



Weeder's Digest

Monthly Meeting

Neighborhood
Congregational
Church
340 St. Ann's Dr.,
Laguna Beach

Social 9:30 a.m.
Meeting: 10 a.m.—
Noon.

December
Plant and Boutiques
Revenue \$200



Super Succulents Showcase Speaker's Sublime Side

Joan Wilson

Say . . . Seen some drop-dead arrangements, lately? We're talking about plants that look like they want to go off to that big compost heap in the sky, but you won't let them. You either fuss over them too much or not enough so that they wilt, get "leggy," or just plain turn yellow on you? Well, don't blame them or yourself, for that matter—you just need to

come to January's meeting to find out how to plant with succulents—an abysmal gardener's best friends. Succulents don't hold it against you they *understand* you have better things to do with your life other than fertilizing, dead-heading, and watering.

Joan Wilson of Living Culture will show us how to put together succulent ar-

rangements that are so stunning that she makes a living from doing it. We're talking drop-dead in the great sense of the word—spiky here, mounded there, trailing over the side in perfect harmony with the shape of the container . . . Well, come to the meeting on January 12th, and you'll see . . . you'll see.

This is the "pocket park", a beautiful little oasis in downtown Laguna. A quiet and well kept spot of color and greenery.



Now meet the ladies who keep it that way: Pat Randel, Polly Dix, and Ingrid Martinez (pictured), Jeri Bailey, Mary Hill, Michele Elekes, Carol Maxwell, Dorothy Goldberg and Janene Freitas. Each week one of these ladies cleans, sweeps, deadheads, cultivates, and generally cares for this little park as they would their own. Thank you Ladies, Laguna Beach appreciates your work!

New Members



Duncan Nickle
Laguna Beach

Ann Quilter
Laguna Beach

Rosemarie Schnuerer
Newport Beach

Current membership
195



*Green Thumb
Going to Pieces This Month!
Mosaics*

Kaa-rash! There went Aunt Martha's heirloom bowl that you so lovingly kept on the sideboard for all to see—except now it is in lots of little pieces. Turn off the tears—gather up the shards and bring them to **January 19th's Green Thumb get-together at Gayle Whitaker's garage for a morning of mosaics.**

Learn how to take mundane objects, like a plain terra cotta pot, and make it into an objet d'art. Bring broken china, glass, marbles, stones, whatever you think will adhere to a pot (or plate, stepping stone, birdbath, ball) and you will be shown how to glue, grout, and finish a mosaic piece.



What to bring:

- Broken glass, tile, china, whatever.
- A pot or whatever you would like to mosaic—keep it small, so that you can finish in a day.
- A work apron—we get really dirty doing this.
- Tile nippers—optional—but really help cut the pieces of tile, etc. They can be found at hardware stores (Home Depot, etc.) in the tile department, for under \$20.

Fee: \$5

Required: A sense of adventure—this is not an exact science.



A big thank you goes out to Shirley Forden, Joyce Conway, Catherine Hall, Jane Cutting, Amy Jackson, Dee Koski and Sherry Fuelling. All these gracious ladies opened their homes and gardens for the Christmas member tour, they were magnificent!

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Pam Luttrell, Editor

Additional information about club activities is available at our web site www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org



Valentine Planters for Silent Auction

Put a string around your green thumb and remember that our February 9 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. In January there will be some demonstration arrangements on our refreshment table for you to enjoy and hopefully get your creative juices flowing.



Tours de force

by Madeleine Visca

This month we salute Madeleine Visca, our 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 Nixon Summer White House (now owned by the proprietor of Roger's

Gardens), and another to the award winning Lotusland, a unique 37-acre estate and botanic garden, in Santa Barbara. 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 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!



Of Interest to Gardeners

At Roger's Garden

OC Camellia Society
Camellia Show
Jan. 20 & 21 all day
Open to public—Free
Fee & Free Classes
Call for more info
1-800-647-2356

Fusano's Nursery
1370 S. Coast Hwy
Free & Fee Classes
Please call for
2007 Schedules
(949) 497-4880

Patriot's Day Parade—March 3, 2007

If you don't know where you are going . . . you will probably end up somewhere else. Laurence J. Peter

Yikes! We don't want you somewhere else—we want you to end up marching in our parade this upcoming March! Make plans to walk (all downhill) with us, wearing our green aprons and silly hats. We might even have our El Morro School gardeners join us.

We won third place in our category last year. Do you think we can top that? We'll have Polly's VW convertible transformed into a ladybug, so all we need is

YOU!

More information will be forthcoming, so mark your calendar now for a fun-filled time!



You Signed up

to bring food for the refreshment table on January 12

- Sharlene Reinicke
- Synthia Scofield
- Juneann Pribram
- Marcy Horenstein
- Dorothy Scott
- Nancy England

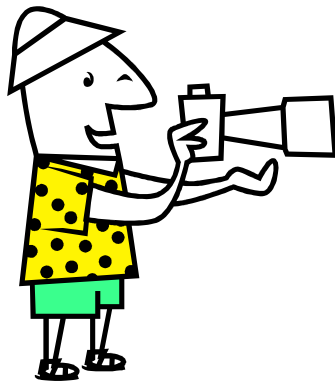
Please arrive by 9:15 a.m. with goodies. Thanks



Photo Contest—2007-2008 Yearbook Cover

A photo from your garden could make the cover of next membership yearbook!

Arline Moran, our webmaster, has asked that we remind you that the club sponsors a competition among it's members to find a photograph from one of our gardens to appear on the cover of next year's membership book. Since we are certain to get many entries, the second most outstanding photo will appear on the back cover. Arline will receive entries via e-mail at lagunabeachgardenclub@cox.net or by snail mail at 915 Katella St., Laguna Beach 92651



She will then key the photos so the judges will only know each entry by number. Make sure to include you name and contact information in an accompanying e-mail or letter when you submit your photo. If you submit an actual photo or print, please **do not** write your name or address on the back of the photo.

The garden club board will appoint a committee of judges to recommend five finalists. The board will name the winners at its April meeting.



Photo Contest Rules

- ◆ Entrants must be garden club members.
- ◆ The photo submitted must be of some part of your garden.
- ◆ Only one entry per member
- ◆ Deadline for entries is April 15, 2007.

Club and District Dates to Remember in January

- *Friday, Jan. 12, 9:30 a.m.*—LBGC monthly meeting. Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann's Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach. Joan Wilson speaker - See page 1.
- *Friday, Jan. 19, 10 a.m.*—Green Thumb Mosaics with Gayle Whitaker, bring supplies, \$5 fee—see page 2.
- *Monday, Jan. 22, 10 a.m.*—LBGC Board meeting, Hostess Dixie Henry, 404 Blumont St., Laguna Beach. Committee Chairs welcome.
- *Friday, Jan. 26, 9 a.m.*—Nursery Hoppers Tour, meet at the Church parking lot, bring a sack lunch. Details will be announced at the January monthly meeting
- *Monday, Feb. 5, 9:30 a.m.*—*District Meeting*—United Methodist Church, 2050 N. Valencia Ave., Placentia, *All Natural and Organic Garden Care* by speaker Giselle 'G' Schoniger. Lunch \$8. Call Jana Hofmann for reservations. 240-2185.