

MAY DAY is COMING UP!



The origins of May Day celebrations appear in Pre-Christian times, with the Floralia, a festival of Flora, the Roman goddess of flowers! Help our community celebrate by decorating your door or gate with flowers on Monday, May 1st. Let's encourage our neighbors and friends to participate as well. We can walk and bike ride throughout Naples to view everyone's displays. We will visit the homes and take photographs to be shared on our website and in our 'Poppy'. Please email me with your intention to participate.

We hope to see a lot of your homes with May Day Flowers! Thank you!
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DINEOUT FUNDRAISER

Another opportunity to dine out with friends and have 20% of your cuisine go to Beautification Projects for the Garden Club!

**Mark your calendars to dine or take out
at Russo's
Monday April 24th, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.**



MEMBERSHIP

**Membership dues are
payable May 1st.**

Please submit your completed
Dues Notices with your checks
payable to: NIGC
to Lynette Sewell.

**Remember to note any changes or
corrections on your contact
information form.**

*submitted by Lynette Sewell
Membership Chairman*

CORRECTION for New Member
Suzie Armstrong's phone number is:
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PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBER



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Naples Islands Garden Club



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Happy April everyone. Spring has sprung and we are still recovering from all the fun we had at our 43rd annual Flower Show last month. Margie Burri and her creative committee did it again and produced another wonderful event. Thanks to everyone who attended and participated in the show. Now on to the rest of our year. By now you have received your Green Sheets and I hope that you will find something to sign up for that you have never participated in and give it your all. There are so many different areas of our club to select from that I'm sure there is something you would love to try. We also have a very important business meeting this month. I hope you have read the suggested changes included in your March Poppy and plan to attend and cast your vote. A very happy birthday to all our "April babies". See you on the 10th.

"Gardening is an Instrument of Grace"

Barbara

**Membership dues are payable by May 1st.
Please get them to Lynette Sewell promptly.**

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General Membership Meeting

Monday, April 10, 2017

Gloria Dei Church, 5872 Napes Plaza, Long Beach
12:30 p.m. Social 1:00 p.m. Meeting

MONROVIA
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*How to enhance our
gardens with Monrovia!*

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

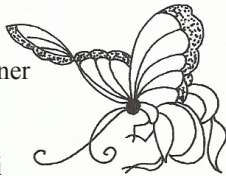
April 24th, 2017, 9:30p.m.

Hostess: Trish Schooley ****CHANGE****

Co-hostess: Ginny Clark

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 2 Syble Amos
April 4 Lynne Clarke
April 6 Cathy Muirhead
April 8 Ann Devlin
April 9 Dawn Doeve
April 10 Ann Mari Gardner
April 10 Jan Dark
April 15 Linda Schoen
April 16 Carolyn Marchi
April 17 Donna Malbon
April 21 Jeanie Miller
April 21 Susan Townsend
April 25 Bonnie Albin
April 25 Eileen Ryan
April 26 Cynthia Hall
April 26 Helen Thompson
April 27 Gloria Gesselman



PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Please direct your comments to Lynette Sewell

Lynne Misajon

Sponsors:

Cindy Murphy
Cathy Muirhead

Tish Camp

Sponsors:

Kathy Owens
Kay Berg

Bunco

April 10th, 2017

**Spring has sprung with April showers.
Bunco Babes are invited to the home of
Linda Silver**

20 Rivo Alto Canal

Bring your Spring Time treat
and five \$1.00 bills

call: Jeanie Miller (562) 433-0566

GARDENER'S GALLEY

From the kitchen of Lauren Bennett

Buckeyes

**Chocolate covered Peanutbutter balls
served at Arbor Day**

2 - cups of Chunky Peanut Butter
1 - box of Powdered Sugar (1 lb)
1 - stick of butter (room temp)
3 - cups of Rice Krispies
12-ounce of semi-sweet chocolate bits

Day 1

Mix the Chunky Peanut Butter, powdered sugar, butter and Rice Krispies (WELL) and form into small balls.

Place them on a cookie sheet with wax paper and put in the freezer overnight.

Day 2

Melt the semi-sweet chocolate bits in a double boiler.

Stick Toothpicks into the balls and dip part way into the chocolate.

Let stand on foil until hard.

They can be stored in the freezer until eaten.

Year End Bridge Luncheon

Friday, May 19th

Long Beach Yacht Club

Check in at 9:15, Bridge at 9:30

\$36 luncheon reservation check made out
to Jeannie Hughes, 5651 Sorrento Drive.

562-619-4015 (cell)

\$35 check to NIGC for next year's Bridge
Marathon.

Please sign up as a single as soon as
possible so

even tables can be arranged.

ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS ARE INVITED!

BOOK CLUB



The NIGC's Evening Book Club met this month at Pam McCredie's home and discussed the book "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" by Jennifer Chiaverini. Pam surprised the group with a light supper of delicious Shrimp Linguine. This month's meeting marks the Evening Book Club's 4th year. The club meets on the third Thursday of each month and have read and discussed many wonderful books....fiction, non fiction, historical, and even educational. It has truly been both a fun and interesting club within the Garden Club.

submitted by Betty Hurgus

Plant Boutique

Saturday, June 3rd

Be sure to mark your calendar for our upcoming Plant Boutique to be held in conjunction with the NIA Pancake Breakfast on June 3. Last year's event was so successful that we plan to stick with what we know works. Once again we'll have cut-flower bouquets, dish gardens and a wide variety of potted plants, and plan to add a selection of small terrariums.

We, again, request that members participate by underwriting the expenses incurred by the purchase of plants, planting materials and containers.

Sign-up sheets for underwriting and working the Boutique will be available at the May meeting. Please call Lynne Clarke (562-433-6471) or Debbie Tebrich (714-840-0290) with any questions.

Lynne Clarke, Chairman



It's Antique Appraisal Time Again!

Steve Conti, a well known and well respected Appraiser to the Stars is returning to our membership meeting on May 8th. Perhaps you have a treasured piece? Or something you are very curious about and have no idea of its value? Steve is always fun and very entertaining. He comes our way from Beverly Hills and needs to get on the road before traffic. The first 20 members to contact Marianne Huntley via email or phone will qualify to bring in a single item each for appraisal.

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Annual June Luncheon

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Old Ranch Country Club

11:00 a.m. Social, 12 noon luncheon

Theme:

**"Celebrate Flag Day the
Garden Club Way"**

Join in the fun and wear your
favorite hat!

This takes place of our General
Meeting for the month of June.

FLOWER SHOW AWARDS



"Judges' Favorite" won by President Barbara Jordon.



"Best in Theme" won by Ducky Caswell.



"Members' Favorite" won by Betty Hercus



L-R: Our Judges Miriam Somoano, Darrell Poper and Jillian Browne.

Where would we be without our three wonderful AIFD Judges who take time to come each year! We are so grateful

to Darrell Poper, who has been with us since 1973; New Zealand born flower designer and consultant Jillian Browne has been with us for 22 years; Miriam Somoano, Goldenwest College professor, has been with us now for 9 years. Despite not quite as many entries this year, we have to hold our wet winter responsible for not allowing our blooms to blossom! However, all those who submitted entries did a wonderful job and Darrell was duly impressed with the arrangements. Thanks to everyone for all their individual efforts!



1st Place Succulent won by Cindy Murphy.



3rd Place Informal arrangement won by Kay Berg.



1st Place Classic arrangement won by Cynthia Hall.



1st Place Simple Place setting won by Debbie Tebrich.

Arbor Day



L-R: Priscilla Lane, Gloria Gesselman, Sally Schmidt, Terri Marte-Greco, Linda Silver.



Thank you to all the Garden Club members who attended the Arbor Day Ceremony. This year's memorial planting at the historic Naples Elementary School included a Strawberry Tree, several Hawthorne shrubs and Agapanthas.



Approximately forty members and guests turned out to remember friends and family.



Above: Sandy Davidson thanks Mr. Wood and two of the students who read poems about trees.

The Student Council led by Principal Mr. Wood, recited poems and gave members hand painted pots planted with succulents. A sincere thank you to committee members, Lauren Bennett, Kay Berg, Sandy Davidson, Dawn Doeve, Linda Frame, Mary Jo Kerr, Lynn Little, Carol Mehler, Kristie Nairne, who worked hard to make the event very special.



Back row L-R: Miles Redman, Carol Mehler, Kristie Nairne, Linda Frame, Dawn Doeve, Principal Mr. Wood.

Front row L-R: Sandy Davidson, Arbor Day Chair Lynne Shober, President Barbara Jordon, Lynn Little, Mary Jo Kerr, Lauren Bennett and three Student Council students.

submitted by Lynne Shober, Arbor Day Chair





President Barbara Jordon introduced Third District Councilperson, Suzie Price, who addressed attendees.



Julie Taboada and Patricia Fuquay diligently organizing tables of entries.



L-R: Lynette Sewell, Diane Bateman with guest Nita Hardin enjoying the single bloom display.



L-R: Barbara Jordon; Judges Jillian Browne and Darrell Poper; Event Chair, Margie Burri; Judge Miriam Somoano.



L-R: Marianne Huntley, Margaret Dineen-Kern, Margie Burri with flower arrangement donated by Gelson's for the silent auction.



-4- Pat Nielson and Audrey Grifall



L-R: Margie Burri with committee Judy Taylor, Susan Townsend, Debbie Tebrich, Julie Taboada, Patricia Fuquay.



L-R: Bonnie Clark, Paulina Thompson and Cynthia Hall.

FLOWER SHOW

LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB

What wonderful team work to create our beautiful flower show this year! So many members came out in great number to assist in many different ways to support the Event Chair, Margie Burri and a huge thank you to all of them. Although there were fewer arrangements due to the wet winter, they were none the less gorgeous and the succulent containers thrived. The main dining room was a burst of vibrant yellow with potted spring flower center pieces. The silent auction raised \$1,590 for our beautification projects, and everyone enjoyed the day. Special guests Suzie Price and her assistant Lisa West were present as well as Editor of Alamitos Bay Magazine, Heidi Nye. Thank you everyone for turning out in great style!



Suzie Price and Assistant, Lisa West.



**L-R: The Ladies in Hats...
Ducky Caswell, Marilyn Bittle, Barbara Jordon, Sandy Davidson, Lynette Jordan, Trish Schooley.**



L-R: Happy table of members enjoying the wonderful day!



L-R: Looking over the great selection of silent auction items are Edie Graber, Marion Beckman, Eileen Ryan and Carolyn Powers.