



Rene Van Rems with one of his spectacular arrangements!

RENE VAN REMS PRESENTATION

~Sandy Davidson, Past President

San Dieguito Garden Club of Encinitas invited Marianne Huntley to their March 2 Floral Design program and she quickly snapped up the last seats available. The program featured Rene van Rems, Dutch-born designer, and was held at the San Diego Botanic Garden, formerly Quail Gardens. Members of 8 garden clubs packed Ecke Auditorium to watch Rene and his skillful assistants create an amazing collection of designs from small hand bouquets "currently trendy in Europe", to outsized arrangements with large flowering branches.

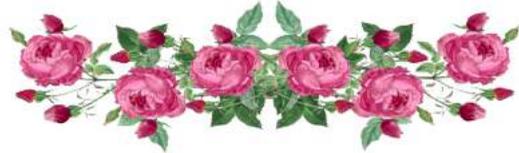
PLANT BOUTIQUE CANCELLED

~Kay Bailey & Mo Schultz, Co-Chairs

The NIA has cancelled the annual Pancake Breakfast scheduled for June 6th, so we are cancelling our Plant Boutique fundraiser as well. Thank you to all who have helped with this effort so far!

INSTALLATION LUNCHEON 2020

~Lisa Mauck, Luncheon Chair



June 10th Installation Luncheon is POSTPONED

Tentative new date is the 2nd Wednesday in September

Everything's Coming Up Roses

*Welcome the new 2020-2022 Board
Celebrate the outgoing 2018-2020 Board*

**Old Ranch Country Club
3901 Lampson Ave. Seal Beach, CA
Social Hour and Raffle 11:00-12:00
Luncheon 12:15**

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~Thank you to all who submitted photos, articles and information! ~



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Mourning Doves look for a nest on a Corinthian Walk wall.



Honey bees gathering pollen from a Cosmos flower.



A Monarch Butterfly rests on leaves adjacent to Rivo Alto Canal.

“BIRDS, BEES & BUTTERFLIES” A VIRTUAL NIGC FLOWER SHOW!

~Trish Schooley, Editor

Due to the cancellation of our beloved NIGC Flower Show, member Ania Sullivan came up with the idea that we could interact with one another by sharing images of arrangements we had created, or snippets of our gardens in spring bloom! Marianne sent out an invitation to members inviting them to forward floral photos to our Webmaster, Sumera Wacker, and Sumera, in turn, posted them on the NIGC Website for all to enjoy!

To view all photos that have been submitted, please go to the website <https://www.naplesislandsgardenclub.com>. New Spring Bloom photos may be submitted to Sumera at sakalikh@gmail.com, and they will be posted on Fridays! Thank you Sumera and to all who have participated in this delightful exchange!

Flower Show Images

To view lovely Blooms submitted by members and the stories behind them, please refer to pages 4 & 5 and the NIGC website:

naplesislandsgardenclub.com



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



BOOK CLUBS, BRIDGE & BUNCO

~Wendi Vodhanel,
Fundraising Chair

The **Afternoon Book Club**, **Evening Book Club**, **NIGC Bridge Club** and **BUNCO** will not regroup until the present crisis is over and it is safe for all of us to gather again. Please use the following quote as encouragement to all our members:

“Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.”

~Mason Cooley

Please be **safe** and **healthy!**

Hello Ladies,
I know April was a rough month and, as we continue to “Stay At Home” during May, I want you to know the NIGC Board is still addressing Garden Club operations. I am sure we all agree these are exceptional times and, as a result, unprecedented and new actions are required.

I want to share with you the fact that our Garden Club By-Laws do not address emergency situations such as we find ourselves in these days. As a Club, we are required to vote on a slate of officers to begin terms in June. In order to achieve this, the Board has voted to send out upcoming ballots via email. Soon, probably mid-May, you will receive an email ballot asking you to respond to two questions: the first is to vote on the slate of new officers, and the second is to vote on ratifying the Board's actions during the 2019-2020 term. This will require a simple Yes or No on each of the two questions and then sending the ballot back via REPLY email. Please DO NOT REPLY ALL.

The ballot will be sent to Active NIGC Members only. If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to contact me anytime, either by phone or email.

I know so many of our favorite events have been cancelled, which is disheartening. I am so grateful to all the wonderful women who have worked so hard on all of these activities. I would like to say to everyone who has spent time, creativity and efforts on cancelled events “Hold Those Thoughts” NIGC will use them next year!

We have had some much-needed rain and now we look forward to days filled with sunshine. We are very fortunate to live in such a lovely paradise when times like these happen.

“Harmony in the Garden” ~Marianne

MAY DAY! CELEBRATE SPRING!

Don't forget to decorate your home's entry and door this May 1st to celebrate spring. We encourage members to create small bouquets and give them to friends or neighbors during this time of sheltering at home. Our spring tradition can be accomplished while adhering to current healthcare regulations.



BEAUTIFICATION

~Sandy Davidson, Beautification Chair

Just as soon as "Safer At Home" is lifted, all the NIGC group Beautification projects will burst forth at club venues for group gardening: **Naples Plaza Median, 2nd Street Planters, Naples School** and **La Bella Fontana**. Weeds beware, we are coming for you! There will be lots to do and I know gardeners will respond with extra effort. Second Street containers can now be maintained on your own to pull weeds and balance unruly spring growth.



LIGHTING THE ENTRANCE TO NAPLES PLAZA

~Sandy Davidson, Beautification Chair

This spring, good news is especially welcome. Ginny Clark and I were delighted to see a project, hoped for since September, move closer to completion. The Naples Plaza Median will soon have new lighting from a partnership between our garden club and The Marine Bureau. Jeff King, an honorary NIGC member, had electrical circuits along the median replaced with upgraded equipment (NIGC). Next, Frank Spina of SALCO will install new fixtures with brilliant LED lights, and an 80% savings in power. Finally, a dusk to dawn sensor will light our healthy olive trees and Iceberg roses now in their “first bloom” which is the best bloom. Keep your eye on the median, it will soon make us all proud.



Jeff King & his troops co-ordinate the installation of new median lighting. Incognito is **Linda Frame**, incoming Beautification Chair.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Audrey Grifall
May 1

Ruth Gries
May 5

Victoria Campbell
May 5

Linda Silver
May 9

Lynette Sewell
May 11

Joyce Levinson
May 14

Sandy Davidson
May 15

Judi McCall
May 15

Lynda Martinelli
May 15

Barbara Vaught
May 16

Tish Camp
May 23

Mary Jo Kerr
May 27



Ginny Clark & Sandy Davidson give thumbs up for a job well done by **Emelio**.

"BIRDS, BEES & BUTTERFLIES" A VIRTUAL NIGC FLOWER SHOW!



Submitted By ~Joyce Levinson



Dendrobium orchid blooms every spring in my patio ~Sandy Davidson



...a view of my front garden! ~Kristie Nairne



Variegated colors along my sidewalk ~Barbara Jordan



Submitted By ~Joyce Levinson



Submitted By ~Marilyn Bittle



...orchids I was planning to share at the Flower Show ~Lisa Mauck



Lillies from Ania Sullivan's yard.



My mother, Clare Hossom, planted these 50 years ago! ~Linda Lanes



The only yellow clivia that bloomed so far this year... ~Trish Schooley



Submitted By ~Jeannie Hughes



Submitted By ~Debbie Tebrich



Submitted By ~Sumera Wacker



Succulents from Linda Frame's garden.



Easter Basket & Bunnies ~ Anita Padgett



Succulents on my porch... ~ Donna Malbon



Free as a bird in Naples. ~ Sumera Wacker



"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow" ~Audrey Hepburn
~ Dee Martin

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Please cut and tape into NIGC Roster 2019



Alison Lohfeld (Holger)

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The large palms recreate the original 1925 School design.

OUR PRAISES ARE SUNG FOR NIGC GIFT OF NAPLES SCHOOL PALMS

~Sandy Davidson, Beautification Chair

On March 3rd, landscape crew planted two matching Queen Palms at the historic entry of Naples Elementary School. These palms replace the ailing original palms in front of the school. Principal Athena Uribe wrote, "I would like to share our gratitude to our partners, Naples Islands Garden Club. They have come through for us once again, fully funding the purchase and planting of these trees. Thank you for keeping our school and Naples Island a beautiful place to live, work, and learn". PTA President Wendy Corzine added, "The Naples PTA would like to send a big Thank You to the Naples Islands Garden Club for bringing life and cheer to our school at a time when we need it most! We look forward to all our children being back in September and enjoying the newly remodeled and landscaped grounds of our amazing school."



Arbor Day Chair, **Lauren Mintie**, goes over planting instructions with **Sandy Davidson**.

ARBOR DAY TRIBUTE 2020

~Jodi Reep & Lauren Mintie, Co Chairs.

Like many Garden Club events this Spring, NIGC Arbor Day 2020, planned for March 19th, was cancelled due to Covid-19. In lieu of the memorial, Jodi and Lauren dropped off white Phalaenopsis orchid plants along with lovely hand painted cherry blossom garden markers for the honoree families to remember their loved ones. The garden markers are inspired by the Spring event theme.

In addition, the two beautiful, healthy, new Palm Trees, again flanking the entrance to Naples Bayside Academy, were planted as a memorial for this year's honorees. This dedication was made possible by the NIGC Beautification Committee.

This year's Arbor Day donation by NIGC to the San Bernardino Forest Penny Pines program, was made in memory of Garden Club member, Nancee Tinsley .



Beautiful phalaenopsis plant & hand painted garden stones by **Jodi Reep**, were personally delivered to Arbor Day honoree families.

THACKERS DONATE TO NIGC BEAUTIFICATION

~Sandy Davidson, Beautification Chair



Thank you to Sharon and Jack Thacker for their generous \$2,000 contribution to the NIGC Beautification Fund. Jack's classic car collection and garage full of auto memorabilia are a landmark of their E.The Toledo neighborhood.

ARBOR DAY REMEMBERS

Nelson Campbell

Son of Victoria Campbell

Tom Clarke

Husband of Lynne Clarke

John Graber

Son of Edie Graber

Eleanor Wolfe Hope

Mother of Susan Townsend

Irene Montgomery

Mother of Marianne Huntley

Sylvia Mothe

Mother of Lynette Jordan

Nancee Tinsley

NIGC Member

Gabriel Trevis

Brother of Dolores Montoya



Sharon & Jack Thacker