



# Las Brisas

Costa Verde District Newsletter

Winter 2016



## District Director's Message

This newsletter's purpose is to review some of the highlights of Winter Board with photos shared by camera happy members. You'll want to save it for your clubs' forever favorite memories. A plethora of pleasurable moments follow herein.

The top photo is the presentation of CVD's gift to Sue Bennett for her President's Project: "Encouraging Future Gardeners". It was a pretty purse made of gray silk roses that enclosed generous checks from the district's clubs. It was a delight for Co-chairwomen Alexis Slafer and Gudy Kimmel to bestow upon exuberant and thankful Sue. It is a tremendous project with which we wish her much success.

Please remember to visit SCBG's Lego Display from February 9- May 8, 2016.

The newsletter ends with an obituary of former Costa Verde District Director, Gloria Jacobs, a faithful long time member of Riviera Garden Club.

Thank you everyone for your participation in Costa Verde District. Kitty Guzman





Bonnie Goldberg (l.), page "who knows everything", for Sue Bennett (r.), CGCI President.



Greg Pokorski meets long lost look alike relatives at the Korean Bell.



Korean Bell ~ a gift to the City of San Pedro from Korea.



Linda Smith (Shrubs & Trees Chairman) and Carolyn Hokum (CGCI Corresponding Secretary) on tour at Fan Faire Fountain in San Pedro.



Tour group of 30 at San Vicente Interpretive Center.



Ruth Brooker (Tour Chairman) Kristie Livreri (Pacific Region Director) Sue Bennett (CGCI President), Kitty Guzman (CVD District Director)

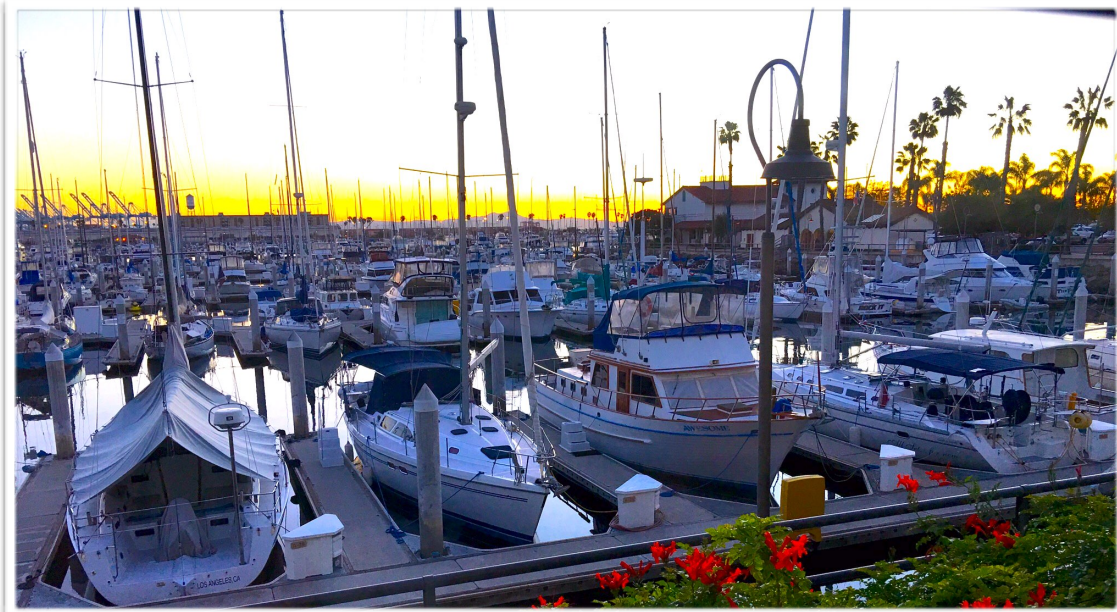


Pt. Vicente Lighthouse as viewed from the SVI Center. Catalina Island was clearly seen 27 miles across the sea on this picture perfect day.





President Sue Bennett presides at CVD Winter Board Meeting with her efficient and hardworking executive board.



View of the sunrise at the Double Tree Hotel in San Pedro. The enchanting location of the marina was one of the many reasons the Winter Board was so enjoyable and successful.



Pacific Region District Director Kristie Livreri (l.) accepts a gift from CGCI President Sue Bennett.



Robin Pokorski, Winter Board Registrar, and Alexis Slafer, Winter Board co-chairman, enjoy a happy moment together.



District Director Carol Jauregui (Butte District) states her opinion before the board.





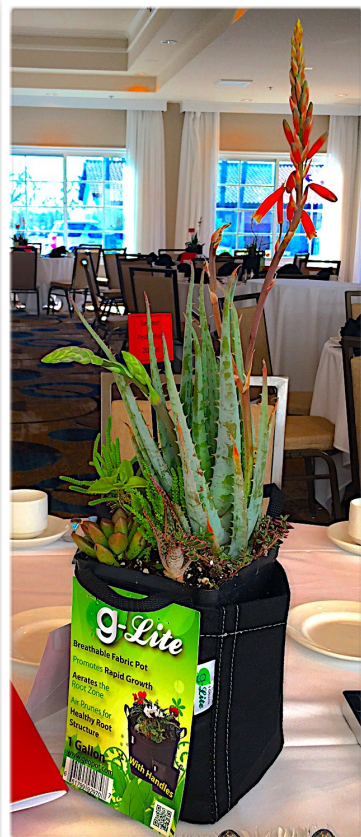
LBGC hosts Wednesday's dinner and decorates table(s).



Flowers show off repurposed and recycled mason jars painted in red, white and blue for patriotic theme.

Floral design with front and back views.

By Judy Unrine  
So. Coast Floral  
Designer Club's  
President



Jorge Ochoa, LBCC Horticulture Dept. Head, speaks about his passion, Passion Flowers, at Tuesday's dinner.

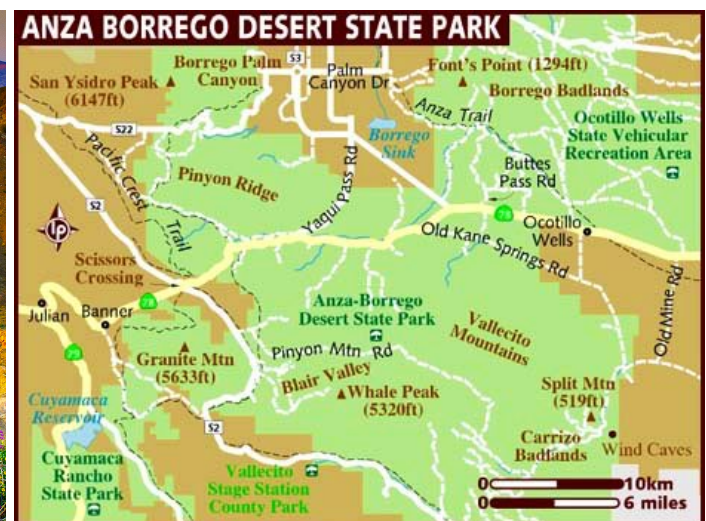
Riviera Club's centerpiece using President's Project Kit .



## CGCI Three Year Calendars Now Available 2017-2019

The purchase of this 3 year calendar specifically supports our CGCI state project:

- ★ Anza-Borrego Desert State Park was adopted in 2012 in partnership with the Anza-Borrego Foundation to help restore the Visitor Center Desert Garden. Years of declining budgets and differed maintenance have left the three-acre desert garden at the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center in need of serious restoration efforts. The park has many volunteers willing to supply the labor to restore the garden but funds are needed to buy plants and supplies including replacement irrigation line and fittings. Desert Visitor for years will enjoy your contributions!
- ★ Calendars may be bought at CVD Board and General Meetings. \$5.00
- ★ Presidents are encouraged to sell calendars at their clubs on consignment.





## Winter Board Bullet Points for Presidents

1. The Stamps (cancelled postage stamps) Project has been re-instated - Claudia Marsh is the chairman.
2. No further clubs or districts will be added to the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program until after June 30, 2016 (fiscal year-end).
3. Is your district willing to host a CGCI Board Meeting or Convention?
4. Colfax GC is sponsoring Gardening Study School, Courses II, III, & IV in March, May and September (respectively).
5. Go over the pertinent points or better yet, copy the handout from Jane McKee regarding forms on the website.
6. Policy was established that any club or district who uses CGCI's EIN will have to reimburse up to \$2000 of any accountant fees incurred to address the problem.
7. The Flower Show School Symposium will be held in Auburn, April 8 - 10, 2016
8. There's a potential refresher available for Consultants in Humboldt District in August.
9. Martha Smyser, Scholarship Chairman, announced the two worthy scholarship winners.
10. The CGCI Convention will be held in Irvine at the Hotel Irvine, May 18 - 22, 2016. The registration fee will be \$45 if postmarked by April 27, 2016 - after this date the registration fee will be \$75.
11. All clubs are entitled to representation at convention. All clubs who send representatives (president and/or delegates) to convention must complete credential forms that will be included with the Call to convention.
12. Season's Greetings is returning for this year - \$5 per greeting to be published in *Golden Gardens eNews*, all proceeds benefit the President's Project - Maryanne Lucas, Chairman.
13. The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for all positions on the CGCI Executive Committee - advise the committee of interested members. Chairman Carole Lung replaces Sherry Molinari who resigned.
14. Remind club presidents to forward *Golden Gardens eNews* to their members or that club members need to sign up for *GG eNews* to receive it directly. Suggest they include a link in their electronic newsletters?
15. If anyone is interested in attending the Pacific Region Convention in Henderson, Nevada, April 5-7, or the NGC Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 2-6, that delegate positions are still available (*as a delegate, part of the cost may be tax-deductible*).



## *Thank You Notes*

Please extend our sincere thanks to all the Costa Verde District members that worked so hard to make the CGCI Winter Board Meeting so successful-Everyone was so warm, welcoming, and helpful-Costa Verde District has set the new gold standard for hosting a meeting! Good job!

Fondly,

Robin and Greg Pokorski

Thank you so much for making the CGCI Winter Board Meeting in San Pedro so enjoyable for all of us. Your members did an outstanding job with hosting, providing baskets for raffling and creative centerpieces. They all pitched in with your leadership and with the leadership of co-chairs Gudy Kimmel and Alexis Slafer. This was one of the most enjoyable board meetings I have attended and I was pleased to say I was part of Costa Verde District once and still enjoy its members.

Sincere Thanks,

Rilla Crane CGCI 2nd VP

To all the volunteers for the 2016 Winter CGCI Board meeting!

You of Costa Verde District all did a wonderful job in hosting us gardeners! Rooms were perfect for every meeting, we even seem to have control of the thermostats which is awesome, the hotel you picked was so comfortable, it felt like it had a big family room, our every need seemed take care of. Although I did not go on the tour, I did so enjoy the workshops and programs! You certainly all did more than your share! I especially felt you had great outgoing hosts at each table!

Thanks and Blessings,

Carolyn Hoyum, Corresponding Secretary CGCI



Thank you for welcoming me to the Costa Verde District for the CGCI Winter Board Meeting. I was treated so nicely and I loved the tour and programs. Please tell everyone how much I enjoyed every-thing.

Love, Kristie Livreri

Pacific Region Director

I would just like to say "THANK YOU!!!" to you — our fantastic Costa Verde District CGCI 2016 Winter Board Meeting Committee.

When I say "fantastic" that is really putting it mildly. I can't think of anything that you could have done to make this meeting any better or improve on how Costa Verde welcomed our fellow CGCI members from across the state. I have received so many compliments about the great efforts, friendliness, helpfulness and support of the volunteers.

While I know that hosting this meeting was a lot of work, I hope that you felt it was worthwhile, that you had a great time...and learned more about CGCI and what Garden Clubs are all about...not to mention learning from the speakers, tour and workshops. I, myself, had a wonderful time...it was a lot of fun and it was great to see friends and meet new ones. I hope that you met some new people that, perhaps, will become life-long garden club friends...after all — we do have somethings in common. I can't truly express my full appreciation except to say that I couldn't be any prouder... So, "thanks"!!!

Alexis Slafer Winter Board Co-chairman

Congratulations to the Costa Verde District's committee of outstanding co-operative members headed by extraordinary co-chairwomen Alexis Slafer and Gudy Kimmel. For over a year they dreamed, planned and worked to create an ideal Winter Board experience which they handily accomplished with their committee of presidents along with their club members.

Alexis set an example of phenomenal sense of duty to her commitment as co-chairman that lesser people would have found as an good excuse to bow out. She was faithfully at her husband's side during daylight while he was seriously ill in the hospital for three months. She then returned home at night to work until the wee hours of the morning. We all marveled at her strength, stamina and knowledge of getting things done.

Gudy's experience of know-how and creative ideas along with her boundless energy made even more magic happen. An enormous thank you to Robin Pokorski as our ever efficient Registrar, an appreciative clap to Ruth Brooker for planning the wonderful enjoyable tour, and CGCI President Sue Bennett for overseeing the grand scheme. Thanks also to the many others behind the scenes for which we would not have been able to do without.

Forever grateful, Kitty Guzman



# Gloria Jacobs 1922-2016



Gloria Weishaar Jacobs of Torrance, 93, passed away peacefully on January 23, 2016. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Gloria Jacobs met future husband Ernie at a coastal youth hostel in New Jersey and eloped a year later. They became Californians over 40 years ago when Ernie's electrical engineering job at Aerospace Corporation brought them to their lovely upper Riviera home.

Gloria returned to college after her children were in school and earned a B.A. in Anthropology from CSU

Dominguez Hills. Gloria said one of her regrets in life was not to have gone back to school sooner; she would have liked to have been a teacher.

Gloria is one to be involved. Now after several decades of dedication to the community and to Riviera Garden Club, Gloria Jacobs is still going strong. She has done just about everything someone involved in our garden club could do. She is known by her friends as thoughtful and kind, often making phone calls or sending notes of support.

Gloria describes herself as a quiet person, but dependable, valuing commitment and follow through. ***She was recently honored for her 27 years of involvement with RGC where she was president for four terms and the Costa Verde District where she was district director for 3 years.*** As our yearbook notes she is a Life Member at all garden club levels. She was a staff member of the Golden Gardens.

Besides being a leader, Gloria has been an innovator as well: She was involved in RGC's entry at the first Torrance Festival of Trees in 1991, was Chairperson of RGC's first garden tour in 1993, and participated at the beginning of the Joslyn Art Center's exhibits coordinated with flower arrangements by RGC. During that first garden tour, Gloria's Japanese garden was among those showcased; this gave her a chance to wear and show her authentic Japanese kimono.

She was a Fine Arts Commissioner for the City of Torrance and became a representative on the new Torrance Cultural Art Center Foundation.

Her favorite flowers were chrysanthemums and mini roses. Thank you Gloria for your commitment and follow through!

