

NIGC 2018 TRAVEL DESTINATION

~ Kay Bailey, Travel Chair

We now have dates for our trip to gardens in Vancouver and Victoria!

April 30 - May 5, 2018

The timing is perfect for the tulips. We plan to spend several nights at the St. Regis Hotel in Vancouver. We will have a full day to visit Stanley Park and the rose gardens and perhaps a day to visit the Van Dusen Botanical Gardens.

We will take the ferry to Victoria and visit Butchart Gardens on May 3. We are planning to stay at the Hotel Grand Pacific. Also on the schedule is high tea at the Empress Hotel.

To get current rates we need to book soon. **Ada at Seaside Travel will accept deposits.** Cost of trip is currently \$1500.

More information will be coming soon!



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NIGC HOME BEAUTIFICATION{CONTINUED}



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NIGC BEAUTIFICATION AWARD:
HOME OF MONIQUE SCHMIDT

~ Lynn Shober, Beautification Chair

Monique has created a tranquil Asian garden with soothing water features and dry stream beds. There are pygmy and sago palms, a variety of ferns, and mondo grass. Yellow kangaroo paws, orange day lilies and clivia provide color accents. Tucked away in the corner is a bench complete with pillows that the neighborhood cats find irresistible. As you look around the garden you will notice meticulous attention to detail. There is a playful orange fish planter filled with succulents, slate tiles imprinted with fish and shells surround the doorway. The yard is low maintenance which gives Monique more time to spend with her dogs Georgie and Issie.



Asian water fountain tumbles into a rocky stream bed.



Yellow Kangaroo Paw accents the stairway at the tiled front entrance.



Eye-catching day lily.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



GENERAL MEETING

Monday
November 13, 2017
1:00 pm
Christmas Floral Designs

The Gelson Girls, **Barbara Tavitian** and Regional Supervisor **Alice Grazziani** demonstrate new and traditional Holiday Floral Designs.

Door Hostess:
Susan Bell
Flowers:
Lynn Misajone
Refreshments:
Judi McCall, Tina Everson, Marge Hohly, Linda Silver and Judy Taylor

Here we are almost ready for Thanksgiving and there is certainly no “frost on our pumpkins”! This unusually hot weather reminds us of hot August nights instead of pumpkin pie. No matter. We still enjoy our special place here on our islands as NIGC prepares for our busiest season of the year.

First up is the **Sip, Nibble & Donate** party at Pam McCredie's house on **November 3rd**. Come and support NIGC! On **November 5th** we have a day of holiday shopping at **Romance Etc.** Remember, this is our major fundraiser - all proceeds go to support all our beautification projects throughout the year.

Betty Hercus and her committee have another wonderful morning planned to honor our local Veterans. The ceremony actually falls on **Veterans Day**, Saturday, **November 11th**. This event is greatly appreciated by our community so please plan to attend.

I wish everyone a very **Happy Thanksgiving**. Please take time to count our many blessings and fill your home with the spirit of gratitude.

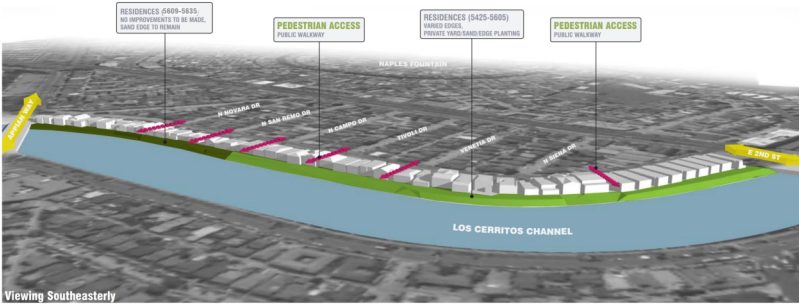
“Gardening is an Instrument of Grace”
~Barbara

OCTOBER BUNCO FUN!

Gathering monthly for a rousing game of Bunco, NIGC members share laughter, camaraderie and good times! On October 9, they met at the home of Betty Hercus for a spooky night of frightful food, fare and fun! To join in, contact Jeanie Miller at **562.433.0566**.



L-R: Sharon Civalleri, Marge Hohly, Marilyn Bittle, Dolores Montoya. L-R: Edie Graber, Lois Thomae, Lisa Mauck, Kathy Kildebeck



An overhead view of the “Sorrento Trail” plan submitted to the California Coastal Commission. Approval of the plan is necessary for the Naples Seawall Repair project Phase II to begin.

Suzie then discussed the homeless situation. It is not practical to continually have them picked up. It requires our police officers to document every piece of their belongings. There is a huge addiction problem amongst them. Many have moved from opiates and are now using heroin. Suzie pointed out that the problem is actually greater in Long Beach than in all of Los Angeles.

Suzie and the city are looking at piloting several programs. One idea is to document refusals by the homeless for help. After multiple refusals of services, judges and police will be able to enforce those services. They are also looking at the cost/benefit and community need for a neighborhood impact prosecutor. Suzie explained the Belmont Shore medians were paid for with meter money. We were informed of an “App” called “GOLONGBEACH” where you can inform clean up crews of graffiti. Two additional clean teams have been added.

The city is targeting 'Chop Shop' sites, selling individual bike and car parts that have been stolen.

Finally, Suzie informed us of an upcoming meeting on October 21, 10 am at Fire station 14, by Suzie's office. Our new police Commander Herzog will be introduced at that time and will be available for questions.

We appreciate Suzie's time and all the current information she shared with us.



FALL FUNDRAISER

PRE-FUNDRAISER GATHERING!

As a fun enticement to submit your checks, chairpersons,

Pam McCredie and **Wendi Vodhanel**, will be

hosting an afternoon
“Sip, Nibble and Donate”

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Pam’s home
42 The Colonnade
November 3rd.

Everyone is invited to stop by and drop off your checks!

NIGC FALL FUNDRAISER

Sunday, November 5th
from 11am - 5pm.



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

SHARE THE LOVE !

Naples Islands Garden Club

Beautification Projects could all use more member volunteers! Please donate your time and energy by contacting the Organizer below for specific project information.

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NIGC ROSTER CORRECTIONS

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

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AUTUMN 2017 NIGC BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

NAPLES SCHOOL ~ Debbie Tebrich, Chair

It's time to play with weeds and share some laughs at Naples elementary school! There are plants, planters, grass and landscaping that need our attention. It is only one hour a month on the third Tuesday from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Bring your "happy selves" equipped with red aprons, gloves, clippers, rakes, trash bags. Helping friends are welcome !



L-R: Pam McCredie, Tish Camp and Dawn Doeve, tend to the Naples Elementary School landscape clean-up in October.

NAPLES PLAZA MEDIAN ~ Eileen Ryan, Chair

The beautiful white roses and trees in the Naples Plaza median are maintained by Garden Club volunteers. In September a group met to clean and prune the plants. A big THANK YOU to Lynette Sewell , who did half an hour on her own, Loretta Luskin and Susan Townsend for helping.



Trees and rose bushes flourish in the Naples Plaza entrance medians.

2nd STREET PLANTERS ~ Marilyn Bittle, Chair

Our lovely pots on Second Street need our tender loving care! Those that have adopted a planter are; Ginny Clark and Susan Townsend (Ravenna to Mr. Rons), Cathy Muirhead (Campo to Tivoli), Cathy Ridder and Marta Griffen(Tivoli to Venetia), Julie Taboada and Linda Silver (Venetia to Siena). Thank you Debbie Tebrich for taking Siena to The Toledo. We need more to help!



L-R: Patti Clark, Independent Pilates owner Allison Esquevil, Cathy Muirhead and Marilyn Bittle discuss the partnership between NIGC and businesses maintaining the 2nd St. planters and landscaping.

The pots need to be checked every couple of weeks, cleaned of trash, and watered. Let Patti or me know when they need replanting and we will do so.

LA BELLA CLEAN UP ~ Sandy Davidson, Chair

17 members in red aprons swept through the park on October 3 in a post-summer weeding, raking, clipping hour of hard work. We all admired the freshly trimmed boxwood hedges courtesy of Mike Frakes, Tri City Tree. Everyone had time to chat and catch up as they worked. Look for us again on November 9 at 3 pm as the gardeners gather to "polish up" the park for the Veterans Day ceremony on November 11.



L-R Patricia Fuquay, Carolyn Doughty, Tish Camp, Barbara Jordon, Barbie Barker-Litterst, Norma Kober.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Delphine Kaufman

November 1

Laurie Scanlin

November 2

Cindy Murphy

November 3

Loretta Luskin

November 6

Marianne Huntley

November 9

Margaret Russell

November 12

Patricia Fuquay

November 16

Marilyn Bittle

November 16

Kathy Kilderbeck

November 18

Marion Beckman

November 21

Margaret Hay

November 24

Judy Taylor

November 29

A Very Special
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Margaret Russell

who will turn
105 years young
November 12



SALUTE TO VETERANS 2017

~Betty Hercus, Veterans 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.**

Cub Scout Pack 105
will also be collecting canned goods
at the ceremony to benefit the
Long Beach Salvation Army Pantry.
Do a good turn and please bring canned
goods for collection!



LUMINARIA NIGHT

**Monday
December 11, 2017**

**7:30pm at La Bella Fontana
The Bay Shore Community Church**
Choir will present a program of

**traditional carols -
ALL ARE INVITED!**

{If it rains, the event will be cancelled}

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SUZIE PRICE & THE STATE OF THE CITY 2017

~ Marianne Huntley, Events Chair

Our 3rd District Councilperson, Suzie Price kicked off our October general meeting. She detailed the State of the City, and, in particular, what affects our community.

We received an update on the Seaport Marina Hotel location. The hope of the city and the owners is to turn the location into something that will be modeled after "Fashion Island" and "Pacific City" in Huntington Beach. She explained that the future of shopping will be more "experiential" with outdoor lounging and live music.

Suzie explained Seadip vs Seasip. Jan Hall in 1977 came up with the original Seadip plan which protected the area off of PCH and Loynes on down to Seal Beach. It had deficiencies in the protection of the wetlands and so a new plan, Seasip was created.

We also received a General Plan update, which is general zoning for the city. Right now it is just in the proposal stage as the city is addressing growth in the next 40 years. Suzie said nothing is being proposed in the 3rd district at this time.

Naples Seawall update; The 2nd phase is fully funded and a plan for the Sorrento Trail has been completed. It addresses the residents' concerns as well as Coastal compliance, which should have a hearing within the next 6 months. (continued pg. 7)



Improvements and maintenance of the Belmont Shore Medians will be paid for with parking meter revenue.



L-R: Marianne Huntley, Councilwoman Suzie Price and NIGC President Barbara Jordon

NEW GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS!



Please cut and tape into
NIGC Roster 2017

Welcome!

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Birthday: 04/03

L-R: Membership Chair, Lynette Sewell, Pat Beyer, with sponsors Ducky Caswell, Wendy Vodhanel, and Suzie Beck with sponsor Marianne Huntley.

New Garden Club Members and their Sponsors were presented at the October General Meeting. NIGC Membership Chair Lynette Sewell noted that the new active membership has reached capacity with the approval of new member Deborah Smith (who will be presented at the November General Meeting) and four other prospective members who are in the "acceptance process". This means that any new prospective members may have to wait until an active member vacates her position before joining the club.

NAPLES RIB CO. FUNDRAISER FUN!

~ Gloria Gesselman, Dine-Out Fundraiser Chair

The Garden Club Fall fundraiser "Dine Out Night" was held Oct 18 at Naples Rib Company. I was delighted with the member turn out!



L-(front to back) Dick Bell, Barbara Jordon, Joyce Levinson, David Kriesal, Vic Irwin (standing) Mike & Lynette Jordan. R- (front - back) Susan Bell, Margaret Dineen-Kern, Loretta & Bob Luskin, Mort Kern.

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BOARD MEETING

**Monday
November 27, 2017**
2:30 p.m.
Hostess:
Barbara Jordon
Co-hostess:
Ginny Clark

NIGC DAYTRIP

January 10, 2018
**Sunnylands,
Annenberg Estates,
Rancho Mirage**



**Do the Bunco
Turkey Trot !**

to
Sharon Civalleri's
home
130 Rivo Alto Canal

Monday, November 13th

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