



Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest



OCTOBER 2019

MEMBER NEWS

*Celebrating Art &
Science in the Garden*

*"A fallen leaf is nothing more than
a summer's wave goodbye."*

-Unknown

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

Fall is here, or at least the calendar says so, and that means it is time to get into the holiday season spirit. Even though Costco has Christmas decor in their aisles, I plan to take each season as it comes, life is too short to rush through the months. I'm sharing with you *Garden Design Magazine's* article "8 Ways to Take Your Fall Planters to The Next Level", because I enjoy walking up to someone's front door and being greeted with a colorful seasonal display. This article may give you

an idea of how you can up your game this year. enjoy!

<https://www.gardendesign.com/containers/fall.html>



COME JOIN IN
THE FUN

Events This Month

General Meeting Oct. 11

Jan Bills

Comfort, Ease and Simplicity in the Garden
Laguna Presbyterian Church (see page 3)
• 9:30 am social • 10:00 am meeting

SmartScape Expo 2018
Oct. 12

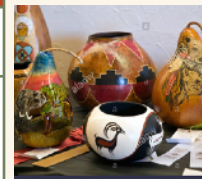
Laguna Beach Water District

303 3rd Street Laguna Beach
8:00am — 2:00pm (see page 8)

Green Thumb Crafts
Oct. 19

Halloween, Native American & Nature Gourds

9:30 am at the home of
Eliane Davis
15.000 (see page 5)



New Member Luncheon
Oct. 23

12 o'clock, at the home of
Diane Lamboley

Trips & Tours Oct. 25

Tree of Life Nursery Meet at

8:45am at St.
Catherine's Church
on Temple Terrace.
Leaving promptly
at 9:00am (see
page 4)



President's Message

Wait For The Butterflies

I love autumn. I find summer overwhelming; too much light, too much heat, too many people. In fall the over-sufficiency of summer relents. The angle of the light is more soothing, the air has the promise of a chill, and all around town parking spaces beckon.

For you over-achievers, fall in the southern California garden is just spring-lite: plenty of sunlight for planting and even the possibility of free irrigation. Go for it! The fifth graders at Top of the World Elementary just planted peas. They'll be ready to harvest in two or three weeks!

For me, fall is the time of pulling inward, preparing for winter. This is the time of year to let parts of my garden be wild and messy. I cringe when I grab a handful of dead leaves from a hidden corner and hear

heads. I should cut them down but I just saw caterpillars there a week ago. If the birds and lizards didn't eat them, there might be chrysalises camouflaged on the stems. Better to wait, the dividend of patience is butterflies!

-Nancy England
President



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that ripping Velcro sound that means I've destroyed a spider's egg sac. Can't I just let some wild corners be for another season? Those dead leaves will turn to mulch by themselves if I ignore them long enough.



The fennel plants are done, all scraggly with brown seed

Comfort, Ease and Simplicity

Jan Bills shares her style of gardening at our October meeting

Gardens should be our love, not our labor of love! Discover how sustainable gardening includes a variety of practices that respond to environmental concerns. These practices are used in every stage of gardening including design, planting and maintenance. Together we will develop a shift in perspective as we explore how to garden with comfort, ease and simplicity with our October guest speaker **Jan Bills**.

Jan Coppola Bills is the author of *Late Bloomer*, a certified landscape designer, advanced master gardener, entrepreneur, and contributing writer for State-by-State Gardening magazine.

After a successful career in the corporate world, she made a major life reassessment and followed her heart: Jan traded in her heels for Wellies and started the Detroit-area landscape design company Two Women and a Hoe® (twowomenandahoe.com).

Jan shares her gardening philosophy of comfort, ease and simplicity with her clients, audiences, friends and her large online community on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest and



LinkedIn.

Jan's hands-on experience as a professional and home gardener arms her audiences with practical day-to-day organic gardening tips, techniques and solutions. Jan loves providing her audiences with the confidence and knowledge they need to create and maintain beautiful,

sustainable gardens. She is a passionate business owner and speaker, and takes her work seriously and responsibly. Her broad gardening knowledge, enthusiasm and engaging personality creates an educational and fun experience for everyone.

October Trips & Tours

Tree of Life Nursery, It's Not Your Big Box Nursery

If you're a fan of California's native plants, you probably already know about **Tree of Life Nursery** on Ortega Highway in San Juan Capistrano. If you've not been here, you need to visit!

Tree of Life has some of the usual suspects- sages and grasses, but also one of the best selections of Manzanita varieties in one place! And, great native flower seed!

This is not a traditional "City" nursery! If you see a plant you like in a 5 gallon pot, there may very well be a full grown tree or shrub on the property you can look at to

see what the plant looks like all grown up!

The staff is knowledgeable and friendly. If you are unsure, just ask!

We will be venturing to the San Juan Capistrano location on **Friday, October 25**. Meet at St. Catherine's church at 8:45 to carpool, we leave promptly at 9:00am. Wear comfy shoes to wander the property. Sign up at the October meeting so we know how many people to expect.



Raffle at the October 11 Meeting

I know you all wondered why we didn't have a raffle at the first meeting of the Garden Club in September. It was my fault. I was traveling, and so to make up for it, we are holding a raffle at the October 11 meeting. We have 4 items for you to purchase tickets to an opportunity to win one of these fabulous prizes.

Ticket prices are the same, as always:

1 ticket for \$5 for 7 tickets for \$20.

Here is just an example of one of the items to tantalize your wallet:

A David Kizziar (a Sawdust Festival artist) Prismacolor drawing of succulents, framed in barn wood and under glass. Total Value = \$145

Credit Card, Check and even **Cash** are accepted.

Bring your wallet. See you at the meeting.

The winners will be drawn at the end of the meeting.



Lynn Jax, Past President & Raffle Coordinator

October's Green Thumb Craft

Halloween, Native American & Nature Gourds

You will love decorating whimsical or beautiful gourds at the home of

Elaine Davis

- October 18
- 9:30am
- \$15.00
- Sign up at the
- October 11 meeting



Volunteering With Creativity & Sweat Equity

September Centerpiece

The beautiful and creative centerpiece arrangement for the September meeting was made by **Pam Hagen**. Pam really captured the essence of the guest speaker, Chris Epting's theme for the meeting with her Yosemite camping vignette.



Volunteer of the Month

Marianne Keenan drew **Monica Thompson's** name out of the bucket to make her the September Volunteer of the Month. The strength of our club is the volunteer service that so many of our members give each month. A big thank you goes to Monica for her dedication to the club!



Chris Epting ~ September's Speaker

Stories of the camping trip that changed America



SAVE THE DATE!

LAGUNA BEACH WATER DISTRICT
SMARTSCAPE



ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019 8 A.M TO 2 P.M

LAGUNA'S WATERWISE LANDSCAPE EVENT

SMARTSCAPE & Succulent Cuttings Needed

The Garden Club participates annually in SmartScape, a community event, sponsored by Laguna Beach County Water District, celebrating the 10th Anniversary of this water-wise landscape event, held on **October 12** from **8 AM** to **2 PM**. This year those volunteering at the event will give away succulent cuttings donated by you all, offer an activity of leaf-printing on paper, and provide free gardening advice on planting, watering, and sun and shade. We also will be sharing all the fun events and great activities the Club is involved in for anyone interested.

The volunteer Sign-Up is complete. But please mark your calendar and stop by to see all the booths of vendors, Saddleback College Horticulture Department, and collect all free goodies available.

An added treat is that Debra Lee Baldwin (The Queen of Succulents) will be speaking from **10 AM** to **11 AM**, so you will be able to hear Debra once again or for the first time if you've missed her.

What we need from you are succulent cuttings. Several places for you to donate.

1. You can drop them off at 2 places in Laguna Beach:
 - Jorja Puma's front or back porch – 530 High Drive (North Laguna)
 - Synthia Scofield's driveway or front porch – 591 Mountain Rd (corner of Cress St)
2. Bring them to meeting Friday, October 11 – boxes will be near the entrance to Tank Hall.
3. Bring them to the Water District at 8 AM – 306 Third Street, Laguna Beach

Any questions contact Lynn Jax via email E: jax@cox.net or call C: 949-294-1500.



DEBRA LEE BALDWIN

"QUEEN OF SUCCULENTS"

Come meet Debra Lee Baldwin "Queen of Succulents" and guest speaker at **Laguna Beach Water District's 10th Anniversary SmartScape Expo, Oct 12.**

Baldwin is the award-winning garden photojournalist who launched global interest in succulents with her book, **Designing with Succulents**. Her other bestsellers are **Succulent Container Gardens** and **Succulents Simplified**. Baldwin spreads the word about "plants that drink responsibly" via newsletters, articles, photos, videos, social media, public speaking, radio and TV. Her YouTube videos are nearing 5,000,000 views. She focuses on news, design ideas, experts, and destinations that "celebrate the joy of succulents."

Baldwin is proud to announce the celebratory 10th anniversary, completely revised and updated second edition of **Designing with Succulents**. Beautifully illustrated with 400 photos, it encapsulates the essentials of the original along with a decade's worth of visually exciting ideas for waterwise gardens.

Super Succulents Workshop with Debra Lee Baldwin

Saturday, October 12, 10:00 - 11:00 am
10th Anniversary SmartScape Expo
306 Third Street, Laguna Beach, CA



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For additional pictures of Laguna Beach Garden Club activities and information, go to our wonderful web site produced by Linda Homscheid

[https://
www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org/
events/club-albums/](https://www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org/events/club-albums/)