

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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April 6
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April 8
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April 9
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April 10
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April 15
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April 16
Donna Malbon
April 17
Jeanie Miller
April 21
Susan Townsend
April 21
Eileen Ryan
April 25
Gloria Gesselman
April 27

STAY SAFE!

1. Try to practice social distancing when gardening where you can.
2. Create a meditation garden to boost trust in the future – and yourself!
3. Garden without leaving the house.
4. Order Plants & Seeds online or for pickup. Most garden stores remain open for pick up and/or delivery!

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NIGC EVENTS CURRENTLY CANCELLED OR SUSPENDED



Arbor Day	Cancelled	Jodi Reep / Lauren Mintie	03.19.2020
Charleston Trip	Cancelled	Pam McCredie	03.24.2020
NIGC Board Mtg.	Cancelled	Marianne Huntley	04.03.2020
Flower Show	Cancelled	Ann Devlin Snyder	04.07.2020
Dine Out Fundraiser <i>Lucille' BBQ</i>	Take Out Only?	Ann Devlin Snyder	04.20.2020
Beautification Projects <i>(April, May & June)</i>	TBD	Sandy Davidson Linda Frame/Tish Camp Debbie Tebrich Ginny Clark	TBD TBD TBD
May Day	TBD	Debbie Ball	05.01.2020
NIGC General Meeting	Cancelled	Marianne Huntley	05.11.2020
Book Clubs	Cancelled	Wendi Vodhanel	
Bunco	Cancelled	Dolores Montoya/Jeanie Miller	
Plant Boutique	TBD	Kay Bailey / Mo Schultz	06.06.2020
Installation Luncheon	TBD	Lisa Mauck	06.10.2020

WHAT TO DO IN THE GARDEN THESE DAYS

~from Nature&Garden.com

"The Coronavirus Covid-19 crisis shouldn't keep you away from your garden. Quite the opposite, a lockdown is a great opportunity to take even better care of your plants. Whether voluntary or imposed by the government, gardening is safe and will bear much more fruit than staying inside. Turn couch potatoes into real potatoes!" ~March 20, 2020.



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A SPECIAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Garden Club Ladies.

During these tumultuous times, it is hard for us to differentiate between what is absolute necessity and what is just conjecture. What is overreacting, and what is not taking current events seriously enough?

Based on the average age of our Club membership, we are the target demographic of the outbreak. It would be wise to heed recommendations of the healthcare community. It is a particularly unique time in our history and none of us knows the outcome. I do know, however, we are a resilient people.

Optimistically, I believe we will survive this and continue. We are an incredible community of well meaning, loving and kind people and I know these traits will carry us far. Please keep your families close in your hearts and watch out for your neighbors in need of help.

I look forward to gathering again in the near future and continuing the great tradition of Naples Islands Garden Club. Until then, we have chosen to send out an "Island Poppy" Newsletter to keep you informed, provide some local resources and to let you know not to worry about any Garden Club obligations at this point. Everything has been suspended. We will let you know when this changes.

I wish you all the best and I pray for a resolution soon.

"Harmony in the Garden" 

~ Marianne



"If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden."

~Frances Hodgson Burnett,
The Secret Garden

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please cut and tape into NIGC Roster 2019



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MEMBERSHIP POSTING

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Please direct comments to
Lynne Clarke,
VP Membership by April 30.

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NIGC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

~Lynne Clarke, Membership Chair

Your 2020-2021 Membership Renewal form is in this issue of the Island Poppy. Included with the form is an addressed envelope to return your form and payment to Lynne Clarke, Membership Chair. Deadline for Membership Renewal is May 1st, 2020.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you are paying your Membership Renewal by check, be sure to make it out to **NAPLES ISLANDS GARDEN CLUB**. Checks made out to NIGC will no longer be accepted by the bank and will be returned to you. Please remember you can also pay by credit card. Thank You!



Welcome new members! L-R Barbara Jordon, Loretta Luskin, sponsor, Tricia Burge & Lynn Allen holding gift boxes; Sandy Davidson & Nancy Pinckert, sponsors; Lynne Clarke, Membership Chair.

FLAG REPLACEMENT

~Norma Kober, Flag Chair

The flag at Bella Fontana Park was replaced on Tuesday, March 3rd, by Mike Frakes and the Tri-City Trees crew. We are so very fortunate to have their help and they deserve a big thank you for all of this unwavering support.

The previous flag was worn and slightly torn due to the weather and winds. The new flag, now flying proudly, was donated by **Howard Davis**, with his dedication reading **"For the sacrifices of spouses and children"**. A lovely and heartfelt sentiment I am sure we can all appreciate.



Tri-City Crew replaces worn flag with a new one.

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FLORAL ARRANGEMENT TIPS & TRICKS

~Lynne Clarke

If you weren't thinking that spring was just around the corner, Monday's General Membership meeting was certainly a reminder. **Leigh Ann Janelli**, owner of **Sweet Peas Florists** here in Naples, presented a demonstration on how to create entries for four of the categories at the NIGC Flower Show: Small Container, Teacup, Place Setting and Themed Arrangement.

Along the way she shared tips and suggestions, which is how I learned that fillers go into a container first because they help establish the shape of the arrangement. Did you know that? I always thought they were used to fill in empty spaces!

We hope to be using her many suggestions as the Spring rains promise gardens full of colorful blooms!



Leigh Ann Janelli holds completed teacup arrangement surrounded by buckets of blooms.

BEAUTIFICATION

~Sandy Davidson, Beautification Chair & NIGC Board

NIGC beautification projects are ongoing, however participation will be up to each member's discretion. Project notification will continue to be made by each project's chairs. Gatherings will be limited in the number of participants and we respectfully request adhering to the six foot "social distancing" CDC requirements during your public gardening efforts.

STAY CONNECTED! John Frank of Naples CERT is looking for 200 homes to place Community Encouragement Signs. Please check <http://naplesisland.org/strong> for more information.

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Leigh Ann Janelli & Barbara Jordon



Charming completed teacup arrangement



Edie Graber presents Beautification Award to Sonja Seaver.

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