



Judges Miriam Somoano, Darryll Poper and Jill Browne



“Favorite of the Show” voted by members was Joyce Levinson’s Formal arrangement.



1st Place Elaborate teaset won by Cynthia Hall.



1st and 2nd Place for purchased flowers by Margaret Dineen-Kern



1st Place 2”- 5” teacup, Terry Marte-Greco.



1st Place Theme, Kay Berg.



1st Place and 2nd Place went to Ania Sullivan for both of her cymbidium plants.

FLOWER SHOW AWARDS



2nd Place formal Arrangement, Carolyn Powers.



“Judges’ Favorite”, Trish Schooley



3rd Place Dish Garden, Kathy Owens.

Where would we be without our three wonderful AIFD Judges who take time to come each year! We are so grateful to Darryll Poper, owner of Standing Ovations, who has been with us since 1973; New Zealand born flower designer and consultant Jillian Browne, has been with us for 19 years; Miriam Somoano, Goldenwest College professor has been with us now for 6 years. Once again they were “blown away” with the quality and number of arrangements, dish gardens and succulents. Teacups and miniatures were a delight and the teaset arrangements were increased and beautiful! We invite you all to come back next year for another round of creativity! Well done everyone!

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Naples Islands Garden Club

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:



NIGC can be very proud of its last two events. Arbor Day was a lovely memorial in honor of our members and family members who have passed on. The school children are always delightful in their presentation and the speeches from family members and friends were very touching. Gloria and Ruth supervised the planting of the flowers at the school, gave some lovely plants to the family members, provided refreshments and made it a beautiful day for everyone. Even the weather co-operated as it was a bright sunny day.

If you were not one of the more than 120 people who attended the Flower Show, you missed a very special occasion. The decor was wonderful, making the room so festive one couldn’t help but enjoy the day. Many thanks to Lynette Sewell and her creative committee for such a well organized and terrific event. Also, thanks to all the people who entered their designs.

The judges said that it was the best ever. So everyone who submitted an entry deserves to be complimented and of course congratulations to our winners Cathy Muirhead for “Best Theme”, Trish Schooley for “Judges Choice” and Joyce Levinson for “Best in Show.” We have so many talented people in our club.

Even though I am writing this message before May begins, I am confident that our members’ doors will be decorated for May Day. So thank you Diane Bateman, Tina Szafaryn and your committee for encouraging participation in this tradition. It is always so much fun to wander around the neighborhood and admire all the creative choices.

Happy Mother’s Day everyone!

Kathy

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NEXT
General Membership Meeting
Monday May 12, 2014
 Gloria Dei Church, 5872 Naples Plaza, Long Beach
 12:30 p.m. Social 1:00 p.m. Meeting



“Antique Appraiser”
 Humorous, informative and enjoyable...by popular request Steve Conti, Appraiser to the Stars is back to entertain us and appraise our treasures. For sure this is a “don’t miss” program!

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General Membership Meeting

Door Hostess: Cathy Muirhead
Flowers: Cynthia Hall
Refreshments: Cathy Black, Susan Townsend, Shirley Knoff, Judi McCall

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 Linda Rahaeuser
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 12th at 7:00 p.m.

*Kathy Kildebeck's house
179 Rivo Alto Canal*

**Remember to bring \$5.00 in singles
and "treasure" in a bag.**

call: Jeanie Miller (562) 433-0566

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our **Installation luncheon** is fast approaching where special members will be recognized for various achievements. Among those being remembered with 20 years Service Awards will be...

submitted by Lynn Danielson, Membership Chair

**Bonnie Alban
Ann Marie Gardner
Donna Malbon
Pat Nielsen
Linda Pillsbury
Judy Powell**

NEXT BOARD MEETING

May 19th, 2014

Hostess: Laurie Scanlin
Co-hostesses: Lynette Sewell
Marilyn Bittle

GARDENER'S GALLEY

Avocado Dessert Pie

from the kitchen of Helen Roelfsema

2 avocados
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 (14oz) can sweetened condensed milk
1 (9 inch) graham cracker crust
Non dairy topping
chopped walnuts

Peel avocados and remove pit. In blender container combine avocados, lemon juice and milk. Blend 3 to 5 minutes until smooth. Turn into crust and cover completely with whipped topping as desired. Sprinkle with chopped walnuts. Chill in refrigerator 3 hours and serve. Makes about 8 servings.



From left: Lynette Sewell, Edie Graber, President Kathy Owens and Marion Beckman.



From left: Sandy Davidson, Laurie Scanlin, Norma Kober and Barbara Vaught.



Members and family members receive potted flowers in remembrance of their loved ones.

ARBOR DAY

A sincere Thank You to all the Garden Club members who supported our Arbor Day on April 3rd. Ceremony included the planting of Calla Lilies along the Library wall. The highlight was The Naples Academy Student Council reading poems about Lady Bugs. Planting was in honor of our members or close family whom we lost this past year. Big Thank You to my co-chairman Ruth Gries and her valuable assistance.

*submitted by Gloria Gesselman,
Event Chair*



Arbor Day supported by many members, family and friends



Children of Naples Academy recite poems about ladybugs. Principal, Ms. Beth Flynn adjusts microphone.



Chairmen of the event, Gloria Gesselman and Ruth Gries stand before the Calla lilies planted at the school in honor of Arbor Day.

HORTICULTURE

AVOID MISFITS IN THE GARDEN

We've all done it at one time or another; selected plants that, somehow, weren't quite right for our gardens or climate. You're not alone, even landscape designers can go off the rail; or worse yet, their ego takes over and they design for themselves, not for you. To avoid costly mistakes and dust-ups with the 'experts', use your 'garden compass' to guide you in planning then slowly build your garden with TLC and make it truly yours.

A few suggestions: Whether you can visualize a garden design or not, clip ideas from magazines and build a storyboard with a look that grabs your eye. Rearrange these cutouts until you finalize your plan. Consider your lifestyle, property, and how your ideal garden will fit in with your house and your neighbors' properties. Next, sketch or doodle three or four designs showing fences, your house and other structures.

Mark off an area for the garden; it needn't be large. Sometimes, a small area is all that's needed. Don't over-work your garden...think of Audrey Hepburn's little black dress and a string of pearls. It's the cut of the cloth that counts, so is the shape of the garden bed.

Before planting install any of the following features: patio, seating area, fountain, brazier, BBQ, lighting, irrigation and pathway. Hardscape is the bones of your garden.

Take time planning your palette. If your house is a painted lady then opt for quiet and restful colors with more foliage. However, if your house has simpler lines then you're in luck; add some exotics and bold swaths of color. However, don't go overboard with color or else you may end up with a crazy quilt in your yard. Start with only a few anchor specimens; you can add more later. No need to crowd. Also, check out your garden area from the inside of your house. What do you see or would like to see outside your window? Windows are picture frames; compose with this in mind. Also, select colors for outside that are compatible and complementary with your interior color scheme.

Introduce a variety of textures, foliage shapes and heights to create those peek-a-boo areas and dramatic focal points. Greenery is vital to showcase those colorful plants and is equally plush in its own right.

Pretend for a moment that you're coordinating an outfit for a special occasion. First you select a dress or suit (the anchor plants), then the handbag and shoes (those are plants compatible with the anchor plants), then there's the jewelry (this could be one special plant that sets off a spark and gives your garden that Pop!). Put all of these points together and you will achieve a symphony of color and texture and harmony.

Neighbors and friends often give their unsolicited suggestions but, ultimately, your garden is your creation. Select plants on a whim or just because. Most of all, enjoy the activity and sense of fulfillment your garden brings you. It needn't be perfect...-nothing is so don't be afraid to experiment.

submitted by Kathy Kildebeck, chairman

Dues are overdue on May 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.

Lynn Danielson, Membership Chair
If you misplaced your membership renewal form
or have questions
call Lynn at 562-434-7203

Flea Market

Date: Saturday, June 14th

Time: 7 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Place: Naples Plaza at Syracuse

1. Bring ONE thriving plant with "information" about it on an index card about them **before** sale date.
2. Sign up to pick up plants from LBCC & H&H nurseries.
3. Sign up for Pre-Planting Party.
4. Sign up to set up and/or work Flea Market for an hour or more.
5. Call Lynda @ 562-787-9609 if you have questions.
6. You can drop off your plants at Marilyn Bittle or Arv Luce the **day before** or bring them **that morning**.

Anyone wanting should please donate potted plants to the Flea Market to please hold onto them and drop them off at Lynda's house AFTER June 6th.

Thanks, Lynda Martinelli



This really is a fun day...come and enjoy it!

Photos from last year's Flea Market. Don't forget to sign up and join in!!!



Orange County District Meeting, April 7th Farm and Food Lab, Irvine



Members of OCD clubs learn about vertical strawberry container growing.

Above left: Tom Larson, President Kathy Owens and Trish Schooley stand by prehistoric Wollemia pine tree found in Australia. This species of tree dates back to when dinosaurs roamed the earth!

The April meeting speaker was Tom Larson, Manager of the Farm and Food Lab in the Great Park, Irvine. Innovative, knowledgeable and enthusiastic, he showed us areas of planted edibles, small spaces, butterflies, touch and smell gardens, to name a few, that offer a first time exciting horticulture experience for some school children. 40,000 people last year learned about agriculture life cycles, micro and hydroponic gardening, musical instruments created from plant growth and how all of the above aid health, wellness and development that serves the greater community.



Kay Berg and Marilyn Bittle check in Jeanie Miller, Lynette Jordon and Margaret Dineen-Kern.



From left, front row: Barbara Jordon, Cynthia Hall, Jane Hamilton. Back row: Margaret Dineen-Kern, Joyce Levinson and Lynda Martinelli



Left: Barbara Jordon and Helen Thompson add a Parisian touch with perky hats.

Right: Laurie Scanlin and Kathy Owens check out the beautiful cymbidium.



Left: "Best in Show Theme" was won by Cathy Muirhead.



FLOWER SHOW

LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB

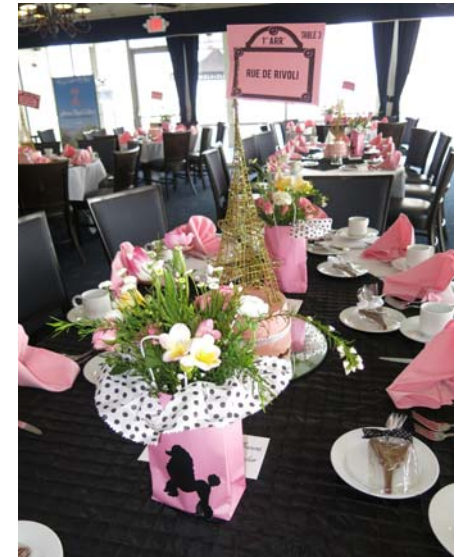
After last year's Flower Show, this writer made the comment that we wished that "whatever sparked this wonderful turnout is repeated next year!" Well, you all certainly did that! What a splendid array of exhibits again this year...the judges were blown away! It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and so many entries and as last year, a number of members brought more than one entry. Almost 125 people in attendance walked into a spectacular Parisian vision of black, white and pink, Eiffel Towers on each table and each named with streets in Paris (as per Jan Dark.) Lynette and her committee of Marianne Huntley (who made chocolate Eiffel Towers), Margie Burri, Lynette Jordon, Diane Bateman and Patty Davis are to be commended for an outstanding event! Hooray to all! Let's repeat this again next year, shall we?!!



At left: In snappy black and white ensembles are Teri Marte, Margaret Hay and Lynn Danielson.



At right: Members Susan Townsend, Dee Mattern, Rose Nason and Cathy Muirhead along with invited guests.



A vision of Parisian splendor!



Seated are judges Miriam Somoano, Darryll Poper and Jillian Browne. Standing are committee members, Margi Burri, Lynette Sewell, chairman of the event, Presidnet Kathy Owens, Lynette Jordon and Marianne Huntley.



President Kathy Owens presented Julie Maleki with a certificate of recognition and bouquet of flowers for her tireless assistance to our Club during Gary DeLong's tenure as City Councilman for the 3rd District.