



# Riviera Garden Club

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## From Our President, Ellyn Meikle

Finally, we can meet outdoors with social distancing as we did before the pandemic, though masks are requested for unvaccinated people and recommended for everyone in indoor public places like indoor meetings.

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, we will have our first meeting of the year at the South Coast Botanical Garden outside by the koi pond. We will not have our usual potluck, nor will we have this event catered. If you choose you can bring your own food and beverage. Since this event is outdoors we can sit socially distant (6 seats instead of 8 seat per table), and you can choose whether you want to wear a mask or not.

We had a "planning" board meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Laurie has secured the Zamperini Airport meeting space for this year, and she is working on speakers while Marie is organizing hopeful excursions. Zamperini Airport requires all of us to sign a 4-page waiver before our meetings, and all will be required to wear a mask and sit socially distant inside. The Los Angeles County Health Officer Order requires masking for everyone while indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

The beginning of October I will email you the Airport's required waiver, and you can bring it with you at our October meeting.

We have a new event coming Sept/Oct, and I will send out a flyer separate from this publication.

It has been a sad month losing Tecki, a long-time member of Riviera Garden Club. Charlie's daughter is gravely ill, and Charlie appreciates all the good wishes and prayers. Sheila is recovering from shoulder surgery, and Pat H. is recovering from her stroke, while Marge McKarns is recovering from a heart attack. All appreciate your well wishes. I hope you all are well.

Stay cool, hydrated, and give a phone call or email to someone in our club to keep in touch, even if it's just for a 'hello'.

I look forward to seeing you all September 28<sup>th</sup>!

### Per the County of Los Angeles:

Masks are required for unvaccinated people and recommended for everyone in indoor public places like:

- Retail
- Restaurants
- Theaters
- Family entertainment centers
- **Meetings**
- State and local government offices that serve the public

Though it is a free country, I hope you are able to practice Covid-19 guidelines and stay safe.

See you in September.

**Ellyn Meikle**

President 2020-2022  
Riviera Garden Club

Next General Meeting

September 28, 2021

## Dues

Member Dues \$50.00 yearly

Associate Members \$60.00 yearly

Members and new members have the option to send in their dues or payments for events via online banking OR by check via the U.S. mail to RGC's P.O. Box 10112, Torrance, Ca. 90505-0812

**Zelle** banking is set for our checking account. [president@rivieragardenclub.org](mailto:president@rivieragardenclub.org)

**Riviera Garden Club is a member of several parent organizations. One can learn more about them by subscribing to their online publications.**

The state's (California Garden Clubs Inc.) newsletter is called Golden Gardens eNews. Subscribe at <http://californiagardenclubs.com/enews-subscription-form> or just access the current issue from the home page: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/> Articles include a message from the state president and news from clubs around the state. There is also an article on how to attend the virtual yearly convention.

The national organization (Nation Garden Clubs) has also moved their quarterly publication on line. Subscribe at or read the current issue at <https://gardenclub.org/national-gardener>

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<b>June</b>		<b>July</b>		<b>August</b>	
Judy Urine	8	Nan Clancy	4	Bernice Slocovich	9
Regina Taylor	12	Wendy Tsuji	10	Emily Lacina	14
Pat Heilman	18	Carolyn Pohlner	20	Margery Phillips	14
Diane Hayden	27	Sherry Streetmaker	22		
Leony Filler	28	Gloria Balcom	23		
		Geeta Gupta	30		
		Bobbie Davison	31		

### Executive Board 2021-2022

June 8, 2021

Installation for the

President                      Elyn Meikle

First Vice Presidents – Programs

Excursions                      Marie Hoffman

Speakers                         Laurie Vaillant

Second Vice Presidents – Publications

Yearbook                         Geneva Martin

Newsletter                        Cynthia Lundin

Proofreader                        Toni Ziegler

Third Vice Presidents – Membership

Regina Taylor

Lynn Fernandez

Treasurer                         Geneva Martin

Secretaries

Marilyn Rubin

Parliamentarian                 Geneva Martin

Advisor                              Toni Ziegler



# RGC Gifting

## Gifts to date this year:

South Coast Botanic Garden (\$2,000)

Victor School (\$400)

Valmonte Farm and Garden (\$500)

Torrance Memorial Learning Center/Judy Gerber (\$300)

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (\$400)

## New information:

We have given a \$1,000 scholarship to South High School senior Jaye Liang. She will be attending UC Irvine.



Riviera Garden Club honors an El Camino student with a \$1000 scholarship.

Our recipient this year is:

**DIANA MARTINEZ**



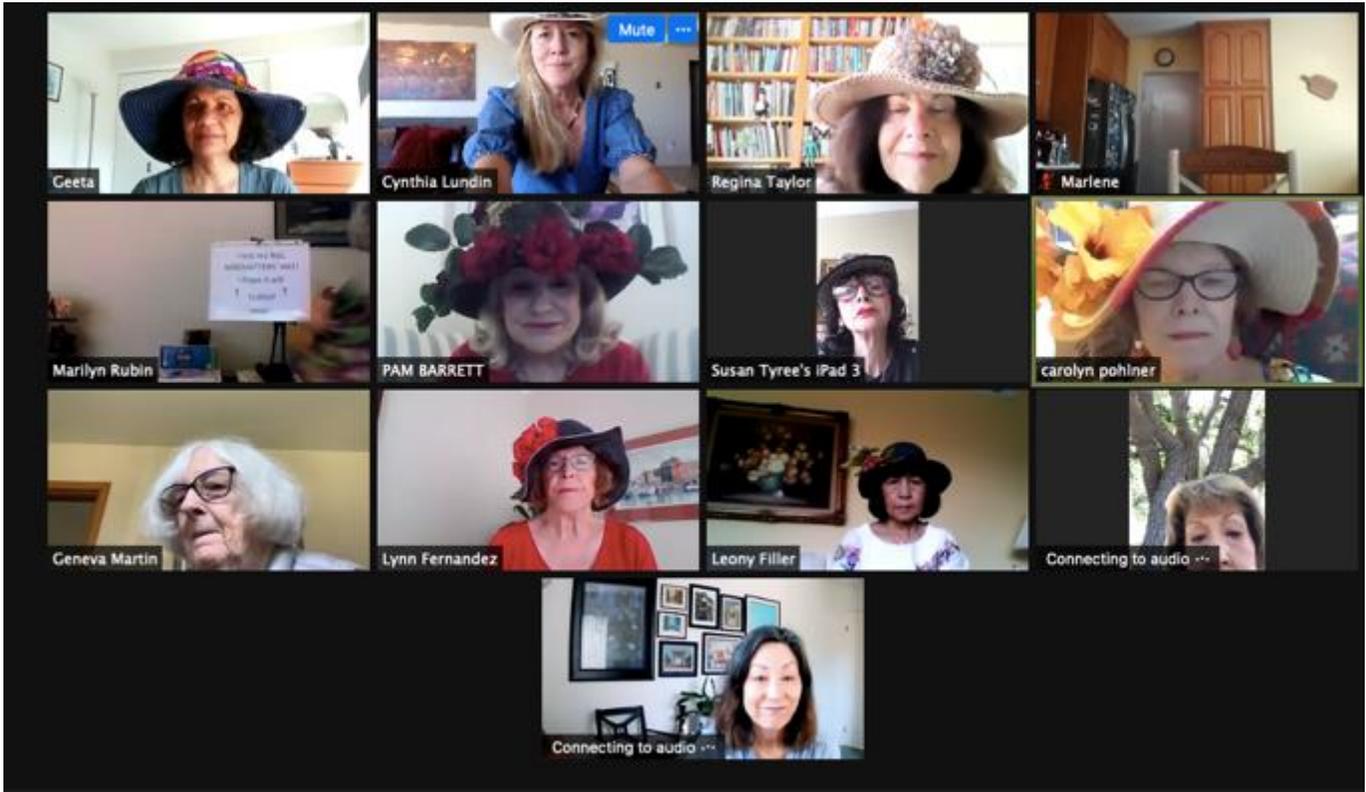
**DIANA** has written a research paper on the South Coast Botanical Garden while volunteering in the butterfly garden. **DIANA's** major is plant propagation, and her studies will continue at Cal State Long Beach.



# Mad Hatter

RGC Mad Hatter party was held June 1<sup>st</sup> Via Zoom.

There were 23 members in attendance for our installation of officers.



Marilyn Rubin



Pam Barrett-Hill



Charlie Sappington



George and Judy Urine

## Landscape awards

The Hilton/Zillow residence 732 Calle de arboles.

They do their own garden and manage a magnificent color pallet with their North facing home.



## Ongoing Garden Beautification Projects:

### Los Arboles "Rocketship Park":

Members: Toni Ziegler, Wendy Tsuji and Geeta Gupta.

### El Retiro Library Garden:

Members: Gloria Balcom, Carolyn Bazak and Jodi Rhodes.



### El Retiro Succulent Garden

Member: Kathryn Joiner

## **RGC Newsletter Article**

Reprinted from CFWC July 5<sup>th</sup> *Quick Bytes* Environment Article by JaneThomey

The summer growing season is here, and insects are busy doing their jobs that are essential to producing nature's bounty. Honeybees, wild bees, and native bees pollinate the fruits and vegetables we eat. However, existing side by side with these beneficial insects are destructive pests. As a seeming solution to the problem, scientists developed insecticides that eliminated not only the destructive pests but the beneficial ones as well.

One of the most alarming products is a group of insecticides known as Neonicotinoids, or "Neonics." Used primarily as a seed coating treatment, a neonic weakens a bee's immune system making it vulnerable to infections and parasites. Implicated in Colony Collapse Disorder, it also acts as a nerve poison causing disorientation and damaging the bee's homing ability, which it needs to find its way back to the hive.

Sales of neonics are responsible for millions of dollars in revenue to major chemical companies. Most of Europe has banned the outdoor use of neonics. Despite its demonstrated toxicity, neonics continue to be sold in the United States. The Environmental Protection Agency continues to review its effects on bees and will announce its findings in October 2021.

In the meantime, avoidance is the best tool we have. Many major garden supply stores such as Home Depot, Lowes and Walmart no longer sell neonic treated plants. When purchasing supplies, not only plants, but potting soil, fertilizer, and amendments, look for organic products. Ask for environmentally safe pest control products. If you are not sure, ask if the product contains neonics. Consumer pressure may be the answer to eliminating the use of harmful insecticides and encouraging and protecting our pollinators.

Submitted by Carolyn Polhner

## **Best Hidden Gardens and Secret Oasis in Los Angeles**

<https://www.timeout.com/los-angeles/things-to-do/the-best-botanical-gardens-and-hidden-oases-in-los-angeles>

