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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December 2014



o Cynthia Carderelli - you know how to produce an event! Our Nov. 9 Sunday afternoon fundraiser at Standing Ovation Flower Gallery was festive, full of members and friends, and successful. *Grazie!*

- o Thank you to members who were at the Veterans Day photo at *La Bella Fontana*. This was the second year NIGC placed a wreath at the flagpole. The number of veterans who attended doubled and the Boy Scouts came as well. The wreath was placed in the foyer of Naples School for several days after Nov. 11.
- o Please remember that "member information may be used for Club purposes only".
- o Sunset comes quickly in December; we are fortunate to live in a community where sparkling holiday lights carry us through the short days of the winter solstice and into the New Year.
- o Our club pauses after Luminarias Night on Dec. 16 and into the New Year. Put up your feet and sip some eggnog!

"Green Grows our Island."

Sandy

"Holiday Gifts from the Heart"

at beautiful Virginia Country Club

Date: Wednesday, December 10th
Time: 11:00 a.m. Social
 12:00 p.m. Lunch
Bring: A friend and a special unwrapped toy!

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Left: Garden Club members who gathered to honor Veterans.



Right: Barbara Jordan, (left) 1st V-P; Sandy Davidson, President, who organized beautiful wreath.



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Rear, L-R: John Creamer USN; Dick Landes USN; John Koenig USN; Jerry Marty USA; Roger Powell USA; Peter Smith USA; Bob Luskin USCG; Rick Pillsbury USA
Middle, L-R: Eugene Connor USN; Wayne Thompson USN *WWII*; Jim Ferraro USN *WWII*; Bill Davidson USN
Front, L-R: Peter and Jack Sangmeister, BSA Troop Pack 105, Naples School

This portrait provided an opportunity to honor a dozen Naples veterans, two of whom served in World War II: *Wayne Thompson and Jim Ferraro*. The participation of Boy Scout Troop 105 was new this year and welcomed.

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GARDENER'S GALLEY

Teriyaki Marinade for Tri Tip or any Beef

from the kitchen of Eileen Ryan

Combine

- ¾ Cup oil
- ¼ Cup soy sauce
- ¼ Cup honey
- 2 Tbls vinegar
- 2 Tbls finely chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic (minced)
- ½ Tsp. Ground ginger

Marinate beef in mixture for 3-10 hours. Grill.

BUNCO

Happy holidays from Jeanie Miller

Applause to all our Bunco Babes for their participation in our monthly get togethers. Special thanks to Dolores Montoya for being our bean counter; Kathy Kildebeck for rallying the troops with phone calls; to Judy Powell for keeping us tallied with score sheets and to all the Bunco Babes who open their homes in which we gather to play these games.

Roster Changes

Please make note of this information...

Susan Townsend's email is:

susanmtownsend6@gmail.com

There is an "m" missing in her name.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

December 12, Cynthia Cardarelli

Lighting luminarias last year, Dec 2013



This was such fun!

Remember that luminaria assembly will be on Tuesday, Dec. 16th at 4:45 pm. and lighting immediately after sunset about 5:00 p.m. Come to help and enjoy this lovely tradition. As took place last year, a short carol concert by the Bayshore Community Church Choir will lead us in Christmas music at 7:30 pm. Bring your neighbors, enjoy and join in with the choir's joyous voices. We will extinguish the candles at 9:30 pm. If it rains, it will be canceled.

REMINDERS

1. We hope you have all made your reservations by now for the Christmas Luncheon.
2. Remember to carpool. Invite a "non-driver" who otherwise may not come.
3. You are welcome to drop your guests off at the main entrance, then go park. Golf carts will be roving the parking lot if you need a lift back to the club house.
4. Bring a new, quality, unwrapped toy or gift cards for a needy child this Christmas.

New Member

At the November meeting, **Lynn Shober**, center, was welcomed as the newest member of the Garden Club. Shown from left are **Lynette Sewell**, Membership Chair, Sponsor **Eileen Ryan**, **Lynn Schober**, sponsor **Cindy Murphy** and President, **Sandy Davidson**.



Beautification Award

Beautification Chair, **Lynne Clark**, (left) presents the Beautification Award to **Lynn Gesner** in recognition of this month's garden. Lynn will display the sign in her beautiful garden for several weeks.



REMINDERS FROM THE TREASURER

NIGC Expense Reimbursement Form (club owes you money) and Deposit Form (for cash and checks to club) are on the *Members Only* section of our website. Please print out, fill out, attach receipts, scan and email, or deliver to Priscilla Lane, our treasurer. *If you have checks and/or cash, all ahead and let her know you are dropping them off!*

When writing forms and checks, please make them legible.

HORTICULTURE

VEGETABLES



The seeds I sowed
 For weeks unseen
 Have pushed pigmy shoots of green
 So frail you'd think the tiniest stone
 would never let a glimpse be shown.
 But no, a pebble near them lies
 at least a cherry-stone in size
 which what mere sprout has heaved away
 to bask in the sunshine, see the day."

Walter de la Mare, 1917.

Lettuces, carrots, eggplant, tomatoes, parsnips, squash, etc. Sowing seeds or purchasing young plants are the alternatives. Seeds sown in individual trays using compost mix should sprout within four weeks or less, if watered regularly with fine spray. When sprouts have grown to substantial size, move to garden bed.

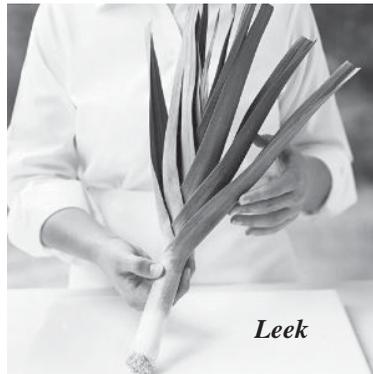
If young plants are instead purchased, the above may be skipped, but be sure to check root systems, avoiding dark roots or roots that have formed a tight spiral around the inside of the container. Don't bring home plants with any signs of disease.

Plant gently in garden taking into consideration depth and length of space on planting directions. Water regularly, not daily. Watch for extraneous shoots, removing them as the plant grows. For example, tomatoes add a middle shoot which needs to be removed, providing necessary air/light to the fruit.



Squash

Winter vegetables in Naples might include carrots, parsnips, turnips, various lettuces, squash (crookneck and acorn), leeks, and a variety of herbs such as marjoram, oregano, thyme, basil, etc.



Leek

submitted by Jan Dark, chairman

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

"Gardens Gone Wild - The Good Bad and the Ugly."

Jorge Ochoa, Professor and Director of Long Beach City College Horticulture Department, gave a pictorial review of a number of Long Beach homes to illustrate the "good, bad and the ugly" ways to convert gardens and parkways to drought tolerant-landscapes.

The crux of his lecture was that choosing the appropriate size and type of plant is critical to achieving a beautiful garden. Plants that are too large often encroach on others and throw the design out of balance. They also tend to extend into driveways and streets making for difficult walking and parking. Unbeknownst to Jorge, he had chosen our own Gwen Gibson's garden as an example of good design and composition by using olive trees, decomposed granite, edging and rock. He warned that prefabricated edging is usually best avoided.

Some of the "ugly" landscapes were those where lawns had been completely covered with rock and decomposed granite with a scattering of a very few, very small plants. Jorge's message was "less is more" when designing an esthetically pleasing garden and the complete design should be planned before work starts. Such planning must include an appreciation for the growth pattern of the plants chosen.

Always a delight and humorous, we loved having Jorge for a return visit.

*Submitted by Barbara Jordon,
 Program Chair*



Jorge Ochoa, Director of Long City College Horticulture Department sets up projector prior to program.



Barbara Jordon welcomes Jorge to the Garden Club.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Kristie Nairne

sponsors

Edie Graber

Linda Silver

Lisa Mauk

sponsors

Sharon Civalleri

Shirley Knopf

Members may direct comments to Lynette Sewell, Vice President, Membership Chair by January 5, 2015.



Jorge Ochoa explains his points in creating a pleasing garden.

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Sunday, November 9th, 2014

Standing Ovation Flower Gallery

Another very successful fundraising event! Darrell Poper, owner of Standing Ovation Flower Gallery, opened his beautiful store filled with holiday ideas, gifts and glitter. Members and their friends arrived the moment the doors opened. Proceeds from the sale of admission and raffle tickets, added to 15% of Darrell's sales for the day, go to support our many beautification efforts in the community. Cindy Cardarelli bravely organized the event between work and returning 'under the weather' from a trip! Nice job, Cindy! Delicious refreshments were provided by members. President, Sandy Davidson, stayed on deck for the entire event as she checked in all the shoppers and helped with clean up at the end. A very fun and successful way to kick off the holidays!

Left: Chairman of the event, Cindy Cardarelli, Darrell Poper and President, Sandy Davidson prepare to draw lucky ticket.



Above right: From left, Susan Townsend, Kathy Alshin and Carolyn Powers take a break from some serious shopping!



Above: Holiday shoppers line up to check out treasures.



Seated and checking in arrivals from left is Sandy Davidson and Cindy Murphy. Standing from left is Gwen Gibson, Kathy Owens and Lynne Heitman.



Darrell and Cynthia help choose winning raffle prize.



Above from right: Enjoying refreshments are Pauline Thompson, Marilyn Bittle, Donna Malbon and Erika Eidam.



Above: Wendi Vodhanel, Cindy Murphy and Pat Faquay.



Marge Hohly completes her holiday purchases.



Lisa Hopkins and Barbara Jordon enjoy the beautiful array of offered items.



Above: Marilyn Bittle and Cynthia Cardarelli pause during the event for a photo op!



Linda Pillsbury, Marilyn Jackson and Carol Reed in total holiday spirit!