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Geraniums and Pelargoniums

by Candace Nakanishi

Meeting
 January 8 at
 Neighborhood
 Congregational Church
 340 St. Ann's Dr.,
 Laguna Beach
 Social 9:30 a.m.
 Meeting:
 10 a.m.—Noon.

January a great time
 for cleaning out—
 Out with the old, in
 with the new!
 The plant table is
 the perfect place for
 extra & superfluous
 stuff!
 Plant Sales last
 month were \$213.00



Is it a geranium or a pelargonium? A stork's bill or a crane's beak? Will it make my cat sick? Will the deer eat it? Do I grow it for the flowers, the foliage or the fragrance? Here in southern California we are lucky that we can ponder these problems outdoors in our wonderful Mediterranean climate and not in a hothouse or a window box. We have fragrance geraniums for aromatherapy, zonal geraniums for eye popping display, ivy geraniums for hanging baskets and




groundcover. The temperate zone is filled with hundreds of varieties. Our January speaker is just the person to answer our questions about growing and about display and share the diversity and flexibility of this universally beloved specie. Candace Nakanishi is President of the Orange County Geranium Society, teaches nursery production, landscaping, and floral design ROP classes throughout Orange County. She also demonstrates and exhibits floral

displays at the Orange County Fair, the Anaheim Convention Center Home and Garden Show, and various shows for the Orange County Floral Guild.

Come join us January 8th, beginning at 9:30 AM for Greet and Eat, followed by a short business meeting, and then our speaker Candace Nakanishi.



Welcome
 New Members



Valentine Planters for Silent Auction

Just a reminder that our February 12 meeting will be our annual Valentine's Day Basket Silent Auction. Members are asked to donate living plant arrangements in baskets or other containers for a silent auction. This fund raising event is always a fun time to appreciate members interests and talents, and support the club's various projects.



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Succulent Art Frames

Happy New Year Everyone!

The Green Thumb project this month will be a succulent art frame that can be hung on a wall, a fence or a garden gate. This is a fun project that anyone can do. Everything will be provided for the project; however, participants can also bring their own succulent cuttings to add to their art frame.

We will be meeting at Debbie Fraise's house, on January 15th at 9:30am. Sign-ups will be taken at the meeting on January 8th. The cost will be \$40. Your check or cash payment will be your reservation. We look forward to seeing you!!



Debbie's address is: 1900 Catalina, Laguna Beach
 Phone is: (949) 715-1298



DIY

For a quick, inexpensive support for climbing plants, build a simple tipi of natural materials you may already have.

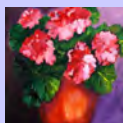
Because they are easily moved, tipi's lend themselves to vegetables such as runner beans, which may not occupy the same spot next year. Not only does the structure put the veggies at a convenient height for harvesting, it creates a focal point on its own.

Depending on the wood species you choose for the poles a tipi may last only a year or two, or it could stay rot-free for six or seven years. Use branch cuttings from your own yard, or watch for crews of tree cutters; you may be able to ask for some branches from their chipper pile.

For a longer-lasting tipi, wrap with copper or galvanized steel wire, then cover the wire with a rope made of grapevines or willow; you may need to replace the wrapping every year or so.

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Pam Luttrell, Editor



Additional information about club activities is available at our web site

www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org



Nursery Hopper's Tour to Steven's Garden

Come join us on our Nursery Hopper's tour of the delightful Steven's Gardens in San Juan Capistrano.

When: January 22, at 9:30 a.m.

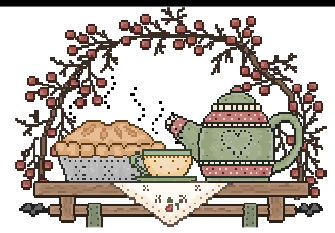
Where: Meet at the Church, we will car-pool from there.

Lunch: We will be eating lunch out.

More detail will be given at the January 8, meeting, and there will be a sign up sheet available at the tour table.



Questions? Call Madeleine Visca at 494-7307.



You Signed Up

to bring food for the refreshment table on January 8th

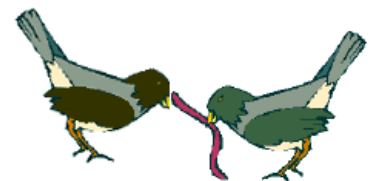
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- Elizabeth & Bill Kramer
- Nancy Pink
- Pat Acree
- Janet Anderson
- Terri Johnson
- Fay Bowman

Centerpiece for Table

Ingrid Martinez

Please arrive by 9:15 am with your goodies.

Thank you!



Ahh,



Perfection!

Thank you!



A big thank you goes out to all the gracious ladies who opened their beautiful homes and gardens for the Christmas member tour—Kristina Dendinger, Diane Liljestrom, Betsy Jenkins, Allayn Stevens, and Madeleine Visca—they were magnificent!



Tours de force

We would like to again salute Madeleine Visca, our incomparable *Tour Lady* for her diligent organization of the garden club's "Tours and Trips" each month. Be it a bus tour out of town to an interesting arboretum, or horticultural event; or local trips to members gardens or nearby nursery hopping, Madeleine seeks out the interesting, the unusual and the educational experiences we as gardeners so enjoy.

Her past masterstrokes have included a tour to the old Nixon Summer White House, now called "La Casa Pacifica" and presently owned by the proprietor of Roger's Gardens, and another to the beautiful and historic Doheny Garden and Guest House, where we were invited to enjoy the ambiance of that garden with our lunch. These wonderful experiences were standouts among the many interesting and remarkable trips Madeleine has put together for our club.

The "every members" tours have been both educational and fun. Viewing plants both familiar and unfamiliar in a local garden gives us the inspiration and impetus to try something new in our own gardens. The fun part just seems to come naturally when you are in the company of like-minded members!

We would like to thank the very gracious Madeleine (and her husband Frank, who is her sidekick when seeking out these gems) for the commitment she has given in planning these special garden club tours and travels and we sincerely hope she will continue the great work... we love those tours!



Club and District Dates to Remember in January

- ♦ **Wednesdays, January, 9:30 a.m.—12 p.m.**—Weeding at Hortense Miller Garden every Wednesday, come join the gang and get your hands dirty for a good cause!
- ♦ **Friday, January 8, 9:30 a.m.**—Monthly meeting, at Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann's Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach. ***Geraniums and Pelargoniums***, our speaker - **Candace Nakanishi**. See page 1 for details.
- ♦ **Friday, January 15, 9:30 a.m.**—Green Thumb "**Succulent Art Frames**" with Laura Parker and Debbie Fraisse. See page 2 for details.
- ♦ **Friday, January 22, 9:30 a.m.**—Travel Tour to **Steven's Garden**, San Juan Capistrano. Meet at the church parking lot to carpool, see page 3 for details.
- ♦ **Monday, January 25, 9:30 a.m.**—Board Meeting, hostess Dee Koski, 356 Myrtle Street, Laguna Beach, 494-1459.