

**May 6, 2015
Greenwood Gardens**

Members will travel on a deluxe bus to the **Schoustra specialty nursery in Somis** (near Ojai) to learn about lilies and iris. A catered lunch will be served at the nursery and then a visit to the Camarillo Mall on the way home, an upscale collection of discount shops. Wine and snacks served on the way home, trip will accommodate **45**, members will have first priority with a check at the March 9 meeting.

Susan Bell and Meredith Medanich will be ready at 12:30 p.m. to accept reservations.

Final cost will be published in the March *Island Poppy*, about \$80 or less.



*Seawall Meeting on Landscape -
Date Change*

Thursday, Feb. 26, 6 pm at LBYC.

Please plan to attend;
the meeting will focus on landscape.

Naples Plaza Lanes Repainting—

The Naples Improvement Association has been trying for years to have the city do something to calm the traffic down on Naples Plaza. The association has received many complaints and it was a high priority on any of the surveys we have done. We have given many suggestions to the city but none was acceptable until we suggested the roundabout and that suggestion was not acceptable to the residents. Our last suggestion was to narrow the lanes. The city did the design and of course wanted bike lanes. It does seem to be working. I have had positive comments regarding the effort. We even got a cross walk at the corner of The Toledo and Naples Plaza. As a walker I appreciate the slower traffic.

submitted by Marilyn Russell Bittle

Beautification Award

Please keep your eyes peeled for attractive landscaping around homes in our neighborhood and let Lynn Clark know of any recommendations for consideration.

*They do not have to be
Garden Club members' homes.
Lynn Clark, Beautification chairman*



ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS:

SAVE THE DATE OF
FRIDAY, MAY 8,
FOR OUR ANNUAL BRIDGE
LUNCHEON AT LBYC.
**ALL BRIDGE SCORES TO BE
TURNED IN BY MAY 1ST. PLEASE
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**



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**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE:**

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➤ February is a short month with *Valentine's Day* right in the middle. Our Feb. 9 meeting will have a Valentine themed raffle for our upcoming Flower Show on April 14. The prize can be used for *Teatime in the Garden*. Wear your heart on your sleeve and join your garden club friends at our meeting.

➤ Arbor Day, a traditional NIGC event, has been a moving and unique event for many years. The Board has recommended members approve a beautification project at Naples School in memory of deceased members and family whom we will honor on April 16. We will vote on Feb. 9.

➤ A trip to Sherman Gardens is always a treat especially in springtime. The Orange County District will install its new director on Monday morning, April 6, and lunch follows a short meeting. I will attend and welcome other members to come with me. Checks for lunch will be collected at our March 9 meeting.

"Green Grows our Island."

Sandy

**NEXT
General Membership Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2015**

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



**"Permanent
Botanicals -
Centerpiece
Arrangements"**

Golden West Professor, Miriam Somoano, AIDF, is returning by popular

demand. She will demonstrate creating centerpieces using artificial material... now known as *permanent botanicals*.

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General Membership Meeting

February 9, 2015

Flowers: Meredith Medanich
Refreshments: Loretta Luskin, Cathy Black,
Judi McCall, Sharon Civalieri
Door Hostess: Ginny Clark

TIPS FROM THE TREASURER

Please submit checks and cash to Priscilla, our treasurer, at our general meetings or on the day of a board meeting. Check the roster and *Island Poppy* for dates. Checks and cash left in her mailbox **are not secure**, please do not leave there. The Lanes enjoy boating and may be on the high seas and not at home.

Priscilla uses the electronic bill pay feature at Union Bank and will pay our bills (payment requests with receipts) twice a month. Payment will arrive via U.S. mail in a white envelope with the return address : **Payment Processing Center, Hickory, NC.**

BUNCO

"Be a sweetheart "and join the Bunco Babes
Monday evening, February 9th, at 7:00 p.m.

at the home of Betty Hercus

156 Rivo Alto Canal

Bring your Valentine treat

and (5) \$1.00 bills

call: Jeanie Miller (562) 433-0566

NEXT BOARD MEETING

February 23, 2015

9:30a.m. social 10:00a.m. meeting

Hostess: Trish Schooley
Co-hostess: Sandy Davidson

GARDENER'S GALLEY

Buffalo Chicken Dip

(Great for upcoming Super Bowl Party)
from the kitchen of Trish Schooley

1 pkg (8 ounces) cream cheese softened
1/2 cup blue cheese salad dressing
1/4 cup Frank's Redhot sauce
1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
2 cans (9.75 ounces each) Premium Chunk Chicken
Breast in Water, drained
Assorted fresh vegetables or crackers

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Whisk cream cheese until smooth. Stir in dressing, hot sauce and blue cheese. Add and mix shredded chicken.
3. Bake for 20 mins. in 9 inch deep pie plate until chicken mixture is hot and bubbling. Stir before serving.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 2 Linda Landes
February 2 Meredith Medanich
February 7 Jane Hamilton
February 10 Lou Fitzgerald
February 13 Pat Nielson
February 24 Wendi Vodhanel
February 25 Judy Lamb
February 28 Anita Padgett



Sustaining Membership – It's A Good Thing!!!!

There are many individuals in our club that fulfill the minimum requirements to remain "Active" members by attending only 2 General Membership Business meetings a year (this is now changed to 3) and don't participate in any beautification efforts or sign up for any committees. Certainly, there are justifiable reasons for this: health issues, personal/family obligations, extensive travel, work commitments or just lack of interest. If this applies to you, please consider changing your status to Sustaining.

Think about what this means. The pressure is off – you won't be required to attend any of the General Membership Business meetings (unless you choose to). However, you can still participate in all NIGC activities:

1. Arbor Day
2. Beautification: La Bella Fontana, LBYC Park, Naples Plaza, Second Street Medians, Tree Wells/Pots
3. Excursions
4. Fundraising: Book Clubs, Bridge, Bunco, Flea Market, Plant Table
5. General Membership Meetings
6. Hospitality
7. May Day
8. Newsletter Distribution
9. Programs: Christmas Luncheon, Flower Show, June Luncheon, Reservations
10. Publicity
11. Travel
12. Website

If you choose to go Sustaining, only three things change:

1. You will not be entitled to vote.
2. You cannot hold a position on the Board of the Club.
3. You cannot sponsor new members.

That's it, and if you change your mind, and would like to become an Active member once again, your name will be given priority over potential new members on any Club waiting list. This is such a positive, thoughtful gesture. Not only do you get to enjoy all of the wonderful activities of the Club, but you are giving prospective new members the opportunity to join and get involved.

If you would like to take this into consideration or want to discuss Sustaining membership further, please contact me.

Lynette Sewell, 2nd Vice President, Membership



FLOWER SHOW REMINDER

Date: Tuesday, April 14th, 2015

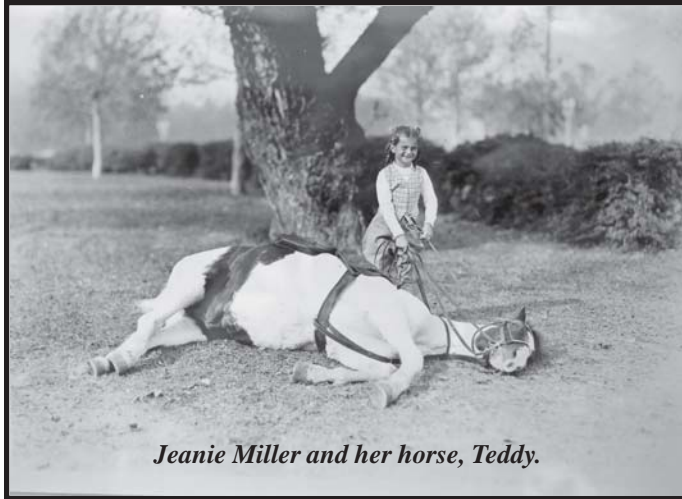
Place: Long Beach Yacht Club

Time: 11:30 a.m. social

THEME..... "Tea Time in the Garden"

Start planting dish gardens now so they will be firmly rooted for the event.

GLIMPSE FROM THE PAST



Jeanie Miller and her horse, Teddy.

“Fiesta de la Playa” parade, a huge well-attended community parade on 2nd Street in Belmont Shore. All the stores were beautifully decorated for this special summer event. Eventually the family moved to Naples and to quote Jeanie, she “lived in the best of times!”

Editor’s note: Occasionally, space permitting, we may add historical photos and information about members and the beginnings of the club. We hope you will enjoy this “glimpse of the past”.

New Member



Schober, Lynn (Martin)
5645 Campo Walk
Birthday: Feb 29
Joined: 2015
mschober@aol.com
(310)507-5132 cel

Please welcome new member, Lynn Schober. Kindly cut this section out and paste in the back of your rosters so that you have her information at hand.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Patricia Fuquay

Sponsors:

Patti Clark

Jane Hamilton

*Members may direct comments to
Lynette Sewell, V-P Membership Chair
by March 9th.*



HORTICULTURE

Accentuating Small Spaces



Calla Lilies



Staghorn

“Quite a land of plenty! Earth is here so kind, that just tickle her with a hoe and she laughs with a harvest.”

Douglas William Jerrold, 1853

submitted by Jan Dark, Horticulture Chair



Hydrangeas

In making the most of a confined space, remember don’t be put off by even a pocket handkerchief size. Many plants, including azaleas, gardenias, junipers, Nandinas and pomegranates come in dwarf sizes. A small vegetable patch interspersed with herbs is a must for any cook. Add a trellis on which plum, peach, pear and apricot trees can be espaliered along a boundary fence.

For shady spots, impatiens, dwarf azaleas, leather and maidenhair ferns, violets, a hanging staghorn fern, calla lilies and hydrangeas should be considered. Pots or other hanging baskets (e.g. fushias) may also play a part. Even a small Japanese maple can add color and much pleasure.

Flowers... are a proud assertion that a ray of beauty outvalues all the utilities of the world.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)



From left: *Barbara Jordon, Program Chair; George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine; President, Sandy Davidson.*

JANUARY PROGRAM

"Betwixt and Between"

Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, **George Chapjian** walked us through areas the City is improving, maintaining and excelling in. Youth groups and senior citizens are being offered many diverse and beneficial programs. Parks, playgrounds, fitness centers and soccer fields are being upgraded. Antiquated irrigation systems are being automated and areas of parks and medians are being replanted with drought tolerant landscape. Changing one soccer field to artificial turf would save 600,000 gallons of water a year. Last year Long Beach was recognized nationally for its overall performance of Park, Recreation and Marine services. Lower oil prices may affect our Tideland Funds that will in turn detrimentally affect the City's Budget.



Great turn out of members for the program.



Plant table, Chair, Jane Hamilton giving humerous account of items for purchase!

Brownie Troop #145 Gardeners

Thank you so very much, Naples Island Garden Club, for giving us the opportunity to learn about and create "succulent" pot gardens. Kay Berg was excellent in providing our Brownies with instruction on our local environment, including hands-on planting of succulents and take-home handouts explaining how to create and care for our gardens. We are grateful to Kay and the NIGC for taking an interest in our Girl Scouts' education.

In gratitude,

Julie Kay Satariano



BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

Small corners at their best!

The home of Barbara and Vic Jordon



When we think of our small properties in Naples, we don't realize the diversity and scope that can be achieved in a minimal amount of space. The Jordons' landscape project came about because the carrotwood trees on the patio were creating root problems and with their removal a complete new landscape and tiled patio ensued!

Two large Kentia Palms, male and female, replaced the carrotwood trees and were planted with colorful anthuriums at the base with plumerias in pots set at the canal-side steps. A beautiful Song of India tree in an enormous pot stands at the corner of the patio. The street-side entrance is framed with a triangle of mature Hawaiian Ti Trees. The thirty-foot King Palms, giant Bird of Paradise and bamboo were part of the original garden.

A sloped planting area, bordered with stone pieces, extends along both sides of the walkway to the entrance of the house with several rustic metal sculptures, majestic boulders and an extensive array of plants including bromeliads, crotons, cycads, cyclamen, chocolate chip ajuga and violets dotted throughout. At one end of the canal pathway is a potted weeping camellia, *Dypsis lanceolata* and an Australian Firewheel tree, (Protea family), which will bloom in the fall with red pinwheel flowers. A large Lady Raphis Excelsa Palm screens the living room window allowing light but providing privacy. The landscape was recently designed by David Hayes of Zimmerman Tree Service, with hands on involvement by Barbara every step of the way. A charming corner of the canal!



**182
Rivo
Alto
Canal**



Song of India in enormous ceramic pot!

