

BOOK CLUBS

~Wendi Vodhanel,
Fundraising Chair

Thursday, March 19th

2:30 pm

“Educated: A Memoir”

by Tara Westover

At the home of **Lynette Sewell**

6:30pm

“House on Endless Waters”

by Edmuna Elon. At the home

of **Susan Townsend**

NIGC MEMBERSHIP & ROSTER UPDATES



~Trish Schooley, Roster Chair

Your membership renewal form will arrive in the April “Island Poppy”! Please make sure you list any and all changes you would like made in the **2020 NIGC Roster**. Should any changes come up DURING the summer and BEFORE JULY 20th, please call or email me before the Roster goes to print.

Thank You!

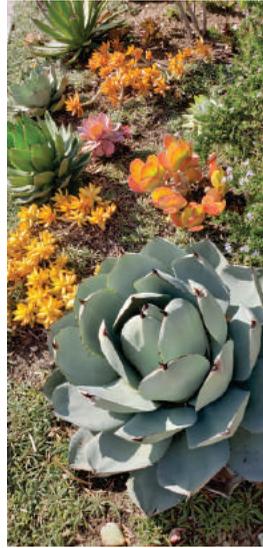
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BEAUTIFICATION AWARD {CONTINUED}



Agave attenuata.



Agave collection adds a variety of textures.



A single tiny blossom tucked into pine-like shrub.



Sonja Seaver with newly planted raised vegetable bed.



Foot reflexology path of colorful stones encircles a water fountain.



Meticulous maintenance enhances the serenely peaceful backyard.

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

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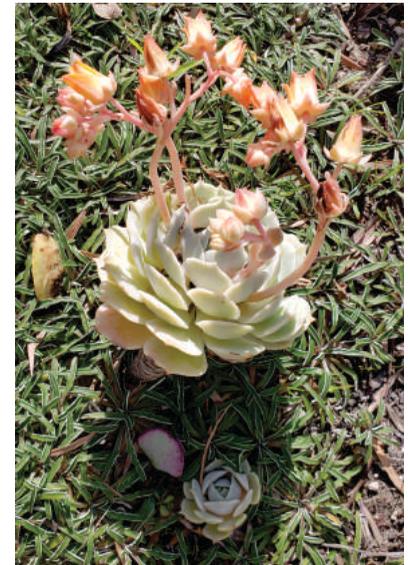
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NIGC BEAUTIFICATION AWARD:

~Edie Graber, Beautification Award Chair



Rarely do we repeat the honoring of a garden for a Beautification Award. Sonja and Patrick Seaver's lovely Spanish Revival home at 5925 The Toledo is an exception. This 1933 home on three lots is a treasure. The front garden is planted with a colorful variety of succulents which delight the passers by. The side garden (on the third lot) is a complete surprise with its various vegetable and herb plots, trees and an intriguing foot reflexology path of stones encircling a fountain. A large old sculptural magnolia tree and a hanging swing made many years ago by Sonja's grandfather invite one to sit, relax and enjoy this very peaceful and ever changing Naples setting.



Detail of a blooming succulent, Cubic Frost {echeveria}



A tall Bullrush [c.alternifolius] on the left is balanced by a Windmill Palm {trachycarpus fortunei} on the front: agave and succulents thrive in the foreground.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



March is looking to be a terrific month. We are gearing up for our annual **NIGC Flower Show** with a program at our next General Meeting titled "Helpful tips for Award Winning Arrangements" by our local Sweet Peas Florist, **Leigh Ann Janelli**. I am really excited to see what you all come up with at the Flower Show.

You may have noticed that three of the Pepper Trees at La Bella Fontana have been successfully replaced with new ones. We are all very thankful for having purchased the full warranty and Moon Valley honored it.

March 19th is our annual **Arbor Day** event at Naples Elementary School. Lauren Mintie and Jodi Reep are working very hard for it to be successful. Please come and see our new Palm Trees which will be planted especially for this event.

Remember to set your clocks ahead March 8th, spring forward!

*"May you always have, A Sunbeam to warm you
Good Luck to charm you, and a Sheltering Angel
So nothing can harm you
Laughter to cheer you, Faithful friends near you,
And whenever you pray, Heaven to Hear You"*



GENERAL MEETING



**Monday
March 9, 2020
1:00 pm**

"Helpful Tips for Award Winning Arrangements"

Leigh Ann Janelli, Owner of Sweet Peas Florist, a talented AIFD floral designer, will offer tips for spectacular flower arrangements.

Door Hostess:

Margaret Dineen-Kern

Flowers: **Trish Schooley**

Refreshments: **Susan**

Townsend, Gloria Gessleman,

Meredith Medanich, Marge

Hohly & Marion Beckman



Last December, Naples resident **Richard Nelson** made a donation to the Garden Club in memory of his mother, **Betty Nelson**. **Richard Nelson** is NIGC's most faithful contributor. He sends a check every Christmas in memory of his mother. His gift goes into our Beautification Fund. Above is **Betty Nelson** and her beloved geraniums.

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FLOWER SHOW TUESDAY, APRIL 7 "BIRDS, BEES & BUTTERFLIES"!

~Ann Devlin-Snyder & Jane Hamilton, Co-Chairs



The Flower Show Luncheon is soon! It's time to get your floral entries started! For the first time you are invited to create a themed masterpiece with a partner based on "**Birds, Bees, and Butterflies**". Vases will be available at the March meeting for your single bloom display use. Please refer to the "Rules" included in this "Island Poppy" for entry instructions. If you are planning on showing a place setting, please make your reservation for a spot with Ann Devlin-Snyder.

Also enclosed in this "Poppy" is a luncheon reservation form with details for the day. Please submit it with a check for \$55.00 by March 27th to Susan Bell. The Yacht Club is asking that we limit the number at each table to eight.

Rules and Forms are also available on the NIGC website.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

PLANT BOUTIQUE, SATURDAY, JUNE 6

~Kay Bailey & Mo Schultz Co-Chairs



We are in need of pots (6" minimum), oblong, ceramic or metal containers. Debbie Tebrich has offered to make succulent pots and also some terrariums for the boutique. She is taking cuttings from the 2nd Street planters, but can always use more from members' gardens. Please take cuttings to her or she will come and pick them up.

If pots and planting are not your thing, we will be collecting donations at the March meeting. **The Plant Boutique is a huge opportunity to raise lots of money for beautification in Naples so we need your support.**



Above: Ideal container for the upcoming Plant Boutique.

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Barbie Barker-Litterst
March 3

Diana Schmelzer
March 4

Jeannie Hughes
March 10

Patty Davis
March 19

Diane Bateman
March 28

SAVE THE DATE



June Installation Luncheon

**Wednesday June 10, 2020
Old Ranch Country Club
11:00 Social,
12:00 Luncheon**

Mark June 10th on your Calendars!

{NOTE: Roster has the wrong date}



Orchids look great in containers similar to these!

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Speaker **Kim Kolpin**, Executive Director Bolsa Chica Land Trust & **Ginny Clark**, Programs Chair.

“BOLSA CHICA LAND TRUST: PRESERVING ALL OF BOLSA CHICA

~Ginny Clark, Programs and Events Chair.

Bolsa Chica Land Trust was established in 1992 according to our speaker, Executive Director, Kim Kolpin. Its mission is to preserve and restore all of Bolsa Chica's 1,300 acres of wetlands. The wetlands are good for the environment as they provide as much oxygen as a rain forest.

The wetlands are 9000-years-old and have been used for many things over the ages. Originally a village, trade center, cemetery, and a ritual place, it became a military outpost as well as a gun club. Over the years, 50% of the original wetlands have been lost to residential development.

There are volunteers from all over the United States who come to these wetlands and help cleanup, replant and water by hand . Over 60,000 plants and grasses have been grown on site and have been hand planted to continue the local flora and fauna.

The Trust has an Education Program, MIRACLES OF THE MARSH, which reaches out to third grade classes from thirteen surrounding cities which take part in the curriculum run by volunteers.

Anyone can volunteer the 1st Sunday and 3rd Saturday of each month. On the 3rd Sunday at 9am you can come for visitation and information about birds of which there are over 60 species. More information may be found at BolsaChicaLandTrust.org.



Serving its place on the Pacific Flyway, Bolsa Chica provides nesting and foraging habitat for thousands of migratory birds every year.



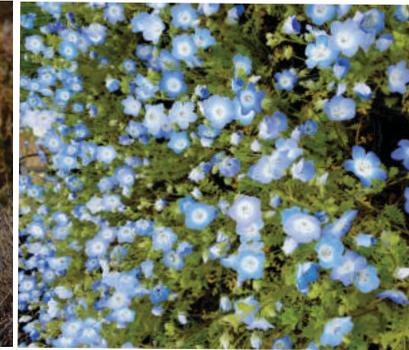
A new on-site nursery facility is producing thousands of new native plants for habitat restoration.



Designated in the late 1970's, the Reserve today is 1300 acres of critical wetland, sand dune and upland mesa habitats. The Land Trust is looking to buy small land parcels adjacent to the existing wetlands to enhance the area.



Acre for acre, wetlands are one of the most productive wildlife habitats on earth.



Native grassland prairie and Rare Coastal Sage scrub are habitats currently being restored.



The Bolsa Chica Wetlands is safe harbor to 23 listed species & more than 230 species of birds, mammals & reptiles, rare plants & plant communities, and is a nursery for an estimated 50 aquatic species.



California Poppies provide color in the Reserve.



California Coastal Sagescrub



BCLT's education program, **Miracles of the Marsh** is a 3rd grade curriculum that exceeds California's Next Generation science standard.



The toll on the Reserve from adjacent development, pollution, over use and human abuse makes the support of the public through the Bolsa Chica Land Trust critical .



Coastal strand, coastal dune, wetland and riparian plant communities can all be found at Bolsa Chica

BOARD MEETING

Monday
March 30, 2020

2:30 p.m.

Hostess:

Margaret Dineen-Kern

Co-hostess:

Barbara Jordon

BEAUTIFICATION SCHEDULE

Naples School

Tuesday, Mar 17, 9:30 am

Naples School "Arbor Day Clean-Up". Please bring gardening tools

Debbie Tebrich & Dawn Doeve

Naples Plaza Median

TBD.

Ginny Clark

La Bella Fontana

Thursday Mar. 12, 3pm

Tish and Linda will lead members in a spring clean-up of our landmark fountain. Please mark your calendars Bellas!

Linda Frame & Tish Camp

Second St. Containers

As needed...

As the weather warms, please water your plants and weed the containers.

Debbie Tebrich



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NIGC PARTNERS WITH LB ORGANICS IN NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN



NIGC members Kay Bailey, Marianne Huntley & Sandy Davidson assisted with the first meeting of the new Community Garden on Redondo Ave.

2020-2021 NIGC OFFICER NOMINATIONS

~Barbara Jordon, Past President



On Thursday, February 13, the newly elected nominating committee met at the home of past president, Barbara Jordon, to discuss potential candidates for our NIGC 2020-2021 slate of officers. We are happy to announce, for your consideration, the following candidates who have consented to run for these six offices:

President – **Ducky Caswell**

1st VP Programs – **Pam McCredie**

2nd VP Membership – **Lynne Clarke**

Treasurer – **Dawn Doeve**

Recording Secretary – **Deborah Smith**

Corresponding Secretary – **Ann Devlin Snyder**

We will formally introduce these candidates to the membership at the March 9th general membership meeting and the election will take place at our meeting in May. Additional nominations may be made by any ten Active Members and shall be submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary within fifteen days of the April meeting. Please see complete details on page 32, Section 9.1 of your current Roster.

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THREE PEPPER TREES AT LA BELLA FONTANA PARK REPLACED



Out with the Old & In with the New! A bee-hive of workers removed dead pepper trees by crane, while other workers dug holes, reorganized irrigation & lighting & set new California Pepper Trees {schinus molle} in the ground.



ARBOR DAY TRIBUTE 2020

~Jodi Reep & Lauren Mintie, Co Chairs.

Mark your calendars for **Thursday March 19 at 10 am** to attend the **NIGC Annual Arbor Day Memorial Tribute** honoring members and immediate family members who have passed in the last year. We will gather under the tree near the marquee to share words of remembrance and enjoy the gardens of Naples Bayside Academy that NIGC helps maintain in a fitting tribute. In addition to our local memorial, a seedling will be purchased through Penny Pines for each of our members who have passed in the preceding year. This remarkable endeavor helps in the reforestation efforts in California through the US Forest Service.

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BUNCO BABES

Let's do the
Leprechaun Leap

to the home of

Susan Townsend

25 Savona Walk

Monday, March 9th

Social 6:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m. games begin.

Bring \$5 in singles & a "nice treasure" in a bag.

Please call

Jeanie Miller

(562) 433-0566

Marge Hohly

(562) 896-7940

ARBOR DAY WILL REMEMBER

Nelson Campbell

Son of Victoria Campbell

Tom Clarke

Husband of Lynne Clarke

John Graber

Son of Edie Graber

Irene Montgomery

Mother of Marianne Huntley

Sylvia Mothe

Mother of Lynette Jordan

Nancee Tinsley

NIGC Member

Gabriel Trevis

Brother of Dolores Montoya

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