



Luminarias

We will gather to assemble luminarias at 4:30 p.m. Sunset is about 4:44 pm and the sky stays light for about another 10 mins.

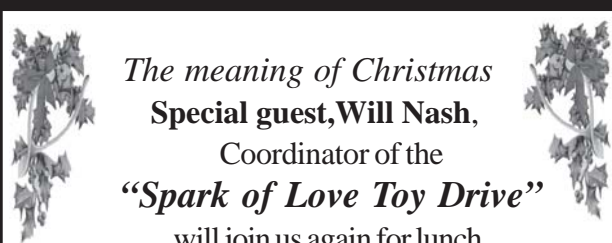
**La Bella Fontana di Napoli
Luminaria and Carol Night
at the fountain
Bay Shore Community
Congregational Church
Chancel Choir and Bell Choir
Julie Ramsey, Director
Tuesday, Dec 16th - - - 7:30 pm
concert of traditional carols .**

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

If you would like to contribute canned goods or checks to Lutheran Social Service would you please bring them to the November General Meeting on November 10.

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The meaning of Christmas
Special guest, Will Nash,
Coordinator of the
“Spark of Love Toy Drive”

will join us again for lunch.

Will has arranged for a fire engine from the Long Beach Fire Department along with volunteer firemen to graciously pick up the abundance of your donated toys at the end of the Christmas luncheon next month. Bring your cameras and enjoy meeting the fine members of this department who are willing to volunteer hours collecting, storing and delivering the many gifts to needy families in the community. 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.

NOTICES

Veterans Day, 9:00 a.m. November 11th
A memorial wreath will be laid at La Bella Fontana in memory of our WW11 Veterans. You are all welcome to stop by for this beautiful remembrance.... “Lest We Forget.”

Arv Luce
“The Art of Arv Luce”, (in color), is NEW in our Members Only section of
www.naplesislandsgardenclub.com
Password - davidson2016



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



❖ Hats off to our members who garden at club venues to make *Green Grows Our Island* a reality. And each member has a personal garden to tend and collectively they spread out and enrich our isle with greenery, flowers, and trees. December is a time when visitors enjoy our front gardens, make them shine!

- ❖ Nov 11, **Veterans Day**, the club will post a wreath at the flagpole in *La Bella Fontana Park*. **8:45 am** - please invite any known veteran to the flagpole ceremony for a group photo to be featured in the next *Island Poppy*.
- ❖ Thanks to Debbie Ball who donated American flags to be flown in honor of husband David and his brother who served in the Navy in Vietnam and David and Debbie’s fathers who both served in WWII. One flag will be flown for Veteran’s Day. Contact Sandy Davidson for more information.
- ❖ Please take the time to read the Consent Agenda and club information that is emailed to you shortly before the Nov. 10 meeting. It contains announcements for you to read at home; this email “blast” shortens our meeting time.
- ❖ Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday! Count your blessings, fill your home with wonderful aromas, and hold family and friends close.

“Green Grows our Island”

Sandy

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NEXT MEETING

November 10th, 2014

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5872 Naples Plaza, Long Beach
12:30 p.m. Social 1:00 p.m Program



Jorge Ochoa

*Dept. Head of
LB City College.*

His topic...
“Gardens Gone Wild; the good, the bad and the ugly!”

Back by popular demand, Jorge will bring joy, humor and information to his program this month. Don’t miss hearing this special instructor.

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General Membership Meeting

Door Hostess: Barbara Jordon
Flowers: Trish Schooley
Refreshments: Ann Marie Gardner, Linda Pillsbury, Eileen Ryan, Ginny Clark

NEXT BOARD MEETING

November 17, 2014
Hostess: Ginny Clark
Co-hostess: Priscilla Lane

GARDENER'S GALLEY

Zucchini Cornbread Casserole *from the kitchen of Marge Hohly*

- 4 cups shredded zucchini
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 (8.5 ounce) package dry corn muffin mix
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 8 ounces Cheddar cheese, shredded

PREP 15 mins
COOK 1 hr
READY IN 1 hr 15 mins

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 2 quart casserole dish.
2. Put the shredded zucchini in a strainer and add the salt. Let it stand for about 15 minutes. Then press out the excess water.
3. In a large bowl mix together the zucchini, onion, eggs, muffin mix, salt and pepper. Stir in 4 ounces of the cheese. Spread this mixture into a greased 2 quart casserole dish; top with remaining 4 ounces of cheese.
4. Bake in a preheated oven for 60 minutes.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- November 1 Delphine Kaufman
- November 2 Laurie Scanlin
- November 3 Cindy Murphy
- November 6 Loretta Lusklin
- November 9 Marianne Huntley
- November 12 Margaret Russell
- November 16 Marilyn Bittle
- November 18 Kathy Kildebeck
- November 21 Marion Beckman
- November 24 Margaret Hay (don't remind her!)
- November 28 Carole Bramble
- November 29 Judy Taylor



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501(c) 3 Organization.
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90-0349436**

BUNCO

**Don't be a turkey;
Trot on over and join
the "Bunco Babes"**

**Monday evening, November 10th
at 7:00 p.m.**

**Linda Schoen's house
5607 Naples Canal
Remember to bring \$5.00 in singles
and "treat", (no tricks) in a bag.
call: Jeanie Miller (562) 433-0566**

submitted by Jeanie Miller

**ADDRESS
CHANGE**

**Shirley Klein
Vi at La Jolla Village
8515 Costa Verde Blvd., #504
San Diego, CA 92122**

We wish Shirley all the best with her move to LaJolla to be nearer family. Stay in touch, Shirley.

OCTOBER PROGRAM



Left to right: President, Sandy Davidson; Julie Maleki, Chief of Staff; Suzie Price, 3rd District Council person; Barbara Jordon, Program Chair.

Our new 3rd District Council person, Suzie Price, was our guest speaker for this past month. Always of top concern is balancing the City budget, and pension reform remains one of the biggest concerns. Hard times are going to continue and dramatic improvements will not occur until 2021. The largest current project is the Belmont Pool with plans under discussion to build it to World Class iconic classifications while still addressing Coastal Commission requirements by making it available to the public. All funding for this project comes from Tidal oil revenue with a cost increase now estimated to be \$112m. Phase one of the Seawall reconstruction is also covered by Tidal funds and is expected to begin in November. Discussion on increase of parking meter costs and concepts for the Belmont shopping area were also explained.

Another subject of great concern is the disrepair and sad state of our community landscapes. We are hoping to enlist our new 3rd District Council person in helping to move this along and aid in improving what has suffered severely over the past three years.

New members of the Naples Islands Garden Club, including Bonnie Clark, Jan Dark, Marta Griffin, Carol Mehler, Lynn Shober and Wendi Vodhanel were welcomed into the Club at a luncheon hosted by Parliamentarian Marilyn Bittle. Membership Chair, Lynette Sewell, greeted everyone. Each guest introduced herself and gave a brief history of her life in the Long Beach area. Requirements for first year members were explained by Lynette and a concise overview of the NIGC was given by President, Sandy Davidson including an explanation of the contents in the Island Poppy. Beautification Chair, Patti Clark listed the opportunities available for new members to help with our ongoing beautification efforts in the Naples community. At the conclusion the ladies were treated to a wonderful lunch prepared by Marilyn. It was an informative and enjoyable way to receive our new members.

Orientation



*Submitted by Lynette Sewell,
Membership Chair*

Planting Frames with Joyce



Joyce Levinson held a "Planting Party" for members who purchased the wonderful wooden frames made by our last program speaker, Charlie Weiland. Beneath the shaded trellis in her lovely back yard, she set up table, soil and necessities used to create these beautiful succulent frames. Joining her for this demonstration were Sharon Civalleri, Edie Graber, Jane Hamilton and Donna Krause.



From left: Sharon Civalleri, Joyce Levinson and Donna Krause.

MEMBER RECOGNITION



Two certificates of merit from the California Garden Clubs Inc. in appreciation for 20 years of service to our Club were given out by President, Sandy Davidson. Recognized from left with this honor are members Bonnie Alban and Donna Malbon.

Honorary Membership Award



President, Sandy Davidson, reads Honorary Membership Award bestowed upon Joe Scanlin for his administration of funds allocated to horticulture students at LBBC. Member and wife, Laurie Scanlin, accepted the certificate on his behalf.

DON'T FORGET...

FUNDRAISER

Sunday, November 9th

Standing Ovation

10582 Los Alamitos Blvd.

Los Alamitos.

Bring your friends and holiday shop early.

Darrell has promised a fabulous selection of items this year!

Come and enjoy this fun event!

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Shirley and I look forward to taking your reservations for the Christmas Luncheon on **December 10 at Virginia Country Club**. Single or whole table (8-10), reservations welcome! Why not put it on your calendar today and reserve early to avoid the last minute rush?

After Nov 28 drop all checks off at Shirley's ONLY because Lynn will be out of the country.

Lynn Danielson

115 Rivo Alto Canal (mailbox is located in the alley, Garabaldi Lane, on the stucco fence).

Shirley Knopf

95 Rivo Alto Canal (mailbox is located on the side of the house on Ravenna).

*Lynn and Shirley
Your Reservation Team*

HORTICULTURE WATER AWARENESS

"For the love of gardening is a seed that once sown never dies, but always grows to an enduring and ever-increasing source of happiness." Gertrude Jekyll, 1899

Greetings from Jan Dark, Horticulture Chairperson. Besides the following gardening information, I would like to hear from all of you about your plant favorites and why. My goal is to share success and satisfying gardening experiences in our climate. Please use my email address: dark.janice@yahoo.com



Buckwheat

Water Awareness: 65% of household water usage is for watering the yard
(per L.B. Water Dept)

In order to bring down the level of water usage in this year of drought, make different choices. Drought tolerant landscapes are low maintenance as well as low water usage. Plant natives which have adapted to our soil, water and weather. Mulch helps create a low water/low maintenance landscape. Use stones, bark, or other similar material. Gardening promotes wellness, providing nutritious fruits and vegetables, satisfying garden views, while burning calories.

Natives are available at **H&H, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens, Tree of Life Nursery, El Dorado Nature Center** every Fall as well as other nurseries. My best growing natives are: *licorice* (grey or light green, do not bloom but add variety to your landscape), *gaura* (white, pink or red are light and airy), *California poppies*, *nemesia* (pink, lavender and white), *buckwheat* (white blooms with distinctive foliage), *woolly blue curls* (*Trichostema lanatum* blooms blue/purple), *Yellow Bird of Paradise* (*Caesalpinia Gilliosii* yellow blooms with red stamens well-loved by hummingbirds, shrub of fine texture), *Artemisia* (silver or light green, do not bloom but add color and texture), *Atriplex lentiformis* "*Brewer Saltbush*" is light green, vigorous, flowering which attracts birds, and *Mexican Sage*. Most of these are easily propagated as well.

In addition to the natives, succulents have a separate and thriving section



*Passionate Pink
Gaura*

of the garden and fill the low water goal. Beautiful successes are: *Echeveria* "Blue Frills" (with pink flowers), *Echeveria Setosa* (with fuzzy leaves), *Erigeron* 'Wayne Roderick' and *Erigeron glaucus* 'Sea Breeze' also add some color, *Dudleya* adds texture, as does the *Pencil Plant* and *Crown of Thorns*.



Licorice



Woolly Blue Curls

submitted by Jan Dark, Chairman

BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

"A Most Picturesque Corner"
Home of Lynn Gesner

The three-tiered garden bordering Lynn Gesner's corner property is a perfect blend of mature palms and pittosporum Silver Sheen enhanced by single and double fuchsia, snowbush, statice, hydrangea, salvia and variegated geraniums. Along the seawall, multi-trunked pygmy palms are set off with fuchsia and begonia at the base.



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Rivo Alto Canal



EXCURSION



Susan Bell and Meredith Medanich, Excursion chairs, with Barbara Jordon, center.



Members listen intently to speaker.



In the Halloween section, much hilarity prevailed with members trying on masks and hats!



Marianne Huntley, left, and Cynthia Hall admire the white section of the garden.



Ron Vanderoff, General Manager of Roger's Garden. Far right, Dalia Brunner, horticulturist.



Above: Christmas already? Rose Nason, Dee Mattern and Wendi Vonhandel admire displays.



President, Sandy Davidson, center, watches potting demonstration by Roger's Garden Staff.