



**Meeting**  
**March 12** at  
 Neighborhood  
 Congregational Church  
 340 St. Ann's Dr.,  
 Laguna Beach  
 Social 9:30 a.m.  
 Meeting:  
 10 a.m.—Noon.

**The Plant Table**  
 is open for  
 business!  
 Bring  
 those pots,  
 plants and  
 other sale  
 items, and then  
 shop for some  
 goodies for  
 yourself!

Welcome  
**New Members**  
 Sherry Gao  
 Joyce Hill  
 Laurie Swenson



**"Never pet a fuzzy cactus." by Dania Boucher**

Dania Boucher has horticulture and container gardening in her DNA. She grew up with gardeners and lovers of the natural sciences. Her maternal great grandfather was a horticulturist, his nursery hybridized cymbidiums and camellias. He knew the Knott family and Rudolph Boysen (as in Boysenberry).



She remembers being pushed in a stroller with her mother naming plants; growing up with large varieties of tropical plants, and with gardens that provided for the kitchen. She was particularly attracted to succulents that she

found fun and friendly. She coupled this attraction with a lifelong love of container gardens, and creating and fabricating her own designs from pumice with carbide bits and appropriate power tools. Some of this creative talent may have been focused and influenced by a degree in illustration from the Laguna College of Art and Design. She has applied this learning as a landscape designer and plan illustrator.

She worked as a landscape designer and general plant 'geek' at Silver Creek Nursery in Irvine for over 5 years. Currently she is caretaker of several gardens she designed and installed

in Laguna Beach and Irvine. Ms. Boucher will discuss and demonstrate some of the techniques used in creating succulent container arrangements. Join us for a creative lesson in potting succulents on March 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:30 AM for Meet and Greet, a short business meeting, and then our program with Dania Boucher.



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**Green Thumb "Pottering Around"**

**March 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM**  
**Gayle Whitaker's house**  
**1619 Bluebird Canyon Dr.**  
**494-4544**

**Come enjoy a morning decorating a terra cotta pot and saucer with paint and stencils/stamps to give an antique look. We will have stencils and stamps on hand or you may bring your own.**

**Materials you should bring:**  
**Small paintbrush**  
**(3/4" or 5/8")#10 works well**  
**Terra cotta pot and saucer**  
**(you choose size)**

**\$5 fee to cover paint costs**




**Nursery Hopping Tour**

Our first Nursery Hopping Tour of the New Year will be Friday, March 26th. We will meet at the church at 9:15 and leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. via carpool to Encinitas. For lunch we will dine out at a nearby restaurant, after a docent guided tour of Quail Botanical Gardens, and touring Cal Pacific Orchid Farm. Quail Gardens has 19 distinct gardens displayed by climate; there are scenic walks that will take you to the famous Bamboo Forest or the fabulous Under-the-Sea succulent garden, a few of the many gardens featured.

Madeleine Visca has planned a fun tour in the Encinitas area, so be sure to sign up at the March 12th meeting.

Weeder's Digest is published monthly from September through May for the members of the Laguna Beach Garden Club.

Pam Luttrell, Editor



Additional information about club activities is available at our web site [www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org](http://www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org)

## \$\$\$ 2010—2011 Budget \$\$\$

**Ordinary Income/Expense**

**Income**

Investment Income	150	Interest from bank accounts
Membership Dues	7000	200 members @ \$35
Special Christmas Event	1000	Laura Parker special project
Raffle Sale Garden Tour	1500	
Garden Tour Tkt Sales	21000	600 tickets @ \$35
Container Auctions	1000	Valentine's Container
Plant & Garden Boutique	1000	Plant Table
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>32650</b>	

**Expense**

Accounting Professional Service	300	
Program Speaker	2000	
Chair Setup	360	\$40 per meeting
Storage Unit Rent	2040	\$170 monthly rent
Rent Neighbor Congreg.Church	3000	\$275 per meeting rent
Laguna Canyon Foundation	400	money donation
South Laguna Comm. Garden	100	money donation
Memorial Day Services	60	flower arrangement
Hortense Miller Garden	1000	money donation
Lag. Beach H.S. Scholarships	1500	money donation
Memorial Garden at Main Beach	300	money donation
SaddlebackCollegeScholarships	3500	money donation
UCI Arboretum	30	membership fee
Membership Book	850	paper & printing
Weeder's Digest	1000	paper, printing, mailing
Postage	50	
PO Box	40	
Hortense Miller Plants	200	
Laguna B.Sister City Project	100	
Forest Avenue Pocket Park	300	
Safety Deposit Box	45	
Insurance Liability	330	general membership ins.
New Members Expenses	250	
Coffee	300	
Hospitality	200	
Program Supplies	100	
Patriot's Day Parade	500	
Website	50	
Sunshine	204	
State Tax Form 199	40	
Statement of Information	20	
Chamber of Commerce	150	
Convention, District Expenses	150	
CA Garden Club Dues	400	
Orange County District Dues	350	
Direct Expenses for Garden Tour	8000	All garden tour expenses
Reserves	4431	

<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>32650</b>	<b>Projected Net Income</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Income minus Expenses</b>



### You Signed Up

to bring food for the refreshment table on March 12th

- Gayle Whitaker
- Pat Randel
- Jean Fitzgerald
- Jackie Knauer
- June Pribram
- Lecia Davis
- Linda Humes
- Maggie Siegel
- Brigitte Meltvedt
- Bonnie Smith
- Ann Jarvis
- Brigitte Freund.

### Centerpiece for Table

Patricia Acree

Please arrive by 9:15 am with your goodies.

Thank you!



**PLEASE!!**

Read, we will be voting on budget at meeting

## Look at us, said the violets blooming at her feet, ...

The rain this year has nurtured our gardens, they are beginning to come into full bloom, go out and take some photos, enter your best—who knows—this year that might be your photo, with your garden as the backdrop on the cover of the 2010-2011 annual membership book! The photo contest winners, there are two, will have their picture on the front or back cover of next year's annual membership book.



### Photo Contest Rules

- ◆ *Entrants must be Garden Club members*
- ◆ *The photo submitted must be of some part of your own garden*
- ◆ *Only one entry per member*
- ◆ *Deadline for entries is April 25, 2008.*

To enter, send your photo to:

**Arline Moran @ 915 Katella St., L. B. 92651.**

**Or Email to [lagunabeachgardenclub@cox.net](mailto:lagunabeachgardenclub@cox.net)**

Arline will then key the photos so the judges will know each entry only by a number. Make sure to include your name and contact information in an email or note that accompanies your submitted photo. If you submit an actual photo or print, please **do not** write your name or address on the back of the photo—it will be disqualified. The garden club board will appoint a committee of judges to recommend five finalists. The board will then vote on those five and name the winners at the April meeting. Good luck!



## Club and District Dates to Remember in March

- **Wednesdays, March, 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!
- **Saturday March 6, 9:30 a.m.—Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade**, meet at Helga's house, 790 Catalina Street, Laguna Beach 494-0166, Don't forget your hats, aprons, and comfortable shoes!
- **Friday, March 12, 9:30 a.m.**—Monthly meeting, at Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann's Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach. Speaker Dania Boucher "Don't Pet a Fuzzy Cactus", see page 1 for details.
- **Friday, March 19, 9:30 a.m.**—Green Thumb at Gayle Whitaker's house, "Pottering Around", see details on page 2
- **Monday, March 22, 9:30 a.m.**—Board Meeting, our hostess Ruth Robertson, 799 Temple Hills Dr., Laguna Beach. 494-8692,
- **Friday, March 26, leave at 9:30 a.m.**—Nursery Hoppers Tour to Encinitas, meet at the Church at 9:15, to carpool. We will be lunching out. Questions—call Madeleine Visca at 494-7307.