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## This Week *in and around* Montecito



### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

#### **An Evening in Bloom**

The second annual Girls Inc. gala will honor local flower-growers with deep roots in community involvement: **Ed Van Wingerden**, owner of Ever-Bloom, and **Win Van Wingerden**, owner of Maximum Nursery and an honorary member of Girls Inc. of Carpinteria's board of trustees. The honorees are both longtime supporters of Girls Inc. of Carpinteria and also served as auctioneers at last year's Evening in Bloom.

Bloom speaker **Graciella Rodriguez**, a Girls Inc. of Carpinteria alumna who has since graduated from UCSB with a double major in Spanish and sociology and earned her Master in Education Credential at Azusa Pacific, will share her story of how Girls Inc. changed her life and helped her achieve success.

Girls Inc. of Carpinteria currently serves more than 700 girls ages 5-18 each year through a variety of programs, motivating them to take risks and master physical, intellectual, and emotional challenges.

*When:* 6 to 11 pm

*Where:* Westerlay Orchids,  
3504 Via Real in Carpinteria

*Cost:* \$100 per person; sponsorship opportunities available