

BUNCO BABES !

Strut your Stuff
and do the turkey
trot right on over to
Lisa Mauck's
140 Ravenna Drive

Monday, November 12th
7:00 p.m.

Bring \$5 in singles,
"Treasure" in a bag

Please call **Jeanie Miller**
to attend!
562-433-0566

NEW MEMBER!

Please cut and tape into NIGC Roster 2018

Welcome!

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Birthday:
March 23



NAPLES BEAUTIFICATION FALL 2018



Tidying landscape around the Naples School Library are: **Ruth Saa, Sandy Davidson, Dawn Doeve & Lauren Bennett.**



Pam McCredie & Carolyn Doughty trim hedges round Naples School.



Carolyn Doughty & Maureen Schultz clean out dead leaves at Naples School.



NIGC members check boxwood hedges at La Bella Fontana Park.



Marta Griffin, Betty Hercus, Linda Frame & Marilyn Bittle deadhead and tend roses and olive trees at the Naples Plaza Median.



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LA BELLA FONTANA PARK RESTORATION PROJECT

~ Sandy Davidson, NIGC Restoration Project Funding Team

Caring for La Bella Fontana Park in the middle of Naples has been a focus of our garden club for much of our history. Photos from the 70s and 80s show members working with trowels, rakes and brooms "at the fountain". A deteriorating landscape in 2006 prompted our Club to join with NIA to raise funds for landscape maintenance and replacement of dead sections of the boxwood hedge.

We began advocating for our iconic park with Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) and with then Councilman Gary DeLong. They responded with funding for two new olive trees and improved maintenance. NIGC established a budget category for the park in 2009 and it soon became an official beautification project. PRM suggested we formally adopt the park, which we did, and its maintenance became a regular Club activity. Members carrying out this work became known as the "Bellas" {continued pg. 3}



Existing Park electrical conduits are now being removed and replaced.



In 1975, NIGC members tended the fountain area with plants and flowers. This was a constant process as the chlorinated fountain water killed plants.



In 2018, **Sandy Davidson**, center, with **Susie Armstrong & Tish Camp** thank **Mike Frakes** of **Tri-City Tree Service** for his generous gift of having all of the boxwood trimmed! It looks **GREAT!**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Fall has certainly blown in with a fury! Our General Membership meeting was fully attended and everyone listened intently as **Suzie Price** gave an interesting update on our State of the City. Many members followed up the meeting by walking to **Nico's** and helping to contribute to our Dine-Out! An enjoyable time was had by all throughout the afternoon and into the evening. Nico's donated 15% of the proceeds to NIGC - a win-win for everyone! I look forward to our next **Dine-Out at Naples Rib Co. on the 30th of October!**

Throughout October, we are moving ahead with planting our new California Pepper trees at La Bella Fontana! A fence surrounding the perimeter of the fountain area will be erected, then the removal of the dead olive trees, followed by amendment of the dirt, planting of the new pepper trees and then smaller protective fencing will surround each new tree. **This is a huge project for our community and a very exciting time for all of us!**

Naples Elementary School is looking all buffed up! Our volunteers' hard work shows. I encourage you to go and have a look. **Please remember our Annual Fundraiser will be held November 4 at Romance Etc.!** We will have lots of fun! Nibbles and Cheers and gorgeous items for purchase! I hope you will all be able to join in for our annual **Veterans Day Celebration on Monday, November 12.** It is always such a lovely event. I realize there is a lot going on right now, but that is what makes OUR garden club so great!

"Harmony in the Garden" ~ Marianne

**SHOP, SHOP, SHOP, Socialize, Sip, Nibble
Holiday Fundraiser, Sunday, November 4th, 11am - 4 pm**



Please invite as many friends, relatives, and neighbors as possible. This is our most profitable fundraiser for the year! Romance etc. donates 15% of all sales to NGIC. Purchases made the week before the Holiday Fundraiser will qualify for the same donation.

Thanks for your support,

*Carol Mehler and Becky Jones
NIGC Holiday Fundraiser Co-Chairs*

GENERAL MEETING

**Monday
November 12, 2018
1:00 pm**

"DUET SISTERS"

Sisters Casey and Kit Carson, will demonstrate new and traditional Holiday floral designs.

Door Hostess:
Ann Snyder

Flowers: **Carol Mehler**

Refreshments:
**Ruth Saa, Julie Taboda,
Linda Silver, Sharon
Civalleri, Carolyn Powers**

SUZIE PRICE AND THE STATE OF THE CITY 2018

~ Sandy Davidson, for Ginny Clark

Re-elected in 2018 to a second term, Suzie Price was thanked by Marianne for her work on the tree replacement project at La Bella Fontana Park. Councilwoman Suzie Price was instrumental in getting City Council to approve funding to augment PRM funds for the project.

She focused her general remarks on the growing influence of special interests on our City Council. **Her goal is to partner better with Third District residents so our concerns and values can be heard at the Council meetings.** She asked us to read her email on Sundays, "Coming to Council", which highlights what is important on the Tuesday agenda. If an issue is extremely important she will ask Garden Club members to appear at a Council meeting to support the Third District perspective.

She also answered member concerns over the "2nd & PCH" project proposed "road diet" for Marina Dr, stating, "give it a chance". Also, when the developer removes tall 60-year-old palms they will be replaced with "similar sized trees". She said Naples Seawall Phase 2 is fully funded but has not yet received all of its approvals. She also stated Long Beach is not technically a sanctuary city because of SB54. It was a meeting packed with information as it is every year.



Assistant **Nina Moussavi**, 3rd District Councilwoman **Suzie Price**, Assistant **Gabriela Yates** join President **Marianne Huntley** at the NIGC General Meeting.



A sign to be posted at La Bella Fontana Park notes **Suzie Price's** contribution to the project

SUNSHINE!

~ Loretta Luskin, Sunshine Chair

Our dear member,

Margaret Russell,

will be celebrating her 106th birthday on November 12!! Margaret has been a member since 1984 and was quite active in the group until recent years. She loved to be a part of the Bridge Group. She's a truly amazing lady with always a kind word and a positive spirit!

An example to all of us!

Let's shower Margaret with love and caring by sending her birthday greetings for her 106th!

BEAUTIFICATION REMINDERS:

Bella Fontana Park

Thursday, November 8th @ 3pm
Watch our inbox for more info
Linda Frame / Tish Camp

Naples Plaza Median

Will have one last work day before 2018 ends. Please watch for an email from Ginny Clark.

2nd Street Planters

Will continue to be tended by members who have independent schedules.
Marilyn Bittle / Debbie Tebrich

Naples Elementary School

Tuesday, November 20 at 9:30am to polish up the landscaping.
Debbie Tebrich

NEW PRINCIPAL ATHENA URIBE

Garden Club representatives met with Naples Bayside Academy new principal **Ms. Athena Uribe**.



Spending an hour together, Ms. **Uribe** expressed her love of trees and landscape to NIGC President **Marianne Huntley**



Exchanging ideas ~ **Marianne Huntley & Sandy Davidson**

NICO'S DINE OUT SUCCESS!

~ Ann Devlin Snyder & Lynn Little, Dine Out Night Co-Chairs

Dine Out Night at Nico's was a huge success! We made \$710.00 and had tons of fun doing it. Many of us went directly over there from our general meeting and many of us stayed right through dinner. The cocktails, food, fun and service were all fantastic and we owe a big thank you to George at Nico's for hosting this great night. We are fortunate to have so much support from our local businesses. As I write this we are looking forward to another **Dine Out Night at Naples Rib Co. on October 30**. Dave, as usual is happy to have us. Thank you everyone for all the support and enthusiasm for these fundraisers.



Pam McCredie, Margaret Kern, Marianne Huntley, & Lynette Sewell sip and socialize. **Becky Jones & Marta Griffin** enjoy the moment!

SIP 'N NIBBLE 'N DONATE PARTY!



Co-Chair of Event, **Becky Jones** accepts Donations. Hostess **Pam McCredie**, Co-Chair **Carol Mehler, Wendi Vodhanel, & Co-Chair Becky Jones** admire the luscious food and drink!

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REMEMBERING ARV LUCE

~ Trish Schooley, Publications Chair

In 1923, **Arvilla Luce** was born an only child in Highland Park, Los Angeles. She had a passion for art which continued throughout her life. In high school she obtained a job tinting black and white photos in color with oils. During WW11 she worked at Lockheed as a "Time Keeper", clocking in workers as they arrived and left for the day. Arv met Bill Luce in high school when she was 15 years of age, falling madly in love with him and they were married on July 4th, 1940, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Bill was in the Navy during the last part of the war and was stationed in Washington, DC, Miami, New Orleans and Texas, with Arv following right along with him. After the war, Bill was reinstated with the phone company and, over the years, moved up from lineman to management. On their return from Texas, they found a house in Altadena, but came down to Long Beach on weekends to enjoy sailing and the outdoors, ultimately finding a lot on Syracuse Walk in 1963. The family, together, actually built the house on this lot, with a rush to finish so that Arv's son and daughter could begin Wilson High School in September that year.

They were a fun loving, hard-working family. They rented their Syracuse home and bought and fixed up a home on Savona. In 1971 with the sale of that house, they purchased one of the original model homes on Campo Walk, which by that time was a fixer-upper. Happily it has stayed in the family as the home of her granddaughter.

In 1974, Arv was approached by a neighbor over the garden fence, and the two of them decided that they should form a garden club. Arv Luce and Cassie Mae Curtis were the first two members of the Naples Islands Garden Club! Arv painted every Club member's name badge with an original watercolor flower. We are reminded of her artistry every time we pin on these badges. Even in her later years she would set up easel and brushes in her front garden and often painted with a friend. She carried on this practice until her eyes began to fail. In 2004, President, Ginny Clark, asked Arv to do an ink sketch of the historic La Bella Fontana and it became the cover of our Garden Club's yearly roster.

Arv and Bill shared many an adventure with the love of travel all over the world, and enjoyed sailing, camping and the outdoors with their family. What a wonderful, gentle, intelligent lady! At the age of 95, she passed peacefully in her sleep in October of 2018 in the home on Syracuse Walk, built by them as a family many decades ago. **Our last surviving active Charter Member, she will be greatly missed.**

Island POPPY



Arv in her garden at home with canvas & paint.



Ink sketch of the historic La Bella Fontana created by **Arv** in 2004.



One of the many custom name badges painted in watercolor by **Arv** for NIGC members.

November 2018

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

Marilyn Bittle

November 16

Kathy Kildebeck

November 18

Marion Beckman

November 21

Lynn Little

November 22

Margaret Hay

November 24

Judy Taylor

November 29

BOARD MEETING

Monday

November 26th, 2018

2:30 pm

Hostess:

Ann Devlin

Co-Hostess

Barbara Jordon

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

~ Suzie Armstrong & Debbie Smith, Veteran's Day Co-Chairs

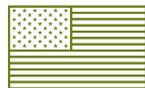
Please mark your calendars for this year's

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION!

Monday November 12, 2018

At 9 am at the Colonnade Flagpole, a floral wreath will be placed by the Naples Islands Garden Club to honor our local Veterans. Each will then be recognized.

PLEASE JOIN US!



MAKING ALL THINGS BRIGHT!

~ Trish Schooley, Holiday Luncheon Chair

Will Nash, coordinator of the *Spark of Love Toy Drive*, along with other firefighters from Station #9, will once again arrive with their fire engine to pick up our donated toys and gifts at the end of the Christmas luncheon. Bring your cameras and enjoy meeting the fine members of this department who volunteer hours to collect, store and deliver these gifts to needy children.

This is such a worthy cause.

A gift from the heart is the real meaning of Christmas.

Don't forget to invite and carpool with those who are unable to drive.

You may also drop off your guests at the main entrance and then go park.

DON'T FORGET THE "TWEEN YEARS"...12-16 YEARS... IN YOUR GIFT SELECTIONS. They like makeup, sports equipment and gift cards to fast food, Walmart and Target, in values of not more than \$20. A clip board and envelope will be sent round at the General Meeting on November 12th, so bring your check book or cash. Our *Spark of Love* committee will make purchases for you. We are collecting \$600, which will be from the first 30 members who donate \$20.

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PARK RESTORATION {CONTINUED}



Without any existing electrical plans, **Jeff King, Park Maintenance Supervisor**, guides his crew on a "fishing expedition" to locate wire.

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In 2011 the Park's trees showed signs of disease. At the request of PRM we hired horticulturalists to analyze bark, leaves, and soil, and we implemented their suggestions. They returned twice to examine the trees but, unfortunately, they found further deterioration.

By 2016 we knew there was no hope of a remedy and we formed a committee to study replacement of the trees. The committee determined that the replacement of eight trees would cost \$45,000. In 2018 PRM partially funded these costs; Councilwoman Suzie Price was instrumental in getting City Council to approve some further funding; NIGC added a bequest from the Sheila Butterbaugh Estate and the NIA has pledged some funding.

The project highlight is eight California Pepper trees (*Schinus Molle*). Electrical and irrigation systems will be also be updated. Two new Windmill Palms (*Trachycarpus Molle*) will be planted and new uplighting will be installed. **Keep your eye on the park; a lot will be happening and it will be fun to watch.**



La Bella Fontana Park in October 2018. Photo Credit: **Marion Beckman**

PARK RESTORATION ~ TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Early November 2018:

- Dig holes for new trees
- California Pepper trees planted by Moon Valley Nursery with crane
- Temporary tree protection installed
- Portable Construction fencing removed
- NIGC volunteer clean-up of Park
- NIGC monitor moisture of trees.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

11.12.2018 @ 9:00 am

December 2018:

LUMINARIA NIGHT EVENT

12.10.2018 @4:00 pm

January 2019:

- Tree uplighting installed
- Dead Palm tree and tree stump removed
- Two Windmill Palms installed by Moon Valley Nursery
- Boxwood replanted
- Irrigation round palms reconnected

SAVE THE DATE

LUMINARIA NIGHT

2018

Monday,

December 10th

7:30 pm

at La Bella Fontana Park

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