

FLOWER SHOW AWARDS



Our treasured Judges, Miriam Somoana, Darrell Poper and Jillian Browne.

Where would we be without our three wonderful AIFD Judges who take time to come each year! We are so grateful to Darrell Poper, owner of Standing Ovation, who has been with us since 1973; New Zealand born flower designer and consultant Jill Browne has been with us for 21 years; Miriam Somoano, Goldenwest College professor, has been with us now for 8 years. They were completely amazed with the quality and creativity of the arrangements this year and could not get over the number of wonderful place settings. What a joy it is to have so much participation and enthusiasm for this event! Can we repeat this again next year? Of course we can!!! Thanks to everyone for all your individual efforts!

submitted by Margie Burri, Event Chair



"Best in Theme" plus 1st in Place Settings won by President Sandy Davidson.



"Best in Show" was the members' favorite, won by Margaret Kern.



"Judges' Favorite" won by Joyce Levinson



Left:
1st Place Informal arrangement won by Ann Mari Gardner.



Left:
1st Place for Country Bouquets won by Nancee Tinsely.



Left:
Lynette Jordan walked away two 1st Place for teacups and a 2nd for potted Phaleanopsis.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

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Our club sparkled in April with back-to-back events. *Bella Italia*, our signature flower show, was fun and flowery. A record number of 90+ entries filled the tables and delighted our 45 guests.

Margie and committee distinguished themselves with a great event, successful raffle, and had fun with the Italian theme. Grazie, friends!

Arbor Day at Naples School is a heartfelt event. Lynn Shober and committee presented a memorable morning where club members' loved ones were remembered with photos and reflective words. The 2016 NIGC project at the school was gratefully received. Lynn engaged the Student Council and their part of the program was fresh and lively.

Priscilla Lane, Treasurer, will be at the whiteboard again on May 9 for a review of income and expenses of our Beautification Fund. She will also give a quick refresher of the club's 'fixed costs'.

We also vote for new officers on May 9.

Green Grows our Island Sandy

NEXT
General Membership Meeting
Monday May 9, 2016
Gloria Dei Church, 5872 Naples Plaza, Long Beach
12:30 p.m. Social 1:00 p.m. Meeting



The Antique Appraiser

Steve Conti is back by popular request.

Appraiser to the Stars...humorous, informative and enjoyable, Steve is back to entertain us and appraise our treasures. This is certainly a "don't miss" program!

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General Membership Meeting

Door Hostess: Barbara Jordon
Flowers: Lisa Hopkins
Refreshments: Judi McCall, Jan Dark,
Marta Griffin, Tina Everson

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Audrey Grifall
May 5 Ruth Gries
May 9 Linda Silver
May 11 Lynette Sewell
May 14 Joyce Levinson
May 15 Sandy Davidson
May 15 Judi McCall
May 15 Lynda Martinelli
May 16 Barbara Vaught
May 27 Rosanne O'Brien



BUNCO

*"Don't be a wallflower
...be a May flower"*

and join the Bunco Babes

Monday evening, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

*Ginny Clark's house
214 Angelo Walk*

**Remember to bring \$5.00 in singles
and "treasure" in a bag.
call: Jeanie Miller (562) 433-0566**

BOARD MEETING

**Tuesday, May 23th, 2016
9:30 a.m.**

Hostess: Marilyn Bittle
Hostess: Trish Schooley

GARDENER'S GALLEY

Company Hash Browns

Delicious and Easy

30oz. frozen hash brown potatoes. Thawed.

1 cube of butter or oleo
1 cup of grated cheddar cheese
2/3 lb. of Velveta
2 cups of milk

Put hash browns in 13 x 9 dish.
Melt other ingredients and pour over the potatoes.
Make sure the liquid gets through the potatoes.
Let sit at least an hour. This can also be done the night before.

Bake at 350 for 45 minutes to an hour unless potatoes are very cold in which case it may take a little longer.

"Plant Boutique" at Pancake Breakfast!



Building on the success of last year's Spring Fundraiser, our Plant Boutique at the Pancake Breakfast on June 4 is going to be even more colorful, more inviting and more spectacular.

This year the committee will purchase all of the plants and flowers from wholesalers and growers; this will, we feel, give the Boutique a charming but uniform look. So, in lieu of having members donate 2 plants as we have done in the past for our booth at the Flea Market, we are asking you to underwrite the purchase of orchids, bromeliads, cut flowers, cyclamen, pots and supplies.

We'll be happy to do your shopping for you!

You will have the chance to sign up at the May 9 meeting.
Call **Lynne Clarke (562-433-6471)** if you have any questions.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Maureen Poe *Members may direct comments to*
Sponsors: **Kathy Kildebeck** *Lynette Sewell*
Betty Hercus *V-P Membership Chair,*
by May 17th



Reimbursement Requests

Deadline for payment requests to our Treasurer, Priscilla Lane, is **June 12th** and checks **must be cashed by June 29th.**

Orientation

A lovely introductory luncheon for new members will be held at Marilyn Bittle's on June 9th at 11:30 a.m.

Dues are overdue on May 1st and delinquent June 1st.

Hooray, Hooray, it's the first of May!
Membership dues are due today!
If you haven't yet paid please send them along
So we may close our books with no delay!
Thank you.

Lynette Sewell, Membership Chair
If you misplaced your membership renewal form or have questions,
call or email Lynette (562) 439-0491
raftyn@verizon.net



**Joyce Kilmer
1886-1918**

I THINK that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast.

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair:

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

Glimps of the Past

The first Garden Club Flower Show

PRESS-TELEGRAM Long Beach, Calif., Sat., Sept. 27, 1975

Club Notes

Naples Island Garden Club will hold its first flower show Monday, Oct. 13. The club, a member of Costa Verde District California Garden Clubs, Inc., although only in its second year, has a membership of over 65.

Show chairman, Wanda Ice, has announced that entries will be received from members between 9 and 10 a.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5872 Naples Plaza.

Classification and judging will be completed by 1:30 p.m. when the regular meeting will be conducted

there by president, Lou Phelps.

The public is invited to visit the display from 2 to 4 p.m., and to share refreshments.

Costa Verde District, California Garden Clubs, Inc. will meet Wednesday, at 10 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 5450 Atherton Road.

Guest speaker will be Naida Palmer, whose topic will be "Birds in your Garden and How to Attract Them." Long Beach and Naples Islands Garden Clubs will be hosts.

October 8, 1975

Naples Garden Club to sponsor show

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October 13, 1975

Theme:
*Practice
Makes
Perfect*

Pat Crook's
"Best in Show" Arrangement



Wanda Ice - chr. of Flower Show
Virginia Seaman - Hort. Award winner

ARBOR DAY



President Sandy Davidson, Chairmen Lynn Shober and Gloria Gesselman



Principal, Beth Flynn was awarded an Honorary Membership to our Club. Making the award were Sandy Davidson and Lynn Shober.



About forty-seven members and guests were present for the Arbor Day ceremony.



Above: Students perform poetry about "trees".

A sincere "thank you" to the many Garden Club members who attended Arbor Day on April 7th. This year's landscape restoration of the Naples School Auditorium's entrance and Library gave the historic school a unified appearance. The Naples School Student Council recited poems about trees and made pine cone birdfeeders for the family members. The ceremony was in honor of Club members and close family members whom we lost this past year. A big "thank you" to the committee members, Gloria Gesselman, Debbie Ball, Mary Jo Kerr, Carol Mehler, Kristie Nairne who worked so hard to make the ceremony special.

submitted by
Lynn Shober, Chair



Left: Gloria Gesselman, Ania Sullivan, Marge Hohly and Lynne Shober.



Left: Refreshments were served following the ceremony.



Above: Beth Flynn poses with the fourth grade Student Council. Each read a poem for the ceremony.

FLOWER SHOW

LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB

WOW...Italy came to life at our annual Flower Show. The exhibit room had lots of creativity with entries in almost all categories! It appeared that the new time frame of viewing entries and voting for our favorite prior to lunch worked well. The discussions in the exhibit room and the Italian Opportunity Raffle room were contagious. We had 24 wonderful items for the Raffle, donated by our local business friends. A big thank you to them, and perhaps each of us can acknowledge them in person next time you are in their business. The committee worked hard to carry out the Italian theme from the invitations to the welcoming registration table, the Italian Urn centerpieces and the Italian themed menu created by Chef Matt. We had 121 in attendance and the raffle brought in \$1,660 for our Club's Beautification Fund. Thank you to all who supported this wonderful event. Until next year.....



From left: *President, Sandy Davidson; Judges Miriam Somoana, Darrell Poper and Jillian Browne; Chairman of event, Margie Burri.*



Above seated L-R: *Kathy Owens, Meredith Medanich, Judi McCall, Debbie Tebrich.*
Back row L-R: *Lynn Little, Lauren Bennett, Paulina Thompson.*



Above L-R: *Rosanne O'Brien, Marion Beckman, Lisa Mauck, Linda Silver.*



From left: *At reservation table are Jeannie Hughes, Edie Graber, Ducky Caswell, Lynn Danielson.*



Above back row L-R: *1st V-P, Barbara Jordon, Kathy Hamme, Lynne Heitman.*
Seated L-R: *Roz Barberie, Margaret Dineen-Kern, Kathy DeSilva.*

submitted by Margie Burri, Event Chair



At left: *Edie Graber, Linda Silver and Julie Taboada*

At right back row: *Jeanie Miller, April Miller, Betty Hercus, Kathy Kildebeck.*
Seated: *Judy Powell, Pat Estrelles, Marilyn Bittle and Marge Hohly.*



Checking in guests and selling raffle tickets were Patricia Fuquay and Bonnie Clark..



Photo at left L-R: *Marianne Huntley, Patty Davis, Tina Everson, Margaret Dineen-Kern.*

At right: *Viewing flower arrangements are Linda Schoen and Laurie Scanlin.*

