

LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS

~ Sandy Davidson, Nominating Chair / Past President.

The 2018 Nominating Committee members are **Margaret Dineen Kern, Lisa Mauck, Meredith Medanich, and Lynn Shober.** The committee will use the 2018 Greensheets as their guide in filling 2018-2020 officer positions and will announce the slate at the March 12 meeting of the garden club.

Greensheets are the means of selecting your club participation for 2018-2019. Please return your Greensheet to Sandy Davidson at 31 The Colonnade. If you need a Greensheet, please call Sandy Davidson at 562-329-679 and I will deliver one to your home.



A DAY AT THE RACES!

~ Marge Hohly, Race Day Chair

A great group of NIGC members and friends enjoyed a beautiful day at Santa Anita Race Track. Santa Anita named the 9th race after the club. During the crystal clear sunny day we enjoyed watching the gorgeous horses, a day with friends and a little investing on the horses' noses.



NIGC members and friends gather for a day of fun and winning at Santa Anita Race Track. At right, President Barbara Jordon gets some "tips" from Santa Anita's Handicap Specialist, Ron Parks. A special thanks to Marge Hohly for organizing the event!



The Winner's Circle photo, including Barbara Jordon and Marge Hohly, identifies the winning horse, jockey and statistics for the race named for the Naples Islands Garden Club.

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~Thank you to all who submitted photos, articles and information! ~



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LA BELLA FONTANA PARK: UPDATE

~ Sandy Davidson, La Bella Fontana

After a highly anticipated start, the walkway tile restoration project at La Bella Fontana Park began on January 29th and was paused on February 9th. The replacement tiles are not the correct size and new pieces need to be fabricated. LB Parks, Recreation and Marine forecasts the tile restoration project will resume the week of March 5th.

In other park news, Paul Santos of Waypoint Analytical took composite soil tests throughout La Bella Fontana Park. Paul conducted olive tree tests in 2011 and 2015 for our club. These soil tests combined with data from previous tests will guide him in making recommendations for new trees that will grow successfully in the park. A sample of the dead windmill palm tree will also be tested.

NIGC received a \$500 contribution from the movie company who filmed and will continue to film in weeks to come for the series "Lodge 49". Happily, the check neatly covered the cost of the park landscape testing.



The park walkway tile replacement project was put on hold just days after construction began.

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Original walkway tiles will be replaced and restored via a project funded by the City of Long Beach Parks, Rec & Marine with help from the NIGC.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



GENERAL MEETING

Monday
March 12, 2018
1:00 pm
"The Chelsea Flower Show"

British born "Passionate Plantsman", **Nicolas Staddon**, and Australian born Garden Club member, **Trish Schooley**, will share photographic highlights from the **Chelsea Flower Show**
 Door Hostess:
Marilyn Bittle
 Flowers:
Dawn Doeve
 Refreshments:
Debbie Ball, Pam McCredie, Linda Frame, Wendi Vodhanel, and Shirley Knopf

Here we are in March already and our year is progressing very nicely. **I hope all of you were able to take advantage of our "Dine-Out" night at Russo's.** These evenings together are always such fun. We have our next general meeting on March 26th where we will be presented with our new slate of officers, and then we have our wonderful **Flower Show** to look forward to on April 3rd.

Our Garden Club makes a real difference on our Islands and we can take great pride in the number of members who participate regularly in maintaining La Bella Fontana, Naples Plaza, Naples School and the pots on Second Street as well as participating in our events. Thank you all for being so supportive of our club and our community.

In honor of my Irish heritage and St. Patrick's Day I want to wish all of you this old Irish Blessing:

"May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and the road downhill all the way to your door."

"Gardening is an Instrument of Grace"
~ Barbara

ARBOR DAY 2018

~ Dawn Doeve Chair, Kristie Nairne Co-Chair



Naples Island Garden Club sponsors an Annual Arbor Day and Memorial Remembrance honoring members and member's immediate family that have passed since our last Arbor Day gathering. **The Arbor Day remembrance will be at Naples Bayside Academy, April 25, 2018, at 10:00 am.** The Naples Bayside Academy Student Council, under the direction of Principal Mr. Wood, will share related nature poems during the ceremony and members will be given the opportunity to share memorial words about their loved ones who have passed away.

ORCHIDS {CONTINUED}

recommends 3 In 1 oil to clean the clippers and then files the beveled edges only. When repotting she uses a mix of 6 parts Orchid bark, 1 part perlite, and 1 part charcoal. When transplanting, be sure to 'tickle' the roots free! She trims the loose and dead roots and cauterizes them with a sprinkle of cinnamon! After she repots, she waters weekly and weakly with



Darla recommends using the products above to get your orchids to rebloom. NIGC member Marilyn Bittle wins the Orchid plant raffle!

a diluted Orchid General fertilizer (20-20-20). She then discussed cymbidiums. She uses Osmocote outdoors only with them. Cymbidiums need a 40 degree difference in winter in order to rebloom. Darla recommended cleaning bugs off with 70/30 alcohol. She also sprays leaf shine on the leaves. She advised giving your orchids a vacation outside in the summer! Re-pot them every 2-3 years and place in windows with indirect sunlight. It was an extremely informative and educational talk.

She would love for us all to go down and visit her at Sherman Gardens!

ANNUAL BRIDGE LUNCHEON!

COME ONE COME ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS! All are invited!

Friday, May 18, 2018 at the Long Beach Yacht Club

Check in at 9:15, Bridge at 9:30

\$44 luncheon reservation check

made out to Jeannie Hughes,

5651 Sorrento Drive. 562-619-4015 (cell)

Please specify choice of either Mini Lamb Chop Salad or Warm Salmon Salad

\$35 check to NIGC for next year's Bridge Marathon.

Please sign up as a single as soon as possible so even tables can be arranged.

NEW MEMBERS!

Please cut and tape into NIGC Roster 2017

Welcome!



Arleen Tolle

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562-433-6669

562-397-4645

tolle161@aol.com

Birthday:

December 11



Deborah Smith (Bill)

188 Syracuse Walk

(310) 962-2244

debs4homes@gmail.com

Birthday:

April 3

MEMBERSHIP

Prospective Member

Jeanne Krauss

Sponsors:

Dee Mattern and

Cindy Murphy

Please direct comments to

Lynette Sewell

VP Membership by March 20

NIGC FLOWER SHOW 2018

~ Margie Burri, Flower Show Chair.

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***Reservation deadline is March 26.**

Send checks to Kristie Nairne for \$45/person.

***Rules are on the Club's web site**

under the Members Only section

***Place Settings**

Those intending to bring place settings must contact Margie Burri to ensure space.

DINE OUT FUNDRAISER 3.6.2018!

RUSSO'S of Naples

Tuesday

March 6, 2018

5pm - 9pm

EAT IN or TAKE OUT!

Please plan to attend and also share this information with all your friends and neighbors. **Each time an order is placed and they mention the**

"Naples Islands Garden Club", our club receives a donation of 20% of each sales check. For RESERVATIONS:

562.433.1616

DON'T MISS THIS FUN EVENT!



Island POPPY

BOARD MEETING

**Monday
March 26th, 2018**

9:30 am

Hostess:

Marilyn Bittle

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Trish Schooley



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Barbie Barker-Litterst

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Diana Schmelzer

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BUNCO BABES



Leprechaun Leap to Judy Taylor's home!

5661 E. Corso di Napoli
 Monday, March 12th
 Bring \$5 in singles,
 "Treasure" in a bag
 6:45 p.m. social
 7:00 p.m. games begin

Please call
Jeanie Miller
 to attend!
 562 .433 . 0566

BOOK CLUB



Judy Taylor displays the Book Club's current read and, later, ladies gather for a feast at the home of Betty Hercus.

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