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FROM THE HELM

As some of you are aware, there was a recent vehicle accident within the community that, tragically, resulted in a fatality. As an occurrence like this often does, it makes you sit back and ponder the fragility of life and your appreciation of it. You want to hold your loved ones close and savor all that you are blessed with in your personal life and community. It also might make you rethink what you are doing right and what things you might want to improve.

One thing I think all of us could improve on (and remind everyone around us about) is the importance of Niguel Shores vehicle safety and adherence to the vehicular codes. Following driving rules inside our gates is just as important as it is outside our gates. During my tenure on the Board of Directors, we've written numerous articles and given reminders about stopping at stop signs, driving the speed-limit, license requirements for golf carts—the list goes on and on—to inform residents to BE SAFE. The articles were intended to remind everyone that Niguel Shores is a California Vehicle Code (CVC) enforced community and the police do have the ability to write tickets

within our gates, which they do from time to time. However incidents still happen and will continue to happen, and your family, guests, friends, or service providers should respect the rules of the road and be reminded that good driving is for the safety of all. You never know when giving the extra look over your shoulder before you turn, or when making a full stop one day at the one particular stop sign—instead of that “California stop”—could be your most momentous decision that saves a life.

Another area to remember is safety when riding an eBike. These electric bikes can go much faster than regular bikes and should be ridden respectfully. Not only should the rider be aware of vehicles and pedestrians in the area, but vehicles should be even more cautious of those on eBikes. When operating an eBike, riders should wear helmets and shoes and follow traffic rules at all times.

So just a friendly reminder: Hold your loved ones close, appreciate what you have, and at the same time do everything you can to keep this great community and yourselves SAFE.

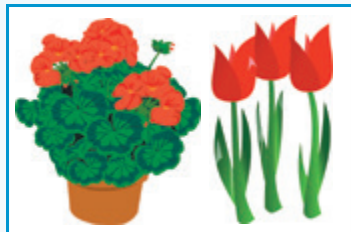
—Bob Russell

LOOK INSIDE!



LUCK O' THE IRISH— ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

THURSDAY, MARCH 17
5:30 TO 7:30 P.M.
IN THE CLUBHOUSE
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GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

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GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

2022 Annual Meeting and Election Dates

Please mark your calendars for the **Meet the Candidates Night** scheduled for **Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m.** This event will be held in the Clubhouse and you will be able to ask questions of the candidates running for the NSCA Board. If you have questions of the candidates, please complete the questionnaire form in advance and email it to me at mmiller@niguelshores.org. The questionnaire form can be found on the NSCA website niguelshores.org.

We have scheduled the Meet the Candidates Night close to the mailing of election ballots so everyone can hear what the candidates have to say and be prepared to vote. The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled to be held in the Clubhouse on **Tuesday, May 17** with registration beginning at **5:00 p.m.** and the meeting starting at **6:00 p.m.**

Candidates for NSCA Board of Directors

There has been great response and interest from the community to run for the three (3) open positions on the Board of Directors. We have received completed nomination forms

and the following members of the Association are running for the Board of Directors during the May 2022 election: **John Barbee, Jim Cobb, John Douglas, Rhonda Dunlevie, Paul Neuvirth, and John Rosenthal.**

Bicycle Safety

Lots of electric bikes (eBikes) are being ridden throughout the community, and I am happy to see people outside enjoying themselves. However, with everything that is fun there is a factor of safety that we all must realize. These bikes go very fast and should always be used with safety in mind. Please wear a helmet and watch for vehicles and pedestrians. Use caution when entering the gates and remember that the gate arm comes down after each vehicle enters. I have seen many near misses in which a bicycle rider almost gets hit in the head with the gate arm. Take care and be safe.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day
and Welcome Springtime!**

—Marla Miller

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Niguel Shores Community Association is seeking homeowners who want to become involved and take a deeper part in the running of our community. We invite you to join one of our NSCA Committees that are run by our homeowners and make Niguel Shores one of the finest, most enjoyable places to live in Orange County.

Use your talents and expertise, get to know your neighbors, work with our Management Team and Board on projects for the enjoyment and enhancement of our community.

Openings are available on these Committees:

- Communication
- Recreation
- Traffic & Safety
- View Preservation

Interested homeowners, please contact the NSCA Office to submit an application.

—NSCA Board

PRIVACY FENCES AND VIEW FENCES

Niguel Shores was constructed as a terraced community to provide ocean views to several lots. Lots with a view will have two types of fences installed by the Developer—privacy fences and view fences.

- A **privacy fence** is six feet in height and runs along or parallel to a side property line.
- A **view fence** is the lower height fence located in the rear yard portion of the lot.

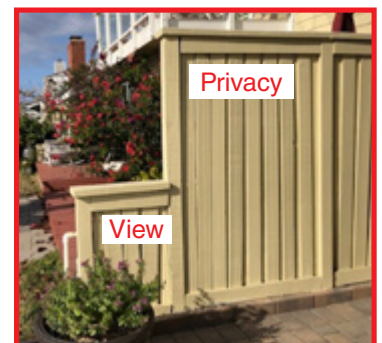
The Developer created a specific architectural rule that clarifies the intent of these two fence types.

- The location of a privacy fence cannot change because this fence line sets the boundaries for rear house expansions, both for the property the fence is located on and the property directly adjacent to the fence.
- The height of a view fence cannot exceed its current height because the purpose of this fence is to provide views. No above ground permanent improvement placed along a view fence can exceed the height of the view fence.

Items such as chairs, tables, and pools/spas placed within a view fence area are not subject to privacy protection.

When it comes to protecting privacy and views, the Developer's recorded CC&Rs specifically state that views will be protected over privacy.

—Karen Decker



COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATION

Lucky, Indeed

We wish everyone the “Luck of the Irish” this month! Along with that, we might also add that the beautiful Emerald Isle isn’t the only place where lucky feelings abound. If you have visited the islands of our 49th state, you no doubt heard about the leprechaun-like menhune who work their magic, and you’ve surely heard the expression voiced by so many island residents: “Lucky we live Hawaii.” They appreciate their good fortune to be surrounded by natural beauty and people of many cultures sharing friendly island spirit. It’s not a surprise that Hawaii has been named one of the happiest states in America.



In a way, that Hawaiian expression of gratitude and good fortune fits life right here in our community too: “Lucky we live Niguel Shores.” We are surrounded by greenbelts, flora, open space, recreational amenities, and ocean views. Our neighbors come from a variety of interesting backgrounds and unique experiences. There are friendly greetings along our walking paths and big smiles when we meet at social events, at the pool or sport courts, or gather at the Bluff. Not to outdo Hawaii, but if someone took a poll in our area, they would most likely find Niguel Shores residents among the happiest people as well. In our house, we say it over and over: “Lucky we live Niguel Shores.”

Communicating That Thought

We’d like to hear your thoughts, one way or another, about feeling “Lucky we live Niguel Shores.” We invite you to post comments on the Niguel Shores website niguelshores.org or to contact the *Seashore News* at seashorenews@hotmail.com.

—Sandy Homicz

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

After an oddly warm and dry February, who knows what Mother Nature has in store for March! It already felt like spring even in the middle of February but this year March 20 is the official first day of spring. We can look forward to longer days, warm weather, birds nesting and hopefully a little rain before the summer months set in. With this change of the season, our maintenance team is at work preparing for the increased use of the neighborhood amenities along with the ongoing projects.

Attention all Niguel Shores Tennis and Pickleball Players! The tennis and pickleball courts will be closed from Saturday, March 5 through Friday, March 11 for repairs (weather permitting). Repairs, activity, and upgrades during this time will include:

- Installation of permanent pickleball nets.
- After installation of the pickleball nets, the courts must be closed for the rest of this time frame to allow the courts to cure.
- Tennis court fence repairs and fencing post upgrades as needed.

No tennis reservations will be accepted during this time frame. Tennis Courts #3 and #4 may be used during some of this time but specific dates are to be determined, and there will be some associated noise with the project.

Again we are working to keep Niguel Shores the “well maintained community” it is known to be. Have a great March!

—Geoff Dunlevie

RECREATION

Signs of spring are here, along with the whales and swallows and one of our community’s favorite events—the **St. Patrick’s Day Party!**

St. Patrick’s Day Party—Thursday, March 17, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy corned beef sandwiches and Irish tunes in the Clubhouse and patio. This is always a great event allowing you to unite with neighbors and have lots of fun. Everyone’s Irish on St. Patrick’s Day so wear your green, bring a smile, and may the luck of the Irish lead you to that legendary pot of gold at the end of the rainbow!



Upcoming Events:

NSCA Classic Car Show—Saturday, April 2, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. NEW EVENT. Calling all classic car owners! Bring those beautiful 1979 or older autos down to show them off. If you would like to participate, please register by emailing Blayke Miller at bmiller@niguelshores.org or complete the insert found in this issue. This event will be held in the Community Center parking lot and is limited to the first 20 cars that register.

Garage Sale—Saturday, April 23, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It’s spring cleaning time, and with spring cleaning comes our garage sale. Get ready and sign up in the NSCA office starting April 4.

Spring Market—Sunday, May 1, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come and enjoy all the crafts from the community for sale at the Spring Market in our Community Center Park.

Cinco de Mayo—Thursday, May 5, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Treat family and friends to tacos and music at the Beach Bluff. Tickets go on sale April 4 in the NSCA office. \$10 each, limited to the first 200. Each food plate comes with three tacos, rice, beans and chips.

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Memorial Day BBQ—Sunday, May 29, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bring your own food to barbeque on the grill and enjoy fun dance tunes down at the Beach Bluff.

— *The Recreation Committee*

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

Neighborhood Electric Vehicles

With spring and warm weather season almost here, a lot of folks will be preparing their golf carts or neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs) to transport friends and family to the beach and pool, or to visit neighbors within the community.

To minimize confusion about operating these vehicles in Niguel Shores, we have a few reminders: All NEVs and Golf Carts must be registered with the office and should bear a “Registration Decal.” An extra benefit is that the decal allows the vehicle to be parked in the “Residents Only” parking lot at the Bluff. The driver must have a valid driver’s license and is responsible for the conduct and safety of all passengers.

It happens every year that children and unlicensed teens somehow wind up driving these vehicles, and to make matters worse, even with adult permission. This simply is not safe and could have negative consequences for all involved.

Dana Point Racing Team

We receive more and more complaints about loud noises from motorcycles and cars with modified exhaust systems and revved-up engines racing on Pacific Coast Highway or Stonehill Drive. Apparently, a host of coastal cities are having the same issue, as they have all posted signs warning such violators. Our Dana Point deputies welcome citizen requests regarding such issues and have been noted quickly taking appropriate enforcement action. When noise or speeding activity is occurring, they ask that we alert them to the issue. Call Dana Point Police Services:

Non-Emergency: (949) 770-6011

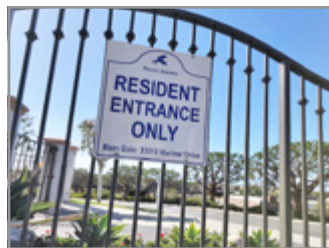
(Calls for Service, Non-Injury Traffic Collisions, Dispatch)

General Information: (949) 248-3531

(Questions, Comments, Complaints)

Selva and Cabrillo Gates

We continue to experience an inordinate number of outside persons attempting to enter our community via “Resident Only” gates and having their tires ruined



by the spikes in our control system. The aggregate cost to drivers who failed to heed posted warnings is easily in the

ATTENTION SEA TERRACE II HOMEOWNERS!



Get to know your neighbors and take part in your HOA.

We are seeking volunteers to serve on the upcoming Sea Terrace II Board.

No Experience Necessary!

All you need is a desire to serve the best interests of our community and a willingness to serve a term of at least 2 years.

Contact Adrienne Ruben at rruben1@sbglobal.net by March 15 for questions or to submit your name.

thousands of dollars. The prime reason they arrive at the wrong gate is that auto and phone GPS systems direct them there. No number of contacts we have made with representatives of these systems has proved successful. There are plenty of posted signs warning and directing these visitors, but the signs are often ignored. The typical victim of our system is a hurried service or delivery person attempting to rush through the gate because that can be done in other communities. If you witness this, a kind word to the driver, warning them to utilize the Mariner gate in lieu of the Cabrillo or Selva gates, will be very much appreciated and should save that individual a lot of money and exasperation.

More on Cabrillo and Selva Gates

The signage at these gates is clear in that the gates can process one vehicle at a time. One vehicle towing another vehicle should proceed to the Mariner Gate.

Persistence Pays Off

Medical personnel tell us that one of the more important things we should do as we age is to stay mentally and physically active. Well, my friend and Shores neighbor **Rich Mancino** has taken this to heart and has spent over sixty years regularly trying to figure out how to efficiently get a golf ball into a bit larger hole hundreds of feet away. Two weeks ago he was still trying to master the art and approached the tenth hole at the Eagle Glen Golf Club. He was feeling pretty spry and chose a pitching wedge to tee off with. Concentrating a bit more than usual on his form, he teed off. The flight of the ball was not exactly what he had hoped for, but it was on course. As the ball headed toward the pin 90 yards away, he momentarily second-guessed his efforts. However, he soon discarded the negative thoughts, and he tried to mentally guide the ball into the cup. That may have worked, as the ball took a few relatively short bounces and fell into the cup for a “Hole in One.” Congratulations, Rich!

—*God Bless ... Tim Murphy*

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WOMEN'S CLUB

The “**Luck of the Irish**” is often a phrase heard in March with St. Patrick’s Day celebrated by many with Irish roots. Well, as one with an Irish background, I certainly experienced this luck or blessing on the morning of February 1st. While visiting my sister with my infamous Jack Russell, Duke, he broke loose from her backyard near DHHS and ran down the street and across Golden Lantern. We searched for him for hours but finally went home empty handed. Then, at 3:00 a.m., 14 hours later, Duke barked at my front door and announced his arrival! Somehow, someway, he had traveled 2.5 miles back to Niguel Shores. Yes, my friends, there are miracles!

Our **Valentine Luncheon** last month was sweetly decorated by Suzanne Enis with unique flower trees in shades of pinks and reds on the tables. A basket of valentines was collected for residents at a local Senior home to bring reminiscent moments of this loving holiday. After a delicious array of healthy salads prepared by our members, **Sandy Barker** from the **Goldrush Cure Foundation** presented the organization’s work of delivering gifts to children suffering with cancer. She gave examples of the national foundation’s attempt to reach out with encouragement to these children and be advocates for their cures.



Gold Rush Cure Speakers

Please join us for our next **Membership Luncheon** on **March 12** at **12:00 Noon** in the **Clubhouse**. Our speaker will be **Dudley Gladding**, a distinguished, brave veteran of WWII. He was a delightful guest at our Holiday Party and will share highlights of his 101 years of active living and social life in Orange County. Remember to wear your

green to the luncheon in celebration of St. Patty’s Day or you might just get pinched! 😊

Our **Outside Activity** this month is a trip to **Hendrix** for **Happy Hour** on **Wednesday, March 16th** at **4:30 p.m.** See details in the announcement on this page. We would also love you to join us for one of our monthly luncheons. Please contact **Jennifer Paige** jenopaige@gmail.com or **Judi Palladino** twopalls@yahoo.com for more information about membership with NSWC.

—Terry Link

MEN'S CLUB

The Men’s Club had two excellent meetings in February, getting the new year off to a great start. On February 1 our guest speaker was a native of the Republic of South Africa, **Jennifer Timm**, a compelling and knowledgeable speaker on the topic of South Africa. She also presented interesting thoughts about her own immigration to the United States years ago. Jennifer pointed out that the 60 million citizens of South Africa face many challenges including corruption, tribalism, and threats to the endangered species that make their home in that country. She was realistic about the hard work and good fortune necessary to deal with South Africa’s many challenges, but remains optimistic about the future of the Republic.



Honor Flight with Veterans at WWII Memorial

At the second meeting of the year on February 15, our speaker was **Sandra Cima**, a fun and engaging presenter who is part of **Honor Flight Network of San Diego**. Ms.Cima’s enthusiasm about the good work of Honor Flight Network, and the benefit they provide to our nation’s veterans, came through clearly in her presentation—it might even be contagious! You can find out more about them at www.honorflightsandiego.org. Did I mention that they fund two chartered flights annually for men and women veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam to visit memorials across the country entirely with donated funds—zero tax dollars involved. Hear that Governor?

The Men’s Club meets twice this month, on Tuesday **March 1** and Tuesday **March 15**.

Women's Club Outside Activity

EVENT: Happy Hour at Hendrix

DATE: Wednesday, March 16

TIME: Starting at 4:30 p.m. – Come when you can.

EVENT: Hendrix Restaurant

32431 Golden Lantern, Laguna Niguel 92677

Meet up with members to visit and celebrate an early St. Patrick's Day!
Call Carla Perin with any questions (949) 689-8831.



CLUBS

On March 1, our speaker will be **Larry Robinson**, introducing **The Fish Tank**, a converted warehouse concept. Then, on March 15, it is **Marshall Reddick** on **How To Make A Fortune in Crypto Currency**. Don't miss either one. Try to arrive a bit before 0800 to get your coffee and breakfast.

If you are already a member, don't forget that annual dues of \$25 are being collected now.

If you are not yet a member of the Men's Club, we invite you to be our guest at one of these meetings, including a complimentary breakfast.

The Men's Club does a lot of good work during the course of the year, including raising money for, and awarding academic scholarships to deserving students. We want to update and upgrade our scholarship program in 2022. If you have some fresh ideas about scholarships, we would love to hear your thoughts.

—Tim Moore

GARDEN CLUB

Spring Plant Sale

Sunday, March 20 is the first day of spring! The spring or vernal equinox—when the sun sits vertically above the equator—is when day and night are of equal length across the whole planet. The Niguel Shores Garden Club is celebrating the coming of spring with our annual fund raiser, the **Plant Sale!**

This sale is the major fund raiser for our club and will be held on **Saturday, March 26** from **9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** at the **Niguel Shores Clubhouse**.

Admission is \$1 per person and \$10 for a raffle ticket. Every hour during the sale, we'll draw a ticket for a special plant or gift certificate from one of our sponsoring local nurseries:

- Dana Point Nursery
- Green Thumb Nursery
- Harvest Landscaping
- Plant Depot
- Seaside Growers Nursery

"A flower will always grow in the direction of the sun because beauty recognizes beauty."

—Matshona Dhliwayo

We will be selling beautiful plants suited to our coastal climate, cuttings and plants from our members' gardens, and garden-related items. Local gardeners will be present to help you with your garden-related questions. Plus: home-baked cookies! For your convenience this year, you'll be able to buy using both cash and PayPal.

Spring Wildflowers

Remember the anticipation of wildflower displays that come with the advent of Spring? Anza-Borrego Desert State Park received one inch of rain in December 2021, and the park is now sprinkled with tiny green seedlings: an indication that the annual wild flowers have germinated. However, they will need more rain and continued mild weather before park botanists can verify whether the park will have a wildflower superbloom this March. For more information and updates, please call the Anza-Borrego Wild Flower Hotline at (760) 767-4684.

Upcoming Garden Tours

The Laguna Beach Garden Club will conduct their Annual Gate & Garden Tour on Saturday, May 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visit lagunabeachgardenclub.org for more details. The tour is popular, and tickets are limited, so be sure to book early.

The San Clemente Garden Club is planning their 2022 Garden Tour. Save the date of Saturday, May 14. Visit sanclementegardenclub.com for more details.

—Ann Strauss



DANA POINT THIS MONTH

51ST FESTIVAL OF WHALES

March 4-6 in Dana Point Harbor

Full event schedule available at festivalofwhales.com or contact DP Recreation at (949) 248-3536



WELCOMING THE WHALES CEREMONY

Friday, March 4, at dusk behind Ocean Institute
Public kickoff party with speakers, food trucks, hands-on activities

FESTIVAL OF WHALES PARADE

Saturday, March 5, 10:00 a.m. starting from R.H. Dana Statue

DAILY FESTIVAL EVENTS

Street fair, Wyland mural project, art sale, classic cars and boats, cardboard dinghy dash, storytelling, chowder cookoff, historical walking tour, whale watching, whale lectures, diamond dig, fishing clinic, sailboat rides.

Concert and BBQ

Sunday, March 6, 12:00 noon at Baby Beach

Whale Kids Art/Literature Contest

Children of all ages can email a story, poem or artwork about the California Gray Whale to recreation@danapoint.org by March 28 for whale-themed prizes.

Whale Tail Scavenger Hunt

Find all eight decorative whale tails hidden throughout the DP Harbor. Take a photo standing by each, and email all eight photos to recreation@danapoint.org by March 28 for a chance to win a whale watching trip and a \$300 gift card to local businesses.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS – NIGUEL SHORES ARTISTS

Meet some of the talented artists who are your Niguel Shores neighbors—beginning with artist **John Hall** and his wife **Barbara**, who have lived in Niguel Shores for fifty years. John and Barbara are original owners, moving in shortly after the community was being established. Back in the 1970s, John accepted a position with an aerospace firm in Irvine and this prompted them to relocate from Pacific Palisades to Orange County. Married for 66 years, the Halls have one daughter, one granddaughter, and a great granddaughter.



John and Barbara Hall

John first showed his artistic skills in elementary school, where a teacher spotted his drawings and was impressed. During high school John continued to develop his talent, taking art classes all four years. After graduation he was awarded a Summer Scholarship to the highly regarded Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles.

After that, John's plans leaned toward the practical and he went on to attend UCLA on a Navy Scholarship and obtained a degree in Business Administration. He then spent three-and-a-half years as a Navy pilot and another five years in the Naval Reserve. Along the way, he also completed his MBA at USC.

At this point, John's art work took a back seat to his career and family until business took him and his family to Utah for four years. During that time his passion for art was rekindled and his artwork really began to develop and "flow." Once the Halls returned from Utah to Dana Point, John's career offered many opportunities for travel, and he always brought along his sketch pad to capture in art what he saw traveling the world.

Shortly after John retired, he was invited to join the newly formed and growing **Niguel Art Association**. This group had at times as many as 400 members, giving John and the other

artists the opportunity to explore many different styles of art. John stayed with that association for eight years and then accepted an invitation to join the **Cove Gallery** in Laguna Beach where he spent 23 years as an exhibiting artist.

John also participated for 13 years in

the annual **Intensive Study Seminar** offered in both Santa Fe and Taos, New Mexico for artists from around the country to share their interests and be free to develop their talents.

John is a prolific artist who has produced approximately 1,000 pieces. When asked to define his style, he described it as "Experimental." He is continually trying something new, whether it is an abstract, a watercolor, or a drawing in pen and ink. He uses a variety of materials and, whenever possible, uses nature and the outdoors as inspiration for his work.

In addition to John's personal artwork displayed throughout their home, John and Barbara are avid art collectors with favorite pieces gathered during their world travels.

John and Barbara feel "lucky, blessed, and privileged" to live here in Niguel Shores and the wonderful opportunity it has offered to meet so many talented and creative people from all backgrounds.

Marie Tippetts

Professional artist **Marie Tippetts** and her husband **Ron** have lived in Niguel Shores for nearly twenty years. Her

exquisite still life works use pastels in dry stick and pencil form in a light-filled style of contemporary realism. Marie says, "My work is all about light and the magic it can create, transforming an ordinary grouping of elements into something mesmerizing." This play of light and reflection is beautifully evident in her portrayal of materials like glass, silver, china, and fabric shown here in her



Pastels by Marie Tippetts

studies in black and white, and on the following pages in her vibrantly colored pastels. Marie belongs to the Pastel



John Hall

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Society of America (Signature Member), the Pastel Society of the West Coast (Eminent Pastellist), the International Guild of Realism, and the International Association of Pastel Societies (Emeritus). Her work has been featured in *Southwest Art* and *Pastel Journal*, and this will be her tenth year as a participating artist at Laguna's Festival of Arts—a huge honor.

Linda Curie

Shores resident **Linda Curie** attended Columbus School of Art and Design and UCLA on an art scholarship. She has illustrated text books, mostly doing architecture renderings, and has rehabbed or redecorated over 35 homes. Linda served on several architecture committees, including ours in Niguel Shores. Watercolor painting is Linda's hobby. Her artwork has received museum awards, and her sunny coastal scenes appear on the covers of Niguel Shores Women's Club Directories. She says, "I love the challenging watercolor medium."



Painting by Linda Curie

Cindy Baker

Cindy enjoys painting in acrylics as a hobby and has been painting since high school. Her work includes landscapes, seascapes, and even portraits of pets. She is a member of the Dana Point Fine Arts Association.



Painting by Cindy Baker

Pam Flesner

Pam Flesner moved to Niguel Shores a little over a year ago after her husband passed away. She was familiar with our community, having played tennis here and also having had several residents take her art classes. She has a daughter in Sacramento and another daughter and granddaughter here in Orange County.

Even as a teen, Pam knew she wanted to pursue a career in art. After high school, she was thrilled to be

accepted at Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles which offered the option to obtain both a Bachelor's degree and an Art degree. Chouinard was expensive and Pam's

family did not have the financial resources to help pay the tuition, so she worked overnight at a doughnut shop and then drove to art school to spend the day at class. After graduation with both a Bachelor's and an Art degree, Pam was hired by the *Los Angeles Times* as a Fashion Artist. She enjoyed that position for almost 20 years before going on to work as a Fashion Artist for the Broadway Department Store.

When Pam retired from the commercial art industry, she began teaching art. She built her clientele via word of mouth and taught adults and children from her home for about 15 years.

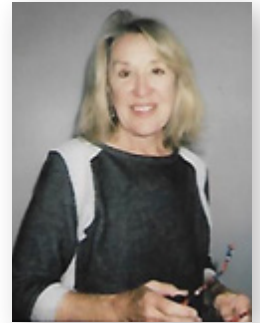
Most of Pam's work is commissioned, where a client will ask her to do a particular scene or one of her specialties, portraits. Pam describes her style as "fine art painting" and her subjects run the gamut from portraits of family and friends to landscapes and still life.

Presently, Pam is enjoying her "new life" here in Niguel Shores.

Along with her painting, Pam has taken up Pickleball and met many wonderful friends and neighbors.

To contact our artists: Some of our artists are hobbyists and others are professionals with portfolios you can view on their individual websites. You can also email a message to msr2@niguelshores.org and we will forward your message to the artist.

—Patti Staudenbaur and Sandy Homicz



Pam Flesner

SPOTLIGHT – NIGUEL SHORES ARTISTS

Cindy Baker — Acrylics



John Hall — Multimedia



Pam Flesner — Multimedia

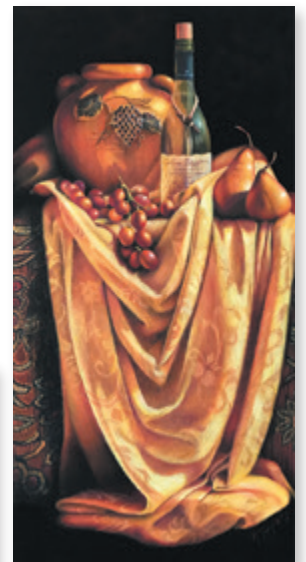


SPOTLIGHT – NIGUEL SHORES ARTISTS

Linda Curie – Watercolors



Marie Tippetts – Pastels



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Good news! All in-house library programs resume in March! Book club selections available at Service Desk. Call library for more information (949) 496-5517.

KIDS AND FAMILIES:

Toddler Storytime* Tuesdays 3/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Kindergarten Readiness Storytime* Wednesdays 3/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Young Readers Book Club

Wednesday 3/16 at 3 p.m. for children 5-7. Books are available at the service desk.

Reading in Spanish with

Carmen Wednesdays 3/9, 4/13, 5/11 at 2:30 p.m. for children all ages.

TEENS:

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3/23, 4:00 p.m. for Grades 6-12. Apply at Service Desk or email ocpl.danapoint@occr.ocgov.com.

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ADULTS:

Writers Group

Tuesdays 3/1, 15 at 5 p.m.

Create a Salad Bowl Garden*

Saturday, 3/5, 11:00 a.m.

Master Gardener Laurie Menosky

Foreign Film: Sea Fog (2017 South Korea)

Saturday, 3/5, 2:00 p.m.

Meet Author Tom Blake

Saturday, 3/19, 2:00 p.m.

Adult Coloring Club

Mondays, 3/7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Gentle Reads Book Group

Thursday, 3/10 at 10:30 a.m.

Seaside Book Group

Monday 3/28 at 10:30 a.m.

New Members—We welcome Linda Dinn and John Shaw as new Bridge players. If you like Bridge, we invite you to join our games on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Winners—Our special people who won last January and February:

January 26—Chet Ciochon was first; Shida Rad came in second; followed closely by Annemarie Gerardo, third.

February 2—Freyd Rad (yes husband of Shida) was first; Jack Barnard hammered in second; and our third was Frieda Baskin.

February 9—Not to be outdone, Sally Ann King was first; our own 100 year old Lee Farrell secured second; and Niguel Shores famous pickleball player Annemarie Gerardo coasted into third.

All the above players have earned their stripes before, but let me be first in giving them, “Congratulations on your games well played.”

Interested in playing? Please call **Bob** or **Betty French** at (650) 388-0820 cell or (949) 312-2556.

—Mike Oliva

PAGE TURNERS

This month Page Turners will be reading Jane Smiley’s latest novel, *Perestroika In Paris*.

Smiley won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel *A Thousand Acres* and recently completed her

very popular *Last Hundred Years Trilogy*. Our selection

is a very different work from this author’s other writing. The publisher describes it as “a captivating, brilliantly imaginative story of three extraordinary animals—and a young boy—whose lives intersect in Paris.” Another reviewer calls, “This a delightful, heartwarming tale about creatures living in the rough in Paris’s Champs de Mars . . . and it’s an appealing balm for harsh times.” Sounds like a delightful read. In case you are wondering, *Perestroika* is the name of the thoroughbred horse who is the “main character” in the book.

Page Turners Book Club consists of three groups of approximately ten members each. One group meets on the fourth Monday afternoon of the month and the other two groups meet on the fourth Thursday afternoon. For information on the Thursday groups you can contact **Steve** and **Ann Morris** at samwrsi@cox.net and for the Monday group, **Frances** at fozimec@cox.net.

—Frances Ozimec



BRIDGE

Love and Bridge—I hope that everyone had a wonderful Valentine’s Day last month with those people who mean something special to them. Valentines reflect our feelings of “love” and we give “love” to those we cherish. The game of Tennis uses the word “love” in scoring, but in Bridge we don’t use the word “love” that much. In Bridge we are more reserved in our expressions, saying, “Good Game” or “Well Played.” “Love” is not often heard except when we tell our partners how much we love the game!

IN MEMORIAM

Judy Boitano

December 5, 1944 – February 11, 2022

Niguel Shores resident on Tampico Bay for 34 years.

Judy is remembered by all as a beautiful person inside and out. She enjoyed golfing with Niguel Shores Women’s Golf members.

She is survived by her husband Rich, son Rob, brother Chuck, and 3 Grandchildren.

Memorial Service:

Thursday, March 31 at Noon—Niguel Shores Clubhouse

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and gives his forecast of our future, where Man, through technology, tries to achieve a happier and more balanced world.

On March 22, we will discuss *The Premonition: A Pandemic Story* by Michael Lewis, a thriller pitting a band of medical visionaries against the confusing news, politics, and health announcements concerning the outbreak of COVID 19. We will meet at the home of Norton Schwartz.



We invite those who are interested in reading and discussing non-fiction works of social, economic, or political significance to join us at our monthly meetings. Please contact nortlynnne@cox.net for more information and for the location of the March 22 meeting.

—Norton Schwartz

SPORTS

TENNIS

Playing Both Sports

It appears that many of our residents enjoy both Pickleball and Tennis, thus providing variety and choices between the two sports.

Tennis and Pickleball are similar, but also quite different. The sports are both played on the same type of surface and use a ball, a paddle/racquet, court nets, a striping division of the courts relative to their size, and similar scoring methods. Yet Tennis is played on a larger court than Pickleball, the balls and paddles are of different materials, and the serve method is overhand in tennis versus underhand in pickleball.

This reminds me of people. We are all the same, but we all are also very different, providing us with our own personalities that are each unique and never recreated.

Some of the players that play both sports are pictured here.



Hal Allen, Penni Buff, Laks Sehgal, Jim Watts



Chris and Anthony

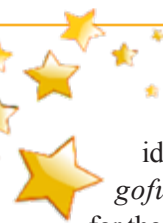
Our resident paddle and racquet players are always on the lookout to welcome new players at any age or skill level. Racquet and paddle sports are a fine way to mix family time and exercise. Gary Bolles and son Evan play on Fridays, visit about life, and get their exercise on the tennis courts.



Gary Bolles and Evan

The Association is making great strides to provide our residents a place to enjoy these activities. During March 5 through March 11 the

ACCOLADES



Thanks and appreciation to our generous residents who contributed to the Go Fund Me at gofundme.com/f/in-memory-of-prisco-aviles for the family of Prisco Aviles, employee of Harvest Landscaping.

Best wishes to this group of friends from Down Syndrome Association of Orange County who are gathered at a Buddy Walk to remind us **Down Syndrome Awareness Day is March 21.**



courts will be closed to make repairs as needed. Court #1 will have the installation of permanent pickle ball nets. Other areas will have repaired fencing. We are very appreciative of the help and understanding of the NSCA Board and Management in their diligent quest to maintain amenities in our community.

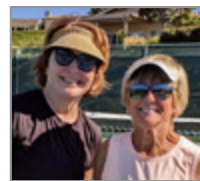
Remember, keep your racquets and paddles active!

—Don Baer

PICKLEBALL

February saw a joint meeting of our prior and new Pickleball Steering Committees. Our current seven person committee now includes continuing members: **Barb Barrett, Debi Berk, and Anthony Lord.** They will be joined by our newcomers: **Edwina Bynoe, Chris Horpel, Jenny Rose and Art Staudenbaur** for the coming year.

We'd like to give special thanks to three of our Steering Committee members, who are rotating off this year, for all their efforts in recruiting players and getting things up and running smoothly during our first two years of Pickleball at Niguel Shores. We owe a debt of gratitude to **Bob Schreiber, Jeannie Sticher and JoAnne Webb** who were instrumental in introducing Pickleball to the Shores and who have served since the committee was first formed.



Jeannie Sticher and JoAnne Webb



Bob Schreiber

We are off to a running start now that the new nets are being installed. Beginning in March, we will introduce a new rotation system during drop-in play. New paddle racks

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will be used in order to separate players after each match and help us to better mix players and enjoy meeting and playing with a variety of people at all levels. No more confusion and shuffling of paddles to determine who is next up to play!

If you are not currently receiving emails from **Voice of the Pickle**, be sure to add your name and email to the contact

list at niguelshores.pb@gmail.com so you can receive more detailed information about how the rotation system will work. You can also find the rules and court hours on the Niguel Shores website at niguelshores.org.

We are a welcoming group of players and encourage all residents of all levels to come out and join us on the courts!

—Jennifer Rose

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

HOW ZEV AND SOLAR POWER CAN WORK TOGETHER TO HELP YOU

In September 2020, Governor Newsom signed California Executive Order N-79-20 that states “It shall be the goal of the state that 100 percent of in-state sales of new passenger cars and trucks will be zero-emission (ZEV) by 2035.”

What is a ZEV?

Simply put, a ZEV is an electric vehicle that runs completely CO₂ free. These vehicles will feasibly work for a complete decarbonization of traffic, reducing the pollution resulting from fossil fuel that is emitted into our environment. Under the ZEV regulation there are three different vehicles that are considered to be zero emission (to varying degrees): plug-in hybrid vehicles, battery electric vehicles, and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

ZEV, Solar Panels, and Charging Stations

In an effort to incentivize Californians to make this change, several rebates and tax credits are now available for the installation of personal residential charging stations and purchase of a ZEV. These charging stations work by connecting dedicated solar panels to a bank that powers the charging station installed in a garage structure. There are Federal tax credits offered to cover 30% of the cost to install a residential charging station with a maximum credit of \$1,000. **Please contact the NSCA Office prior to installation for assistance in obtaining approval for any exterior modification associated with a solar panel installation.**

Additionally, there are credits and rebates offered by vehicle manufacturers for the purchase of a ZEV. Below is a list of websites that can provide additional information and direction if you are interested in what rebates are offered or where to purchase a charging station.

- Alternative Fuel Data Center: afd.energy.gov
- Brite Switch (charging station information): briteswitch.com
- Enelx (tax credit information): evcharging.enelx.com

It is anticipated that ZEV and solar power will work together to help improve both local and global ecology.

—Karen Decker

NEIGHORLY GOOD VIBES

One of our longtime residents sent *Seashore News* some good ideas about developing community spirit among residents on your street and getting the most from living in Niguel Shores. She writes:



- Get to know your neighbors.
- Have an open house, a coffee time, or a wine and cheese party at your home.
- Organize a block party, street party, or neighborhood gathering where everyone brings food and beverage.
- Have a “Welcome Committee” visit newcomers who move into your neighborhood.
- Develop an address and phone list of those on your street, including their emergency contacts.
- Consider giving a house key to a trusted neighbor.
- Let a neighbor know when you will be away and, if needed, arrange for them to pick up your mail and newspapers.
- If a neighbor is ill, give a phone call, put out trash bins, do simple errands, or bring a meal.
- Check on a neighbor when unusual signs appear like a garage door that stays up overnight or newspapers and packages that remain outside.
- If a neighbor-to-neighbor situation arises, a polite friendly discussion works best.
- The Niguel Shores management can assist with matters pertaining to community rules and regulations. This may help to defuse a situation before it turns negative.

We are lucky to have fabulous people with amazing talents and accomplishments living in Niguel Shores. To repeat what our resident advised: Get to know your neighbors, especially the ones on your own street.

Wellness . . . Planting the Seeds of Exercise

As I took a deep breath, the unforgettable smell of the frozen ice at the rink and the sound of the Zamboni smoothing the skating surface to perfection took me back to my childhood. Even though I'm actually only *watching* the skating on TV as part of the Winter Olympics, I'm reminded of the years when my little brother and I spent hours ice skating. We started with figure skating, but then we moved on to, of all things, speed skating. Short track speed skating, to be exact, long before it became an Olympic sport. It's competitively skating against other skaters on an oval course, and I imagine if there weren't rules, it could easily morph into something like Roller Derby on ice, which sounds pretty hair raising!

Growing up in southern California, the fact that we ice skated was a bit of a novelty. Most kids were playing Little League, riding bikes, kicking balls in the street, taking music lessons, or enjoying the beach. We also did those things, with the exception of Little League, but we were committed to the Pickwick Speed Skating Club in Beautiful Downtown Burbank.

We had fun! The coach taught us about consistency, training, fair play, and believing in ourselves. The fundamentals of practicing for our sport remain a part of our lives to this day. To support our growth as skaters, we also became cyclists and runners. We rode long distances together with our dad, often with our coach joining us. We ran on a high school track doing intervals and

wind sprints that gave us the "kick" we needed to beat the competition.



Little did we know, we were also planting seeds for our future as active members of the human race. Seeds that gave birth to a healthy lifestyle. Both of us continued to run, my brother surfed and seriously cycled, and we skied. Our ice skating came to a halt when we moved as a family to south Orange County way back in 1970, and new interests took hold. But the times we spent skating were truly the seeds that grew into the enjoyment of moving our bodies, feeling a little challenged, and pushing through.

We were lucky to have pursued such an unusual and vigorous sport. However, one doesn't need to have our experience to plant the seeds that will create a world of exercise and its accompanying benefits for a lifetime. Every time we get outside and move our bodies, whether it's biking, hiking, swimming, tennis, pickleball, any kind of ball game, or even a simple daily brisk walk, we're discovering something about ourselves that we wouldn't otherwise know. Our body feels better, our mind is clearer, our attitude is more upbeat and positive. We're even nicer to each other!

It's never too late to start, either. If you've never been active, go for a walk. A little tough? Keep going and it'll get easier. And if you're not able to participate like everyone else due to a physical limitation, exercise can be adapted to fit your situation. Make the decision to intentionally move your body and, as you do, remember that you're planting and replanting the seeds that will keep you harvesting the benefits of our favorite crop: optimal health. You've got this!



To Your Health! Sharon Stewart RN, Health Coach, Sharon@SharonStewartRN.com



Dog Licenses

The City of Dana Point requires a license for dogs four months of age or older. See the Niguel Shores website at niguelshores.org for

information on licensing your dog, or call the San Clemente-Dana Point Animal Shelter at (949) 492-1617.

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BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 2022 BOARD MEETING: (GENERAL SESSION)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Unaudited December 2021 Financial Reports
- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2022
- February 2022 Expense and Transfer (Actual)
- Sean Bittner and Jennifer Hochstader as Members to Recreation Committee
 - Record Date for Membership Voting
- Covenant 33568 Halyard Drive – Relinquish Landscape Maintenance
- Covenant 24092 Gourami Bay – Relinquish Landscape Maintenance
- Covenant 33541 Sextant Drive – Relinquish Landscape Maintenance
- Covenant 33671 Halyard Drive – Relinquish Landscape Maintenance
- Covenant 23845 Kara Bay – Relinquish Landscape Maintenance
 - Suzanne Enis Resignation from Traffic & Safety Committee
 - Updated Litigation Disclosure
- Ratify Approval of Transfer from Pacific Western Operating to Comerica Operating Money Market Account in the Amount of \$300,000
 - Finance Committee Recommendation to Purchase \$200,000 CD through Comerica with Funds from Morgan Stanley
 - Finance Committee Recommendation to Purchase \$147,000 CD through Comerica with Funds from BMW Bank North America
 - Mariner Gatehouse Dwelling Live Computer Replacement
 - Uphold Appeal to Traffic & Safety – Periwinkle – 2020 – Until Circumstances Change
- Removal of Parking Space Striping in Tampico Bay Turn Out Area

DISAPPROVED

- Harvest Landscape Proposal #94120 Tree Removal Tampico Bay

APPEAL:

- Appeal of Architectural Committee Decision – Approval of Remodel – Capstan Drive: AC Decision Upheld
- Appeal of Architectural Committee Decision – Approval of Security Cameras – Windjammer Drive: Tabled to March Meeting

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Check Register, General Ledger and Delinquency Report (December)
 - Map for 2022 Street Light Pole Replacement
 - Updated Signage at Resident Entry Only Gates
 - eBike Community Training Class
 - Correspondence to the Board
 - Manager’s Report
 - Ad Hoc Committee Updates

BOARD MEETING: (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:


- Executive Session Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2022
- Reasonable Accommodation Request

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal Update
- Legal Analysis (December)
- Delinquency Report (December)

NOTE: The last approved General Session Minutes are posted on the Bulletin Board across from the NSCA Office entrance and on the website. In addition, the General Session and Executive Session agendas for the next Board Meeting will also be posted on the Friday prior to the next meeting.


REMINDERS: THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 2nd WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.



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CLOSED SALES DOWN Y-O-Y

There were 2,486 closed residential resales in December, 20% less than December 2020's 3,091 closed sales. The sales to list price ratio was 101.1% for all of O.C.



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