



Lynda Martinelli displayed a "bugged" green umbrella with flower filled rubber boots.



Margaret Kern's



Joyce Levinson's beautiful gateway.



Kathy Owen's

MAY DAY

Naples was a lot nicer on Sunday, May 1. These were some of the beautiful arrangements hanging on many front doors made by NIGC members and our neighbors. Participants were continuing a NIGC tradition started several years ago to celebrate the arrival of Spring. Great job Naples!

submitted by Kathy Owens,
May Day Chair



Island POPPY

Naples Islands Garden Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

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• Visit the **Plant Boutique** on June 4 at NIA Pancake Breakfast. We open at 7 am, the tables will be overflowing, shop early and linger to greet friends and neighbors. Our many underwriters have ensured the success of this fund and friend raiser.

- **New Member Orientation and Luncheon**, June 9 at the home of Marilyn Bittle. Lynette Sewell will greet our new members and lead a discussion of club projects, traditions, and opportunity for involvement.
- Finally, thank you to all members for your support, excellent questions and observations, and friendship during my term as President. Let's welcome Barbara with gusto at the **Installation Luncheon**. Reminder notice in this issue of *Island Poppy*.
- **Vote on June 7**. The ballot has local propositions on it as well as state and national contests.

"Green Grows our Island" **Sandy**

Annual Installation Luncheon
Old Ranch Country Club
Wednesday, June 15, 2016
 11:00 p.m. Social
 12:00 p.m. Luncheon

Come and Celebrate our "Gardening: An Instrument of Grace"

Put on your Pearls Girls!

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JOINT BOARD MEETING

Long Beach Yacht Club

Monday June 21, 2016

9:30 meeting and luncheon

End of year board meeting

Hostess:

President, Barbara Jordon

No Bunco in June

Jeannie would like to thank everyone who played during the year and the hostesses who graciously opened their homes for fun and games.

She wishes everyone a happy and healthy summer. Play will begin again in September at the home of **Lisa Mauk**
140 Ravenna

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1 Debbie Tebrich
June 7 Ducky Caswell
June 7 Tina Everson
June 9 Arlene Svulich
June 13 Lynn Danielson
June 16 Ginny Clark
June 19 Margaret Dineen-Kern
June 22 Shirley Knopf



GARDENER'S GALLEY

From the kitchen of Helen Roelfsema

Roast Loin of Pork with Fruit

4 pound loin of pork

Dried fruit of your choice, (I use prunes, apricots and pears)

Salt and pepper to taste

Trim meat and wipe with damp cloth. With a sharp, thin knife cut deep little pockets in the meat and insert the fruits. Rub the meat with salt and pepper and roast on a rack in a 325 oven for an hour and forty-five minutes, basting with sauce for the last half hour.

Sauce:

1 cup beer	2 T vinegar
1/2 cup chili sauce	2 tsp sugar
1 cup tomato sauce	2 T Worcestershire sauce
1 T minced onion	2 tsp chili powder

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook two minutes.

From the Treasurer

PLEASE get all receipts needing reimbursement to Priscilla Lane by **June 12th**. Checks need to be cashed by **June 29th**. Roll-over payments into next year make for difficult bookkeeping!!

Congratulations members!

First time ever that everyone has had her dues returned before the deadline of May 31st.

Woohoo...well done!

Many thanks!

Trish Schooley, Roster Chair

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

It is my pleasure to announce three very well qualified ladies who deserve our support and financial help. Each of these women will receive \$800 from our Scholarship Fund for the 2016 Fall semester.

Selena Rivera is 20. She has maintained a GPA of 3.9 while carrying 12 units. She is very interested in studying Landscape Architecture as well as her main Horticulture studies. She is planning on returning this Fall to LBCC. Selena is a dedicated and excellent student and very interested in working outside. Her goal is to learn about designing recreational facilities where people can gather and enjoy the outdoors. Horticulture is her method of learning cultivation for different plans and designs to make space for people to enjoy the wonderful memories that come with outdoor activity.

Mikayla Mason is 19. She has maintained a GPA of 4.0 while carrying 13 units plus. She just completed her first semester in the Horticulture program and, through hard work and many hours of studying, she achieved the highest scores in that program. She is in her third semester at LBCC. Most of her general classes are finished so she can take more Horticulture classes. Mikayla is an excellent student. She has joined the Horticulture Club and Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society. Her sponsor said that she is a very effective communicator and is very positive. She plans on transferring to a 4-year university and majoring in forestry.

Rebekah Barker is 28. She has maintained a GPA of 4.0 while carrying 15 units. She became interested in flowers and trees at a very young age while living with her Grandmother. Rebekah worked alongside her Grandmother and learned to love nature's beauty. She traveled a lot working for people, usually outdoors and in community gardens. A friend suggested she enroll at LBCC and she took the advice. She is an excellent student. Her sponsor says she is a hard worker and volunteers readily when she can and she has a passion for gardening.

These young women are on a great journey. I wish them well and I'm so grateful that we can help them along the way.

submitted by Laurie Scanlin, Scholarship Chair

HORTICULTURE

Thank you for having given me the opportunity to provide gardening information over the past two years. Perhaps you have noted the continued litany focusing on the importance of pollinator gardens. The buzz on bees and butterflies continues, as does strategic water efficiency due to the drought conditions (where is El Nino?). Pesticide free gardens, including jasmine, lavenders, salvias, basil and oregano are home to our pollinator bees, without which a third of our foods (fruits, vegetables, meats, etc) would not exist. Butterflies thrive in these gardens as well.

If you are considering grass removal, check out the lovely plant alternatives available by taking the Garden Tour in Long Beach on May 14 from 10am to 2pm, sign-ups can be made online. Top lawn to garden plant choices are also online. As grass uses two-thirds more water than native plants, this is a wonderful choice available for conservancy. Share a wonderful Spring and Summer in Naples by walking the neighborhood, checking out the plantings and choices being made, and providing the National Garden Club recommended pollinator gardens. See you all in September. *submitted by Jan Dark, Horticulture Chair*



Plant Boutique at Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, June 4th, 2016

Time: 7 a.m. till 11:00 a.m.

Place: End of the Colonade



With the addition of a very generous donation from Kellogg (via our January speaker Gisele Schoniger), the **Plant Boutique** will have another line of products available on June 4 at the **Pancake Breakfast**. In addition to cut-flower bouquets, orchids, bromeliads, dish gardens and a variety of colorful, flowering plants, we will have Kellogg's Rose and Flower Fertilizer, Vegetable Fertilizer and Potting Soil. Prior to the Plant Boutique, we will have these items available in exchange for a donation to the Garden Club. If you missed the May 9 meeting, just give Ginny Clark or Lynne Clarke a call and they will accommodate you. When used in your own garden, these high-quality products will ensure spectacular results.

submitted by Lynne Clarke, Event Chair



BRIDGE RESULTS

The winners of the bridge marathon for 2015-2016

- 1st Place:** Ania Sullivan
Anita Padgett
- 2nd Place:** Shirley Knopf
Lynn Danielson
- 3th Place:** Nancee Tinsley
Ducky Caswell

Winners for the day were:

- 1st Place.....**Helen Thompson
- 2nd Place.....**Susan Bell

A wonderful fun filled day of bridge and a lovely luncheon was enjoyed by 16 of our card playing members.

So far, we have 8 teams signed up and paid. If there are any bridge players out there who would like to join our marathon call ...

Jeannie Hughes (562)439-5616

Hurry! Hurry!

There is still time to make a reservation for our **Annual Installation Luncheon.**

Put on your Pearls Girls...what could be more fun!

This is a chance to give thanks to our outgoing board, welcome in the new board, special announcements and acknowledgements.

Please let Lynn Danielson know ASAP if you are coming.

Deadline June 6th.



NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED!

L-R: Lynette Sewell, Program Chair.
New member Debbie Tebrich, sponsor Pauline Thompson.
New member Lynn Little, sponsor Julie Taboada.
New member Ruth Saa, sponsor Barbie Litherst.
New member Ann Devlin, sponsor Kathy Ridder.



Above: *President, Sandy Davidson; Program Chair, Barbara Jordon; speaker, Steve Conti; Kristen Nairne with turn of the century illustrated "Pied Piper" book.*



Left: *Beautifully handcarved ivory Chinese figurine.*

MAY PROGRAM

Our May speaker, Mr. Steve Conti, our "antique appraiser to the stars", never fails to entertain and inform us and this month was no exception. He is obviously as big a fan of ours as we are of him. We presented him with 25 items to appraise and he handled each one with aplomb. From Marta Griffin's "German Silver" evening purse to Christie Nairne's 1898 Pied Piper children's book and Ania Sullivan's Ivory Tusk and sterling silver cigar cutter we learned new words and gained a greater appreciation of many of our members' treasures. Steve's vast knowledge of so many varied collectables always makes this meeting one of our favorites.

submitted by Barbara Jordon, Program Chair



Above: *Dark oil painting from the 1889 romantic period, possibly painted by candle light.*



Above: *Items brought for appraisal are checked out by members*



At left from L-R: *Ruth Gries, Gloria Glesselman, Barbara Case, Ducky Caswell and Lisa Hopkins check out items displayed on the table.*



Above: *Marta Griffin and Eddie Graber study the tiny silver evening purse.*



From left: *President Sandy Davidson and Excursion Chairmen Susan Bell and Meredith Medanich in bright blue jacket, stand with members and guests listening to our guide.*



Members listen to Tom Carruth.



Reconstructed metal archway with new climbing rose bushes.



Above: *Cycas Revoluta. 640 cycad families have been transplanted into a ribbon effect throughout the garden.*



Huntington Library Gardens

What a treat to spend the day in the rose garden at the Huntington! Curator, Tom Carruth, led garden club members and guests through the newly designed entrance with wide walkways, water conscientious plantings and water feature. The once large estate now consists of 200 acres where Tom's mission is to restore glory to the garden. Rotten trellising has been replaced by new structures built with composite materials to resemble wood. Thick rose bushes were cut away from the old metal archways which were then remade copying the elegance of days gone by. New climbing rose bushes have been planted. Each year it takes six weeks to prune the hundreds of rose bushes like *Sally Holmes*, *Julia Childs*, *Tamora* and *Prima Bella* to name a few. Tom recommends watering rose bushes from the top and planting them where the breeze will keep the mildew from forming. The Tea Room was a delightful venue for lunch with windows framing the rose garden beyond. Thank you Susan Bell and Meredith Medanich for organizing such a lovely excursion!

submitted by Trish Schooley