

MAY DAY

May Day was a hot, dry, windy day this year but that did not stop residents from celebrating the day with flowers. The displays were beautiful and creative. We rode our bikes criss crossing the island to view as many as possible. Thanks to everyone who

participated!

*Submitted by Diane Bateman,
Event Chair*



Island POPPY

Naples Islands Garden Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

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During my time as President, I tried hard to thank our officers and board members for all the good work they did for our club. Each one of them made my job much easier. They knew what needed to be done and did it. I never had to worry that something would fall through a crack, because I knew they were on top of everything. Also, things often happened that added to their duties and they always took on the extra burdens graciously. So, thank you again Edie Graber, Lynn Danielson, Margaret Hay, Eileen Ryan, Barbara Jordon and Marilyn Bittle.

Our Chairmen did the same. Anyone watching saw a prime example of this when Diane Bateman and Cathy Black-Smith rode around Naples placing cards on the doors of our May Day participants. Also, Dee Mattern and Linda Schoen deserve similar praise for making travel plans for our members to attend distant events. These ladies took on these jobs and quietly and efficiently did them well. Linda Martinelli will do the same for the Flea Market. So thank you to all of our Chairs and Co-Chairs for stepping up and doing your jobs so well.

Last, congratulations to Sandy Davidson and our new Board. Sandy will be a great president. Please celebrate with us on June 12 at her Installation.

It has been a privilege to serve as your NIGC president. I've had a wonderful experience filled with friendship and a sense of accomplishment. So, thank you.

Installation Luncheon
Old Ranch Country Club
 11:00 p.m. Social
 12:00 p.m. Luncheon
Thursday, June 12, 2014
Please come and celebrate our Officers for their past two year efforts and welcome our new slate of Officers.
Be creative with your hats!

Jump on Board!

Installation Luncheon is just around the corner.

This is a golden opportunity to celebrate two wonderful years with Kathy Owens, thank the board for all their efforts and welcome Sandy Davidson and her board. This is a great group of garden loving women. Join in, make a difference and have fun making new friends. Hurry and get those reservations in to Kay Berg if you haven't already done so.

Categories for Hat Awards

Ladies! Remember how much fun this was last year?

Be thinking about those wonderful creations!

Be bold; have fun with this!

- 1. Most Glamorous**
- 2. Most Humorous**
- 3. Best use of Flowers**
- 4. Best of Theme**
- 5. Most Outrageous**



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*****CHANGE***
JOINT BOARD MEETING**

Monday June 23, 2014
9:30 social - 10:00 meeting
End of year board meeting
Hostess: Ginny Clark
214 Angelo Walk
Hostesses: Lynda Martinelli
Trish Schooley

BUNCO
Never June Gloom!

Join the Bunco Babes for one more blast before summer.

June 9th at the home of:

Linda Silver

20 Rivo Alto Canal 7:00 p.m.

Please bring \$5.00 (in singles) and fun gift in a bag, (not too funky!)

Mark your calendar now!

Call Jeanie Miller, 562-433-0566

JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

June 7 Ducky Caswell
June 9 Arlene Svlich
June 13 Lynn Danielson
June 16 Ginny Clark
June 17 Nikki Mertz
June 19 Margaret Dineen-Kern
June 22 Shirley Knopf



GARDENER'S GALLEY

From the kitchen of Jeannie Hughes
(by popular board request!)

Egg Brunch Delight

12 slices white bread (cubed)
1 lb. sausage browned and drained
mushrooms sliced and sauteed
3/4 lb. grated cheddar cheese (or jack and/or shredded Parmesan)
Layer the above four ingredients in a buttered casserole.

Beat together the 4 ingredients below.
Pour over sausage and bread mixture.

6 eggs
1 tsp. mustard (dry)
1 tsp. salt
2 1/2 cups evaporated milk
Mix 1 can mushroom soup
and 1/2 can evaporated milk.

Spread over top of casserole.
Bake 1 hour at 325
Let stand 10 minutes before cutting in squares.
Can be made one or two days ahead.

The Club welcomes new member:

Mary Jo Kerr

If you haven't already indicated
corrections to your contact information
on your membership form, please
contact Trish Schooley by the
deadline of June 30th. Thank you.

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HORTICULTURE

A Master Gardener's Pruning Philosophy

Abandoning his dream of becoming a physician, Ezio Etow learned all about plants while growing vegetables in an internment camp during WWII. The following is his pruning method and philosophy. All references to 'plant' apply to both trees and shrubs.

"The biggest threat to plants isn't pests, disease or draught.
It's the gardener."

Become acquainted with your subject: study its natural form. The back of a plant needs attention, too. Careless cuts can take years to correct, if ever.

Before you start cutting WITH CLEAN SNIPPERS, examine the specimen for dead, broken, malformed, crowded, crossed limbs/branches/twigs, all which should be cut away. To avoid cutting away a good limb, use bright nylon twine to identify those that need pruning.

"Leave your ego outside the garden."

Making that first cut: position clippers 1/4" from the main trunk or main branch and make a traversal cut across area to be cut away (do not cut on an angle, angle cuts are LARGER and expose MORE SURFACE which could increase chance of DISEASE).

First remove obvious suckers and any other branch that can drain the energy out of the plant. Make sure to cut above nodes/buds so they face upward and outward. (Inward growing branches are formed when one willy-nilly cuts below an inward growing node/bud.) Never prune away any more than 15% of any plant. Plants need leaves for photosynthesis (plants process sunlight to synthesize foods from carbon dioxide and water and generates oxygen as a by-product).

After you make the first cut, step back (much like a painter at the easel) and check the 'balance' of plant before moving to the next limb.

Prune after a plant's blooms are spent or after fruits have been harvested. Of course, prune any time there's obvious damage to a limb to eliminate an obvious path of disease from entering the plant.

Wait a couple weeks before fertilizing. Apply a balanced fertilizer around the drip line, not near the trunk. No matter how mild a fertilizer may be, dilute all formulas with a ratio of (1) part fertilizer to (2) parts water. It's better to feed rather than fertilize. Use organics whenever possible but remember that too much of a good thing can also harm instead of help.

Start young plants off on the right 'foot' to ensure both a pleasing and correct form as it matures. A well-pruned young plant will eliminate tangles and mish-mash as it developed and make future pruning a snap.

Put as much thought into pruning as you would in selecting a new hairstyle...we can all relate to that.

Follow Mr. Etow's footsteps and you can prune anything.

Hugs to all. Kathy Kildebeck, Horticulture Chairman



Mr. Ezio Etow

Green Sheets

Kudos to the 57 active members who returned green sheets to Marilyn Bittle in March. This is an all time record and a testimony to the spirit and energy of our members. The 2014-16 Board is almost complete. I may be making one or two more calls and I hope our members will respond with a "yes" to fill the remaining positions. We are a busy club and we need "all hands on deck".

Sandy Davidson
President Elect

BRIDGE RESULTS

*The winners of the bridge
marathon for 2013-2014*

1st Place: Lynn Danielson
Shirley Knopf

2nd Place: Nancee Tinsley
Anita Padgett

3th Place: Tina Szafaryn
Jeannie Hughes

*Congratulations to all the winners..
a great time was had by all!*

**Last call for next year's Bridge Marathon.
So far, we have 10 teams signed up and paid.
Call Jeannie Hughes (562)439-5616**

**PLEASE have all receipts needing reimbursment to Eileen Ryan By.....
June 15th. Roll-over payments into next year make for difficult bookkeeping!!**

Please note date change!

Orange County District Meeting



**Rancho Los Cerritos
Luncheon and silent auction
4600 Virginia Road, LB
Friday June 20th, 10:00 a.m.**

We would love to have a great show of member support at this event. Lunch will be in the gardens under the trees and it will be an opportunity to meet some really neat members from other clubs and contribute to the District fundraiser. If you did not sign the clip board going around at the May meeting, please call Sandy at 439-6790 or Trish at 439-3932. Lunch is \$20 paid in advance to NIGC. Thank you to those seven members who signed up and have so kindly offered to host this meeting...you are the best!!!



2014 Financial Review Committee

The Financial Review Committee, Tamara Achauer, Lynn Danielson, Barbara Jordon, begin work in mid July to look at all aspects of finances for the past year. Based on their report, the annual budget is prepared. Thanks to our members for their sharp pencils!

Sandy Davidson

Flea Market

Saturday, June 14th, 2014

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

Place: Naples Plaza at Syracuse

- * Don't forget to bring **one plant** for the Flea Market on Saturday June 14th, **before 7:00 a.m.**
- * Or you can drop them by the day before in... Arv Luce's garden at **180 Syracuse Walk**, or Marilyn Bittle's **141 Syracuse Walk**
- * Even if you have not signed up, you can just stop by after 1:00 p.m. and help clean up. We need all your help for this event.
- * Don't forget to come by and shop as well! Lots of treasures for sale!
Thank you.

Lynda Martinelli, Chairman

2013-2014 HORTICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

It is my pleasure to announce we have awarded a scholarship of \$ 800 to Karen Tejada for the Fall Semester of 2014 at LBCC. Karen is 26 years old and presently a Horticulture major carrying 14.5 units and maintaining 3.067 GPA. She is the youngest of eight children and the first in her family to go to college. Her instructors tell us Karen has always been very active in the lab and not afraid to ask questions and search out answers. She intends to take more horticulture classes at LBCC and then transfer to a University and receive a degree in Soil Sciences with an emphasis on organic soils.

Our second recipient, Sean Kite, will receive \$800 for the Fall Semester of 2014 at LBCC. This is the second time he has received a scholarship from the garden club. He is 25 and carries 13.5 units and has a GPA of 2.7. This young man has had many roadblocks in his quest for success at LBCC. His attitude is remarkable as he states " I have learned to accommodate myself so I can do just about anything a person without disabilities can do." He, also ,works for the college in their plant sale and volunteers at the Urban Farm community garden pruning, planing and restoring the landscape. He intends to become a landscape architect and says he is progressing closer and closer to his goal.

These are two really deserving students and I'm proud that we can help them realize their goals through our scholarship program.

Laurie Scanlin, Scholarship Chairman

MAY PROGRAM

We were thrilled to hear Steve Conti, Appraiser to the Stars say that he loved doing our program because he got to appraise East Coast treasures located here in Naples! Such a delightful speaker! Some of the items included jewelry, an elaborate Chinese incense pot, silver teapot and a Prang bowl.

Left: Steve holds his most favorite item.



Steve Conti appraises a pair of beautiful Satsuma vases.

Above: The Rookwood vase hand blown with style # of the person who crafted the vase in Cincinnati in 1927.



At left: Patti Clark places antique Ansonia Swinger clock with a pendulum swing. Crafted in the early 1900's with Huntress figurine.



Above: Program chair Edie Graber introduces Steve Conti.



Above left to right: Trish Schooley; President, Kathy Owens and Steve Conti hold hand stitched Oriental tapestry.

Below: Hand painted platters from the 1800's and signed by the artist brought by Kay Berg.



At right: Small barley twist oak wood hand carved table belonging to Sharon Civalleri.



Descanso Garden Excursion

March 27, 2014



"Just living is not enough..."



...one must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower."



Author, Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1897)



A Day in Pictures