

Re-planting of Palms along 2nd Street



*Parks and Recreation,
Don Easterby, center,
with workers on either side.*

Twelve mature **Queen Palms, *syagrus romazoffiana***, were planted on the narrow median on Second St on Feb. 15 and 16 by Don Easterby's crew. The smaller palms were not thriving and were removed so more mature palms could be planted. They discovered there was little dirt and lots of concrete under the grass. Rather than give up on the project, Don went to work with Art Cox of Public Works, using Dig Alert data, historic blue prints, and line detector information. His research revealed that the underground impediments were merely old curbs, sidewalks, and blacktop, so the project proceeded. His crew dug twelve large holes and punched through the obstacles with a Hydro Hammer. Rolling Hills Nursery delivered and planted the graceful palms, selected by Don, using their soil and workers. Don's goal was "A strong stand of regal, mature palms" and we will all enjoy seeing them thrive and mature adding beauty to the vista of Second Street .

submitted by Sandy Davidson



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Have you all noticed the lovely new palms on 2nd Street? Also the City planted forty additional Pride of Madeira on the Applan Way on-ramp. It's always wonderful to see Naples looking nicer, particularly when NIGC doesn't have to pay or do all the work.

The next General Meeting will be a busy one. We need every available active member to attend. As you know, we need a quorum to vote on the new Bylaws. Thanks to Trish and Pat, each active member received a copy of the proposed Bylaws in advance of the February Meeting. Then during the February meeting there was an opportunity for a comprehensive question and answer period to address any confusion or concerns. Now at the March Meeting, it's time to vote on the proposed amendments to our Bylaws.

In addition to the much anticipated Trish Schooley presentation, we also hope to congratulate and thank Gary De Long for all of his efforts in assisting us with our various Beautification Projects over the years. Although we've tried not to be pesky, we know that a less amiable person might not have been as receptive or gracious as Mr. DeLong. He has always been someone NIGC could contact when we needed support to further our efforts and he will be greatly missed as councilman for the 3rd District.

Also, at the next meeting, the membership will select a nominating committee for our next president and officers. By then you will have received your "green sheet" in the Poppy. So please take some time to consider your interests, the best use of your talents, the friends you'd like to work with and/or the new friends you'd like to make.

Turn in your selections at the meeting. You will also be receiving an invitation to the Flower Show in the same Poppy.

As always, our members are busy, busy. Marilyn has firmed up the arrangements for our excursion to Descanso Gardens. Gloria and Ruth have been planning Arbor Day for April 3. Sandy has been sprucing up the hedges at the Fountain. Lynette has been making plans for the Flower Show. Patti has been supervising pots and tree wells.

Thank you to all the hardworking ladies mentioned and unmentioned in the NIGC.

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NEXT General Membership Meeting Monday, March 10, 2014

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



Two intrinsically
exquisite cultures
captured by
Trish Schooley,
last year's
*National video
award winner.*

Come relax and enjoy
five Chinese gardens
plus spring time at
Sissinghurst Garden
outside of London,
both created with
Zen like music.



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Kathy

General Membership Meeting

Door Hostess: Jane Hamilton
Flowers: Margaret Dineen-Kern
Refreshments: Jane Hamilton, Barbara Vaught,
Julie Taboada, Donna Malbon

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 3 Barbie Litterst
March 4 Diana Schmelzer
March 8 Betty Suttie
March 10 Jeannie Hughes
March 19 Patty Davis
March 21 Doreen Kent
March 27 Diane Bateman



Saturday, March 8th, 2014

Toxic Roundup...

Take hazardous material to:
2755 California Street
Signal Hill

April 24th - 27th, 2014

The 23rd Annual Southern Californian
Spring Garden Show, South Coast Plaza

ANNUAL BRIDGE LUNCHEON

SAVE THE DATE:

Place: Long Beach Yacht Club
Date: Friday, May 16th
Time: check in 9:45 a.m.
Bridge: at 10:00 a.m.

All bridge players welcome!
Come spend a pleasant day playing bridge
and enjoying lunch with your Garden Club
friends.

Questions call: **Jeannie Hughes 439-5616**

NEXT BOARD MEETING

*****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE*****

March 24th, 2014

Hostess: Patti Clark (Not Kathy Owens)
Co-hostesses: Jeannie Hughes
Rose Nason

GARDENER'S GALLEY

Mahogany Chicken Wings

4 lbs chicken wings
1/2 cup light soy sauce
1/4 cup dry sherry
1 1/8 cup Hoisen Sauce
1/4 cup Plum sauce
6 minced green onions
6 large garlic cloves, minced
1/3 cup cider vinegar
1/4 cup honey
Discard tip ends of chicken wings, use other
two pieces. Combine all ingredients and
marinate 8 hours or overnight. Bake uncovered
in one layer at 375 degrees for one hour. Turn
and baste occasionally. Serves 12.

BUNCO

*Do the Leprechaun leap and join
the Bunco Babes at:*

*Marilyn Bittle's
141 Syracuse*

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

**Remember to bring \$5.00's in singles
and "treasure" in a bag.
call: Jeanie Miller (562) 433-0566**

FLOWER SHOW

"Springtime in Paris"

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Long Beach Yacht Club

Date: Tuesday, April 15th

Imagine, you're in France strolling
along the Champs De Elysee, people are
enjoying their coffee at quaint outdoor
cafes, and it's such a beautiful day. The
smiles, the scents, there's something very
special in the air, and then it hits you – "It's
Springtime in Paris".

I hope this generates a great deal
of enthusiasm and creativity as the theme
for our Annual Flower Show. All members
are encouraged to participate and to show off the beauty of our wonderful neighborhood gardens.
Whether it's an elaborate display, an unusual table setting or a simple teacup arrangement, display
your talent and invite your friends to join us.



Lynette Sewell, Flower Show chairman

RESERVATIONS

The Reservations Team is officially open for business and ready to serve you. We look forward
to receiving your RSVP's to the April 15th Flower Show "*Springtime in Paris*" at the Long
Beach Yacht Club. The **deadline** to submit your reservations and checks is **Tuesday, April
8th**. Please make your checks payable to NIGC. You can mail them or drop them to:

Paulina Thompson at 181 Rivo Alto Canal or

Kay Berg 18 Giralda Walk.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Paulina Thompson and Kay Berg

**Please consider all the options offered on the questionnaire for positions on the board
and return the sheets to Marilyn Bittle as soon as possible. This will greatly help the
Nominating Committee. Thank you.**

In Memory of...



ARBOR DAY

submitted by *Gloria Gesselman*
Arbor Day Chairman

Date: Thursday, April 3rd, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Naples Elementary School

Please join us for the NIGC Arbor Day celebration on Thursday April 3rd at 10 a.m. at Naples Elementary School.

This event honors Garden Club members and/or family members who have lost loved ones this past year

Members from the Garden Club will replant areas around the school as a remembrance and also to demonstrate to the children the power of plants and flowers to beautify a community.

The student council and Principal are planning a special program for our members. Refreshments will be offered to members and the children performing for us. We do encourage you all to participate in this lovely tradition.

Robbie Bartholomew..... Member
Sheila Buterbaugh.....Member
Barbara Wilder..... Member
Betty Shaw..... Member
Norma Grant..... Member
Simone Harrison, mother.....Yvonne Calkins
Don Beckmann, husband.....Marion Beckman
Karl Lang, father.....Judy Trossen

Welcome to New Member

From left: President Kathy Owens, sponsor Lynn Danielson, Marta Griffin, (New Member) and sponsor Edie Graber.



BYLAW VOTE

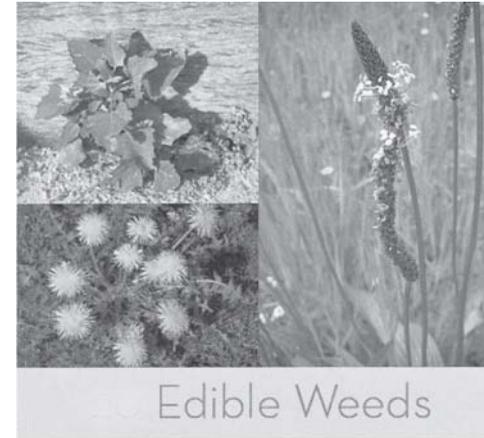
A vote of active members on the proposed Bylaws will be held during the business portion of the March 10 general meeting. Each active member received a copy of the Bylaws with the February *Island Poppy*, the Members Only section of our website contains the Bylaws: www.naplesislandsgardenclub.org

April 2, 7 pm. Naples School

Third District Council Candidate program presented by NIA.

HORTICULTURE

Weeds: Here, There and Everywhere - even in your salad



Some of those nuisance volunteers we call weeds are actually wild plants that somehow just landed in the wrong place. Many are edible wild herbs with nutritional and/or medicinal benefits. In the eye of the many beholders, some are beautiful while others aren't. "What is it?" and "Where did it originate?" two questions to stump us especially if the volunteer is unusually odd or lovely. Sometimes a weed is simply a hardy wallflower waiting in the wings before being accepted through the garden gate. If it survives a weeding frenzy, a gust of wind will carry off its seeds from spent blooms to take root elsewhere, perhaps in your own back yard. Before you yank this volunteer up by its roots, consider these few points and the benefits they can provide:

They are necessary. In many cases where land is uninhabited they prevent erosion. Tumbleweeds provided fodder for our early pioneers' livestock; cattle would have starved without them. Wild creatures find shelter in their clustered brambles; seeds and sometimes berries provide food, blooms offer up nectar for bees. Feathered squadrons import some during their migrations. Historically, these airborne Johnny Appleseeds sowed seeds, enriched barren lands and provided food to primitive people before the birth of agriculture.

Weeding, as often as you want, is preferable to using herbicides that kill off beneficial microorganisms. WEEDS ARE HERE TO STAY. You can limit their invasive nature by leaving some space and breathing room around your plants. This extra space facilitates your spotting weeds when they first appear when their roots are delicate and easier to tug out.

'Wild Weed Salad'

Gather up a mélange of tender, edible wild herbs; prepare them as you would common salad greens. Prepare a dressing of pomegranate vinegar or lemon juice paired with grape seed oil. No need for Dijon, garlic or pepper, the weeds will provide all the zing you need.

submitted by Kathy Kildebeck, chairman



FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Program Chair, Edie Graber; speaker, Virginia Baxter and President, Kathy Owens.



“First Ladies and Flowers.”

Hilarious, witty, fun and informative! Our February speaker **Virginia Baxter**, Executive Director at Long Beach City College, regaled us with a history of some of our First Ladies and their involvement with horticulture. She kept us totally captivated beginning with **Martha Washington** and **Martha Jefferson** who both grew gardens for medicinal purposes. After Mt. Vernon went bankrupt and was taken over by the Ladies Association, it began a legacy of tributes to women.

Eleanor Roosevelt planted a Vegetable Victory Garden and currently, **Mrs. Obama** also planted a vegetable garden to encourage healthy eating habits.



The first cherry blossom trees were introduced from Japan by **Helen Taft**.
Left: President Wilson’s wife, Ellen, created the White House Rose Garden, which in time, because of its beauty, became a place for dignitary meetings and where Trisha Nixon was married.

Pat Nixon was the first to open the White House garden to public tours.



Lady Bird Johnson, left, was honored with a grove of trees named for her because of her work cleaning up of billboards along our highways and her involvement with school children to beautified parks and school grounds.



Above:
Martha Jefferson, left, and Martha Washington, right.



At right: Nancy Reagan loved Poinsettias and always returned to the White House from California with flowers grown in her home State.



Jackie Kennedy left, was the first to have a *White House florist* who used flowers from the garden to create arrangements in every room of the White House. Jackie also had crab apples and tulips planted in the garden as did **Beth Truman**.



In memory of his wife, **Rachel, Andrew Jackson** planted a magnolia tree at the White House and it remains there today.

