

The background of the entire page is a lush field of purple flowers, likely lavender, with several stems in sharp focus in the foreground and others blurred in the background. The flowers are a vibrant purple color with some white and brownish-orange spots on the petals.

# Naples Islands

**GARDEN CLUB**  
Long Beach, California

**2024-2025**

Member of  
California Garden Clubs, Inc.

*Our 2024-2026 president, Linda Frame, chose the Mexican Bush Sage as the flower for this year and a color scheme of purple and green.*

*The flower has positive connotations for Linda because not only is she attracted to the beautiful Mexican Bush Sage, but butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees also flock to the long, purple-flowered stems. Being a drought champion, it is able to survive in the toughest of environments and yet continues to blossom, becoming a symbol of resilience and hope.*



# Naples Islands

**GARDEN CLUB**  
**2024 - 2025**



Meetings on the 2nd Monday of the Month  
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm - social  
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - program/meeting

Meeting Location  
Long Beach Sea Base (Sea Scout building)  
5875 Appian Way  
Long Beach, CA 90803



We are a Non-Profit Organization and proud member of:  
National Garden Clubs, Inc., Brenda Moore, President  
Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.,  
Carol Norquist, Director  
California Garden Clubs, Inc., Carol Vallens, President  
Orange County District of California Garden Clubs, Inc.,  
Launa Gould, Director



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### *Naples Islands* **GARDEN CLUB GOALS**

The objectives of the Club shall be: To create, promote and further an interest in gardening; to support horticultural scholarship; to encourage neighborhood beautification and environmental improvement; to conserve natural resources and to promote an atmosphere of goodwill and fellowship within the community.

## OFFICERS 2024-2025



*Connect, Cultivate,  
Change*

*"In Nature, Nothing Exists Alone."*

*-Rachel Carson*

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## AFFILIATIONS & EVENTS

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 Project Grants

*Theme: "Go Green - Plant America"*



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*Theme: "Planting the Seeds of  
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*Theme: "Unleash the Wild - Bring  
 Nature Home"*



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## Naples Islands Garden Club Involvements

"Raising the Colors" of the Park Flag  
 Community Beautification Projects

Arbor Day Celebration

May Day Celebration

Luminaria Night

Plant Boutique Sale

Fundraising

Dine-Outs

Holiday Toy Drive

Flower Show Event

Local and National Garden Club Affiliations

Neighborhood Beautification Awards

Veterans Day Commemoration

Book Clubs

Bunco Club

LBCC Horticulture Scholarships

Club Excursions and Travel

Publications



*Luminaria Night Committee*



*Flower Show winners*

## BOARD MEETINGS & EVENTS 2024 - 2025

<b>2024</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Co-hostess</b>
August 26	2 pm	Tish Camp	Helen Freeborn
September 23	2 pm	Deborah Smith	Linda Frame
October 28	2 pm	Catherine Steisel	Beverly Butters Lane
November 25	2 pm	Maureen Schultz	Catherine Steisel
<b>2025</b>			
January 27	2 pm	Beverly Butters Lane	Esther Duran
February 24	2 pm	Susan Townsend	Lynne Clarke
March 24	2 pm	Esther Duran	Helen Freeborn
April 28	2 pm	Linda Frame	Tish Camp
May 19	2 pm	Annie Brown	Kristen Fisher
June 23	2 pm	Linda Frame	Deborah Smith

### Distribution Committee 2024 – 2025

**Eileen Ryan - Chair**

Kay Bailey	Loretta Luskin	Vicki Sawtelle	Rebecca Jones
Susan Townsend	Esther Duran	Lynn Little	Linda Silver
Helen Freeborn	Dawn Doeve	Nancy Emslie	Linda Orndorff

### Affiliation Events Calendar

***Orange County District, Inc.***  
 2024-2025 End-of-Year Meeting  
 Election of new District Officers  
 Monday, Mar 31, 2025, 11:00 am  
 Sherman Gardens, Corona Del Mar, CA

***National Garden Clubs, Inc.***  
 94th Convention  
 May 18-21, 2025 - North Charleston, SC  
 Embassy Suites

Fall Board Meeting  
 Sep 15-18, 2025 - St. Louis, MO

***Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.***  
 81st Convention  
 Apr 28 - 30, 2025 - Tempe, AZ  
*"Wild and Water Wise"*

***California Garden Clubs, Inc.***  
 Fall Board Meeting  
 Sep 9-11, 2024  
 Harris Ranch, Coalinga, CA

Winter Board Meeting (via Zoom)  
 Jan 27-29, 2025

Flower Show School - Poway, CA  
 Mar 18-20, 2025

93rd Convention  
 Jun 2-5, 2025 - Laguna Hills, CA  
 Mass Installation of Officers Jun 4, 2025  
 The Hills Hotel

Fall Board Meeting  
 Sep 8-10, 2025  
 Harris Ranch, Coalinga, CA

\*\*\*\*\* **PRESIDENT**

\*\*\*\*\* **ELECTED OFFICERS and**

**1st Vice President**  
(Programs)  
Esther Duran

**2nd Vice President**  
(Membership)  
Maureen Schultz

**Treasurer**  
Beverly Butters Lane

\*\*\*\*\* **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Publications**  
Kristen Fisher

**Community Liaison**  
Catherine Steisel

**Beautification**  
Susan Townsend

\*\*\*\*\* **Sub-Committees**

**Christmas Luncheon**  
Arlene Tolle  
Beverly Butters Lane

**Flower Show**  
Lisa Mauck

**June Luncheon**  
Tish Camp  
Susie Armstrong

**Distribution**  
Eileen Ryan

**Publicity**  
Trish Schooley

**Roster**  
Nancy Pinckert  
Lynn Allen

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**Hospitality**  
Marilyn Bittle  
Cindy Murphy

**Sunshine**  
Loretta Luskin

**US Flag Custodian**  
Cathy Muirhead

**Beautification Vice Chair**  
Esther Duran

**La Bella Fontana**  
Susan Townsend  
Valerie Rich

**Naples Plaza Median**  
Esther Duran

**2nd Street Planters**  
Shelly Hoherd

**Beautification Awards**  
Patti Martin

**Naples School**  
Catherine Steisel  
Lynn Shoher



Linda Frame

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Parliamentarian

Susan Bell

**DIRECTORS**

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**Corresponding Secretary**

(Poppy)

Lynne Clarke

**Past President**

Deborah Smith

(Chairman Appointed by President)

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**Fundraising**

Annie Brown

**Member Activities**

Helen Freeborn

**Scholarship**

**Chairman**

Tish Camp

(Chairman Appointed by President)

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**Book Club (2:30pm)**

Ania Sullivan

**Veterans Day**

Valerie Rich, Becky Jones

**Scholarship Vice Chair**

Lynne Misajon

**Book Club (12:30pm)**

Annie Brown

**Luminaria**

Barbie Barker-Litterst

**Bunco**

Marge Hohly, Nada Szafaryn

**Arbor Day**

Sherry Yanagisawa

**May Day**

Donna Schilder

**Plant Boutique**

Valerie Rich, Nancy Emslie

**Horticulture**

Sandy Noonan

**Dine-Out Nights**

Barbara Jordon, Alison Lohfeld

**Excursions**

Pam McCredie, Sandy Davidson

**Fall Fundraiser**

Deborah Smith, Helen Freeborn

**Travel**

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## PROGRAMS & CALENDAR - Fall 2024 - Spring 2025

- 09/09/24 (Mon) "Long Beach Museum of Art"**  
Ron Nelson, Executive Director of our renowned museum will discuss what's new and what's happening at our local museum.  
Flowers: Lynn Danielson  
Refreshments: Cathy Ridder, Shelly Hoherd, Kristie Nairne, Marge Hohly  
Elevator Hostess: Ruth Saa
- 10/14/24 (Mon) "The State of the City"**  
Kristina Duggan, 3rd District Councilwoman, will speak about the "State of Long Beach" with focus on the Third District.  
Flowers: Cynthia Finley  
Refreshments: Linda Frame, Wendi Silverman, Deborah Smith, Kay Bailey, Esther Duran  
Elevator Hostess: Lynne Clarke
- 11/04 - 11/09/24 (Mon-Sat) FALL FUNDRAISER - 9am-6pm - Romance, Etc.**
- 11/11/24 (Mon) Veterans Day Observed with Special Memorial at La Bella Fontana**
- 11/11/24 (Mon) "Holiday Wreaths and Arrangements"**  
Margaret Rose, a well known floral designer from this area will present fresh and unique designs for the holidays. Visit her instagram page "fleurtygal."  
Flowers: Lisa Mauck  
Refreshments: Lynette Sewell, Pam McCredie, Lisa Mauck, Cathy Muirhead, Sandy Noonan  
Elevator Hostess: Lynn Shober
- 12/18/24 (Wed) \* CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - "Winter Wonderland"**  
Virginia Country Club, Long Beach-11:00 a.m. Social, 12:00 p.m. Luncheon  
Please bring a gift for the toy drive organized by the LB Fire Department.
- 01/13/25 (Mon) "Planting Seeds, Growing Community" - Long Beach Organic, Inc.**  
Briana Beyrnaty-Durgch will introduce us to Long Beach Organics, a non-profit organization in Long Beach that operates community gardens for local and sustainable food production.  
Flowers: Dee Mattern  
Refreshments: Jeanne Krauss, Kathy Owens, Lynne Misajon, Eileen Ryan, Nancy Emslie  
Elevator Hostess: Deborah Smith

*\*Luncheons are not considered "Regular General Meetings".*

## PROGRAMS & CALENDAR - Fall 2024 - Spring 2025

**02/10/25 (Mon)**    **“Heartfelt Gardens: Cultivating Health, Happiness and Heartiness”**  
Sandra Feaster, is currently a self employed health consultant, personal trainer and golf fitness coach with a focus on health and wellness. She will discuss how tending a garden is much like tending to our health.

Flowers:                Lisa Mauck

Refreshments:        Lisa Mauck, Susan Townsend, Nada Szafaryn, Lynette Sewell, Beverly Butters Lane

Elevator Hostess:    Dolores Montoya

**03/10/25 (Mon)**    **“Preparing For The Flower Show, What Judges Look For”**  
Norm Nakanishi is a former instructor of Agriculture, Horticulture, and Floral Design. He has taught at the high school and adult levels. He is an avid plant grower and belongs to many plant organizations. He speaks frequently at garden clubs in Orange County.

Flowers:                Sherry Yanagisawa

Refreshments:        Linda Frame, Meredith Medanich, Susie Armstrong, Kay Berg, Barbara Jordon

Elevator Hostess:    Loretta Luskin

**04/09/25 (Wed)**    \* **FLOWER SHOW LUNCHEON - (Title TBD)**  
Long Beach Yacht Club - 11:00 a.m. Social, 12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**(TBA)**                **ARBOR DAY** - Special ceremony held at Naples School.

**05/01/25 (Thur)**    **May Day** - Recognition of decorated doors in celebration of May 1.

**05/12/25 (Mon)**    **"Container Gardening"**  
Monique Lawee is a Naples resident and founder of Hangry LBC. She grows flowers, fruits and vegetables in any spare space at her home and in neighbors' yards.

Flowers:                Charlotte Morrison

Refreshments:        Annie Brown, Miriam Houssels, Deborah Smith, Lynn Allen

Elevator Hostess:    Helen Freeborn

**06/07/25 (Sat)**    **NIGC PLANT BOUTIQUE**.....NIA Pancake Breakfast

**06/TBD/25**            \* **June Installation Luncheon**  
Old Ranch Country Club, 11:00am Social, 12:00pm Luncheon

*Meetings held at Long Beach Sea Base, 5875 Appian Way, Long Beach, CA 90803*

## NIGC MEMBERSHIP 2024 – 2025

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-Rachel Carson*

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**Honorary Member**  
*Ben Fisher*





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Change*

*In Loving Memory of our NIGC members  
who have recently passed:*

*Judy Taylor • Lynn Gesner  
Mary Jo Kerr • Patricia Nielson*

**Charter Members**

Mrs. Mel Curtis (Founder).....	Cassie*	Mrs. Gene Page .....	Gene*
Mrs. Robert Boulding.....	Betty	Mrs. Robert Perry .....	Bernice*
Mrs. John Boszoff.....	Patty	Mrs. Joseph Phelps .....	Lou
Mrs. R.J. Carson.....	Margaret*	Mrs. Richard Seaman.....	Virginia*
Mrs. J.T. Childs .....	Mary	Mrs. Ralph Segerblom.....	Milber*
Mrs. Frank Dessel .....	Mary*	Mrs. Jerry Sims.....	Marjorie*
Mrs. Carson Donaldson.....	Carolyn*	Mrs. George Swenson.....	Barbara*
Mrs. S.V. Gerardi .....	Sunny	Mrs. Gene Valdemi .....	Edie
Mrs. John Hand .....	Audrey*	Mrs. W.R. Vitz.....	Julie
Mrs. Bill Luce .....	Arvilla*		
Mrs. Andrea MacArthur.....	Andie		

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# NIGC is a National Winner

## NIGC Boat Parade Float



### National Award won by Naples Islands Garden Club

for promoting membership within the community,  
by creating a float for the Christmas Boat Parade.

1st Place at the State level with over 300 clubs  
in California Garden Clubs.

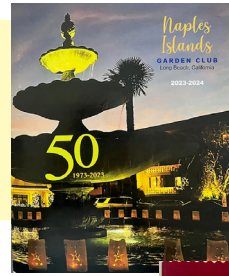
1st Place at the Regional level - 7 western states.

1st Place in the nation with Nation Garden Club Inc.  
with 5,000 clubs throughout the US.



# Other Awards

**NIGC receives other 2024 Awards**  
2nd Place Roster in the State of California,  
Blue Ribbon for Community Involvement



# Beautification Award

**Farmers Bozarth**

Located on the corner of Via Di Roma and 5903 Corso Di Napoli, is the delightful home of Mike Bozarth and Donna Dreyer. Coming from Indiana, Boz's parents were farmers, so he felt it was in his blood. They wanted to do something different since the City no longer permitted ground level patio designs along the waterfront; thus their farm, grown in "Birdies Raised Beds" manufactured in Australia, became a reality. Start to finish, they have two rotations of seasonal crops for almost the entire year. Everything is done organically, including composters that provide worm castings. In the month of August, they harvested zucchini, cucumbers, almost-ready tomatoes, cilantro, peppers and corn. Yes, real corn on the cob grown right here in Naples! Lemon and lime trees complement their farm, and giant sunflowers were show stoppers in this unique garden. Smiles appeared on the faces of those who took the path between the tall corn stalks and the flowering zucchini.



# Fundraising ROMANCE Etc. & BUNCO



## Fall Fundraiser

The NIGC Fall Fundraiser for 2023 was a smashing success. Combined member and Romance Etc. donations were \$4,272 with all proceeds benefitting the Beautification Fund. Members and guests enjoyed a festive week of shopping, and ten lucky winners received raffle prizes, supplied by chair, Lisa Mauck, her committee and Romance Etc.



## Bunco

An evening of conversation, wine, laughter and multiple jackpots awaits members who attend the monthly gatherings of the Bunco Babes. It's easy! Members bring \$5, a pot-luck treat and enthusiasm. Newcomers are welcome. Our Bunco group raises funds for the benefit of NIGC. Signups occur at General Meetings. Chairs are Marge Hohly and Nada Szafaryn.



# Fundraising DINING, BOOKS & PLANT SALE



## Dine-Out

NIGC members enjoyed great food, fare and comradery while raising funds for the club during several Dine-Out events last year. Generous Naples restaurants who sponsored these opportunities included Naples Rib Company, Nico's and The Small Café. The Dine-Out efforts earned \$486.60 for the NIGC General Fund.

## Book Clubs

NIGC has two Book Clubs. Meetings are held in the homes of NIGC members. The Book Clubs combined earned \$450 for the NIGC General Fund.



## Plant Boutique

June 2024

On June 1st, Naples Islands Garden Club's annual Plant Boutique was held in conjunction with the NIA Pancake Breakfast. Presented for sale were fresh flower arrangements, tropical bouquets, indoor plants, along with planting mix donated by Kellogg and landscape plants by H&H Nursery. Co-chairs Maureen Schultz and Lynne Clarke along with their committee put together a fun and profitable event adding \$1,760 to the club's Beautification Fund.



## Holiday Luncheon

An integral part of our Holiday Luncheon for many years has been supporting the Spark of Love Toy Drive, organized by the Long Beach Fire Department and coordinated by Will Nash. Held at the beautiful Virginia Country Club, 104 guests carrying loads of toys and gift cards were greeted in the foyer with lively holiday music played by pianist, Vince Torbey. This year, President Deborah Smith welcomed honored guests, newly-appointed LBFD Chief Dennis Buchanan and Assistant Fire Chief John Davis. Will introduced the volunteer firemen who arrived with truck and trailer to gather the mountain of toys including \$800 in gift cards. Festivities concluded with joyous carols led by Marilyn Bittle and Linda Frame.



## Flower Show Luncheon 2024

Naples Islands Garden Club held their annual Flower Show event at the Long Beach Yacht Club. Chairmen Alison Lohfeld, Barbara Jordon and Pam McCredie with their wonderful committee, staged the most stunning setting to greet the 118 members and guests who attended. Pinks and greens



were the colors of the day for tables and napkins and the Quarter Deck was filled with a host of floral arrangements created by members. Three talented floral judges return year after year to choose winning entries in the many Flower Show categories. It was a day reminiscent of words by Claude Monet, "I must have flowers, always, and always."



# *NIGC* PAST PRESIDENTS



*Past Presidents at the 2024 June Luncheon, from left: Marilyn Bittle, Pam McCredie, Barbara Jordon, Cindy Murphy and Sharon Civaleri.  
(Not shown: Marianne Huntley, Mary Nimocks, Donna Malbon, Sandy Davidson, Laurie Scanlin and Kathy Owens)*

Cassie Curtis* .....	1974-1975	Donna Malbon .....	1998-2000
Lou Phelps.....	1975-1976	Tina Szafaryn* .....	2000-2002
Audrey Hand* .....	1976-1977	Laurie Scanlin.....	2002-2004
Cassie Curtis* .....	1977-1978	Ginny Clark* .....	2004-2006
Milber Segerblom* .....	1978-1979	Cindy Murphy .....	2006-2008
Sunny Gerardi .....	1979-1980	Sharon Civaleri .....	2008-2010
Helen Coon* .....	1980-1981	Marilyn Bittle.....	2010-2012
Bernice Perry* .....	1981-1983	Kathy Owens .....	2012-2014
Jennie Mae Walton* .....	1983-1984	Sandra Davidson.....	2014-2016
Gene Page* .....	1984-1986	Barbara Jordon.....	2016-2018
June Rozier* .....	1986-1988	Marianne Huntley .....	2018-2020
Adra Kober* .....	1988-1990	Rose "Ducky" Caswell*.....	2020-2021
Mary Lamb* .....	1990-1992	Pam McCredie.....	2021-2022
Phyllis Poper.....	1992-1994	Deborah Smith.....	2022-2024
Joan McDonald* .....	1994-1996		
Mary Nimocks.....	1996-1998		

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# NAPLES ISLANDS GARDEN CLUB BYLAWS

## ARTICLE I

### NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

**Section 1.1 Name.** The name of this organization shall be “Naples Islands Garden Club”, hereafter referred to as the “Club”.

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE & LIMITATIONS

**Section 2.1 Purpose.** The purpose of the Club shall be to: create, promote and further interest in amateur gardening; support horticultural scholarship; encourage neighborhood beautification and environmental improvement; conserve natural resources; and promote an atmosphere of goodwill and fellowship within the community.

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERSHIP

**Section 3.1 Classes of Membership.** The Club shall have the following four classes of membership:

(a) **Active Members.** All members shall first be admitted to the Club as Active Members. Active Members shall have their principal legal residence on Naples Islands. The Club shall have no more than 100 active members. Active Members shall be required to meet the following criteria each year to maintain their status as Active Members:

- (i) Attend no fewer than 3 complete Regular meetings of the Club (including attendance at the full business portion of the meeting).
- (ii) Pay annual membership dues in such amounts as may be established by the Club within 30 days of the due date.
- (iii) Participate actively in a Club project or committee during each year of membership.

(b) **Sustaining Members.** Sustaining Members shall be members who reside on Naples Islands and have been Active Members for at least 5 years. Sustaining Members shall not be entitled to vote, hold a position on the Board of the Club, or sponsor new members. Sustaining Members shall continue to pay annual dues. Sustaining Members who were in Good Standing at the time they became Sustaining Members and who desire to be restored as Active Members shall, upon approval for such restoration as an Active Member by the Membership Committee of the Club, be given priority over prospective new members on any Club waiting list.

(c) **Associate Members.** Associate Members shall be prior Active or Sustaining Members who are no longer residents of Naples Islands. Associate Members shall pay annual dues but shall not be required to meet the annual membership requirements applicable to Active Members. Associate Members shall not be entitled to vote, hold a position on the Board of Directors of the Club or sponsor new members.

(d) **Honorary Members.** Honorary Members shall be individuals who have given special service to the Club. Honorary membership shall be for a period of one year. A maximum of three Honorary Members shall be permitted at any one time.

**Section 3.2 Good Standing.** For a member to be in Good Standing in the Club the member must continue to meet all the participation requirements for the class of membership which the member holds during each calendar year. The Board may excuse a member from the Good Standing requirements based on the Board’s decision

## NAPLES ISLANDS GARDEN CLUB BYLAWS (cont.)

that there is valid reason why such requirements could not reasonably be met by the member during a year.

**Section 3.3 Admission to Membership.** A prospective member must meet all of the following requirements to be considered for membership:

(a) **Sponsored.** A prospective member must be sponsored by at least two Active Members who have been Active Members for a minimum of two years each.

(b) **Membership Application and Letters of Recommendation.** A completed membership application in the required form and two sponsor letters of recommendation must be submitted to the Membership Chairman and approved by the Board. Upon approval the applicant's name will be posted in the Greenmail and the application process may proceed.

(c) **Attendance at Club Activities.** After submittal of the membership application, the applicant must attend three Club activities, two of which must be general membership business meetings. The sponsors of the applicant shall advise the Membership Chairman when the applicant is in attendance at each of the required Club activities.

(d) **Review and Approval by the Board.** Upon completion of steps (a)-(c) above, the Board shall review the application of the prospective member. Upon decision of the Board that all requirements for admission to membership have been met and that the applicant would be a good and active member of the Club, the Board shall vote on the application of the prospective member for membership in the Club.

(e) **Board Decision Final.** The membership decisions of the Board shall be final, and the Board shall not be required to state any cause for accepting or rejecting any applicant for membership.

(f) **Notification and Waiting List.** Upon approval of the application by the Board, the Board shall notify the sponsors of the applicant that the applicant has been approved for membership and shall place the name of the approved applicant on a prioritized waiting list for admission to the Club as memberships become available.

**Section 3.4 Voting Member.**

(a) **Only Active Members are Entitled to Vote.**

**Section 3.6 Reinstatement to Membership of Previous Member.** A person who has previously been a member of the Club, and who was in Good Standing at the time of resignation from the Club, may apply directly to the Second Vice President of the Club for reinstatement as a member without going through the membership application process set forth in Section 3.3 above. The Board, in its sole discretion, exercised in the best interest of the Club, shall vote to accept or reject the application for reinstatement. If the Board accepts the application, the name of the prior member shall have priority on the waiting list for admission to the Club just below any prior Sustaining Member as memberships become available. If the Board denies the application, it shall inform the applicant of its decision but is not required to provide any reason for such denial. Upon reinstatement the reinstated member shall be considered a new member of the Club and shall be required to meet all the requirements of a new member in the Club.

# NAPLES ISLANDS GARDEN CLUB BYLAWS (cont.)

## ARTICLE IV

### DUES, FEES & FISCAL YEAR

#### Section 4.1 Dues and Fees.

(a) Board sets Fees. Dues and charges shall be fixed by the Board and be payable as these Bylaws or the Board shall require. Members shall not be permitted to claim membership until all fees, assessments, dues and charges due have been paid.

(b) Payment of Dues. Annual dues for all memberships shall be due and payable on May 1st of each year for the following fiscal year. The Second Vice President shall inform, in writing, any member who has not paid dues for the following fiscal year by June 1st that failure to pay the delinquent dues in full by June 30th shall automatically terminate the membership status of such non-paying member effective June 30th.

(d) Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Club shall be July 1st through June 30th.

## ARTICLE V

### MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

#### Section 5.1 Meetings of Members.

(b) Regular Meetings. The Regular Meeting for the month of May shall be the Annual Meeting of the Club. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect officers every even year and to ratify all actions of the Board of Directors.

(e) Quorum.

(i) Number Required. One-third of the total Active Members of the Club in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of members.

(h) Roberts Rules of Order. Roberts Rules of Orders, as amended, shall govern the conduct of all meetings.

**Section 5.4 Proxies.** No member shall be entitled to give any agent a proxy to exercise any voting rights of the member.

## ARTICLE VI

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Section 6.1 Powers.

(iv) Power to Adopt and Amend the Annual Budget. Prepare, adopt and amend the annual budget of the Club.

(vi) Power to Adopt, Amend and Rescind Standing Rules. Power to adopt, amend or rescind Standing Rules for the benefit of the operations of the Club.

**Section 6.2 Directors.** The Board of Directors of the Club shall be composed of:

(a) Elected Directors consisting of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary elected by the members for two-year terms. Members filling these positions are both Directors and Officers. The immediate Past President automatically becomes a member of the Board.

(b) Appointed Directors consisting of the Parliamentarian appointed by the President, and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees appointed as set forth in Article X, Section 10.2, of these Bylaws.

**Section 6.3 Term.** Directors and Officers shall be elected for a two-year term every other year at the main meeting of members, installed at the June meeting, and serve until their successors have been duly elected, or appointed, and installed. The Chairmen of the Standing Committees shall serve as Directors for a two-year



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term after their appointment in accordance with Article X, Section 10.2.

**Section 6.6 Executive Committee.** The elected officers of the Club shall constitute an Executive Committee of the Board. The Executive Committee shall have the power to take the following actions between Board meetings subject to the subsequent ratification by the Board:

(a) Terminate the employment of any employee of the Club for reasonable cause.

(b) Approve an expenditure, not exceeding \$500, not previously budgeted where the best interests of the Club require immediate action.

## ARTICLE VII

### MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

**Section 7.2. Annual, Regular and Special Meetings.**

(a) **Regular Meeting.** The Regular Meeting for May shall be the Annual Meeting of the Club. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect officers and to ratify all actions of the Board of Directors.

**Section 7.3 Quorum.** A simple majority of the number of Directors then elected or appointed shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Section 7.5 Action Without a Meeting.** Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board may be taken without a meeting if all the members of the Board consent in writing or electronically to that action.

**Section 7.6 Voting.** Each Director, except the President, shall have one vote. In the event of a tie in voting the President shall have the right to cast a vote for the purpose of breaking the tie vote.

**Section 7.7 Action by Written Ballot Without a Meeting.** Any action that may be taken at any meeting of the Board may be taken without a meeting by written ballot complying with Section 7.7 (a) and (b) of these By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VIII

### OFFICERS

**Section 8.1 Elected Officers.** The elected Officers of the Club shall be the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and immediate Past President.

**Section 8.2 Term of Office.** Officers shall assume office at the June luncheon of the Club and serve until their successors have been duly elected and installed. The Club Treasurer may serve two consecutive two-year terms. All other elected Officers are limited to one term in the same position on the Board and must thereafter either be elected or appointed to a different position on the Board, or go off the Board for a period of not less than two years.

**Section 8.6. Responsibilities of Officers.**

(a) **President.** The President shall:

(i) Preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board.

(ii) Appoint Standing and Special Committee chairmen.

(iii) Co-sign Club checks with either the Treasurer or Recording Secretary.

(iv) Be an ex-officio member of all committees.

(v) Establish such committees as may be in the best interest of the Club.

(vi) Appoint a Financial Review Committee, composed of the Treasurer and at least two Active Members to audit the financial records of the Club at the end of each fiscal year.

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(vii) Sign all contracts.

**(b) First Vice President.** The First Vice President shall:

(i) Perform the duties of the President either in the absence of, or at the request of the President.

(ii) Serve as Program Chairman. As Program Chairman, the First Vice President shall prepare and submit a list of programs for regular meetings of the Club for the following year to the Board annually at its June meeting.

(iii) Coordinate with the chairmen of the December Luncheon, Flower Show, Reservation chairs, and Installation/June luncheon events.

(iv) Co-sign checks with either the President, Recording Secretary or Treasurer.

(v) Select and present the gift to the President at the end of the President's term.

**(c) Second Vice President.** The Second Vice President shall:

(i) Perform the duties of the First Vice President either in the absence or at the request of the First Vice President.

(ii) Serve as Membership Chairman responsible for all stages of the process of application for membership and for new member orientation.

(iii) Compile the membership roster with the assistance of the Roster Chair.

(iv) Collect and record membership dues and turn the funds collected over to the treasurer.

(v) Be responsible for orientation of new members.

(vi) Record membership attendance at meetings of the Club.

**(d) Treasurer.** The Treasurer (with input from the President) shall:

(i) Create an annual budget for review and approval by the Board at its August meeting. Upon approval by the Board, the proposed budget shall be submitted by the Treasurer to the members at the next regular meeting of the members.

(ii) Keep accurate account of all money received and paid out by the Club.

(iii) Deposit all money and other valuables in the name of and to the credit of the Club with such depositories as may be designated by the Board.

(iv) Disburse the funds of the Club as may be ordered by the Board.

(v) Render to the Board or the President, when requested, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Club and shall have other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or Bylaws.

(vi) Make financial reports to the members at each regular meeting of the members.

(vii) Receive all dues from the Membership Chairman.

(viii) Prior to August 1st each year prepare and submit a year-end financial report with pertinent supporting financial records to the Board.

(ix) Serve as chairman of the Financial Review Committee appointed by the President to report before submittal to the Board.

(x) Prepare and submit a final year-end financial report to the Board at its August meeting.

(xi) Following the end of term of office as Treasurer assist the new Treasurer in the preparation and submittal of the final year-end financial report for the prior fiscal year to the August meeting of the Board following the installation of the new Treasurer.

(xii) Send or cause to be sent to the Directors such financial statements and reports as are

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required by law or these Bylaws to be given.

(xiii) Ensure that the books of account shall be open to inspection by any Director at all reasonable times.

(xiv) Co-sign Club checks with either the President, Recording Secretary or First Vice President.

(xv) In performance of the duties of the Treasurer set forth above, the Treasurer, with approval of the Board, may use the assistance of a non-member bookkeeper.

**(e) Recording Secretary.** The Recording Secretary shall:

(i) Keep or cause to be kept, at the principal office or such other place as the Board may direct, a book of minutes of all meetings and actions of the Board.

(ii) Keep, or cause to be kept, at the principal office of the Club, a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, as amended to date.

(iii) Be the custodian of all records of the Club.

(iv) Maintain a complete and accurate record of the membership of the Club.

(v) Keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the membership.

(vi) Give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Board required by these Bylaws to be given and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the Bylaws.

(vii) Co-sign Club checks with either the President, Treasurer or First Vice President.

**(f) Corresponding Secretary.** The Corresponding Secretary is responsible for:

(i) All correspondence of the Club.

(ii) In the absence of the Recording Secretary record accurate minutes of all meetings of the Club and Board.

(iii) Preparation of the Consent Agenda for Board and Membership meetings.

(iv) Telephone/email communication with members.

**(g) Immediate Past President.** The Immediate Past President of the Club shall:

(i) Serve in an advisory position to the Board.

(ii) Serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

(iii) Upon request, assist the Officers in the recruitment of members to fill all required volunteer positions within the Club.

**(h) Officers in Good Standing.** All officers shall be Active Members in good standing.

The term of any officer who ceases to be in Good Standing shall automatically terminate and the Board shall appoint a new member to fill the remaining term of such officer.

## ARTICLE IX

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### Section 9.1. Nominations.

**(a) Officers and Directors.** Officers shall be nominated as follows:

(i) **Nominating Committee.** A Nominating Committee, composed of the immediate Past President, as Chairman, and four additional Active Members selected by the membership shall be elected at the February or March Regular meeting of each year in which officers are to be elected. At the following Regular meeting the Nominating Committee shall propose a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Recording

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Secretary and Corresponding Secretary to serve as officers and directors.

(ii) **Nominations To Be Posted.** The nominations proposed by the Nominating Committee shall be published in the next published Club publication.

(iii) **Additional Nominations.** Additional nominations may be made by any ten Active Members and shall be submitted to the Recording Secretary, in written form, signed by such ten Active Members within fifteen days of the meeting at which nominations have been presented. Upon receipt of additional nominations the Recording Secretary shall inform the President that the election will be by written ballot and place the names of all nominated members on the ballot to be presented to the membership.

(iv) **Write-In.** Any Active Member shall have the right to write in the name of any Active Member not previously nominated. Any Active Member desiring to exercise this right shall inform the Recording Secretary not less than ten days prior to the regular meeting in which the election shall take place to allow the Recording Secretary sufficient time to prepare written ballots for the election that provide space for such write-in votes.

(b) **Qualifications for Candidates.** Candidates to be nominated as elected officers of the Club shall have been Active Members in Good Standing for at least twelve months prior to their nomination. A candidate to be nominated for President must have previously held at least two prior positions on the Board.

## Section 9.2. **Voting.**

(a) **Voting Without a Written Ballot.** When no written ballot is required under the terms of these Bylaws the presiding officer shall call for a vote by voice vote by the Active Members in attendance. The Presiding officer shall announce the results of the vote. If there is no objection to the announced determination of the Presiding officer the vote shall be entered into the minutes of the meeting. Upon the objection by any Active Member to the announcement of the results of the voice vote, the vote shall not count, and a new vote shall be conducted according to the procedures set forth in Section 9.2(b) below.

(b) **Ballots To Be Distributed.** When written ballots are required, the Recording Secretary shall distribute written ballots to all Active Members in attendance at the May regular meeting. Voted ballots shall be returned to the Recording Secretary during the meeting, counted by the Nominating Committee, and the results announced to the members.

## ARTICLE X

### STANDING AND SUB-COMMITTEES

**Section 10.1. The Club shall have the following Standing Committees:**

**Community Liaison • Publications • Beautification • Fundraising •  
Member Activities • Scholarship**

**Section 10.2 Appointment of Standing Committee Chairman.** The Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be appointed for a two-year term by the President with the approval of the elected Officers of the Board. The Chairman of each Standing Committee shall serve as an appointed voting member of the Board of Directors of the Club during the period of service as Chairman of a Standing Committee and may be appointed by the President for additional consecutive two-year terms. To qualify for appointment as Chairman of a Standing Committee a member shall have been an Active Member in Good Standing for a period of not less than six months prior to nomination.

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**Section 10.3 Appointment of Members of Standing Committees.** The members of each Standing Committee shall be composed of the Chairman appointed by the President, the Chairman of any Sub Committee formed by the Board pursuant to Section 10.5 below and assigned to be under the direction of the Chairman of such Standing Committee, and such additional members as the Chairman of each Standing Committee shall appoint with approval of the President.

**Section 10.4 Attendance at Board Meetings.** The Chairman of a Standing Committee may have another member of the Standing Committee attend Board meetings when the Chairman is unable to attend for the purpose of providing information to the Board, and taking information from the Board back to the Standing Committee. The person attending for the Chairman shall not be entitled to vote nor be counted in determining a quorum at such Board meeting.

**Section 10.5 Formation of Sub-Committees.** The Board may create such Sub-Committees as it deems necessary. Each Sub-Committee shall operate under the guidance of, and report to, the Standing Committee, or Officer of the Club, to which it is assigned by the Board. Any Sub-Committee created by the Board pursuant to this section may be dissolved by the Board or assigned to function under the supervision of a different Standing Committee or Officer of the Board.

**Section 10.6 Appointment of Sub-Committee Members.** The Chairmen of a Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. The members of each Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of such Sub-Committee with the approval of the President.

**Section 10.7 List of Sub-Committees.** A listing of all Sub-Committees and the Standing Committee or Officer to which they report shall be posted in the Standing Rules of the Club.

**Section 10.8 Special and Ad Hoc Committees.** The Club shall have such Special and Ad Hoc committees as the Board shall determine are desirable in furtherance of the purposes and activities of the Club. The Chairmen and members of these committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board.

**Section 10.9 Creation or Discontinuance of Standing and Sub-Committees.** The Board shall have the power to create such Standing and Sub-Committees as it deems in the best interest of the Club and to dissolve any Standing or Sub-Committee.

**Section 10.10 Removal of Members of Committees.** Except for the Chairman of a Standing Committee, any member of a committee of the Club may be removed from such committee without cause by decision of the person who appointed the person to such committee. The Chairman of a Standing Committee may only be removed from such chairmanship in accordance with the procedures set forth herein for removal of a Director of the Club.

**Section 10.11 In Good Standing.** All members of the committees of the Club shall be required to be in good standing in the Club to be selected to participate on a committee and to continue participation on a committee.

## ARTICLE XV MISCELLANEOUS

### **Section 15.5 Use of Member Information.**

*These abbreviated Bylaws in effect as of July 1, 2024.  
Complete set of Bylaws are in the "Members Only" section of our website.  
[www.naplesislandsgardenclub.com](http://www.naplesislandsgardenclub.com).  
password: Frame2026*

# STANDING RULES

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**Member information may be used for Club purposes only.**

**No member shall use, permit to be used or disclose information about members for any other purpose.**

## **RULE 1. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS**

- A. Regular General Membership Meetings (consisting of a program and business meeting), shall be held on the second Monday (September through May), or at other times as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.
- B. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the fourth Monday of each month (except July and December) at a Board Member's home.
- C. Any member may attend Board meetings and shall be recognized at the option of the presiding officer. The hostess will be notified in advance of member(s) who will attend.

## **RULE 2. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Annual dues are due and payable by May 1st.
- B. All Active Members shall participate in at least one Club project or committee during each year of membership. Bylaws Article 111, 3.1 (a) (iii)
- C. All Active Members shall attend a minimum of three complete general meetings of the Club, (including attendance at the full business portion of the meeting). Luncheons are not General Meetings.

## **RULE 3. SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Sponsors are required to maintain regular contact with those whom they sponsor, especially for the first year of membership, and to encourage, help and support the new members.
- B. An Active Member in good standing may only sponsor one candidate for membership during the Fiscal year, July 1 - June 30th. Membership requirements must be completed in a twelve-month period once the completed application has been activated.
- C. Sponsors will advise the Second Vice President, Membership, when their applicant attends the three required functions (two general/business meetings and a club activity).

## **RULE 4. APPOINTED CHAIRMEN ON THE BOARD**



**Each member of the Board shall keep a procedure file of the duties and achievements of her office and shall pass the file to her successor.**

- A. **Beautification:** To coordinate and supervise beautification projects in Naples and to research new projects and awards.
- B. **Community Liaison:** To maintain contact with community groups and civic organizations, in order to pro-

## STANDING RULES (cont.)

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- mote and coordinate activities of mutual interest and benefit, and to supervise Hospitality and Sunshine.
- C. **Fundraising:** To coordinate Club fundraisers as determined by Club membership, and supervise Book Clubs, Bunco, Plant Boutique, Fall Fundraiser and Dine-Out.
  - D. **Member Activities:** To coordinate and supervise Arbor Day, Excursions, Horticulture, Luminaria, May Day, Travel and Veterans Day.
  - E. **Publications:** To coordinate and supervise Distribution, Publicity, Roster and Webmaster.
  - F. **Scholarship:** To coordinate the scholarship program for students in Long Beach schools.

### RULE 5. SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- A. **Arbor Day:** To arrange a program for Arbor Day which includes a memorial to the Club members or their immediate family who have passed away in the previous year.
- B. **Audio and Projector:** To store, set up and take down audio and/or projector equipment as needed for programs and events.
- C. **Beautification Award:** To select honorees for the Beautification Award and present the awards at a club function.
- D. **Community Beautification:** To explore and facilitate beautification projects in Naples and schedule maintenance of medians.
- E. **Dine-Out Night:** To select a local restaurant and ask owner if they would participate in donating a percentage of the sales on a determined date.
- F. **Distribution:** To distribute club invitations, pamphlets and rosters.
- G. **Email Blaster:** To send messages to members via email advising of urgent news, reminders, updates and requests.
- H. **Excursions:** To arrange tours and take reservations to places of interest.
- I. **Fall Fundraiser:** To organize the main fundraising event of the year as selected by the Board for the purpose of raising funds for Beautification.
- J. **Horticulture:** To research and give reports to the Club on suggested and appropriate gardening jobs current to the season and to give tips and advice on special planting procedures.
- K. **Hospitality:** To plan refreshments for meetings, to arrange for members to serve as hostesses and to provide supplies as needed which will be paid for by the Club.
- L. **Luminarias:** To form a committee to acquire, assemble and place luminarias around La Bella Fontana. Coordinate with the Beautification Committee and Bayshore Community Church.
- M. **May Day:** To advertise and promote a May Day celebration.
- N. **Newsletter:** To receive and edit articles and publish the monthly Club newsletter, The Poppy.
- O. **Parliamentarian:** Advises on rules of order, proper procedure for meetings and assists with bylaws, using Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised.
- P. **Plant Boutique:** To organize a booth for the sale of plants, flowers and gardening items in conjunction with the NIA Pancake Breakfast for the purpose of raising funds for Beautification.
- Q. **Publicity:** To submit news releases of Club activities and accomplishments to media.
- R. **Roster:** To compile the annual roster in conjunction with the Membership, Program, Hospitality Chairmen and President. Publication to be completed for distribution to only the General Membership by the first meeting in September.
- S. **Sunshine:** To send cards to members as appropriate, e.g. get well and sympathy.
- T. **Travel:** To arrange tours for extended trips.

## **STANDING RULES (cont.)**

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U. **US Flag Custodian:** To maintain a supply of flags and have them placed on La Bella Fontana flag pole as needed.

V. **Veteran's Day:** To arrange recognition event at the flagpole in La Bella Fontana Park.

### **RULE 6. AWARDS**

A. Beautification: Awards for outstanding displays of gardens in Naples shall be given upon the recommendation of the Beautification Chairman.

B. Recognition of Service: At the discretion of the Board, special certificates of appreciation may be given in recognition of members who have performed extraordinary service to The Club.

C. Flower Show: Awards shall be determined by professional independent judges and given to members who display outstanding entries in each of the flower show categories.

D. Honorary Membership: At the discretion of the Board, a one-year honorary membership certificate may be awarded to persons other than Club members.

### **RULE 7. PRINTED MATERIALS**

A. The Club roster will be made available to members only by the September general business meeting. The roster may not be given to non-members and remains the sole property of the Club. The Club roster is for internal use only and is, therefore, not to be used for outside solicitation purposes.

### **RULE 8. GUEST POLICY**

A. Invited guests are welcome at general meetings. Sponsors of applicants for membership should refer to Article III of Bylaws, section 3.3.

B. Applicants in the process of becoming an Active Member may attend social events and excursions.

### **RULE 9. EXPENDITURES AND ACCOUNTS**

A. The Treasurer shall hold all money in a Naples Islands Garden Club Account.

B. In reimbursement for Club debts, obligations to vendors shall be paid only upon completion of a check request form with receipts attached. Money will not be advanced to members.

C. The Board of Directors is authorized to approve unbudgeted expenditures, without the approval of the general membership, and not to exceed \$500.

D. Where feasible and fiscally responsible, the Club shall patronize businesses located on the Islands.

E. To honor our Garden Club President, our Club shall pay for her lunches at the Christmas, Flower Show and Installation events.

F. Annual contributions shall be made to the Naples Improvement Association and Naples Business Association.

### **RULE 10. MEMORIALS**

A. Arbor Day: Memorials shall honor deceased Club members and immediate members of their families.

### **RULE 11. DUES**

A. Annual dues shall be \$60 for Active, Associate and Sustaining Members, and are due and payable by May 1st.

B. Honorary members are not required to pay dues.

C. New members joining after January 1st shall pay \$30 dues for the remainder of the fiscal year.



## *Veterans Day*

Every year, Naples Islands Garden Club sponsors a Veterans Day observance on November 11 at the historic La Bella Fontana Park. This year, approximately eighty community attendees rallied in support of about thirty servicemen and women to include one precious WWII soldier. President Deborah Smith welcomed everyone and a patriotic red-white-and blue floral wreath was placed at the flagpole. The Boy Scout Troop #105 presented the colors, and 3rd District Councilmember, Kristina Duggan, honored the Veterans in attendance by thanking them for their service to



our country and expressed appreciation for their willingness to protect our freedom and our way of life. Event co-chairs, Linda Pillsbury and Lynne Clarke passed the microphone so that the Veterans could introduce themselves and tell where and in which branch they served. The observance ended with the singing of “God Bless America,” led by Marilyn Bittle.

## *Arbor Day 2024*

Arbor Day is a celebration to honor the importance of trees to our environment. Begun in Nebraska in 1885 by Julius Morton, it is an opportunity to educate school children on the vital role that trees play in the health and beauty of our planet.

The Naples Islands Garden Club recognizes this day annually with a dual purpose: a tribute to Club members and their families who have had loved ones pass during the previous twelve months and the planting of trees. This year a fourth crepe myrtle tree was planted in the median in front of the Naples Elementary School where the event took place on March 10th.

President Deborah Smith opened with a history of Arbor Day, and Lynne Misajon, who co-chaired the event with Becky Jones, eloquently led the rest of the program. Principal Paula Spenker introduced students who delighted those present with original poems and songs. On a beautiful spring morning touched with sadness and humor, thirteen family members and friends shared heartwarming stories of their loved ones.



## Beautification Ongoing **COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

*Beautification of the Naples Community continues to be the heart and soul of Naples Islands Garden Club (NIGC). Beautification efforts are promoted by NIGC Beautification committees as they meet throughout the year to maintain and enhance the community's treasures. Committee chairs regularly schedule clean-up days and promote gardening and socializing for NIGC members.*

### *La Bella Fontana Park*

Co-chairs, Susan Townsend and Esther Duran led a group of thirty NIGC Bellas and a few honorary volunteer males in weeding, trimming, painting, as well as planting flowers around the flagpole. The Bellas also spruced up the area for the yearly Veterans Day Celebration and Luminarias evening. A new windmill palm was planted this year.



### *Naples Plaza Median*

For the past twenty plus years the NIGC has been tending the roses at Naples Plaza Median. Currently sixteen Garden Club members care for the roses and olive trees by trimming, weeding, deadheading, battling mildew, rust, and insects, at least seven to eight times a year. Members also attended a rose care class at a local nursery to keep updated on techniques, gardening tools and insect treatment. Esther Duran chairs this group.

## Naples Elementary School

A favorite Beautification project is the gardening upkeep at Naples Elementary School, chaired by Linda Frame with a small but loyal group of red-aproned ladies who met for monthly gardening events at the school. The ladies, armed with clippers, rakes, brooms and trash bags, worked and socialized as they focused on cleaning up the green areas in front of the school. One new crepe myrtle tree was purchased and planted in the street parkway in remembrance of NIGC members and family members who had passed away during the past year.



## 2nd Street Planters

Twenty-one ladies kept tabs on the planters on 2nd Street throughout the year keeping them happy and healthy. This involved planting succulents, replanting as needed, as well as watering. Volunteers work individually and in groups tending tough tree wells, and on occasion weeding these with welcome help from some masculine muscle! Thank you to this group of dedicated women for their year round hands-on care of the planters. Volunteers that will “adopt a planter” are always welcome! Shelly Hoherd chairs this group.

## Naples Islands GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

**May Day 2024** involved Garden Club members joyfully participating by decorating their doors and gates with beautiful arrangements and/or giving brightly colored bouquets to neighbors and friends.

**Chair Donna Schilder**

**Scholarship Awards** The NIGC is proud to award scholarships to worthy horticulture students at Long Beach City College. Each year we review applicants that inspire us by their challenges and goals. Many of our recipients go on to four year colleges to complete their degrees. We believe our program is one of the most important ways we benefit our community and the futures of our recipients. We are grateful to Joe and Laurie Scanlin for establishing the foundation that funds this program.

**Chair Tish Camp**

On the **LaJolla Excursion**, twenty of our members took advantage of The Historical Society's 25-year celebration of this event that included a tour of private homes and gardens. A highlight was the Secret Garden Party with hors d'oeuvres, wine, and dancing. The gardens and views were spectacular, the shopping grand, and a lovely time shared by all.

**Chairs Susie Armstrong,  
Meredith Medanich and Lynn Shober**

**Luminaria Night** brought the glow of candles and the sounds of music to La Bella Fontana Park. Naples residents enjoyed beautiful Christmas songs performed by the Warren High School choir under the direction of Robert Petersen. The choir sang more brightly than the luminarias.

**Chairs Susan Townsend,  
Esther Duran and Barbie Barker Litterst**



*The Warren High School Choir on Luminaria night.*



*NIGC members enjoying the LaJolla Excursion.*

NIGC scholarships are offered to students interested in careers in Horticulture, and who are planning to transfer to 4-year colleges upon completion of their studies at Long Beach City College. This year we awarded scholarships to two very worthy and inspiring students.

**Tyson Hartless and Steven Loureiro  
both received \$2000.00.**

**Standards required for applicants:**

- 2.5 GPA or higher
- Financial need
- Letters of recommendation  
from faculty
- Letter of intent from candidate

# 2024 AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS



**The National Garden Club, Inc.** - President's Project is a campaign to help feed the hungry across America – "*Plant America - Feed America*" which is an effort to help fight food insecurity. Since our tiny Naples Island is not structured for large growing areas, there are a number of Community Gardens in Long Beach for growing vegetables for food banks. NGC is endeavoring to keep a tally of donated foods, so please go to the NGC website to fill out the Plant America-Feed America Donation Form, and submit this electronically. Chairman: Suzanne Bushnell.



*Long Beach Community Garden.*



**The Pacific Region Garden Club, Inc.** - President's Project – "*Unleash the Wild – Bring Nature Home,*" encourages creating habitats to entice pollinators such as butterflies, moths, bats, birds, beetles, insects and other wildlife near our area. Learning to live in the midst of nature is for the earth's future. There are about 4,000 bee species and studies show a decline in this major pollinator. Consider supporting these creatures with container gardens to help increase native habitats by including specialty plants, nesting materials and water sources.



**California Garden Clubs, Inc.** - President's Project is "*Building the CGCI Scholarship Fund*". The purpose is to raise funds to increase the scholarship dollar amount awarded per recipient and/or to increase the number of scholarships awarded. These events have received over \$16,000. President, Carol Vallens, has created a Giving Tree to mark all the incoming donations. With tuition and board skyrocketing, more monetary support is needed for well-qualified students to correct the imbalance between the growing need and CGCI's ability to meet that need. Chairman: Terri Taylor, [territdt@gmail.com](mailto:territdt@gmail.com).



**Orange County District, Inc.** - Theme: "*Garden for Life.*" Under the direction of District Director, Launa Gould has a silent auction for fundraising at the end-of-year awards meeting with all funds going to Scholarship recipients. Many of the sixteen District clubs attended this meeting at the beautiful Sherman Gardens in Corona Del Mar to receive awards and learn about other club's activities.



*(from left) Trish Schooley, Lynne Clarke, Linda Frame, Lynn Allen and Launa Gould at the Orange County District meeting.*

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Animal Control .....	(562) 570-7387
Code Enforcement - homeless people and illegally parked vehicles .....	(562) 570-4550
Code Enforcement - signs in the medians.....	(562) 570-2633
Fire Department Non-Emergency.....	(562) 570-9400
Hospitals:	
Long Beach Memorial.....	(562) 933-2000
St. Mary's.....	(562) 491-9000
Lifeguard Headquarters.....	(562) 570-1360
Marine Bureau .....	(562) 570-3215
NIA President, Tony Digiovanni - email: tony.digiovanni@yahoo.com .....	(714) 679-7849
NIBA President, Bob Lane - email: bobhoffmanlane@gmail.com .....	(562) 438-5333
Office of Special Events and Filming.....	(562) 570-5333
Parking Enforcement.....	(562) 570-2866
Police and Fire Emergency .....	911
Police Department - Non-Emergency.....	(562) 435-6711
Report Graffiti .....	(562) 570-2773
Street Flooding (24hr).....	(562) 570-2390
Kristina Duggan (Third District Council Member) .....	(562) 570-8756 Fax (562) 570-8760
	email: Kristina@Kristinaduggan.com

## *NIGC Donations* 2024 - 2025

Cub Scouts • Naples Bayside Girl Scouts • Penny Pines  
Rancho Los Alamitos • Bolsa Chica Wetlands  
California Garden Clubs, Inc., President's Project  
Long Beach City College - Scholarships to horticulture students  
Naples Improvement Association • Naples Islands Business Association  
Orange County District, Inc. project  
**Total in Donations - \$4,244.00**

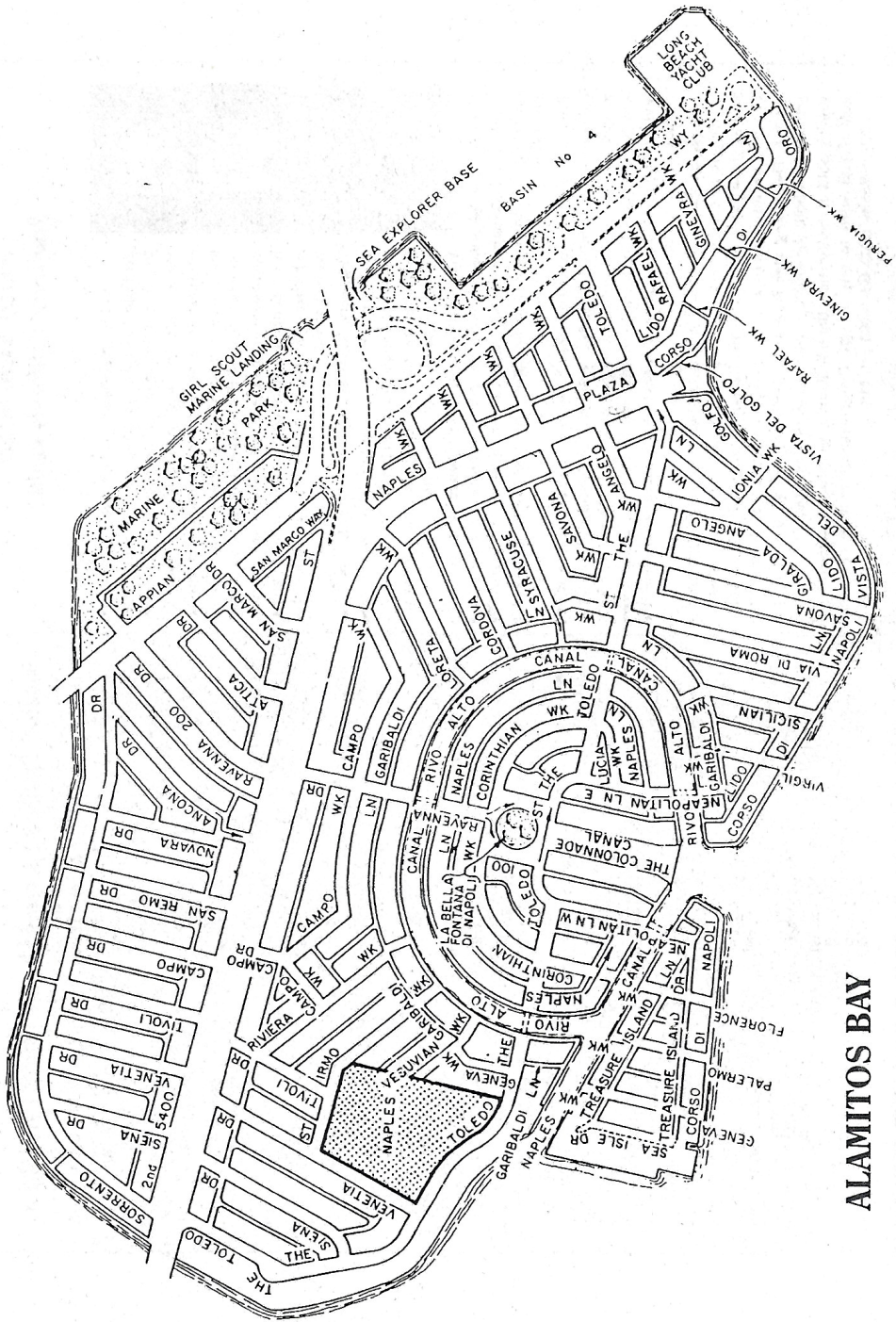
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