift, unwrapped and labeled with the sex and age of a child for which the toy is appropriate. Often these angel gifts are the only present that a child will receive. Return gifts to Toni by December 11th. *Toni Sargent*

Hospital Therapy

Our annual Christmas gift giving for male patients at Harbor UCLA Medical Center is here. Most appreciated items are individual toiletries or clothing such as socks, underwear, sweat shirts and sweat pants. All these items must be new and unwrapped. Books, games, or puzzles need not be new.

**"Enjoy the little things in life for one day you'll look back and realize they were the big things."
Kurt Vonnegut**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 12,* Tuesday, 9:30 am. Board Meeting, Wendy Tsuji's

November 19,* Tuesday, 9:30 am. General Meeting, Airport, Fall Pruning of Bonsais and Other Trees

December 4, Wednesday, 9:30 am, Costa Verde District Victorian Holiday Tea (RSVP to presidents)

December 15, Sunday, 11:30 am. Holiday Party, Blue Water Grill, 665 N Harbor Dr., Redondo Beach

2014:

January 21, Tuesday, 9:30 am. Board Meeting, Carole Lefevre

January 28, Tuesday, 9:30 am. General Meeting, Airport, Houseplants by the owner of Peter's Garden Center

February 18, Tuesday, 9:30 am. Board Meeting, Toni Ziegler

February 25, Tuesday, 8:30 am **Bus Excursion to Descanso Gardens**, Tram tour & box lunch \$37

***November meetings 1 week early due to Thanksgiving**

Member News & Tidbits

Yearbook Change:

Pam Barrett: pamandjim2@cox.net

Nan Clancy: nannernam@sbcglobal.net

Sunshine

We will be thinking of Rita Wagstaff, Wistar Woods, Don O'Donal and Edith Dees. Condolences to Gloria Jacobs and Ron Walecki on the loss of their spouse.

New Members

A warm welcome to our new members: Phyllis DeCrescenzo.

Yearbooks: Yearbooks were available at the October meeting and will be available at the November meeting. See Geneva. We thank our editor: Dana Hargrave for a beautiful job!

You can help homeless vets in our area by voting for GreenVetsLA on Toyota 100 Cars for Good/ Facebook on Nov. 17th.

2013 Service Awards

Your continuous membership is noted and truly appreciated! These six members will be presented with CGCI certificates recognizing their milestones at our November meeting.



Margery Phillips, member for 40 years. She was Properties Chairman for 15 years and kept our things at her house that long!

Eunice Hargrove, 20 years. Member even while substitute teaching. Held the following positions: 3rd VP (Membership), Civic Beautification Chairman.

June Young, 20 years. Held the following positions: President, 1st VP (Program), Treasurer (2004-2011), Secretary, Parliamentarian, Chairman of Civic Beautification, Properties and Valentine Luncheon.

Mary Varieur, 20 years. Held the following positions: President, 1st VP (Program), 2nd VP (Yearbook), Parliamentarian, Chairman of Installation, Penny Pines and Valentine Luncheon, Newsletter editor, District 1st VP.

Pati Johnson, 10 years. Held the following positions: 1st VP (Program), Chairman of El Retiro Library Arrangements, Hospital Garden Therapy and Installation.

Jean Vasquez, 10 years. Held the following positions: 1st VP (Program), Chairman of Holiday party, Installation and Telephone.

Congratulations

November Birthdays

Marilyn Barker	06	Ruth Vogel	20
Meredith Grenier	08	Diane Connell	28
Geneva Martin	09	Shelley Lubinsky	29
Charlie Sappington	18	Marilyn Rubin	30
Pati Johnson	19		

December Birthdays

Janet Schaefer	02	Lola Ungar	10
Linda LoConte	04	Irma Maggio	21
Julia Blake	05	Claudeene Lyon	30
Trudy Dosserich	05		

August 2013 Landscape Award



Andrea & Phillip Sweet with "Itsy Bitsy" at 127 Via Alameda

This property reflects the owners, Andrea and Phillip Sweets' east coast roots. Through several home remodels they have successfully connected indoors with outdoors via French doors and paned glasses windows. Multiple rose bushes, Princess Flower, Agapanthus, Bower Vine, Dietes, Lavender, Calla Lily, Rhapsiolepis and a sculpturally pruned Melaleuca encompass the front landscape. The entry gate is punctuated with a custom Dutch door and an overhead arch of Climbing Iceberg Roses. The highlight, however, is the constant swoop and hum of hummingbirds—over 40 feeding on multiple patio feeders. (Phillip's Rose Tip: Each spring before bloom, work in ¼ cup Epsom Salts into the base of each rose plant and water well. Your roses will love it.)

September 2013 Landscape Award



Damian & Ashley Areyan with son James at 4521 Greenmeadows

The Areyan's charming ranch style home in the Walteria area features a lush green lawn, white ice berg roses and purple salvia. Steppingstones mark an inviting pathway to the front porch and entry. Pittosporum, colorful snapdragons and bower vines highlight used- brick planters. Congratulations to the Areyan's for a lovely neighborhood showing!

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