

Twenty Year Service Recognition



At our September meeting, **Linda Pillsbury** was presented with a *recognition certificate* by **President, Sandy Davidson**. The award from the California Garden Club, represents her 20 years of service to our club.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS



Lynn Shober

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Eileen Ryan
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Diane Jicha

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Sandy Davidson



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SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE

We are in need of volunteers to purchase two bikes and helmets for the *Spark of Love Toy Campaign* this year? Suggested donation is \$25 per person and we limit the collection to the first fifteen donors. We ask that everyone else please bring an unwrapped toy to our wonderful luncheon on Wednesday, December 10th. More information and invitations to follow next month. Please contact Trish to volunteer.

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Girl Scout Troop #145



Newly formed at Naples School because the older scouts have "flown up", are the *Brownies*. Scouting is a long tradition at Naples School and NIGC is happy to support the troop with a \$100 donation. They will use the funds to earn their *Gardening Badge*. Co-Leader is Julie Kay (Berg) Satariano, daughter of member Kay Berg.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Soon, the cooler days of autumn will arrive and we will be in our gardens again. The scorching days of September did not slow our club activities down:

- ❖ Volunteerism did not wilt with the heat, Bonnie Clark and Mary Jo Kerr, our newest members, volunteered to help Marion Beckman with Hospitality task and Priscilla Lane is our new Treasurer.
- ❖ The "Behind the Scene at Rogers Gardens" excursion on October 8 was an instant sell-out; Susan Bell and Meredith Medanich, trip organizers, are maintaining a wait list.
- ❖ *Bring your checkbook* to the October 8 and November 10 meetings; we have the **Nov. 9** fundraiser at Standing Ovation and the **Dec.10** Christmas Luncheon at Virginia Country Club you will want to attend.
- ❖ Our new councilwoman, Suzie Price, is our October speaker. She will utilize the full 45 minute speaker portion of the meeting. A reminder: Please no side conversations during our meeting.

Green Grows Our Island

Sandy

NEXT

General Membership Meeting

October 13th, 2014

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5872 Naples Plaza, Long Beach
12:30 p.m. Social 1:00 p.m. Meeting



Newly elected 3rd district Council person, Susie Price, will speak about the State of our City.

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General Membership Meeting

Door Hostess: Lynette Sewell
Flowers: Dee Mattern
Refreshments: Debbie Ball, Edie Graber,
Marta Griffin, Judi McCall

NEXT BOARD MEETING

October 27, 2014
2:30 p.m.
Hostess: Lynette Sewell
Cohostesses: Barbara Jordon

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, October 6th

Memorial for Pat Pratt

Long Beach Yacht Club
11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday October 8th

NIGC Excursion to Roger's Garden

Meet in Yacht Club parking lot 8:10 a.m.
9:30 a.m. behind the scenes tour.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. at

Sherman Library Garden,

2647 E. PCH Hwy
Corona Del Mar.

Sunday, November 9th

Naples Islands Garden Club Fundraiser,

Standing Ovation, Los Alamitos.

Wednesday, December 10th

Christmas Luncheon, Virginia Country Club.

Save the date and invite your friends!

BUNCO

Join the spooky bunco babes and fly on over

Date: Monday, October 13th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Judy Taylor

5661 E. Corso di Napoli

What to bring: treat, not a trick in a bag!
\$5 in singles

Call: Jeanie Miller at (562) 433-0566

GARDENER'S GALLEY

Sour Cream Coffee Cake

from the kitchen of Linda Silver

1 pkg Duncan Heinz Yellow Cake mix (not pudding)

1 pkg Vanilla, French Vanilla or Cheesecake instant pudding (small)

4 large eggs

1/2 c. canola oil

1 c. sour cream

Put all ingredients in the mixer and beat on high for 7 minutes (no more). Meanwhile mix 1 c chopped walnuts, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 Tbsp Nestles Quik, 1 tsp cinnamon.

Put 1/2 of the batter in greased bundt pan and sprinkle 1/2 of the nut mixture over. Repeat and swirl with a butter knife. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes. Cool for 20 minutes before removing from pan. I have also used a 10x15 glass baking dish to get more pieces (about 24). You need to adjust the time-probably about 35 minutes.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 2 Lisa Hopkins

October 5 Mary Nimocks

October 6 Mary Jo Smith

October 9 Barbara Jordon

October 12 Shirley Klein

October 14 Margie Burri

October 23 Carol Rhea

October 29 Julie Taboada



HORTICULTURE

submitted by Jan Dark, Horticulture Chair

The Multi-Fasceted Begonia

“Just living is not enough. One must have sunshine, freedom and a little flower.”
Hans Christian Andersen, 1895



Rhizomatous begonias These extraordinary plants are showy, plentiful and in bloom 75% of the year. Their normal habitat is subtropical and moist, but do well in Naples, with filtered sun. I have friends inland who grow them outdoors, in areas with some amounts of direct sun. The rhizomes are easy to divide and share. Colors are white, pink, scarlet or yellow. They are named to honor Michel Begon, former governor of French Haiti. They are often called “wax begonia” after their

thick and waxy leaves which help minimize water loss in hot weather.

Mine are **Rex Begonias**, planted by my parents in the 1950s. The showy pink blooms come early Spring and last through November. The flowers appear in large clusters on erect stems above the foliage, nearly three feet tall. The foliage is fuzzy and jagged. I also have one different rhizomatous begonia. It has waxy, heart-shaped leaves with the same erect stem and red flowers. When the rhizomes get too big, I divide and pot to give to others. Best of all, they need watering weekly only.



Tuberous Begonias There are many varieties, from single or double flow, ruffled-petal flowers, to camellia, or carnation-form flowers. There are even pendulous forms perfect for hanging baskets. Their colors are vivid, ranging from red-orange, yellow, white and hot pink. There are even bi-colored varieties. They are wonderful in flowerbeds, patio containers, window boxes or hanging baskets. They bloom all summer and into early fall. They thrive in filtered light and prefer moist soil, but no standing water. Soil should be amended before planting. In containers use a high-quality potting soil. They add color wherever planted.



La Bella's new Benches

Two new cast concrete benches were installed in La Bella Fontana Park in August by **John Amick and his crew from Parks Recreation and Marine**. Our garden club purchased one bench from **South Landscape Co.** to replace a shattered top on a 44 year old bench, placed in the Park in 1970. **Bonnie Zimmerman, owner of the company, donated a second matching bench so the pair would be identical.** The PRM crew skillfully used a crane to maneuver the old benches round the flagpole and camera poles and carefully placed them on a truck.

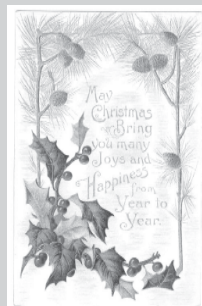
Funds for the purchase of the bench come from the La Bella Fontana Fund, composed of donations from residents and production companies who film in the park.

Sincere thanks go to Bonnie Zimmerman, and John Amick and the PRM crew.

submitted by Sandy Davidson



From left: President Sandy Davaidson, Deborah Clawson and Patti Clark, Beautification Chair. Look closely, crane has just placed old bench on the truck bed.



DON'T FORGET...

FUNDRAISER

Sunday, November 9th
Standing Ovation
10582 Los Alamitos Blvd
Los Alamitos.

Bring your friends and do
holiday shopping early.
Come and enjoy this fun event!

NIGC "Spring Fling"

2015 Secret Gardens of New Orleans

submitted by Dee Mattern, Travel Chairmen

March 19 - 23, 2015

Experience a New Orleans many people never see. Enjoy your stay at a luxury boutique hotel in the French Quarter. Sample delicious French Creole cooking. Tour private gardens, visit the magnificent Houmas House Plantation, and much more. Board a private deluxe motor-coach for a whirlwind tour



covering much of New Orleans and then experience the delightful tradition of afternoon tea at the Windsor Court.

Our trip is being offered by Huron Tours and Travel. To reserve, or for any questions please contact Katie or John Kosta or any of the staff at Huron Tours and Travel, **800.734.1192**. Space is limited. email@HuronToursAndTravel.com or visit: www.HuronToursAndTravel.com

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED



New members Carol Mehler, (second from left) sponsored by Lynn Danielson and Edie Graber. Wendi Vodhanel, (second from right) with sponsors Edie Graber and Rosanne O'Brien.



From left to right: President, Sandy Davidson; Membership chair, Lynette Sewell; Patti Clark and new member, Bonnie Clark, with second sponsor, Pat Nielson. Far right, new member, Mary Jo Kerr.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Sweet, delightful and creative would describe our first speaker for the year. **Charlie Weiland**, owner and creator of *Garden Frames by Charlie*, demonstrated how to make the most beautiful succulent pictures from plants and oak frames designed and made by him. Selecting the assistance of member, Joyce Levinson, she and Charlie worked side by side amidst humorous banter and filling the frames with soil while Joyce cut holes in the wire for the plants to be poked into. At the end of the demonstration, the “framed garden” was auctioned off by entertaining Barbara Jordon! Going, going, gone, to Margaret Dineen-Kern! A most delightful speaker and creative entrepreneur!



Barbara Jordon, Program Chair, visits with guest speaker, Charlie Weiland, of Huntington Beach.



President, Sandy Davidson, Barbara Jordon and Charlie



Barbara Jordon auctions off the beautiful completed succulent picture frame.



At left, Joyce Levinson, assisting Charlie with making of the framed garden.

Wooden frames for planting by members was hot items!

BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

“A Picture in Color”

created by Cathy and Peter Ridder

The bright sunlight that illuminates the Naples bay-front garden of Peter and Cathy Ridder helps provide the perfect setting for the variety of Tree Roses (including “Just Joey” and Peony Rose) and colorful flowers in the patio border. Along the seawall more roses with alstroemeria, alyssum, petunias and lobelia at the base add an additional focus to the walkway along the canal. At the rear entrance, a small garden is adorned by a colorful mural designed by Cathy and local artist, Bethan Clayton. The mural features Molly, the Ridder’s adorable Westie.

submitted by Lynne Clarke, chairman



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