



Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest

COME JOIN IN
THE FUN

Events This Month

General Meeting Jan. 10

**Louesa
Roebuck**
Foraged Flora
(see page 3)
Laguna
Presbyterian
Church

9:30 am social
10:00 am meeting



Green Thumb & Crafts Jan. 17

Grapevine succulent wreath

At the home of
Jeanne Yale

9:30 am
(see page 4)



Trips & Tours Jan. 24

**Orange County Succulents
and Toro Wholesale Nursery**
Meet at 12:30 am at St. Catherine's
on Temple Terrace to carpool (see
page 4)



*"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."
-Audrey Hepburn*

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

Ahh the New Year! According to those "in the know," one of the trends that will have a resurgence in 2020 is the increased use of house plants in our homes. For most of us that's a duh, but an article in Armstrong Garden Center's Newsletter (click on the link to see the article) lists plants that are safe around Fido and those to avoid.

Our fur babies bring so much joy to our lives, so keeping them healthy and safe is as important as including plants in our homes to help clean the air and provide

beauty. So stock up on the "good guys" and gift the ones to avoid to a friend without pets. It's a win, win all around.

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houseplants](https://www.armstronggarden.com/advice-home/diys-home/indoor-diys/diy-choosing-pet-friendly-houseplants)



President's Message

Cheers to a new year & another chance for us to get it right

- Oprah Winfrey

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

Earth is here so kind, that just tickle her with a hoe and she laughs with a harvest.

-Douglas William Jerrold,
playwright

Behold the humble jade plant, a landscape stalwart in this climate, quietly thriving wherever you plant it. I grew up in northern California with a slow growing, precious jade



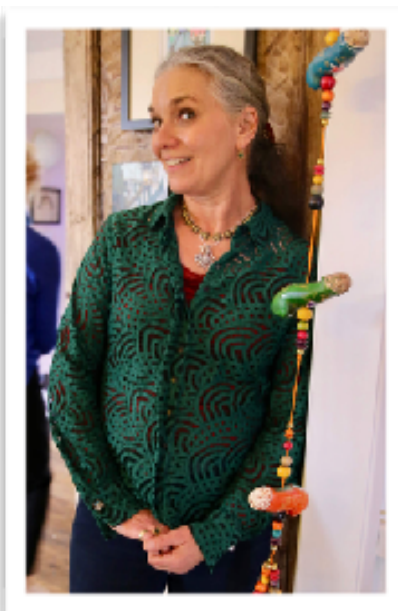
plant in a pot on the front porch. My blind grandmother liked the texture of the leaves. My grandfather shaped it like a bonsai. It was just always there, a few Christmas decoration in winter, piled with eggs for Easter, but so slow growing as to seem inert.

When I moved to southern California, I encountered the

jade hedge, the jade tree, generally holdovers from older gardens, burly 40 or 50 year old specimens with trunks a foot thick. Not particularly showy, but good structure and the leaves are a deep glossy green; useful, reliable, it's a workhorse of a plant.

And then January comes and the entire plant becomes a startling mound of tiny pink or white blooms abuzz with bees; having their moment in the sun. This year I endeavor to be a jade tree-solid, dependable and occasionally dazzling.

May 2020 bring out the best in us all! -Nancy Englund



**SEE YOU AT THE
JANUARY 10
MEETING**

*Please. I am
begging you!*

DO NOT PARK in the church parking lot. We rent the building, not the parking lot. The parking lot is **not** available for general parking for Garden Club members.

First of all, **CARPOOL!**

Let's resolve to drive fewer cars to club meetings. Drivers who have a Laguna Beach parking permit, please use the meters on the near by streets. No sticker? There are other parking options. The Suzi Q lot is located across the street from the church parking lot. The Lumberyard has a lot, the added bonus is you will get in about 400 extra steps if you park there.

You may NOT park in the church lot. All the spaces are reserved either for church staff, pre-school staff, or ongoing drop-off and pick-up by parents of the pre-schoolers. Thank you!



Louesa Roebuck & The Beauty That Surrounds Us

How to use foraged flora in arrangements

Louesa Roebuck was born in the middle of Ohio in the middle of the 60's. She grew up there and Lexington Kentucky, with brief escapes to the mountains of Tennessee, North Carolina and the coast of Maine. After studying printmaking at Rhode Island School of Design and earning a semi useless degree in marketing, she moved to California during the El Nino of 1997/98. Five days later she began working at Chez Panisse, having little to no idea of the power of the transformative community she'd entered.

Louesa continued her education of Californian culture and beauty working closely with Erica Tanov. She then went on to open *August*, a seminal and before its time fashion, art, and community hub. *August* was an early proponent of the



intersection of luxury apparel and green socially responsible textile practices. She lost her business during the worldwide economic crash of 2008/09, and returned to her lifelong love of foraged and gleaned floral work. This has been her recent medium of choice, followed closely by monotypes.



She considers all of California her home, and happily divides her time between the bay area and Los Angeles, currently living in Ojai. She has created floral installations for Vivienne Westwood, John Baldesarri, Todd Selby, Michael Pollan, Alice Waters, Rintaro, and Carolyn Murphy for Vogue and House Beautiful. Her floral work has been featured in a number of national and international magazines and media, including Vogue, C Magazine, Edible Selby,

Remodelista, Bare Journal, Sunset, Martha Stewart Living, The Los Angeles Times. Her latest venture, *Foraged Flora* (Ten Speed Press/Random House), are available in hardcover and kindle editions on Amazon.

Louesa will encourage us to see the beauty that surrounds us, to attune our senses to the seasonality and locality of flowers and plants, and to embrace the beauty in each stage of life. She uses found foraged floral as an invitation to seek out the beauty of the natural world.



CLUB NEWS

Green Thumb Crafts January 17



Come join the creative fun with **Jeanne Yale** and create beautiful grapevine succulent wreaths.

The workshop will be held at Jeanne's home in Laguna Beach, at 9:30am.

Please sign up at the January 10 meeting, Jeanne will be collecting money (\$20) at that time for the cost of supplies.

She will provide all material except the succulents and will send out an email to those who sign up with additional details.



Trips & Tours January 24

The January Trips & Tours excursion will visit two local nurseries: Orange County Succulents (3350 Warner Ave, Irvine) and Toro Wholesale Nursery (3007 Main St, Irvine). At OC Succulents we will be given a guided tour as well as gifts and discounts!

We will meet at St. Catherine's on Temple Terrace in Laguna at 8:45am and leave promptly at 9am. Remember, the Plant Sale & Open House is coming up on Valentine's Day. This is a great opportunity to buy unusual plants for the spectacular container garden you are creating!



A Huge Thank You!

I want to personally thank all of you who donated to our wonderful Garden Club since June 30, 2019. I also want to express my appreciation to all of you who donated items for the Christmas Raffle and/or solicited donations from your favorite places of business. Additionally, we sold \$1,185 in raffle tickets for the Christmas Raffle, which means 50% of those who attended the meeting bought tickets.

We had great prizes, and congratulations to the 10 winners: **JoAnn DeYonker, Birgitta Schoen, Ingrid Cebula, Pam Bisson, Beate Loomis, Mariann Keenan, Lynn Pries, Gina Mead, Diane Olson, and Krisanna Barbernell.**

Laguna Beach Garden Club wants to recognize all who support our Club. We will be posting an updated list of Donors, Sponsors, and In-Kind Donors in the Newsletter (see page 9) and on our Website.

Sincerely,
Lynn Jax

PLANT SALE

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OPEN HOUSE

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- Enjoy home made refreshments (SO GOOD!)
- Bid on gorgeous container gardens created by LBGC members
- "Ask a UCEE Master Gardener" your confounding garden mystery questions
- Learn how the LBGC serves your community
- Learn about the LBGC annual Speaker Series, Social Activities, and Volunteer Opportunities.
- Join the Fun! Become a Member!

FRIDAY, 2/14, 9:30 AM
TANKERSLY HALL, DOWNTOWN
PRESENTED BY,
LAGUNA BEACH GARDEN CLUB

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Diane Lannon and Dalynn Malek opened their homes and gardens to help ring in the holiday spirit

On December 13, we enjoyed visiting two members' homes (and gardens) in Laguna Niguel that were dressed up for the holidays. **Diane Lannon & Dalynn Malek** graciously and generously opened their homes — inside and out -- to our membership to view their beautiful decorations and to kick off the holiday season.

We celebrated with great food and beverages at each home -- and good cheer all around!

Everyone had a wonderful time and left invigorated with the spirit of the season!



2020 GATE & GARDEN TOUR

This year's **Gate & Garden Tour** is slated for **Saturday** (that's right folks, Saturday) **May 2, 2020**, from 10-2, and will take place in two different neighborhoods of North Laguna Beach.

The tour will lead you through some lovely curated gardens that are quintessential "Laguna Beach" beauty and elegance. The journey will take you through the dream gardens of many of our garden loving citizens that are willing to share their magical gardening efforts with all of you. For the second year in a row one gracious homeowner has actually opened up her historic home for tour goer's to enjoy as well as her garden. **Lucky us!**



In the spirit of turning the page to a new decade, we also are turning the page of our host location, to the beautiful gardens of the **Laguna Beach County Water District** located on 306 3rd Street, Laguna Beach. Originally built in 1927, the building's "Mediterranean Revival" style was designed by architect Aubrey St. Clair, the son of the first artist to make his home in the Laguna Beach Art Colony. The garden is designed to show visitors that landscaping can be water efficient, fire safe and beautiful as well!

In the tradition of Cinco de Mayo fun we are proud to have Tequila Corcel as our exclusive premium sponsor for our legendary artisanal

margaritas. Our tour's reputation for warmth and hospitality includes free homemade cookies, complimentary refreshments as well as delicious Mexican fare that can be purchased to accompany your margarita.



Our raffle, which never disappoints, has some of the most magnificent prizes and awaits your participation. Last year's raffle had over \$6,000 in prizes! **You don't want to miss the opportunity to win the \$1,000 Grand Prize from Dana Point Nursery!**

The Gate & Garden Tour is our club's major fundraiser that enables us to serve our community through financial assistance to our Laguna Beach School gardens, scholarships and community projects.

Due to the incredible reputation of our tour and the history of delivering an incredible day of fun, we are sure to sell out again this year. **Plan to purchase your tickets early so you don't miss out on the fun! \$50 in advance and \$55 the day of the tour, if any tickets are still left.**

Please click below to access ticket purchase site on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/laguna-beach-garden-club-2020-gate-garden-tour-tickets-81780811609>

DECEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING WAS BRIMMING WITH HOLIDAY SPIRIT



November's speaker **Nan Sterm**'s presentation was a visual delight highlighting water-wise gardening and some of the beautiful gardens she has landscaped. Her book was available at the end of the meeting.

Not only does **Lynn Jax** work tirelessly to find wonderful items for the raffle table she also gets her husband **Perry Stampfel** to watch over the ticket bags. December's raffle was a huge success!



Everyone enjoys **Chris Lutz**'s delicious coffee, he roasts and grinds the beans fresh before every meeting. The plant table always has unusual items that find a new home and help support the school gardens. Members generously donated toys and sports equipment to the *Sparks of Love Toy Drive* sponsored by the Fire Department.



Board Positions Open

Ever wanted to be on the Board of your Garden Club? Now here's your chance.

As Past President part of my responsibilities include finding members who want a more active role by expanding her/his horizons to become part of the Board of Directors and matching them with opportunity.

Well, that opportunity has arrived. With the exception of Treasurer, Financial Secretary, President, and Past President (as they are a 2-year terms), all other positions are open for anyone who expresses an interest in becoming part of the board. According to the **By-Laws Article VI - Annual Elections of Board of Directors. Section 1.** *"The Board shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected, installed or appointed. Two (2) years of Club membership shall be requisite for nomination for President."*

Please see pages 55-58 of your Membership Book for a complete description of responsibilities.

Board Position Openings are:

- **President** – presides at all meetings. Nancy will complete her Presidency the end of May.
- **Vice President** – arranges for speakers for the general meetings.
- **Website** – oversees & updates the website.
- **Ways & Means** – manages sales of Club items at meetings & in charge of all fundraising activities with the exception of Gate & Garden Tour.
- **Gate & Garden Tour** – organizes the major fundraiser of the year.
- **Newsletter** – publishes articles written by board members from September through May.

To some of you this may sound daunting, but to others it might be right in your wheelhouse.

We are more than willing to expand our numbers. Each of these positions include a variety of skills and talents that can be shared with another club member, thereby splitting the workload and becoming **Co-Directors**.

Being part of the Board is a wonderful experience; we have all made lifelong friends. Each member of our Board of Directors is extremely helpful and more than willing to assist/teach/lend a hand to any of you who step up to fill any of these positions.

All interested parties, please contact me:

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DONORS, SPONSORS, AND IN-KIND DONORS SINCE JUNE 30, 2019

Donors

Major Donor: \$5000+
Mae Ho

Rose: \$3000+

Monarch: \$1000-\$2999

Pelargonium: \$500-\$999
Norman Powell
Patricia Weir

Poppy: \$100-\$499
Mariann Keenan

Aloe: \$25-\$99
Inge Bunn
Cheryl Chez
Joe Colladay
Peggi McDonald
Melinda Payson

Sponsors

Major Sponsor: \$5000+

Rose: \$3000+
Laguna Beach Water District

Monarch: \$1000-\$2999
Team Laguna

Pelargonium: \$500-\$999

Poppy: \$100-\$499

Aloe: \$25-\$99

In-Kind Donors

(goods or services)

Major Donor: \$5000+

Rose: \$3000+

Monarch: \$1000-\$2999

Pelargonium: \$500-\$999

Poppy: \$100-\$499
David Kizziar, artist
Farmhouse Restaurant
Mae Ho
Little Bohemian
Main Street Bar & Cabaret
Plant Depot
San Clemente Antiques
Starbucks Coffee – Laguna Beach
Lynn Jax

Aloe: \$25-\$99
Duet- Laguna Beach
Green Thumb Nursery
Laguna Beach Books
Cookie Lee
Payton Addison Interior Design
Harriette Craig
Elaine Davis
Patty Gaffney
Diane Kloke
Mary Sanchez
Perry Stampfel
Jeanne Yale

December Centerpiece

New member
Peggy McDonald
created this
stunning
centerpiece that
evoked the
feeling of the
season. The mix
of Stargazer
lilies, winter
branches and
gerbera daisies
was spectacular.



December Volunteers of the Month

Two ladies who gave the gift of time to the club were selected as Volunteers of the Month. **Linda Middlebrooks** was given a floral arrangement made by **Krisanna Barbernell** and **Lynn Pries** received a pretty vase as a “thank you” for going above and beyond for LBGC.



Recognition Awards

Four awards recognizing club members and their tremendous efforts that support the club will be awarded this spring. All members are encouraged to nominate a fellow club member to take notice of their activities and volunteer efforts in which they participate.

Nominations will be accepted at the **April 10, 2020**, general meeting. Forms will be forthcoming. Be prepared to write a short explanation for your nominee. The winners will be awarded at the **May 8, 2020**, general meeting.

Categories are:

1. Club Member of the Year
2. Rookie Member of the Year
3. Gardener of the Year
4. Garden of the Year



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