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Meeting
February 10
Laguna Presbyterian Church
Tankersley Hall
415 Forest Ave.
Laguna Beach
Social 9:30 a.m.
Meeting:
10 a.m.—Noon.



Valentine Planters for Silent Auction



The February 10th meeting is our annual Valentines Day Silent Auction and every member

is asked to please donate a planted arrangement in a container of your choice. This event is not only a great time to show off your talents and appreciate our other members' genius, but also one of our major fund raisers supporting various charitable projects throughout the year.

Because this event is always so well attended we have set a schedule to keep things running smoothly:

9:15 am—Please deliver your planters before bidding begins, so a bid sheet can be placed with your basket and a starting bid entered by one of the committee.



9:30 am—Eat, greet, look and bid before the meeting begins.

10:15 am—Abbreviated meeting begins.

10:30 am—Short program “Share and Snare a Gardening Secret” with Patricia Weier. See page two for details.

11:00 am—15 minutes to finish bidding

11:15 am—Bidding ends. Bid sheets are collected.

Let the bidding begin! Good luck — don't forget your checkbook! Questions? Call Shirley Forden at 494-6118.



No Plant table this month



Welcome! New Members



Marilyn Ghere
Jorja Puma
Jan Stevens



All gardening is landscape painting. ~Alexander Pope

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Share and Snare a Gardening Secret



We are all gardeners but we don't all grow the same plants or even garden for the same reasons. Whatever our gardening interests, each of us has learned a thing or two from experience that might be interesting or helpful to somebody else in the club.

So, for about 20 minutes on February 9 - prior to the final bidding session on the Valentine Silent Auction - everyone is invited to share a gardening tip. No need to leave your seat. The roving microphone will come to you. You can share one secret and it can be about anything to do with gardening: the perfect conditions for growing a favorite species; a tool you can't live without; a pest problem you've solved in an environmentally friendly way; a clever flower arrangement; your favorite variety or an edible that grows in our coastal climate; a tried and true favorite variety of any ornamental species.

Surely many hands will go up when the sharing session begins. To have the best chance of getting your 60 seconds with the microphone, **e-mail your tip to Patricia Weier, by February 7 at prandally@aol.com**. It will also be helpful to have a few people to call on in the beginning to get the ball rolling. If enough of you e-mail your tip in advance, we may be able to compile a list to share on line.

To capture and remember the gardening secrets that pique your interest, be sure to bring a little notebook and pen to the meeting.



GREEN THUMB

- When:** February 17th at 9:30
- Where:** 14 Belcrest, Laguna Niguel
- Hostess:** Sue Goldberger—489-1363
- Cost:** \$10.00

Apply dried/pressed flowers and leaves to a clear glass plate using a gloss medium. Paint the plate with a color of your choice. Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring a clear glass plate or bowl of your own choosing. You might also bring pressed/dry flowers and/or leaves from your garden to group with those provided.



I can't wait to see the results, our creative juices will really be percolating on this one!

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Pam Luttrell, Editor

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

FLOWER POWER - A NEW FUNDRAISING PROJECT



This is an easy way for us to raise money for club projects at the same time we are expanding the number and types of bulbs in our gardens – and the gardens of family, neighbors and friends across the country. The organization, www.flowerpowerfundraising.com provides us with an online and by-catalog way to order, earning back 50% on all our purchases. We simply place our orders; they ship the bulbs for a flat rate of \$5.00.

I have done this fundraising for the Laguna Niguel Woman's Club, a small group with no particular interest in gardening, and we raised nearly \$1,000.00. The website offers beautiful photos, information about caring for the bulbs, and has a money-back guarantee.

As coordinator of the project, I will make a page for our club on their website and enter your email addresses into their system. You will receive a total of 4 emails between now and the end of April reminding you to order and benefit yourself, help you fill your Christmas gift list, and provide a 50% profit for the club. You just click the link in the email and start ordering. If you want to order by a hands-on catalog, you fill out an order form and get it and your check to myself by April 15th. I will be sending all of these orders at once with one check generated by the club. I will have catalogs at the February meeting.



To further our ability to raise money, we can also enter email addresses of friends, family and neighbors who live anywhere in the U.S. except Alaska and Hawaii. You can do that yourself on the flower power website or if you want, email me the email addresses and I will enter them for you.

Call Elaine Davis, 949-493-8404 or email at edavis1@cox.net if you have any questions.



**You Signed Up
to bring food for the
refreshment table on
February 10**

- Synthia Scofield
- Gilda Marshall
- Gayle Whitaker
- Pat Carpenter
- Natalie Harlow
- Kathleen Kane
- Nancy Boone
- Shari Yamamoto
- Bev Germain
- Anita Griffith
- Joan Cline

Centerpiece for Table

Jane Johnson

Please arrive by 9:15 am
with your goodies.

Thank you!



If the English language made any sense, lackadaisical would have something to do with a shortage of flowers! ~ Doug Larson

"PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE"

♪"Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer do!...."♪



This year we will decorate with flowers your bicycles and a Pedi cab for the Patriot's Day Parade, March 3rd. "Never Forget", is the theme for the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade this year. We will be vying for a fifth consecutive First Place ribbon, so mark your calendar, we will be looking for you to join us Saturday, March 3rd at 9:30 a.m. at Helga's house, 790 Catalina.

A salad potluck luncheon will follow the parade at the Assistance League, we will bring the salads, with the Assistance League supplying the paper goods, rolls, beverages and dessert. There will be a clipboard at the February meeting to sign up to bring a salad. In past years this has been a fun and perfect time to wind down after the excitement of the parade.

The attire for the parade is: comfortable walking shoes, jeans, white shirt, a hat decorated and a Garden Club green apron (we have extras for those who don't have one).

Diane Kloke, our drill team leader, will have a practice drill after the February meeting, so we can again really wow the judges! There will be an announcement at the February meeting regarding the decorating of the bikes and Pedi cab. Questions? Call or Email Diane Kloke or Gail Whitaker. .



Club and District Dates to Remember this month

- ◆ **Wednesdays, Every Month 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! Contact Nancy Kirschke for details—494-6693.
- ◆ **Friday, February 10, 9:30 a.m.—Monthly Meeting**, at Laguna Presbyterian Church, 415 Forest Ave, Tankersley Hall. **Valentines Silent Auction** is our focus for this meeting, don't forget your creative offering and your check books!
- ◆ **Monday, February 13, 9:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m. — District meeting**—Tour of Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens, 415 Avenida Granada, San Clemente. Questions? Call Joyce Conway, 494-3797. Reservations are required.
- ◆ **Friday, February 17, 9:30 a.m.—Green Thumb**, Pressed flower art, at Sue Goldberger's, 14 Belcrest, Laguna Niguel. 489-1363,(see page two for details).
- ◆ **Monday, February 27, 9:30 a.m.—Board Meeting & New Member Coffee**, Hostess: Polly Dix, 380 Locust Street, Laguna Beach, 497-9051.
- ◆ **Friday, February 24, No Tour this month.**
- ◆ **Saturday, March 3rd—Patriots Day Parade, 9:30 a.m. —** we will meet at Helga's house: 790 Catalina St., Laguna Beach, 494-0166.