



Cristin Fusano

Potage Gardening—

An offering of both edible and visual delights



Cristin Fusano will be the speaker for the October 13th garden club meeting. Cristin owns Fusano's Laguna Nursery in Laguna Beach. She is a horticulturist and color specialist; and for many

years worked at Roger's Garden as their buyer and seminar instructor. She will impart her knowledge of creating a potage garden (French Kitchen garden of herbs, vegetables and flowers).

Her Nursery provides free Saturday morning gardening seminars and she has donated many plants to our Club.

We feel very fortunate to have her as a speaker for our club.

Monthly Meeting

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

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

New Members

- Betsy Bredau**
Laguna Beach
- Storm Case**
Laguna Beach
- Patricia Chatlin**
Laguna Beach
- Jacquelyn Connolly**
Laguna Beach
- Donna Day**
Laguna Beach
- Dottie Dempsey**
Tustin
- Catrina Dicterow**
Laguna Beach
- Cecilia & Steve Grose**
Laguna Niguel
- Beth Fitzgerald**
Laguna Beach
- Joan Neville**
Newport Beach
- Annlia Hill**
Laguna Beach
- Amy Jackson**
Laguna Beach
- Ronald Kaufman**
Laguna Beach
- Bev Scott**
Laguna Beach

Tour to Los Alamitos is Friday October 20th Adventure into the historic period of the California Ranchos

Members are invited to car-pool to the "Historic Gardens and Abode of Rancho Los Alamitos" in Long Beach. We will also visit the Japanese Gardens at L.B. State College—here there is a fee of \$2 per person.

We will meet and leave from the Neighborhood Congregational Church at 9 a.m. Park on the street, or make arrangements at the church office to use their lot. Wear walking shoes, sun hat, etc. Bring a sack

lunch. Our guided tour begins at 10:30 a.m. At noon we will picnic in the gardens and then meander across the street to the Japanese Gardens about 1 p.m.

Pick up Yearbooks at Membership Table

The Laguna Beach Garden Club 2006-2007 Membership Year Book is the who's who and what's what of our garden club world. Be sure to pick up your copy ,

they will be at the membership table.

You will find all your contact information, this year's projects and activities, by laws, meeting schedules and tour

dates. Orange County District Garden Club meetings and programs are listed as are key district, state and national level events.

Be sure to get yours!

LBGC**Directors****2006—2007****Joyce Conway**
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*site***Shirley Forden**
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*Means***Nancy Englund**
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*ship***Cheryl Begley-**
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Recording Secre-
*tary***Jeanne Yale**
Corresponding
*Secretary***Dixie Henry**
*Treasurer***Jean Fitzgerald**
Financial Secre-
tary**Jeanne Yale****farmer at heart**

The May 2005, Spring Garden Tour is what prompted Jeanne Yale to join the Laguna Beach Garden Club. She enjoyed the tour, and wanted a little more information. She knew two things – the club put on a wonderful garden tour and they marched in the Patriot's Day Parade. Consequently she attended the September meeting, and as they say 'the rest is history.'

She has enjoyed gardening for almost as long as she can remember. She recalls in grade school being amazed that a few beans placed in a jar with a wet paper towel could unfold into complete leafy plants within a short week. Her parents who, viewed gardening not only as a pleasant pastime, but also as a means to supplement the family meals with fresh produce also nurtured her love of gardening.

Born in Nebraska, the youngest of three (an older brother and sister), the family moved to Boston, and finally to Claremont, California. This pleasant college town was situated in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains surrounded by orange groves. It was those orange groves that were the inspiration for her collection of orange crate labels, many of which are from those very Clare-

mont packinghouses near where she grew up.

She graduated from the University of Redlands with a degree in English and shortly thereafter married her high-school sweetheart, Michael. Before long they moved to Long Beach, where Jeanne worked as a legal secretary for a tax attorney before her children were born. She has a daughter Laura now 19 who attends Colorado College in Colorado Springs, and a son Brian who is 15 and a sophomore at Laguna Beach High School.

The Yale family moved to Laguna Beach in November of 1993, shortly after the fire. To get the "lay of the land" they first rented a home in Bluebird Canyon for about a year before settling into their present home in Woods Cove. Shortly before moving into that rental house, Michael was leaving Laguna after picking up the key—when he noticed a plume of smoke in his rearview mirror, fortunately the fire didn't reach Bluebird Canyon.

Their new home was built in 1928 and needed quite a bit of work, especially the yard; it consisted of mostly ivy, bare dirt and many very large trees. Although she had always planted lots of annuals and other sun loving plants, Jeanne tackled the biggest challenge—too much shade, by

experimenting with the interesting colors and textures that are found in the foliage of so many of the shade plants. She has also become quite fond of the hardier drought tolerant plants, which she has planted in the drier and sunnier sections of her yard bordering the street.

But she says, "*Probably my favorite thing is growing vegetables.*" A large raised bed in the sunniest corner of the yard proves her 'farming genes' are strong. Alongside the tomatoes, zucchini and other summer favorites that she plants each spring, there is an enviable asparagus bed she planted about 10 years ago and it is still going strong.

Among the many projects in which she participated in her first year are, last year's Garden Tour, and mailing the newsletters out every month. She is a willing volunteer and the club is very lucky to have Jeanne Yale as the newest member of the board. Jeanne's previous career as a legal secretary makes her the perfect choice to be our new corresponding secretary.

"I've enjoyed being a member of the garden club. The meetings are always fun and informative, and it's nice to spend time with people who share your passion for plants" concludes Jeanne.

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Pam Luttrell, October Editor

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





Gloria Manders "The Plant Lady" !

The garden boutique in the church courtyard on meeting days is known as the Plant Table, but thanks to Gloria Manders it should be called "Plants and More", much more.

Since becoming involved in the Plant Table when she first joined LBGC in 2001, Gloria has greatly expanded the scope of items for sale.

Before her tenure, the plant table mostly featured plants and took in \$15 to \$20 per meeting. Gloria says that she soon realized that many club members live in condominiums or have small gardens and don't have room to add

plants. But they do like to buy small, unique items related to the garden.

By encouraging members to donate items and by picking up treasures for resale at the next to nothing cost at garage sales, Gloria has quadrupled the revenue from the Plant Table, all of which goes to support club projects.

The Plant Table revenue at last month's Membership Coffee was a record high of **\$265**.

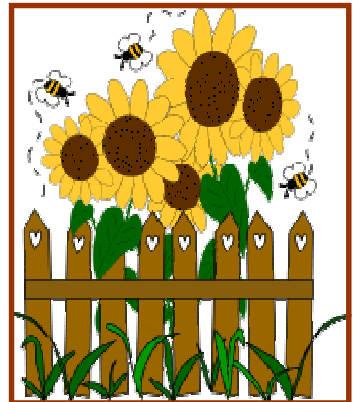
Gloria truly sees the glass half full and endless possibilities for what might sell on that plant table. She loves garage sales and she

even propagates plants from her own collection to donate to the boutique.

Gloria's able assistants, Melba Graves and Chris Lutz, help set up the table, unload and reload the van and sell items before and after the meeting.

For club members who would like to donate to the Plant Table, here are the best selling items: unique well made baskets; designer vases; cachepots for small plants; bird houses; and blooming plants, although most plants sell well whether blooming or not.

Good job Gloria!



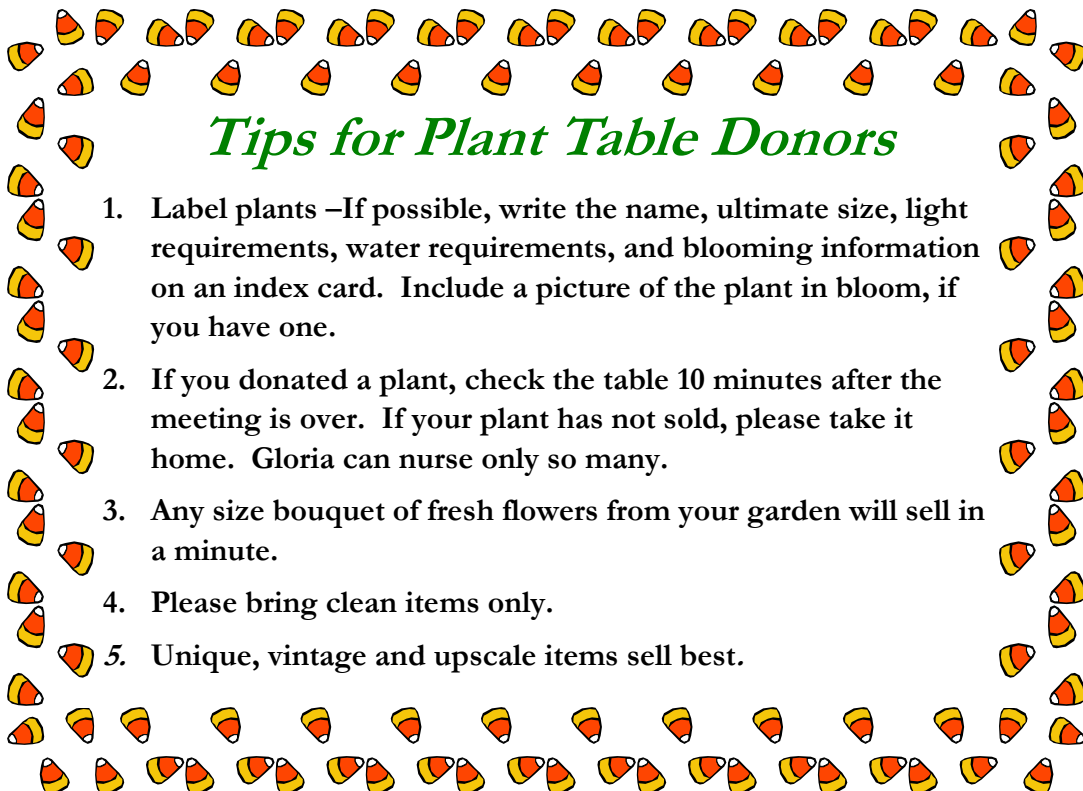
Of Interest to Gardeners

At Roger's Garden
Oct. 28 & 29—all day
Orange County Rose Society Rose Show
Open to public—Free

Master Gardeners of Orange County
Annual Fall Gardening Seminar
Sat. Oct. 21 -8 to 3
Huntington Beach Library
7111 Talbert Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA
www.uccemg.com/seminar

At Sherman Library & Gardens
Wed. Nov. 15 at 9 a.m.
Succulent Wreath Class
\$40—Call to reserve
949-673-2261

Fusano's Nursery
1370 S. Coast Hwy
Free Classes
9 a.m.—9:45 a.m.
Oct. 7—Shady Gardens
Oct. 14—Pruning, deadheading & general plant maint.
Oct. 21—Italian garden design
949.497.4880



Tips for Plant Table Donors

1. Label plants –If possible, write the name, ultimate size, light requirements, water requirements, and blooming information on an index card. Include a picture of the plant in bloom, if you have one.
2. If you donated a plant, check the table 10 minutes after the meeting is over. If your plant has not sold, please take it home. Gloria can nurse only so many.
3. Any size bouquet of fresh flowers from your garden will sell in a minute.
4. Please bring clean items only.
5. Unique, vintage and upscale items sell best.



Hands-On-Gardening—a unique learning opportunity

Hands-On-Gardening – we thought we should give this new committee another plug in the October newsletter to remind Club members that we have a new opportunity to volunteer.

Sign up and have some fun while working with other members, sharing your own expertise, AND giving our town a little extra sparkle. So why don't you plan on helping to provide garden care for

those who are no longer able, while learning hands-on gardening skills such as design, pruning and planting methods. There will be 4 to 6 projects attempted this club year, giving you plenty of possibilities for volunteering.

This committee will be considering nominations for gardens in need of care, so if you know of one please contact::

Janene Frietas, 497-9920
princess_jbf@hotmail.com

You Signed up



to bring food for the refreshment table on October 13th

- **Gilda Marshall**
- **Pat Randel**
- **Lydia Massarin**
- **Carol Maxwell**
- **Catrina Dicterow**
- **Connie Lawson**
- **Synthia Scofield**
- **Roz Lippeatt**

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

Club and District Dates to Remember in October

- **Monday, Oct. 9, 9:30 a.m.**—District Meeting—Lake Forest Beach and Tennis Club , 22921 Ridge Route Dr., Lake Forest. Program “Floral Design”. Lunch \$8. Call Jana Hofmann for reservations. 240-2185. Hurry, that’s next Monday.
- **Friday, Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m.**—LBGC monthly meeting. Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann’s Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach. See page 1.
- **Friday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m.**—Green Thumb Mermaid Planter event at Nancy Englund’s garden, reservations required. 497-9086
- **Friday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m.**—Car-pool to Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens. Meet at Neighborhood Congregational Church . Don’t park in parking lot. Bring sack lunch, wear walking shoes, etc.
- **Monday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m.**—LBGC Board meeting, Arline Moran’s , 915 Katella St., Laguna Beach. Committee Chairs welcome.
- **Friday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m.**—*Green Thumb*—questions, answers and gardening tips with Ann Kungiz. At Cheryl Begley-Bostwick’s , 432 Holly St., Laguna Beach