

SAVE THE DATE ! EXCURSION

~ Susie Armstrong and
Meredith Medanich

January 10, 2018
Sunnylands,
Annenberg Estates,
Rancho Mirage

We were so excited for the great interest at the September NIGC meeting for the **Sunnylands Tour** in January 2018!

The 35 of you who signed up at the September meeting, **please bring your check for \$120 to the October 9th meeting in order to confirm your tour reservation.** We will have a table out front to take your checks. There will be no refunds.

For those who did not sign up at the meeting, we will have a waiting list.

Questions: please call
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562.822.9812 or
Meredith Medanich
562.439.1647



FIREWEED ~ SUMMER IS OVER!

~ Betty Hercus

The first time I saw the real beauty of fireweed was when we spent our first summer in Alaska. It was everywhere. Entire hillsides were covered, and burned forest areas had the beautiful blossom everywhere.

Fireweed is the Provincial flower of the Yukon, not the state flower of Alaska. The locals of Alaska educated me about this plant. Its seeds survive the fires, and it is the first plant to pop up on the burned soil. Its blooming cycle also marks the beginning and the end of summer.

Its blossoms are a vivid fuschia. They start at the bottom of the stalk and work their way to the top. The blossoms wilt on that same path. When the blossoms are dead, the stalks burst open with a fluff much like a dandelion, sending new seeds everywhere. In Alaska at the end of summer, I have seen this fluff along the sides of the road so dense it looks like snow.

Legend has it that when the fireweed is gone, it is best that you be gone too. **Summer is over!**



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



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NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION!

A lovely afternoon gathering was recently held at the home of Laurie and Joseph Scanlin. The purpose of the event was to welcome new Naples Islands Garden Club members and to help orient them to all of the opportunities that are available to them.

Members of the Board introduced themselves and explained their individual NIGC duties. We are an inclusive club, and we welcome any and all ideas and volunteerism! It was a wonderful time getting to know all of the new members!

WELCOME!



Front Row L-R: **Pat Beyer, Ginny Clark, Dee Mattern, Carolyn Doughty, Barbara Jordon, Suzie Beck, and Lynne Misajon** . Back Row L -R **Lynette Sewell, Marilyn Bittle, Ducky Caswell, Patti Clark, Kay Bailey, Julie Taboada, Sumera Wacker, Susie Armstrong, Patricia Fuquay, Meredith Medanich, Marianne Huntley, Cindy Murphy and Victoria Campbell.**



L-R: **Lynette Sewell, Marilyn Bittle, Ducky Caswell, Joe Scanlin, Barbara Jordon, Laurie Scanlin and Marianne Huntley** greet new NIGC members.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the second month of our new fiscal year and all the great activities it holds for us! First we have our General Membership meeting on the 9th and our annual "State of the City" address by Suzie Price. **Please let Marianne know if you have any pressing questions you would like Suzie to address at this meeting.** Then we have our first "Dine-Out" night at Naples Rib Company on October 18th. Gloria Gesselman has flyers available for all of us to give to our neighbors. This is such a fun and easy way to hold a fundraiser so let's try hard to get as many friends and neighbors as possible to participate.

Put on your pearls, girls, and put both of these dates on your calendars. **Let's have some fun!!!**

GENERAL MEETING



**Monday
October 9, 2017
1:00 pm**

STATE of our CITY

Councilwoman **Suzie Price**, 3rd District, will speak about the State of our City.

Door Hostess:

Kathy Owens

Flowers: **Cathy Ridder**

Refreshments: **Dawn Doeve,**

Susan Townsend, Lynn

Danielson, Charl Alber,

Julie Taboada



NIGC BEAUTIFICATION: LA BELLA FONTANA PARK

~ Sandy Davidson

I want to give you a quick update on our pretty park. First, the hedges are on steroids. Mike of Tri City Tree will be trimming them at the end of August. He is our benefactor; he does not charge us for the extensive work. Second, the new tiles are being made and will be installed in time for Veterans Day Saturday, November 11. Finally, one of the windmill palms looks ill. Mike will take a closer look in a few weeks. Please pull out your calendars and note these dates:

Monday, October 2 at 3pm

This will be a general clean-up after a long summer.

Thursday, November 9 3pm

Veteran's Day clean-up.

December Date TBD

We are waiting for a date from the Bay Shore Community Church Choir for Luminaria Night.

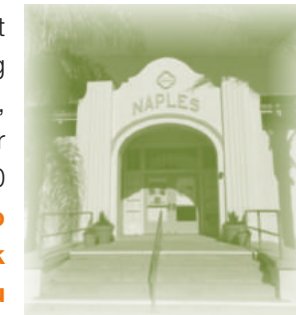
Love our park! Note the Monarch butterflies floating above the milkweed planted at the flagpole.



NIGC BEAUTIFICATION: NAPLES SCHOOL 2017 - 2018

~ Debra Tebrich

It's again time to play with some weeds at Naples Elementary School! Please bring your aprons, gloves, rakes, clippers, trash bags, knee pads. Mostly bring your **happyselves!** It's only from 3:00 till 4:00 on the third Tuesday of the month! **We do need lots of helping hands so thank you for participating whenever you are available!**



DINE-OUT FUNDRAISER

~ Gloria Gesselman, Chair

**Wednesday
October 18, 2017**

Naples Rib Company

Rib Company will donate 20% of your bill to:

Naples Islands Garden Club

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT!

Hours:

Take-out 10 AM - 9 PM

Dine-In. 4 PM - 9 PM

Make sure and mention to the staff who you are, and they will take care of the rest.

**Reservations call:
562. 439.7427**

or online at
[www.ribcompany.com/
reservations](http://www.ribcompany.com/reservations)

Please come and enjoy the famous ribs and help our club to reach its goal.



"Gardening is an Instrument of Grace"
~ Barbara

ROMANCE ETC... HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

~ Pam McCredie and Wendi Vodhanel - Chairs

**Come sip, nibble on goodies, and SHOP!
Sunday, November 5th from 11am - 5pm.**


Romance etc.

**New Location!!
5407 E. Village Rd., Long Beach, 90808**

Bring Friends! 15% of sales go towards
Beautification of Naples

Entrance Fee \$10 Raffle tickets 3 for \$10

Don't forget to sign up for bringing food and work times!

NEW NIGC MEMBERS!



Membership Chair **Lynette Sewell**, introduces new NIGC members and their sponsors: L-R sponsor, **Carol Mehler**, new members **Rebecca Jones** and **Kay Bailey**, and sponsor, **Julie Taboada**.

Prospective Member
DeborahSmith
Sponsors:
Meredith Medanich
Lynette Sewell

Please direct comments to
Lynette Sewell
VP Membership by October 20

NIGC ROSTER CORRECTIONS

Please make the following corrections in your 2017 Garden Club Roster:

1. Carol Mehler

Cell – 562-619-7358

Email – mehlerms@gmail.com

2. Rebecca Jones

drbeek@gmail.com

3. Lynne Misajon

Birthday - September 15th

“HARDY FLOWERING SHRUBS” DALIA BRUNNER PRESENTATION

~ Marianne Huntley, Vice President & Programs Chair

Dalia Brunner from Rogers Gardens started off the new NIGC season with a fun filled program about “Hardy Flowering Shrubs”. She brought dozens of examples to share with the members and explained each one, including where and how to use them in Naples gardens. We learned many do’s and don’ts when planting. She described “full sun” to mean full sun exposure from 11 am to 3:30pm daily and “partial” sun exposure meaning full sun morning to noon.



President, **Barbara Jordon**, Speaker, **Dalia Brunner** and Programs Chair, **Marianne Huntley**.

Dalia presented a humorous side while explaining how not to have your garden look like a “circus,” meaning too many odds and ends. She educated us on the importance of creating garden harmony; pick one plant and repeat. She noted, “People love to see Roger’s Gardens because of the harmony; they are clean, organized, and have repeat borders mixed with new planting.”

She emphasized the importance of pruning plants twice a year in March and October. She said to pick up the top of your plants and “Chop it off the top just like a hair cut!” She gave many more tips and expertly described each shrub. She was happy to “preach” to us in the church sanctuary!

Dalia’s infectious enthusiasm and her **love, love, love** of plants was greatly appreciated!



L-R: **Lisa Mauck**, **Dalia Brunner** and **Marianne Huntley**.



L-R: **Kristie Nairne**, **Lynne Misajon**, **Tina Everson** and **Sharon Civalleri** purchase “hardy shrubs” at the NIGC general meeting.



From **Rogers Gardens** in **Carona Del Mar** enthusiastic, personable and vibrant **Dalia Brunner** presents a variety of **Hardy Flowering Shrubs** for NIGC members’ consideration during the September meeting.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Hopkins

October 2

Mary Nimocks

October 5

Barbara Jordon

October 9

Shirley Klein

October 12

Margie Burri

October 14

Julie Taboada

October 29

For a copy of Dalia Brunner’s handout

“**Hardy Flowering Shrubs**” please go to the Naples Islands Garden Club website at

www.naplesislands-gardenclub.com

(one word no spaces)

SALUTE TO VETERANS 2017

~Betty Hercus, Veteran's Day Chair

This year our Garden Club has another great celebration planned to honor our local Veterans.

**Saturday,
November 11, 2017**

8:30 am

Social, coffee & donuts

9 am

Program

**La Bella Fontana
Park**

at the Colonnade

All Veterans and their families and all of our Naples Islands Community are invited.

Gardening simply does not allow one to be mentally old, because too many hopes and dreams are yet to be realized.

~ Allan Armitage

Island POPPY

FORCING PAPERWHITES

~ Loretta Luskin, Horticulture Chair

Before you know it the Holidays will be upon us! Here's a fun way to create a lovely floral gift for yourself or for a friend. It's always a joy to have flowers inside during Christmastime! Plan to gather your supplies early and prep so that you'll have everything ready in time for gift giving or Holiday enjoyment! Just follow these easy directions and within about 3 weeks you will enjoy Narcissus blooms:

FIND or purchase a low, clear glass container that's not too large. I'm sure you might have just the right one around the house, or try shopping at Dollar Tree or Michaels. I've used bowls with a mouth about the size of a salad plate for 4-5 bulbs. A narrower, slender and taller ones hold 2-3.

FILL the container about ¾ up with either glass marbles (clear or colored) or small river pebbles

PURCHASE a bag of paperwhites or narcissus at your local nursery or Home Depot/Lowes.

PLACE the bulbs on top of the glass marbles about 1-2" apart.

ADD water to bulbs so that the level reaches the base of the bulbs allowing the bottom of the bulbs to sit in water will stimulate growth. Covering the entire bulb with water will cause the bulbs to rot. Keep an eye on them as the bulbs start to grow as they'll use water faster.

KEEP your bulbs in a cool dark environment until the roots develop.

CHECK bulbs daily to see if they need more water. When you see roots developing, move the container to a sunny window. The sunnier the better, but try not to let them get too warm, or they'll grow leggy. (I put mine in my kitchen bay window)

ONCE the plants flower, they will last longer if moved out of direct sunlight to a cool spot.

TO make the stems stand taller, you might choose to tie them with a bit of lovely ribbon or twine.

ENJOY THIS GIFT OF BLOOMS FROM ME TO YOU!



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LA BELLA FONTAIN PARK MEMORIAL FLAG

~ Sandy Davidson

When the flagpole was dedicated four summers ago, NIGC received flags from veterans organizations and from David and Debbie Ball. The last of these flags will be flown for Veterans Day, November 11.

We now have a standard flag that flies well in light winds. **NIGC is offering members the opportunity to buy a flag in honor of or in memory of a veteran.** If you wish to purchase one, please write a check (no cash) for \$50 to NIGC and attach a note with the name of the person "honored" or "remembered." Place the check and note in an envelope and mail to Sandy Davidson, 31 The Colonnade, LB 90803 or place in my mailbox by October 15th. Include the branch of service of the honoree: US Navy, US Marine Corps, US Army, US Air Force, US Coast Guard. We cannot accept gifts of individual flags.

NIGC needs a volunteer for "Flag Duty." The task is easy! The volunteer will store new flags and facilitate a new flag being hoisted every 6 months. Please call or email Sandy to volunteer. It is a patriotic task and not difficult. Bill Davidson, our flag raiser, is being forced into retirement by you-know-who.



At Veteran's Day 2014, **Bill Davidson** posts the first flag on the newly installed pole. Naples WWII Veterans salute during the flag raising ceremony. The flag has flown continuously at the Bella Fontana Park on Naples Island ever since.

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BOARD MEETING

**Monday
October 23, 2017**

9:30 a.m.

Hostess:

Kathy Owens

Co-hostess:

Ginny Clark



**BUNCO
BABES**

**Don't be a ghost!
Float on over for a
Halloween Haunt**

at

Betty Hercus'

156 Rivo Alto Canal

Monday, October 9th

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**



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