# Naples Islands

## GARDEN CLUB

Long Beach, California

**2025-2026**

Member of California Garden Clubs, Inc.

NAPLES ISLANDS GARDEN CLUB
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## From the President

For the 2025-2026 roster, I've chosen the bright yellow pua aloalo—not just any hibiscus, but a flower close to my heart. Each morning, I'm greeted by its blooms just outside my window, opening with the sunrise. Bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies seem to love it as much as I do.

Delicate in appearance but strong and adaptable, the pua aloalo thrives in sunny, warm climates. As Hawaii's state flower, it holds cultural and ecological significance and is, sadly, now endangered. Beyond its beauty, it's valued for culinary and medicinal uses.

This resilient bloom brings joy to my garden and a beautiful start to each day.

—Linda Frame

# Naples Islands

## GARDEN CLUB

**2025 - 2026**

Meetings on the 2nd Monday of the Month
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm - social
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - program/meeting

Meeting Location
Long Beach Sea Base (Sea Scout building)
5875 Appian Way
Long Beach, CA 90803

We are a Non-Profit Organization and proud member of:
National Garden Clubs, Inc., Donna Donnelly, President
Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.,
Tanja Swanson, Director
California Garden Clubs, Inc., Adele Kelly, President
Orange County District of California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Donna Hood, Director

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## Naples Islands GARDEN CLUB GOALS

The objectives of the Club shall be: To create, promote and further an interest in gardening; to support horticultural scholarship; to encourage neighborhood beautification and environmental improvement; to conserve natural resources; and to promote an atmosphere of goodwill and fellowship within the community.

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# Connect, Cultivate, Change

*"In Nature, Nothing Exists Alone."*
*-Rachel Carson*

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*Theme: "Plant America for the Next 100 Years!"*

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Project: "Firewise Communities"
*Theme: "Plant America - Wild, Wise and Wonderful"*

## Naples Islands Garden Club Events

Community Beautification Projects
Arbor Day Celebration
Luminaria Night
Plant Boutique Sale
Fundraising
Dine-Outs
Holiday Toy Drive
Holiday Bridge Decorating
Flower Show Event
Neighborhood Beautification Awards
Veterans Day Commemoration
Book Clubs
Bunco Club
LBCC Horticulture Scholarships
Club Excursions and Travel
Publications

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*Theme: "Cultivating the Roots of Success"*

**Orange County District, Inc.**
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*Theme: "Let's Connect"*

*Luminaria Night Committee*

*Arbor Day Planting Committee*

## BOARD MEETINGS & EVENTS 2025 - 2026

| 2025 | Time | Home | Co-hostess |
|---|---|---|---|
| August 25 | 2 pm | Beverly Butters Lane | Tish Camp |
| September 22 | 2 pm | Tish Camp | Deborah Smith |
| October 27 | 2 pm | Kristen Fisher | Catherine Steisel |
| November 24 | 2 pm | Deborah Smith | Linda Frame |
| **2026** | | | |
| January 26 | 2 pm | Maureen Schultz | Jennie Renzi |
| February 23 | 2 pm | Esther Duran | Susan Townsend |
| March 23 | 2 pm | Susan Townsend | Linda Frame |
| April 27 | 2 pm | Annie Brown | Beverly Butters Lane |
| May 18 | 2 pm | Catherine Steisel | Lynne Clarke |
| June 22 | 2 pm | Linda Frame | Kristen Fisher |

### Distribution Committee 2025 – 2026

**Eileen Ryan - Chair**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Debbie Alvarez | Esther Duran | Lynn Little | Vicki Sawtelle |
| Kay Bailey | Helen Freeborn | Loretta Luskin | Linda Silver |
| Dawn Doeve | Rebecca Jones | Linda Orndorff | Susan Townsend |

### Affiliation Meetings and Conventions 2025 – 2026

***Orange County District, Inc.***
2025-2026 End-of-Year Meeting
Election of new District Officers
Mar 30, 2026, 10:00am
Sherman Gardens, Corona Del Mar, CA

***California Garden Clubs, Inc.***
Fall Board Meeting
Sep 8-10, 2025
Harris Ranch, Coalinga, CA

Winter Board Meeting (Virtual)
Jan 26-29, 2026

94th Convention
June 2026, San Diego, CA

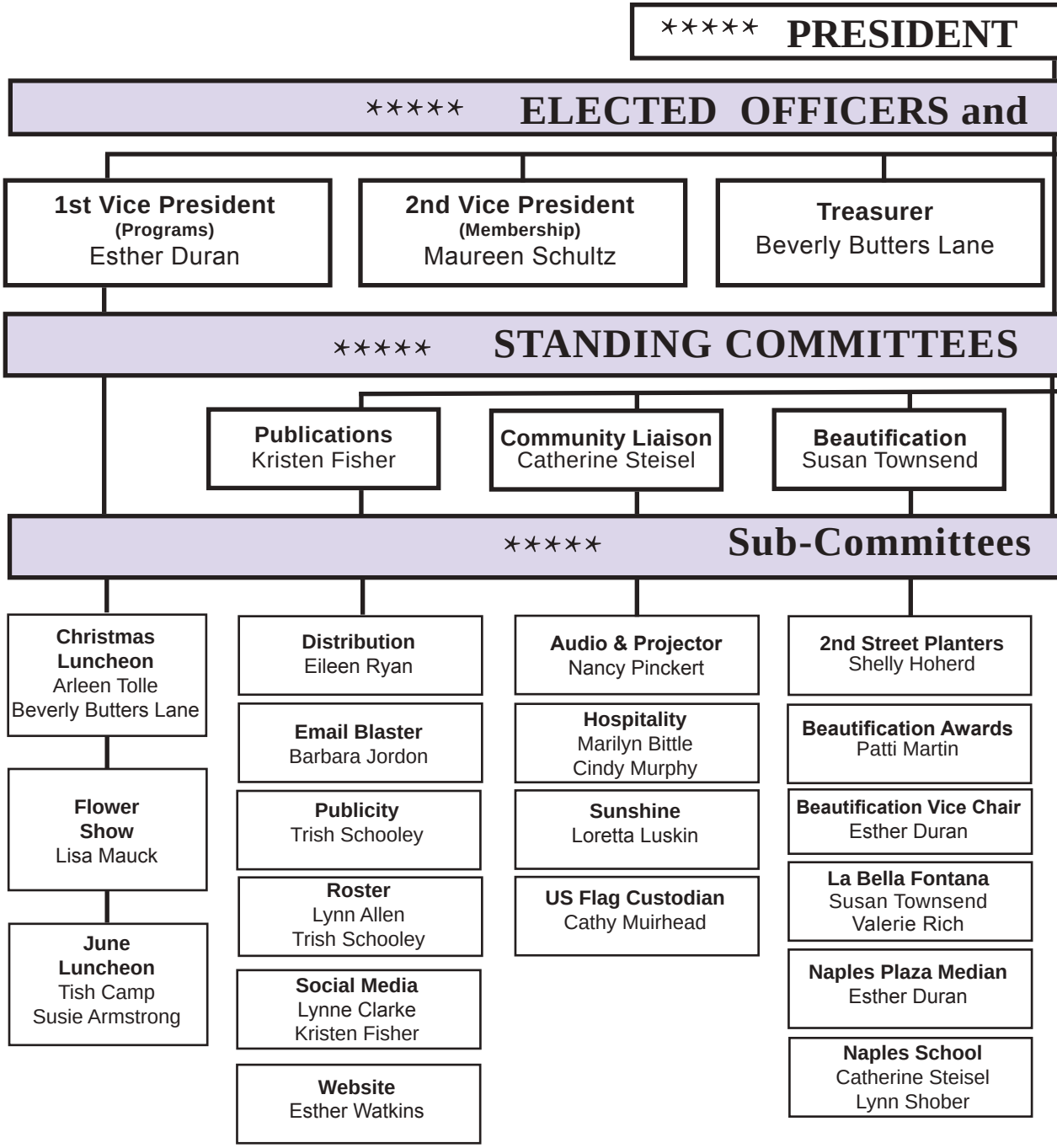
***Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.***
82nd Convention - Oct 12-14, 2026
Palm Garden Hotel, Thousand Oaks, CA

***National Garden Clubs, Inc.***
95th Convention
May TBD, 2026 - St. Louis, MO

Fall Board Meeting
September 15-18, 2025 - St. Louis, MO

Flower Show School (Course 3) - Poway, CA
Feb 25-27, 2026

Flower Show School (Course 4) - Poway, CA
Sep 24-26, 2026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2nd Vice President
(Membership)
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Beverly Butters Lane
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Kristen Fisher
Community Liaison
Catherine Steisel
Beautification
Susan Townsend
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Arleen Tolle
Beverly Butters Lane
Flower Show
Lisa Mauck
June Luncheon
Tish Camp
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Nancy Pinckert
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Marilyn Bittle
Cindy Murphy
Sunshine
Loretta Luskin
US Flag Custodian
Cathy Muirhead
2nd Street Planters
Shelly Hoherd
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Patti Martin
Beautification Vice Chair
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Susan Townsend
Valerie Rich
Naples Plaza Median
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Naples School
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**Parliamentarian** Lynn Danielson

# DIRECTORS ✶✶✶✶✶

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Kristen Fisher

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**(Poppy)**
Lynne Clarke

**Past President**
Deborah Smith

## (Chairman Appointed by President) ✶✶✶✶✶

**Fundraising**
Annie Brown

**Member Activities**
Helen Freeborn

**Scholarship Chairman**
Tish Camp

## (Chairman Appointed by President) ✶✶✶✶✶

**Book Club** (2:30pm)
Ania Sullivan

**Book Club** (12:30pm)
Annie Brown

**Bunco**
Marge Hohly, Nada Szafaryn

**Dine-Out Nights**
Barbara Jordon, Alison Lohfeld

**Fall Fundraiser**
Deborah Smith, Helen Freeborn

**Plant Boutique**
Valerie Rich, Nancy Emslie

**Arbor Day**
Sherry Yanagisawa

**Excursions**
Pam McCredie, Sandy Davidson

**Holiday Bridge Decorating**
Catherine Steisel, Valerie Rich

**Horticulture**
Sandy Noonan

**Luminaria**
Barbie Barker-Litterst

**May Day**
Donna Schilder

**Veterans Day**
Valerie Rich, Becky Jones

**Scholarship Vice Chair**
Lynne Misajon

# PROGRAMS & CALENDAR - Fall 2025 - Spring 2026

**09/08/25 (Mon)** **"The State of the City"**

Elected Mayor of Long Beach in 2022, **Rex Richardson** served as Vice Mayor for eight years prior as a community organizer. He has dedicated his career to serving the needs of the Long Beach community. He will speak about the State of the City and will offer a Questions and Answers session.

Flowers: Nancy Emslie
Refreshments: Catherine Sagahon, Maureen Cohen, Becky Jones, Marge Hohly, Beverly Butters Lane
Elevator Hostess: Lynne Clarke

**10/13/25 (Mon)** **"Tournament of Roses: Behind the Scene!"**

As a PR marketing professional, **Karrie Reynolds** works as a volunteer Publicity Chair for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Committee. She will show slides of how float designs and concepts are created.

Flowers: Sherry Yanagisawa
Refreshments: Lynn Danielson, Michele Wimbish, Susie Armstrong, Lynette Sewell, Lynn Misajon
Elevator Hostess: Noreen Trutanich

**11/3 - 11/8 (Mon-Sat)** **FALL FUNDRAISER - City Lights and Cityology, 2nd Street**

**11/10/25 (Mon)** **"Horticulture Therapy"**

Delightfully dynamic and humorous, British-born **Nickolas Staddon** has been presenting a variety of programs for 30 years. A PowerPoint of beautiful nature photos will support his presentation.

Flowers: Alison Lohfeld
Refreshments: Barbara Jordon, Michele Wimbish, Deborah Smith, Carolyn Powers, Tina Everson
Elevator Hostess: Miriam Houssels

**11/11/25 (Tue)** **Veterans Day Observed with Special Memorial at La Bella Fontana**

**12/17/25 (Wed)** *** CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - (Theme TBD)**

Virginia Country Club, Long Beach-11:00 a.m. Social, 12:00 p.m. Luncheon
Please bring a gift for the toy drive organized by the LB Fire Department.

**01/12/26 (Mon)** **"Complexity of the Parks Department"**

Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, **Brent Dennis** has 40 years of experience in various City and County Departments. Professionally trained as a Landscape Architect, he has a keen eye on quality design and commitment to community engagement, which he will support with a slide presentation.

Flowers: Margie Burri
Refreshments: Michele Wimbish, Susan Townsend, Betty Hercus, Laura Conte, Kay Berg Nancy Pinckert

## PROGRAMS & CALENDAR - Fall 2025 - Spring 2026

Elevator Hostess: Deborah Smith

**02/09/26 (Mon)** **"Ramp up for Island Safety!"**
**Donna Flemming**, retired Orange County Public Health Chief of Operations will demonstrate how to prepare for natural disasters. As a resident of Naples, she volunteers for CERT, Red Cross and is a licensed social worker.
Flowers: Lisa Mauck
Refreshments: Michele Wimbish, Lisa Mauck, Dolores Montoya, Pam Kellogg, Jennie Renzi
Elevator Hostess: Lynn Shober

**03/09/26 (Mon)** **"Surprise Guest!"**
**One of our NIGC members** has served numerous times accompanying the judges as they award the NIGC Flower Show entries. She will review slides of previous winners and will give helpful tips on what the judges look for.
Flowers: Tish Camp
Refreshments: Michele Wimbish, Linda Frame, Barbara Vaught, Lynette Sewell, Nada Szafaryn
Elevator Hostess: Lynn Allen

**04/08/26 (Wed)** *** FLOWER SHOW LUNCHEON - (Theme TBD)**
Long Beach Yacht Club - 11:00 a.m. Social, 12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**03/11/26 (Wed)** **ARBOR DAY -** Special ceremony held at Naples School.

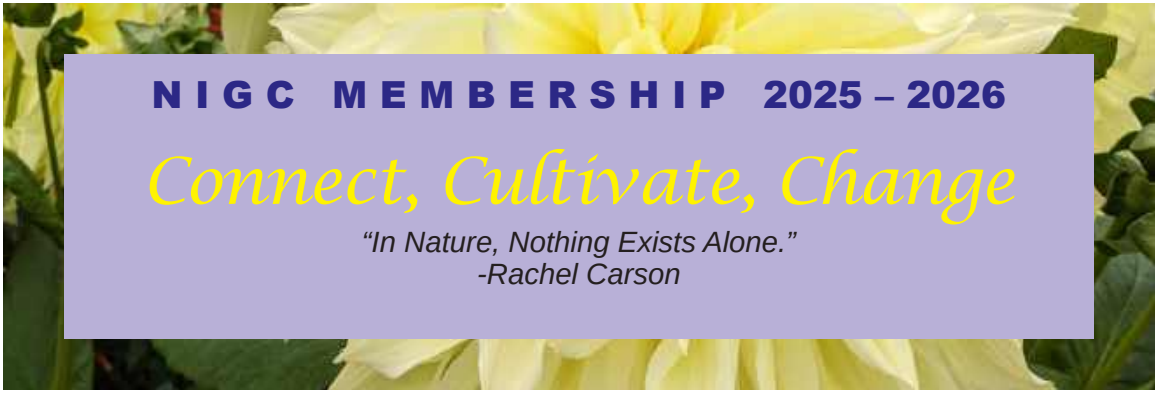
**05/01/26 (Fri)** **May Day** - Recognition of decorated doors in celebration of May 1.

**05/11/26 (Mon)** **"Donna's Garden!"**
**Donna Hood** is our new Orange County District Director. She is certified in Horticulture, has a Masters in Gardening from Oregon State University, and is a lifelong gardener. She will share food items from her garden and show how her garden nurtures her spirit.
Flowers: Sally Springer
Refreshments: Michele Wimbish, Kathy Owens, Helen Freeborn, Annie Brown, Cathy Ridder
Elevator Hostess: Helen Freeborn

**06/06/26 (Sat)** **NIGC PLANT BOUTIQUE**.....NIA Pancake Breakfast

**06/11/26** *** June Installation Luncheon**
Old Ranch Country Club, 11:00am Social, 12:00pm Luncheon

** Luncheons are not considered "Regular General Meetings." Meetings held at Long Beach Sea Base, 5875 Appian Way, Long Beach, CA 90803*



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*-Rachel Carson*

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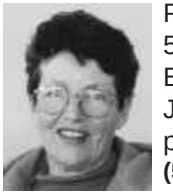

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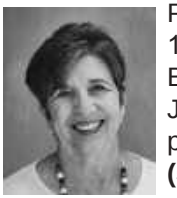

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*Ben Fisher*

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Mrs. J.T. Childs..... Mary
Mrs. Frank Dessel ..... Mary*
Mrs. Carson Donaldson..... Carolyn*
Mrs. S.V. Gerardi ..... Sunny
Mrs. John Hand ..... Audrey*
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Mrs. Andrea MacArthur..... Andie
Mrs. Gene Page ..... Gene*
Mrs. Robert Perry ..... Bernice*
Mrs. Joseph Phelps..... Lou
Mrs. Richard Seaman..... Virginia*
Mrs. Ralph Segerblom..... Milber*
Mrs. Jerry Sims..... Marjorie*
Mrs. George Swenson..... Barbara*
Mrs. Gene Valdemi ..... Edie
Mrs. W.R. Vitz..... Julie
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# NIGC's Newly Redesigned Logo

The logo on the left was originally designed by Arv Luce in 1974. It is a pen and ink drawing of the La Bella Fontana, located in the center of the Island. Collectively, the NIGC publicity and design team decided an updated version was needed for better readability and a more current, fresh look.

## Awards

**NIGC roster receives 2024 Yearbook Awards.**
**First in California and First in The Pacific Region**

Some of the NIGC members attended the California Garden Clubs, Inc. 93rd Convention in Laguna Hills, CA. They were thrilled when they heard we won the awards!

# Holiday Bridge Decoration New Project

## Naples Islands Bridges Get Festive Makeover

For the first time, all five bridges on Naples Islands were decked out with holiday garlands, thanks to the Naples Islands Garden Club and two generous donors. The project involved members creating 350 strands of garland, each adorned with ornaments, berries, and solar lights. Inspired by a new club member who suggested uniformed lighting, around 50 members helped bring this vision to life. The festive upgrade delighted visitors and added to the Islands' magical charm.

*Co-Chairs - Catherine Steisel and Valerie Rich*

# Beautification Award Barnes Home

## The first home built on Campo Drive in 1932

This well-loved home, originally built in 1932, reflects the care and creativity of its owners. The green paint, clay tile roof, orange gate accents, and vibrant aloe succulents showcase thoughtful design. Poppy flowers add seasonal color, and the yard features Mexican pots, wet-look rocks, a Philippine wagon, and San Diego driftwood. Candy Barnes grows nostalgic fruits like Dwarf Banana, Orange, and Chironja in pots. Tyler Barnes, a Long Beach native and Millikan High graduate, bought the home in 2001. He met Candy in 1994 at Farmers and Merchants Bank; they married in 2015. Candy came to the U.S. from Cambodia in 1979. Their favorite part of Naples? "Our community and our street!"

*Beautification Chairman - Patti Martin*

# Fundraising ROMANCE Etc. & BUNCO

## Fabulous Fall Fundraiser

Our 2024 Fall Fundraiser was a huge success, raising $4,913 in donations for our important NIGC Beautification efforts. Thank you to our very generous members and guests who enthusiastically participated in the festive Romance Etc. shopping week and Cali Chilli Dine-Out. Twenty-two lucky winners received lovely raffle prizes supplied by the Fall Fundraiser committee and Romance Etc.

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*Co-Chairs - Deborah Smith and Helen Freeborn*

## Bunco

Bunco became such a popular and enthusiastic monthly gathering that it was necessary to divide the group into two sessions, meeting a week apart. Members bring $5 and a delicious potluck treat, followed by dice rolling and much merriment! This year, the Bunco group raised $508 for the operations of NIGC.

*Co-Chairs - Marge Hohly and Nada Szafaryn*

# Fundraising DINING, BOOKS & PLANT SALE

## Dine-Outs 2024-2025

NIGC members, friends, and family enjoyed several delightful and successful dine-outs over the past year, including Small Café, Naples Rib Company, and for the first-time Cali Chilli in Lakewood. Generous restaurant owners donate a percentage of purchased meals back to our club. Dine-Out efforts earned $1,161 for the NIGC General Fund.

*Co-Chairs - Barbara Jordon and Alison Lohfeld*

## Book Clubs

Book Clubs enjoy monthly meetups full of engaging reads, lively conversation and lasting friendships. This year they supported the Club they love with an annual donation of $300 from member joining fees that go to the General Fund.

*Co-Chairs - Ania Sullivan and Annie Brown*

## Plant Boutique

The NIGC Plant Boutique bloomed with success at this year's Pancake Breakfast on June 7th, featuring a striking Green Wall history tribute of our Club, a new kid's craft table, and stunning handmade Naples pots donated by Kristen Fisher. The Club raised a record-breaking $3,100, selling out all plants. Huge thanks to our generous donors, creative contributors, and hardworking committee of thirty-five. Your efforts made this another popular annual event!

*Co-Chairs - Valerie Rich and Nancy Emslie*

## Holiday Luncheon

The Naples Islands Garden Club held their annual Spark of Love Christmas Luncheon at the beautifully decorated Virginia Country Club. Co-chairs Arleen Tolle, Beverly Butters Lane and their wonderful committee of seventeen, created a "Winter Wonderland" in silver, ice blue and white. One hundred and seventeen attendees loaded tables with toys and gift cards for the Long Beach Fire Department to deliver to underserved Long Beach children. NIGC President, Linda Frame, welcomed special guests, Fire Chief Dennis Buchanan and Spark of Love coordinator, Will Nash. The sparkling event concluded with a "Flash Mob" of spirited NIGC members singing "Winter Wonderland."

*Co-chairs - Arleen Tolle and Beverly Butters Lane*

## Flower Show Luncheon 2025

The whimsical theme "Fairytale Flower Fantasy" was NIGC's motif for this year's Flower Show. Celebrated by 138 in attendance at the Long Beach Yacht Club, the venue was transformed into a dreamy, wooded fairyland. Three dedicated judges reviewed members' arrangements, and ribbons were awarded from the seventy-seven lovely creations exhibited. Lisa Mauck, Event Chair, and her fabulous team of twenty-four, set the scene for this fun day which concluded with a raffle of centerpieces and prizes with the club raising almost $2,000 to support its philanthropic efforts.

*Chair - Lisa Mauck*

# June Luncheon

Eighty-six NIGC members and guests gathered June 11 at Old Ranch Country Club to celebrate a wonderful year and enjoy "La Vie en Rose." Eric Bell's trio added charm with Edith Piaf's classic song. President Linda Frame welcomed Honorary Members Cory Forrester and Michael Frame. Highlights included award-winning roster recognition and raffling off Lynette Sewell's popular Experiences. Co-chairs of the event, Tish Camp and Susie Armstrong and their awesome committee of twenty one created a rosy ambience for treasured friends to enjoy this memorable afternoon.

*Co-chairs - Tish Camp and Susie Armstrong*

# NIGC PAST PRESIDENTS

*Past Presidents at the 2024 June Luncheon - Top row from left: Marilyn Bittle, Barbara Jordon, Pam McCredie, Deborah Smith, Sharon Civalleri and Sandy Davidson. Bottom row from left: Donna Malbon, Laurie Scanlin, Cindy Murphy and Kathy Owens. (Not shown: Marianne Huntley, Mary Nimocks)*

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| Lou Phelps | 1975-1976 |
| Audrey Hand* | 1976-1977 |
| Cassie Curtis* | 1977-1978 |
| Milber Segerblom* | 1978-1979 |
| Sunny Gerardi | 1979-1980 |
| Helen Coon* | 1980-1981 |
| Bernice Perry* | 1981-1983 |
| Jennie Mae Walton* | 1983-1984 |
| Gene Page* | 1984-1986 |
| June Rozier* | 1986-1988 |
| Adra Kober* | 1988-1990 |
| Mary Lamb* | 1990-1992 |
| Phyllis Poper | 1992-1994 |
| Joan McDonald* | 1994-1996 |
| Mary Nimocks | 1996-1998 |
| Donna Malbon | 1998-2000 |
| Tina Szafaryn* | 2000-2002 |
| Laurie Scanlin | 2002-2004 |
| Ginny Clark* | 2004-2006 |
| Cindy Murphy | 2006-2008 |
| Sharon Civalleri | 2008-2010 |
| Marilyn Bittle | 2010-2012 |
| Kathy Owens | 2012-2014 |
| Sandra Davidson | 2014-2016 |
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| Marianne Huntley | 2018-2020 |
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# NAPLES ISLANDS GARDEN CLUB BYLAWS

*These abbreviated Bylaws in effect as of July 1, 2023.*
*Complete set of Bylaws are in the "Members Only" section of our website.*
*www.naplesislandsgardenclub.com.*
*password: Frame2026*

## ARTICLE I

NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

**Section 1.1 Name.** The name of this organization shall be "Naples Islands Garden Club", hereafter referred to as the "Club".

## ARTICLE II

PURPOSE & LIMITATIONS

**Section 2.1 Purpose.** The purpose of the Club shall be to: create, promote and further interest in amateur gardening; support horticultural scholarship; encourage neighborhood beautification and environmental improvement; conserve natural resources; and promote an atmosphere of goodwill and fellowship within the community.

## ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

**Section 3.1 Classes of Membership**. The Club shall have the following four classes of membership:

**(a) Active Members.** All members shall first be admitted to the Club as Active Members. Active Members shall have their principal legal residence on Naples Islands. The Club shall have no more than 100 active members. Active Members shall be required to meet the following criteria each year to maintain their status as Active Members:

(i) Attend no fewer than 3 complete Regular meetings of the Club (including attendance at the full business portion of the meeting).

(ii) Pay annual membership dues in such amounts as may be established by the Club within 30 days of the due date.

(iii) Participate actively in a Club project or committee during each year of membership.

**(b) Sustaining Members.** Sustaining Members shall be members who reside on Naples Islands and have been Active Members for at least 5 years. Sustaining Members shall not be entitled to vote, hold a position on the Board of the Club, or sponsor new members. Sustaining Members shall continue to pay annual dues. Sustaining Members who were in Good Standing at the time they became Sustaining Members and who desire to be restored as Active Members shall, upon approval for such restoration as an Active Member by the Membership Committee of the Club, be given priority over prospective new members on any Club waiting list.

**(c) Associate Members**. Associate Members shall be prior Active or Sustaining Members who are no longer residents of Naples Islands. Associate Members shall pay annual dues but shall not be required to meet the annual membership requirements applicable to Active Members. Associate Members shall not be entitled to vote, hold a position on the Board of Directors of the Club or sponsor new members.

**(d) Honorary Members**. Honorary Members shall be individuals who have given special service to the Club. Honorary membership shall be for a period of one year. A maximum of three Honorary Members

shall be permitted at any one time.

**Section 3.2 Good Standing.** For a member to be in Good Standing in the Club the member must continue to meet all the participation requirements for the class of membership which the member holds during each calendar year. The Board may excuse a member from the Good Standing requirements based on the Board's decision that there is valid reason why such requirements could not reasonably be met by the member during a year.

**Section 3.3 Admission to Membership.** A prospective member must meet all of the following requirements to be considered for membership:

**(a) Sponsored.** A prospective member must be sponsored by two Active Members who have been Active Members for a minimum of two years.

**(b) Membership Application and Letters of Recommendation.** A completed membership application in the required form and two sponsor letters of recommendation must be submitted to the Membership Chairman and approved by the Board. Upon approval the applicant's name will be posted in the The Poppy and the application process may proceed.

**(c) Attendance at Club Activities.** After submittal of the membership application, the applicant must attend three Club activities, two of which must be general membership business meetings. The sponsors of the applicant shall advise the Membership Chairman when the applicant is in attendance at each of the required Club activities.

**(d) Review and Approval by the Board.** Upon completion of steps (a)-(c) above, the Board shall review the application of the prospective member. Upon decision of the Board that all requirements for admission to membership have been met and that the applicant would be a good and active member of the Club, the Board shall vote on the application of the prospective member for membership in the Club.

**(e) Board Decision Final.** The membership decisions of the Board shall be final, and the Board shall not be required to state any cause for accepting or rejecting any applicant for membership.

**(f) Notification and Waiting List.** Upon approval of the application by the Board, the Board shall notify the sponsors of the applicant that the applicant has been approved for membership and shall place the name of the approved applicant on a prioritized waiting list for admission to the Club as memberships become available.

**Section 3.4 Voting Member.**

**(a) Only Active Members are Entitled to Vote.**

**Section 3.6 Reinstatement to Membership of Previous Member.** A person who has previously been a member of the Club, and who was in Good Standing at the time of resignation from the Club, may apply directly to the Second Vice President of the Club for reinstatement as a member without going through the membership application process set forth in Section 3.3 above. The Board, in its sole discretion, exercised in the best interest of the Club, shall vote to accept or reject the application for reinstatement. If the Board accepts the application, the name of the prior member shall have priority on the waiting list for admission to the Club just below any prior Sustaining Member as memberships become available. If the Board denies the application, it shall inform the applicant of its decision but is not required to provide any reason for such denial. Upon reinstatement the reinstated member shall be considered a new member of the Club and shall be required to meet all the requirements of a new member in the Club.

## ARTICLE IV
DUES, FEES & FISCAL YEAR

**Section 4.1 Dues and Fees.**

**(a) Board sets Fees.** Dues and charges shall be fixed by the Board and be payable as these Bylaws or the Board shall require. Members shall not be permitted to claim membership until all fees, assessments, dues and charges due have been paid.

**(b) Payment of Dues.** Annual dues for all memberships shall be due and payable on May 1st of each year for the following fiscal year. The Second Vice President shall inform, in writing, any member who has not paid dues for the following fiscal year by June 1st that failure to pay the delinquent dues in full by June 30th shall automatically terminate the membership status of such non-paying member effective June 30th.

**(d) Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Club shall be July 1st through June 30th.

## ARTICLE V
MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

**Section 5.1 Meetings of Members.**

**(b) Regular Meetings.** The Regular Meeting for the month of May shall be the Annual Meeting of the Club. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect officers every even year and to ratify all actions of the Board of Directors.

**(e) Quorum.**

(i) **Number Required.** One-third of the total Active Members of the Club in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of members.

**(h) Roberts Rules of Order.** Roberts Rules of Orders, as amended, shall govern the conduct of all meetings.

**Section 5.4 Proxies.** No member shall be entitled to give any agent a proxy to exercise any voting rights of the member.

## ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Section 6.1 Powers.**

(iv) **Power to Adopt and Amend the Annual Budget.** Prepare, adopt and amend the annual budget of the Club.

(vi) **Power to Adopt, Amend and Rescind Standing Rules.** Power to adopt, amend or rescind Standing Rules for the benefit of the operations of the Club.

**Section 6.2 Directors.** The Board of Directors of the Club shall be composed of:

**(a) Elected Directors** consisting of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary elected by the members for two-year terms. Members filling these positions are both Directors and Officers. The immediate Past President automatically becomes a member of the Board.

**(b) Appointed Directors** consisting of the Parliamentarian appointed by the President, and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees appointed as set forth in Article X, Section 10.2, of these Bylaws.

**Section 6.3 Term.** Directors and Officers shall be elected for a two-year term every other year at the May meeting of members, installed at the June meeting, and serve until their successors have been duly elected,

or appointed, and installed. The Chairmen of the Standing Committees shall serve as Directors for a two-year term after their appointment in accordance with Article X, Section 10.2.

**Section 6.6 Executive Committee.** The elected officers of the Club shall constitute an Executive Committee of the Board. The Executive Committee shall have the power to take the following actions between Board meetings subject to the subsequent ratification by the Board:

**(a)** Terminate the employment of any employee of the Club for reasonable cause.

**(b)** Approve an expenditure, not exceeding $500, not previously budgeted where the best interests of the Club require immediate action.

## ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

**Section 7.2. Annual, Regular and Special Meetings.**

**(a) Regular Meeting.** The Regular Meeting for May shall be the Annual Meeting of the Club. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect officers and to ratify all actions of the Board of Directors.

**Section 7.3 Quorum.** A simple majority of the number of Directors then elected or appointed shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Section 7.5 Action Without a Meeting.** Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board may be taken without a meeting if all the members of the Board consent in writing or electronically to that action.

**Section 7.6 Voting.** Each Director, except the President, shall have one vote. In the event of a tie in voting the President shall have the right to cast a vote for the purpose of breaking the tie vote.

**Section 7.7 Action by Written Ballot Without a Meeting.** Any action that may be taken at any meeting of the Board may be taken without a meeting by written ballot complying with Section 7.7 (a) and (b) of these By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS

**Section 8.1 Elected Officers.** The elected Officers of the Club shall be the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Immediate Past President.

**Section 8.2 Term of Office.** Officers shall assume office at the June luncheon of the Club and serve until their successors have been duly elected and installed. The Club Treasurer may serve two consecutive two-year terms. All other elected Officers are limited to one term in the same position on the Board and must thereafter either be elected or appointed to a different position on the Board, or go off the Board for a period of not less than two years.

**Section 8.6. Responsibilities of Officers.**

**(a) President.** The President shall:

(i) Preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board.

(ii) Appoint Standing and Special Committee chairmen.

(iii) Co-sign Club checks with either the Treasurer or Recording Secretary.

(iv) Be an ex-officio member of all committees.

(v) Establish such committees as may be in the best interest of the Club.

(vi) Appoint a Financial Review Committee, composed of the Treasurer and at least two Active Members to audit the financial records of the Club at the end of

each fiscal year.

(vii) Sign all contracts.

**(b) First Vice President.** The First Vice President shall:

(i) Perform the duties of the President either in the absence of, or at the request of the President.

(ii) Serve as Program Chairman. As Program Chairman, the First Vice President shall prepare and submit a list of programs for regular meetings of the Club for the following year to the Board annually at its June meeting.

(iii) Coordinate with the chairmen of the December Luncheon, Flower Show, Reservation chairs, and Installation/June luncheon events.

(iv) Co-sign checks with either the President, Recording Secretary or Treasurer.

(v) Select and present the gift to the President at the end of the President's term.

**(c) Second Vice President.** The Second Vice President shall:

(i) Perform the duties of the First Vice President either in the absence or at the request of the First Vice President.

(ii) Serve as Membership Chairman responsible for all stages of the process of application for membership and for new member orientation.

(iii) Compile the membership roster with the assistance of the Roster Chair.

(iv) Collect and record membership dues and turn the funds collected over to the treasurer.

(v) Be responsible for orientation of new members.

(vi) Record membership attendance at meetings of the Club.

**(d) Treasurer.** The Treasurer (with input from the President) shall:

(i) Create an annual budget for review and approval by the Board at its August meeting. Upon approval by the Board, the proposed budget shall be submitted by the Treasurer to the members at the next regular meeting of the members.

(ii) Keep accurate account of all money received and paid out by the Club.

(iii) Deposit all money and other valuables in the name of and to the credit of the Club with such depositories as may be designated by the Board.

(iv) Disburse the funds of the Club as may be ordered by the Board.

(v) Render to the Board or the President, when requested, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Club and shall have other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or Bylaws.

(vi) Make financial reports to the members at each regular meeting of the members.

(vii) Receive all dues from the Membership Chairman.

(viii) Prior to August 1st each year prepare and submit a year-end financial report with pertinent supporting financial records to the Board.

(ix) Serve as chairman of the Financial Review Committee appointed by the President to report before submittal to the Board.

(x) Prepare and submit a final year-end financial report to the Board at its August meeting.

(xi) Following the end of term of office as Treasurer assist the new Treasurer in the preparation and submittal of the final year-end financial report for the prior fiscal year to the August meeting of the Board following the installation of the new Treasurer.

(xii) Send or cause to be sent to the Directors such financial statements and reports as are required by law or these Bylaws to be given.

(xiii) Ensure that the books of account shall be open to inspection by any Director at all reasonable times.

(xiv) Co-sign Club checks with either the President, Recording Secretary or First Vice President.

(xv) In performance of the duties of the Treasurer set forth above, the Treasurer, with approval of the Board, may use the assistance of a non-member bookkeeper.

**(e) Recording Secretary.** The Recording Secretary shall:

(i) Keep or cause to be kept, at the principal office or such other place as the Board may direct, a book of minutes of all meetings and actions of the Board.

(ii) Keep, or cause to be kept, at the principal office of the Club, a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, as amended to date.

(iii) Be the custodian of all records of the Club.

(iv) Maintain a complete and accurate record of the membership of the Club.

(v) Keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the membership.

(vi) Give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Board required by these Bylaws to be given and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the Bylaws.

(vii) Co-sign Club checks with either the President, Treasurer or First Vice President.

**(f) Corresponding Secretary.** The Corresponding Secretary is responsible for:

(i) All correspondence of the Club.

(ii) In the absence of the Recording Secretary record accurate minutes of all meetings of the Club and Board.

(iii) Preparation of the Consent Agenda for Board and Membership meetings.

(iv) Telephone/email communication with members.

**(g) Immediate Past President.** The Immediate Past President of the Club shall:

(i) Serve in an advisory position to the Board.

(ii) Serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

(iii) Upon request, assist the Officers in the recruitment of members to fill all required volunteer positions within the Club.

**(h) Officers in Good Standing.** All officers shall be Active Members in good standing.

The term of any officer who ceases to be in Good Standing shall automatically terminate and the Board shall appoint a new member to fill the remaining term of such officer.

## ARTICLE IX

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Section 9.1. Nominations.**

**(a) Officers and Directors.** Officers shall be nominated as follows:

(i) **Nominating Committee.** A Nominating Committee, composed of the Immediate Past President, as Chairman, and four additional Active Members selected by the membership shall be elected at the February or March Regular meeting of each year in which officers are to be elected. At the following Regular meeting the Nominating Committee shall

propose a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary to serve as officers and directors.

(ii) **Nominations To Be Posted.** The nominations proposed by the Nominating Committee shall be published in the next published Club publication.

(iii) **Additional Nominations.** Additional nominations may be made by any ten Active Members and shall be submitted to the Recording Secretary, in written form, signed by such ten Active Members within fifteen days of the meeting at which nominations have been presented. Upon receipt of additional nominations the Recording Secretary shall inform the President that the election will be by written ballot and place the names of all nominated members on the ballot to be presented to the membership.

(iv) **Write-In**. Any Active Member shall have the right to write in the name of any Active Member not previously nominated. Any Active Member desiring to exercise this right shall inform the Recording Secretary not less than ten days prior to the regular meeting in which the election shall take place to allow the Recording Secretary sufficient time to prepare written ballots for the election that provide space for such write-in votes.

**(b) Qualifications for Candidates.** Candidates to be nominated as elected officers of the Club shall have been Active Members in Good Standing for at least twelve months prior to their nomination. A candidate to be nominated for President must have previously held at least two prior positions on the Board.

**Section 9.2. Voting.**

**(a) Voting Without a Written Ballot.** When no written ballot is required under the terms of these Bylaws the presiding officer shall call for a vote by voice vote by the Active Members in attendance. The Presiding officer shall announce the results of the vote. If there is no objection to the announced determination of the Presiding officer the vote shall be entered into the minutes of the meeting. Upon the objection by any Active Member to the announcement of the results of the voice vote, the vote shall not count, and a new vote shall be conducted according to the procedures set forth in Section 9.2(b) below.

**(b) Ballots To Be Distributed.** When written ballots are required, the Recording Secretary shall distribute written ballots to all Active Members in attendance at the May regular meeting. Voted ballots shall be returned to the Recording Secretary during the meeting, counted by the Nominating Committee, and the results announced to the members.

## ARTICLE X

STANDING AND SUB- COMMITTEES

**Section 10.1. The Club shall have the following Standing Committees:**

**Community Liaison • Publications • Beautification • Fundraising • Member Activities • Scholarship**

**Section 10.2 Appointment of Standing Committee Chairman.** The Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be appointed for a two-year term by the President with the approval of the elected Officers of the Board. The Chairman of each Standing Committee shall serve as an appointed voting member of the Board of Directors of the Club during the period of service as Chairman of a Standing Committee and may be appointed by the President for additional consecutive two-year terms. To qualify for appointment as Chairman of a Standing Committee a member shall have been an Active Member in Good Standing for a period of not less than six

months prior to nomination.

**Section 10.3 Appointment of Members of Standing Committees.** The members of each Standing Committee shall be composed of the Chairman appointed by the President, the Chairman of any Sub Committee formed by the Board pursuant to Section 10.5 below and assigned to be under the direction of the Chairman of such Standing Committee, and such additional members as the Chairman of each Standing Committee shall appoint with approval of the President.

**Section 10.4 Attendance at Board Meetings.** The Chairman of a Standing Committee may have another member of the Standing Committee attend Board meetings when the Chairman is unable to attend for the purpose of providing information to the Board, and taking information from the Board back to the Standing Committee. The person attending for the Chairman shall not be entitled to vote nor be counted in determining a quorum at such Board meeting.

**Section 10.5 Formation of Sub-Committees.** The Board may create such Sub-Committees as it deems necessary. Each Sub-Committee shall operate under the guidance of, and report to, the Standing Committee, or Officer of the Club, to which it is assigned by the Board. Any Sub-Committee created by the Board pursuant to this section may be dissolved by the Board or assigned to function under the supervision of a different Standing Committee or Officer of the Board.

**Section 10.6 Appointment of Sub-Committee Members.** The Chairmen of a Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. The members of each Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of such Sub-Committee with the approval of the President.

**Section 10.7 List of Sub-Committees.** A listing of all Sub-Committees and the Standing Committee or Officer to which they report shall be posted in the Standing Rules of the Club.

**Section 10.8 Special and Ad Hoc Committees.** The Club shall have such Special and Ad Hoc committees as the Board shall determine are desirable in furtherance of the purposes and activities of the Club. The Chairmen and members of these committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board.

**Section 10.9 Creation or Discontinuance of Standing and Sub-Committees.** The Board shall have the power to create such Standing and Sub-Committees as it deems in the best interest of the Club and to dissolve any Standing or Sub-Committee.

**Section 10.10 Removal of Members of Committees.** Except for the Chairman of a Standing Committee, any member of a committee of the Club may be removed from such committee without cause by decision of the person who appointed the person to such committee. The Chairman of a Standing Committee may only be removed from such chairmanship in accordance with the procedures set forth herein for removal of a Director of the Club.

**Section 10.11 In Good Standing.** All members of the committees of the Club shall be required to be in good standing in the Club to be selected to participate on a committee and to continue participation on a committee.

## ARTICLE XV
MISCELLANEOUS

# STANDING RULES

**Section 15.5 Use of Member Information.**

**Member information may be used for Club purposes only.**

**No member shall use, permit to be used or disclose information about members for any other purpose.**

**RULE 1. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS**

A. Regular General Membership Meetings (consisting of a program and business meeting), shall be held on the second Monday (September through May), or at other times as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

B. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the fourth Monday of each month (except July and December) at a Board Member's home.

C. Any member may attend Board meetings and shall be recognized at the option of the presiding officer. The hostess will be notified in advance of member(s) who will attend.

**RULE 2. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

A. Annual dues are due and payable by May 1st.

B. All Active Members shall participate in at least one Club project or committee during each year of membership. Bylaws Article 111, 3.1 (a) (iii)

C. All Active Members shall attend a minimum of three complete general meetings of the Club, (including attendance at the full business portion of the meeting). Luncheons are not General Meetings.

**RULE 3. SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS**

A. Sponsors are required to maintain regular contact with those whom they sponsor, especially for the first year of membership, and to encourage, help and support the new members.

B. An Active Member in good standing is allowed to sponsor candidates for membership during the Fiscal year, July 1 - June 30th. The active member must follow the requirements for sponsorship as they guide and assist the new member. Membership requirements must be completed in a twelve-month period once the completed application has been activated.

C. Sponsors will advise the Second Vice President, Membership, when their applicant attends the three required functions (two general/business meetings and a club activity).

**RULE 4. APPOINTED CHAIRMEN ON THE BOARD**

**Each member of the Board shall keep a procedure file of the duties and achievements of her office and shall pass the file to her successor.**

A. **Beautification:** To coordinate and supervise beautification projects in Naples and to research new projects and awards.

B. **Community Liaison:** To maintain contact with community groups and civic organizations, in order to promote and coordinate activities of mutual interest and benefit, and to supervise Hospitality and Sunshine.
C. **Fundraising:** To coordinate Club fundraisers as determined by Club membership, and supervise Book Clubs, Bunco, Plant Boutique, Fall Fundraiser and Dine-Out.
D. **Member Activities:** To coordinate and supervise Arbor Day, Excursions, Horticulture, Luminaria, May Day, Travel and Veterans Day.
E. **Publications:** To coordinate and supervise Distribution, Publicity, Roster and Webmaster.
F. **Scholarship:** To coordinate the scholarship program for students in Long Beach schools. Prospective candidates who meet NIGC criteria will be presented to the Board for approval.

**RULE 5. SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

A. **Arbor Day:** To arrange a program for Arbor Day which includes a memorial to the Club members or their immediate family who have passed away in the previous year.
B. **Audio and Projector:** To store, set up and take down audio and/or projector equipment as needed for programs and events.
C. **Beautification Award:** To select honorees for the Beautification Award and present the awards at a club function.
D. **Community Beautification:** To explore and facilitate beautification projects in Naples and schedule maintenance of medians.
E. **Dine-Out Night:** To select a local restaurant and ask owner if they would participate in donating a percentage of the sales on a determined date.
F. **Distribution**: To distribute club invitations, pamphlets and rosters.
G. **Email Blaster:** To send messages to members via email advising of urgent news, reminders, updates and requests.
H. **Excursions:** To arrange tours and take reservations to places of interest.
I. **Fall Fundraiser:** To organize the main fundraising event of the year as selected by the Board for the purpose of raising funds for Beautification.
J. **Horticulture:** To research and give reports to the Club on suggested and appropriate gardening jobs current to the season and to give tips and advice on special planting procedures.
K. **Hospitality:** To plan refreshments for meetings, to arrange for members to serve as hostesses and to provide supplies as needed which will be paid for by the Club.
L. **Luminarias:** To form a committee to acquire, assemble and place luminarias around La Bella Fontana. Coordinate with the Beautification Committee and Bayshore Community Church.
M. **May Day:** To advertise and promote a May Day celebration.
N. **Newsletter:** To receive and edit articles and publish the monthly Club newsletter, The Poppy.
O. **Parliamentarian:** Advises on rules of order, proper procedure for meetings and assists with bylaws, using Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised.
P. **Plant Boutique:** To organize a booth for the sale of plants, flowers and gardening items in conjunction with the NIA Pancake Breakfast for the purpose of raising funds for Beautification.
Q. **Publicity:** To submit news releases of Club activities and accomplishments to media.
R. **Roster:** To compile the annual roster in conjunction with the Membership, Program, Hospitality Chairmen and President. Publication to be completed for distribution to only the General Membership by the first meeting in September.

S. **Social Media:** To manage and maintain the Club's social media platforms, such as Instagram and Facebook, in support of club communications, events, and outreach.
T. **Sunshine:** To send cards to members as appropriate, e.g. get well and sympathy.
U. **Travel:** To arrange tours for extended trips.
V. **US Flag Custodian:** To maintain a supply of flags and have them placed on La Bella Fontana flag pole as needed.
W. **Veteran's Day:** To arrange recognition event at the flagpole in La Bella Fontana Park.

**RULE 6. AWARDS**

A. Beautification: Awards for outstanding displays of gardens in Naples shall be given upon the recommendation of the Beautification Chairman.
B. Recognition of Service: At the discretion of the Board, special certificates of appreciation may be given in recognition of members who have performed extraordinary service to The Club.
C. Flower Show: Awards shall be determined by professional independent judges and given to members who display outstanding entries in each of the flower show categories.
D. Honorary Membership: At the discretion of the Board, a one-year honorary membership certificate may be awarded to persons other than Club members.

**RULE 7. PRINTED MATERIALS**

A. The Club roster will be made available to members only by the September general business meeting. The roster may not be given to non-members and remains the sole property of the Club. The Club roster is for internal use only and is, therefore, not to be used for outside solicitation purposes.

**RULE 8. GUEST POLICY**

A. Invited guests are welcome at general meetings. Sponsors of applicants for membership should refer to Article III of Bylaws, section 3.3.
B. Applicants in the process of becoming an Active Member may attend social events and excursions.

**RULE 9. EXPENDITURES AND ACCOUNTS**

A. The Treasurer shall hold all money in a Naples Islands Garden Club Account.
B. In reimbursement for Club debts, obligations to vendors shall be paid only upon completion of a check request form with receipts attached. Money will not be advanced to members.
C. The Board of Directors is authorized to approve unbudgeted expenditures, without the approval of the general membership, and not to exceed $500.
D. Where feasible and fiscally responsible, the Club shall patronize businesses located on the Islands.
E. To honor our Garden Club President, our Club shall pay for her lunches at the Christmas, Flower Show and Installation events.
F. Annual contributions shall be made to the Naples Improvement Association and Naples Business Association.

**RULE 10. MEMORIALS**

A. Arbor Day: Memorials shall honor deceased Club members and immediate members of their families.

**RULE 11. DUES**

A. Annual dues shall be $100 for Active, Associate and Sustaining Members, and are due and payable by May 1st.
B. Honorary members are not required to pay dues.
C. New members joining after January 1st shall pay $60 dues for the remainder of the fiscal year.

## Veterans Day Commemoration

This past year, Naples Islands Garden Club extended invitations to veterans and their families beyond its neighborhood. Decorated in red, white and blue, La Bella Fontana Park packed approximately ninety attendees, including forty veterans for this special commemoration. President Linda Frame opened the event with a warm welcome while Boy Scout Troop 105 and Cub Scouts 007 proudly presented the colors. Kristina Duggan, 3rd District Council Member, and Veteran VA employee Holly Wroblicky delivered heartfelt speeches as a reminder of our lives of freedom. Event co-chairs Valerie Rich and Becky Jones mingled with veterans who introduced themselves and shared their names, branches of service, and places and years of deployment. The memorial concluded with everyone joining Marilyn Bittle in singing "God Bless America."

*Co-Chairs - Valerie Rich and Becky Jones*

## Arbor Day 2025

President Linda Frame honored the memory of club members and their immediate family members who passed away in 2024. This year, the club continued its tradition by planting a crepe myrtle in the parkway in front of the school. Arbor Day Co-Chairs Sherry Yanagisawa and Barbara Jordon, along with their dedicated committee, collaborated with school principal Mrs. Paula Spenker to organize a meaningful and heartfelt event. The ceremony featured students reading poetry, followed by family members sharing touching memories of their loved ones.

*Chair - Sherry Yanagisawa*

# Beautification Ongoing COMMUNITY PROJECTS

*Beautification of the Naples Community continues to be the heart and soul of Naples Islands Garden Club (NIGC). Beautification efforts are promoted by NIGC Beautification committees as they meet throughout the year to maintain and enhance the community's treasures. Committee chairs regularly schedule clean-up days and promote gardening and socializing for NIGC members.*

## La Bella Fontana Park

Co-chairs Susan Townsend and Valerie Rich led a group of thirty NIGC Bellas and a few honorary volunteer men in weeding, trimming, painting, as well as planting flowers around the flagpole. The Bellas also spruced up the area for the yearly Veterans Day Celebration and Luminarias evening. A new windmill palm was planted this year.

*Co-Chairs - Susan Townsend and Valerie Rich*

## Naples Plaza Median

For more than twenty years the NIGC has been tending the roses at Naples Plaza Median. Currently, sixteen Garden Club members care for the roses and olive trees by trimming, weeding, deadheading and battling mildew, rust and insects at least seven to eight times a year. Members also attended a rose care class at a local nursery to keep updated on techniques, gardening tools, and insect treatment.

*Chair - Esther Duran*

## Naples Elementary School

A group comprised of seventeen members meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month to garden at Naples School, to keep the landscape pristine by raking leaves, pulling weeds, and generally making the entrance to the school look cared for and welcoming.

*Co-Chairs - Catherine Steisel and Lynn Shober*

## 2nd Street Planters

Twenty-one ladies kept tabs on the planters on 2nd Street throughout the year keeping them happy and healthy. This involved planting succulents, replanting as needed, as well as watering. Volunteers work individually and in groups tending tough tree wells, and on occasion weeding these with welcome help from some masculine muscle! Thank you to this group of dedicated women for their year round hands-on care of the planters. Volunteers that will "adopt a planter" are always welcome!

*Chair - Shelly Hoherd*

**May Day** 2025 Garden Club members joyfully participating by decorating their doors and gates with beautiful arrangements and/or giving brightly colored bouquets to neighbors and friends.

***Chair - Donna Schilder***

**Scholarship Awards** The NIGC is proud to award scholarships to worthy horticulture students at Long Beach City College. Each year we review applicants that inspire us by their challenges and goals. Many of our recipients go on to four-year colleges to complete their degrees. We believe our program is one of the most important ways we benefit our community and the futures of our recipients. We are grateful to Laurie and Joe Scanlin for establishing the foundation that funds this program.

***Chair - Tish Camp***

**Excursions -** A six-member committee planned an October "members only" trip by bus to Lotusland in Montecito, one of the world's Top Ten gardens. After lunch at Field and Fort, docents welcomed 36 members and led them through the unique "garden rooms" full of exotic and rare plants. Appetizers and chilled beverages were enjoyed on the trip home. Our 2026 excusion will be in late Feb to TBA.

***Chairs - Pam McCredie and Sandy Davidson***

**Luminaria Night** brought the glow of candles and the sounds of music to La Bella Fontana Park. Naples residents enjoyed beautiful Holiday songs performed by the Warren High School choir under the direction of Robert Petersen. The choir sang more brightly than the luminarias.

***Chair - Barbie Barker-Litterst***

*The Warren High School Choir on Luminaria night.*

*NIGC members enjoying the Lotusland Excursion.*

*Ten of our volunteers lighting the Luminarias.*

# 2025 AFFILIATIONS

**The National Garden Club, Inc.** - The National Garden Club, Inc – President, Donna Donnelly's theme is "PLANT AMERICA for the next 100 years." The Club supports communities by providing grants to enhance gardens and public spaces throughout the country. They invite us to join in creating beauty and fostering connections in our neighborhoods by providing grants to support public spaces and community gardens and cultivate a sense of pride within neighborhoods. Go to: www.gardenclub.org to make a donation.

*NGC Food Bank provides food from community gardens as donations.*

**The Pacific Region Garden Club, Inc.** - New Director of Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Tanja Swanson, has chosen "Firewise Communities" as her special project. This is a national program that could be the key to protecting nearby homes and businesses from the next catastrophic fire. FIREWISE is sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association. Through training and local fire prevention projects, FIREWISE aims to encourage property owners to take proactive measures to prevent fires from destroying their homes and businesses.

**California Garden Clubs, Inc.** - President Adele Kelly's project for 2025-2027 is the "Expansion of the Abraxas High School Garden -- Abraxas Orchard." Located in Poway, the orchard is a sustainable source of produce for the community created by students studying agricultural education. Their goal is to raise $30,000 for the orchard expansion through donations, silent auctions and raffles at CGCI board meetings and at the June 2026 convention in San Diego. Please consider offering an auction item for this cause. Contact Barbara Weiler, Chairman, (email: 211BGW@gmail.com).

*Abraxas Orchard Project*

**Orange County District, Inc.** - Under the direction of outgoing District Director, Launa Gould, a silent auction for fundraising was held at the end-of-year awards meeting with all funds going to Scholarship recipients. Launa warmly introduced new District Director, Donna Hood, to the sixteen District clubs in attendance at the beautiful Sherman Gardens in Corona Del Mar to receive awards and welcome Donna with great enthusiasm.

*(from left) Sandy Davidson, Launa Gold and Linda Frame at the Orange County Convention Award Dinner in June.*

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Animal Control ..... (562) 570-7387
Code Enforcement - homeless people and illegally parked vehicles ..... (562) 570-4550
Code Enforcement - signs in the medians ..... (562) 570-2633
Fire Department Non-Emergency ..... (562) 570-9400
Hospitals:
Long Beach Memorial ..... (562) 933-2000
St. Mary's ..... (562) 491-9000
Lifeguard Headquarters ..... (562) 570-1360
Marine Bureau ..... (562) 570-3215
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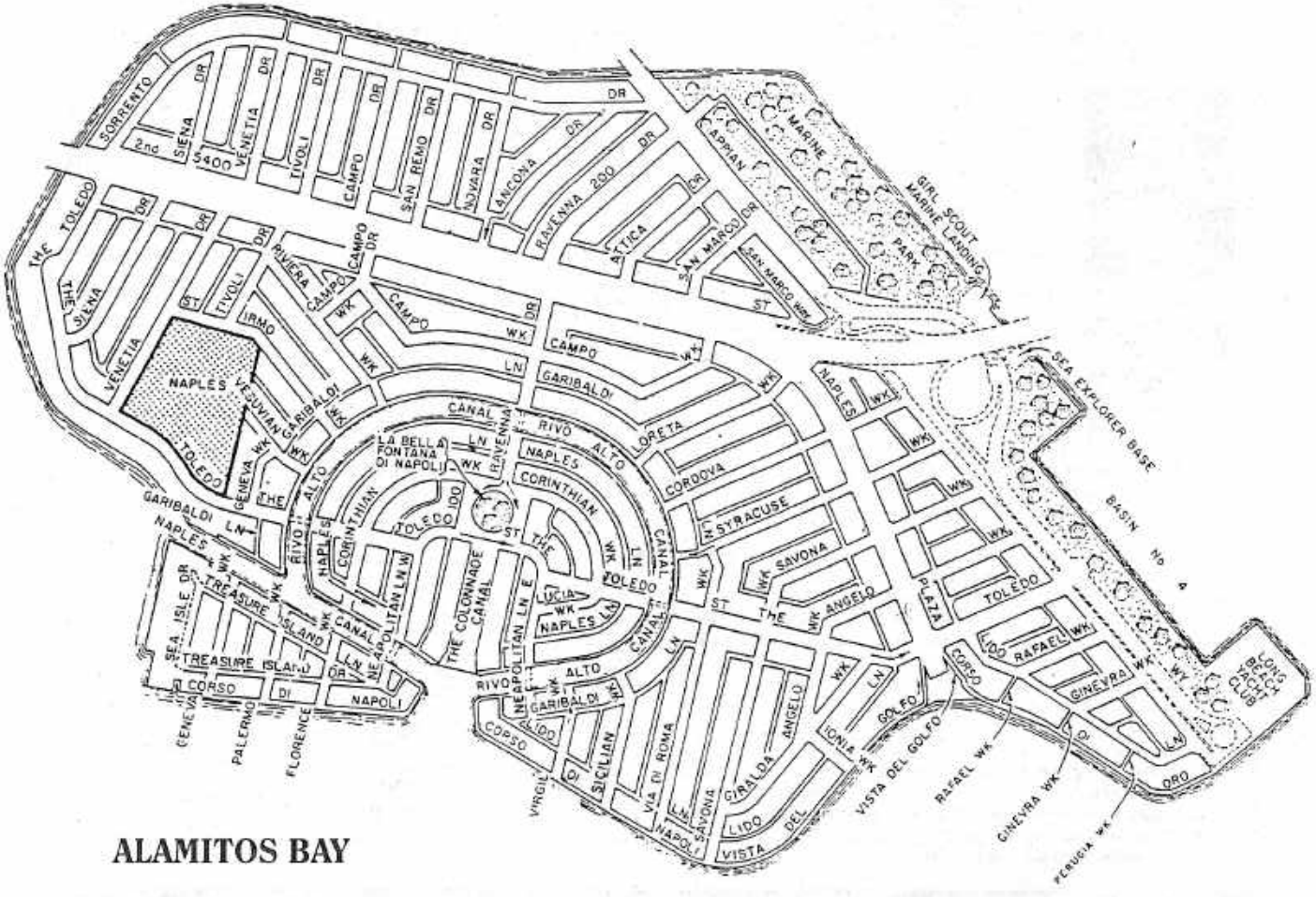


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