



Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest

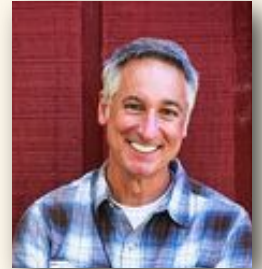
COME JOIN IN
THE FUN

Events This Month

General Meeting March 13

Joe Lamp'l

One of the country's most recognized and trusted personalities in gardening and green-living. Laguna Presbyterian Church • 9:30 am social, 10:00 am meeting (see page 3)



Green Thumb Crafts March 24

Scone Baking Demo & Sun Catcher Making (see page 9)



Open Gardens Happy Hour March 27

Our next Open Gardens Happy Hour will be on Friday, March 27 from 1-3 pm.

Susan Denton & Pamela Hagen have graciously opened their gardens to us.

Carpooling is preferred as parking is limited. Please meet at St. Catherine's Church on Temple Terrace at 12:45PM. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. (see page 9)



MARCH 2020
MEMBER NEWS

*Celebrating Art &
Science in the Garden*

*"A good friend is like a four-leaf clover,
hard to find and lucky to have."*

—Irish Proverb

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

Ok, I know I should remove my lawn, it drinks a lot of water, but I love the visual, peaceful space it provides, and the bunnies love it. This article from the Garden Design website is making me warm to the idea of making the change to something other than a lawn.

I really like the new ideas they have each issue and this one has especially cool plans in the attached article-*My Garden-From Dull To Distinctive*. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Hopefully it will inspire you to

jazz up a small area in your garden. https://www.gardendesign.com/small/courtyard-oasis.html?utm_source=article-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Courtyard-Oasis-3-5-20



Drinking in the Benefits of Water

Tap water

841 million people woke up today without basic access to safe water.

We flush our toilets with water that is cleaner than what is available to 11% of the population of this planet.

I remember when I was in high school and first Perrier then Evian bottled water from France bloomed on the American market. Evian is naïve spelled backward, we smugly joked, never realizing we were being brainwashed to reject tap water over fancy water in glass bottle shipped in from foreign countries. This has GOT to change!

For one thing, bottled water is typically 2000 times more expensive than tap water. And you are not risking exposure to harmful BPA. Tap water is much more strictly regulated than bottled water.

Tap water is completely safe. The only reason we know it has trace amounts of lead or arsenic is



because we have become better at testing and can detect smaller and smaller quantities of these chemicals.

Your garden club is poised to partner with the Laguna Beach Water District and the city to install bottle filling stations at the Water District offices and in Jahraus Park because we are committed to reducing the number of single use plastic bottles that end up in landfill.

I hope we all know the benefits of drinking water over sugary or caffeinated beverages. We have been brainwashed into thinking that water in single use plastic bottles is somehow better or safer than tap water. This is not true. Tap water is far more stringently tested than bottled water.



Our tap water has a faint taste of chlorine; completely harmless but not very delicious. A Britta type filter eliminates virtually all of the chemical taste in tap water. Keep a pitcher of filtered water in your fridge to fill your reusable container and you

may be doing more for the planet than you realize.

Botanical water, with fruit and herbs added for flavor, is an even more delicious choice.

Remember that 841 million people woke up today without basic access to safe water.

-Nancy Englund



Joe Lamp'l's passion for plants continues to grow

Living a Greener Life With Joe

Joe Lamp'l's (aka joe gardener®) infatuation with gardening and nature began as a child. After a run-in with his parents' favorite shrub, he panicked and jammed the broken branch into the ground. A few weeks later, it had taken root. Joe was not only relieved; he was also hooked on horticulture.



As one of the country's most recognized and trusted personalities in gardening and green-living, Joe's passion for living a greener life is evident to a nationwide audience who turns to him for gardening advice through his new *joe gardener Online Gardening Academy*™ and watches him in his current role as creator, executive producer, and host of the Emmy-award-winning PBS series, *Growing a Greener World*® and, previously, as host of *Fresh from the Garden* on DIY Network.

Joe also shares his know-how on NBC's *TODAY SHOW*, ABC's *Good Morning America*, *The Weather Channel* and through his popular books, podcast series. Past awards include: The American Horticultural Society selected Joe as the recipient of the Society's B.Y. Morrison Communication Award, which recognizes effective and inspirational communication—through print, radio, television, and online media. Multi-award winner for Best On-Air Talent for Television by the Garden Writers Association, and The Taste Awards for Breakout Storyteller of the Year, Best Environmental Television, Series, Film or Video, Best Branded Television Series in 2016 and their coveted Pioneer Award in 2017. In 2018, *Growing a Greener World* was awarded a Daytime Emmy for Best Lifestyle Program.

Joe is the founder and “Joe” behind *joegardener.com*—a gardening-intensive website with a focus on how-to videos, podcasts, online courses, and blog posts around the most popular topics gardeners want to know. Overseeing these endeavors and more is Agrivana® Media, LLC, a company devoted to creating quality broadcast and online

content to inspire and promote environmental stewardship around the world.



Joe is deeply committed to “growing a greener world” through his television series, courses, websites, podcasts, books (including *The Green Gardener's Guide*), and more. When not talking or writing about gardening and living green, Joe can likely be found in and around his organic garden and spending time with his family on their Atlanta, GA farm.

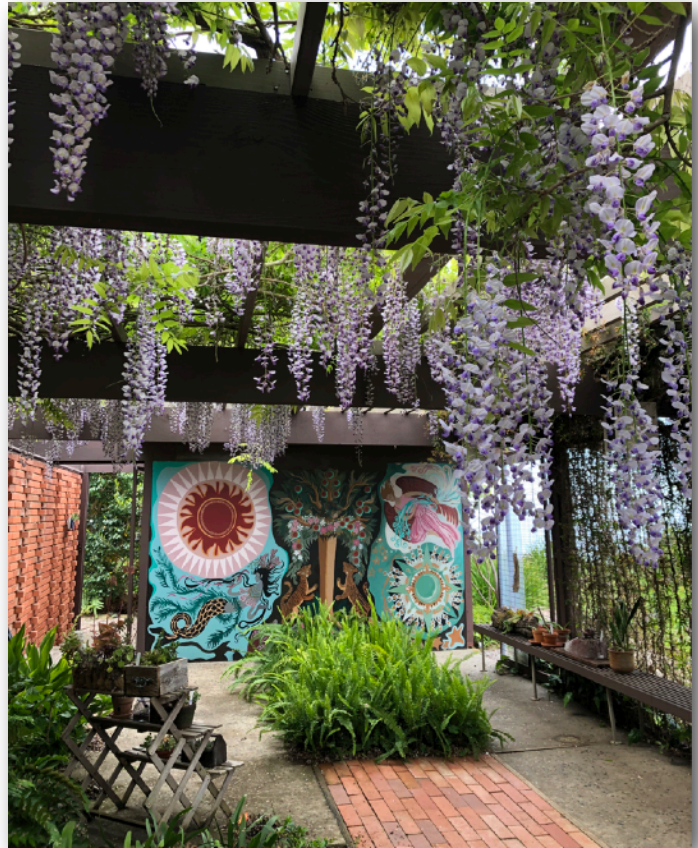


COMMUNITY NEWS

Hortense Miller Garden Open House Sat., March 28, 2020 11am - 3pm

Continuous FREE Shuttle Bus service from First Church of Christ Scientist, 635 High Drive, Laguna Beach up to the house and garden.

This hidden Laguna Gem features a 2.5 acre garden with over a dozen hillside trails and a pristine Mid-Century Modern home build by Knowlton Fernald in 1958 on the slope of Boat Canyon. Tucked under towering Canary Island and Torrey Pines, planted from one gallon saplings in 1959, there are over 1000 plant species of which about 150 are California natives. The variety of plantings gives the garden color and texture during every season. The walls of glass offer breathtaking ocean views. The original furnishings give the home a rare authenticity, befitting a true Laguna artist.



Free Art Workshop for Children. Sack lunches permitted. Walking shoes recommended. Garden tours offered every hour or as needed.

Books on Hortense Miller, container gardens and garden art are available for sale. No reservation necessary. Admission is free. Donations gratefully accepted.

For more information: www.hortensemillergarden.org or call 949-244-2010



Volunteers needed if you have a couple hours to help either Thursday, March 26 between 9am - noon or Saturday, March 28 anytime between 9am - 3pm. for set up and during the Open House.

Contact: Diane Lannon diane.lannon@gmail.com
949-374-2696 cell to help

Friends of Hortense Miller Garden
P.O. Box 742 Laguna Beach, CA 92652
501(c)(3) Tax ID # 95-3131731

Container Garden Auction A Loving Success

What an amazing turnout we had at this year's Plant Sale & Silent Auction! The addition of the Open House brought in many more members of the public, five of which joined our club. A sincere thank you goes out to everyone who helped me prior to, and on the day of the event.

Our goal this year was to reach \$2020 in 2020. With almost 60 amazing containers that were donated by our generous members, we

surpassed our goal and raised \$2,135 in the silent auction!

With the addition of the Plant Sale this year, which also did very well for its inaugural year with approximately \$290 being raised, and the raffle that raised \$1,510, our total for our event was just over \$3,900!

Thank you again to everyone who participated in this fun club event!

-Lisa Fecteau



2020 Gate & Garden Tour

Crown Jewel Gardens will Be Featured in Our Annual Tour

Did you know that Laguna Beach is considered to be Orange County's crown Jewel? Because the climate in Laguna Beach is considered a Mediterranean climate it is the perfect location for lovely gardens year round. So what better place to hold an incredible Garden Tour than in the Crown Jewel that many of us get to call home!

The Gate & Garden Tour volunteer team is over the moon about having the gorgeous Laguna Beach Water District's Water Wise garden as the starting point for the **Saturday, May 2, 2020**, tour.

Having a 15-year history of the Gate & Garden Tour, we strive to make it fresh and new each year to thrill our guests with the sheer beauty and delight of our gorgeous town. We are delighted to have had over 200 inquiries and ticket purchases so far in advance of our tour date this year. Please encourage your friends that are planning to attend to purchase their tickets early.



Last year we had to turn away over 115 guests!

The indomitable Lynn Jax has yet another spectacular raffle in the works to delight everyone this year! Just a few items included in this year's raffle is a private wine tasting for 20 people, a special surprise from The Ranch and of course

the spectacular Dana Point Nursery grand prize that can't be beat!

Carmelita's Kitchen De Mexico will be offering an incredible taco feast for hungry tour goers to purchase lunch to go with their Tequila Corcel Margaritas. Carmelita's will also be sharing their secret recipe for their cucumber cilantro margarita for our special occasion in addition to our classic



margarita.

We will have our now famous Botanical Water Booth for our guests to enjoy on the day of the tour. So plan to bring your friends and enjoy a really lovely day of gardens, incredible food & libations, and community fun & friendship. Tickets are available on line at lagunabeachgardenclub.org, \$50 plus handling fee.

Contact Karen Nelson for information:
Karen@LagunaBeachGardenClub.org.
Hope to see you there!

Virginia Robinson's Beautiful Home & Gardens

February's Trips & Tours Took Us To Beverly Hills

I'm hesitant to say this in case I jinx us, but we had **ANOTHER** beautiful day for our tour on February 26. It was bright and sunny with a lovely breeze to keep it from getting too warm in Beverly Hills at the **Virginia Robinson Home & Gardens**. Twenty-six of us had an interesting docent-led tour of the hilly grounds (hence the name Beverly Hills) and parts of the house & pool house. There were a ton of plants in bloom; so we had lots of color surrounding us.

One bougainvillea plant on the tennis court was glorious! It was the size of some cottages in Laguna Beach and fully in bloom. Amazing! We won't discuss the very long trek home, but the lovely blooming azaleas and citrus fruit trees made the drive worth it!

*The next event will be an **Open Gardens Happy Hour**.* Be sure to look for more information on page 8 of this Weeder's Digest. -Synthia Scofield



Get Involved & Participate

February Centerpiece Designer & Volunteer of the Month

Diane Lannon (left photo) grew the beautiful cymbidiums & designed the spectacular centerpiece for our February meeting. The lovely arrangement, along with a bag of her delicious scones, became a item to bid on at the Container Garden Auction.

The energetic new member **Cookie Lee** (right photo) was the February Volunteer of the Month. Vice President **Marianne Keenan** presented her with a cute cactus vase as a “thank you” gift for all she does for the garden club.



GATE & GARDEN TOUR RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

The Garden Club Raffles are the best and it's because of all of you who donate items.

The Raffle is only as good as what the items available to win.

With over 600 ticket holders attending the Gate & Garden Tour on May 2, folks will be perusing the tables at all the fabulous entries and be ready to purchase scores of tickets.

Here is where you can help your club. Contact the business you patronize to ask for a donation or purchase an item and donate it yourself.

So far, the items we have include:

- Two Wine Tasting for 20 people at Total Wine & More – Value: \$500 each
- Garden art from Laguna Iguana– Value \$120
- 2 Gift Cards to K'Ya Bistro – Value \$50 each

Let's continue the Garden Club's Raffle reputation and make it the best ever.

If you would like to add some special to the raffle, contact Lynn Jax E: jax@cox.net or Cell 949-294-1500.



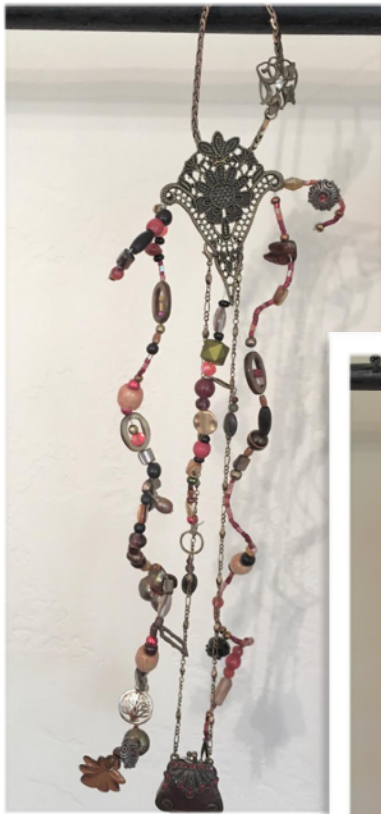
Club Activities

March Green Thumb Crafts

Green Thumb this next is
Tuesday, March 24 at 9:30 at
Diane Lannon's home-
28691 Murrelet Drive, Laguna Niguel
949-374-2696

The mystery is solved, we're having a scone baking demonstration (tasting included), as well as making a Sun Catcher with either beads or shells to hang in your garden.

Cost \$20 for all materials. See you there!



Open Gardens Happy Hour

Our next Open Garden Happy Hour is **Friday, March 27, 2020** from 1-3pm

The beautiful Member Gardens we will be touring are:

Susan Denton
455 Los Robles Laguna Beach
(949) 494-6806

Special Instructions: There is street parking on Los Robles and other streets off the roundabout- be aware of the fire hydrant, it is not painted red, no parking within 15 feet. Susan's driveway is available if not taken.

Pamela Hagen
1045 Wykoff Way Laguna Beach
(949) 494-3869

Special Instructions: Parking: 2 cars in her carriage house, one close to the fence near her front gate, other parking in front of rip rap wall near beginning of Wykoff Way and will be marked with "garden club parking" sign. For those that would like to linger in the garden longer, Pamela is serving refreshments after 3pm

Carpooling is recommended

For further information and/or to volunteer your garden, please contact Shelby Rigg at (949) 510-5946 or shelby.rigg@cox.net.

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GARDEN CLUB

GROWING & GIVING

S I N C E 1 9 2 8

Recognition Award 2020 Nomination Form

Check the category:

_____ Club Member of the Year

_____ Gardener of the Year

_____ Garden of the Year

_____ Rookie of the Year (AKA: New Member)

*** Use a separate form for each Nomination.**

DEADLINE: April 17, 2020

Recognizing each other's efforts shows our appreciation towards our own; and to those are acknowledged by their fellow club members for their spirit of volunteerism, it makes this award of distinguished merit mean so much more.

Nominate a club member who you know has done an extraordinary and/or consistent job for the club.

Name of Nominee: _____

(Please Print clearly) Please write 2 to 3 sentences of explanation or description of this nominee's efforts for the category for which you nominated.

Please return to Lynn Jax via:

- E: jax@cox.net
- or mail to: 456 Cress Street, Laguna Beach, CA 92651
- or deliver in person at the April 10 meeting

Name of person nominating: _____

Email or phone number: _____

Annual Member Photo Contest

Members can submit photographs from their gardens in our annual photography contest. The first entry will be featured on the front cover of our 2020-21 membership directory. The winner of last year's thirteenth annual contest was **Nancy Englund's** tropical photo of her koi pond. **Lynn Jax's** pretty lavender flowers was selected for the back cover as the second place photograph.

2020 Photo Contest Rules

Photo entries are due to the contest committee chair, **Becky Martin**, by **April 17, 2020**.

Only one entry per garden club member is allowed.

The entry can be either vertical or horizontal format, but vertical is preferred.

Entries can be submitted via email or US mail.

If entered via US mail, no identifying information (regarding the submitter) should be written on the back of the printed photo.

The entry must be a recent photo of some part of the member's garden.

By submitting the entry, the member declares that he/she owns the right to the photo.

Entries will be judged at the April 22 Board meeting.

The winner's photo will be featured on the front cover of the 2020-21 membership book.

For information contact:

Becky Martin

23641 Trinidad Lane

Laguna Niguel 92677

444-8519

beckymartin123@yahoo.com



Budget Committee Report for LBGC Final Budget for 2020-2021

Please review the Final Budget for 2020-21. We will be taking a vote at the March meeting. The Budget Committee consisting of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, and two members at-large prepares an annual budget to be sent to the membership prior to the regular March general meeting. It is the goal of a 501(c)(3) non-profit to have the Total Income and Total Expenses for the year match.

2020/21 Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

4000 - Donations	7,322
4000 - G> Donations	1,500
4050 - Plant Table Donations	1,237
4050 - Plant Sale February Event	209
4100 - Garden Tours Income	30,075
4200 - Grants	0
4300 - Membership Dues	12,562
4400 - Penny Pines Donations	894
4500 - Raffle Income	2,970
4500 - G> Raffle Income	4,543
4600 - Special Events Income	0
4700 - Restricted Donations	624
4700 - G> Restricted Donations	3,000
4720 - Community Projects Restricted Donations	500
4950 - Taxable Sales	725
4950 - Valentine Container Auction	1,912
4950 - G> Taxable Sales	652
Subtotal G> Income	39,770

Total Income 68,725

Cost of Goods Sold

5000 - Cost of All Taxable Sales	1,000
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Gross Profit 68,350

Direct Expenses

5100 - Contributions and Donations	16,300
5120 - Community Projects Contributions & Donations	15,620
5200 - Educational Program Expense	0
5500 - Raffle Expenses	0
5700 - Regular Speaker Expenses	9,500
6000 - Restricted Expenses	100
6500 - Special Events Cost	0
7000 - Gate & Garden Tour Expenses	12,400

Total Direct Expenses 53,920

General & Administrative

8100 - Accounting & Professional Services	2,000
8200 - Bank Charges	800
8350 - Insurance	600
8500 - Promotion - Publicity	750
8800 - Dues and Fees	1,080
9000 - Club Expenses	1,100
9200 - Hospitality Supplies	600
9200 - Hospitality - member garden tours	300
9500 - Rent	2,700
9700 - Website & Internet	4,500

Total General & Administrative 14,430

Total Expense 68,350

Net Income 0



South Coast
Cactus & Succulent Society

48th

Annual Show & Sale

April 4 and 5, 2020

South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula 90274

You are invited!

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April 4 and 5, 2020 9am - 4pm

South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd
Palos Verdes Peninsula 90274

Garden admission required for entrance:

Adult **\$9**

Senior/Student w/ID **\$6**

Age 5-12 **\$4** Under 5 **FREE**

Garden members **FREE**

Information: southcoastcss.org
or call 310-346-6206

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Landscapers
Families
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Kids and Grandkids



- Thousands of Cacti and Succulents for sale
- Hard to find plants
- Kids Potting Table
- Beautiful displays by expert growers
- Expert advice for beginners and advanced
- Visit the garden at the same time



Two Board Positions Open

Ever wanted to be on the Garden Club Board? Here's your opportunity. There are two positions left. I want to express my appreciation to those of who of have agreed to serve. So far we have:

President – Mariann Keenan

Director of Gate & Garden Tour – Susan Denton

Director of Website – Kari Nies

Co-Directors of Membership – Cookie Lee & Grace Balen

Job descriptions are summarized below but complete details appear on page 55 & 56 in the Membership Book.

1. Vice President:

- arranges programs and/or speakers, facilitates travel, & accommodations for out of town speakers.
- provides a monthly diagram of the required layout for the facility meeting venue.
- bring materials to the meeting, set up materials to prepare the facility for the speaker.
- completes Facility Agreement with venue & Certificate of Liability for insurance.

2. Director of Way & Means:

- is in charge of all fund-raising activities with the exception of the Gate & Garden Tour and Raffles.
- is in charge of Valentine Container Garden Auction.
- maintains an inventory of purchases and a record of sales for accounting purposes.
- orders and replenishes items sold at meetings, special events, and Gate & Garden Tour.

We are more than willing to expand our numbers on the Board. 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:

Lynn Jax

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C: 949-294-1500

H: 949-497-7363



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