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Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc. .



Meeting

March 9

Laguna Presbyterian Church

Tankersley Hall

415 Forest Ave.

Laguna Beach

Social 9:30 a.m.

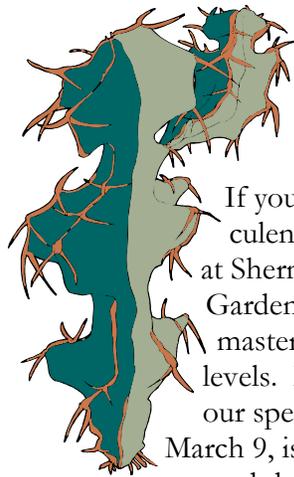
Meeting:

10 a.m.—Noon.

The Plant Table is back!

March is 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!



Matthew Maggio — 'Rock Star' of Succulent Garden Design

If you've seen the succulent/cactus garden at Sherman Library and Gardens you know it is a masterpiece on so many levels. Matthew Maggio, our speaker on Friday, March 9, is the artist who created that garden so full of color, texture and exotic varieties.

Using a slide presentation Matt will show us how he did it and give us some pointers on creating and maintaining our own masterpiece succulent gardens.

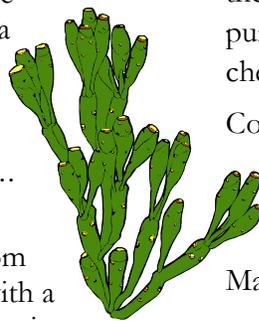
Not yet 30, he's probably the youngest speaker the Laguna Beach Garden Club has seen in many a year but he's already had a lifetime love affair with succulents.... beginning at age six.

Since graduating in 2005 from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a BA in horticulture and crop sci-

ence, Matt has been the unofficial curator of succulents at Sherman Library and Gardens. He had been the Sherman Gardens recipient of a full-ride, four-year scholarship to Cal Poly.

Matt collects and propagates new and rare varieties of succulents to use in his design work for clients of Rain Shadow Designs, his landscape design and consulting business. He will set up a sales table full of interesting varieties on the church patio. If you'd like to purchase a few plants, bring cash or checks for payment.

Come join us March 9th, beginning at 9:30 AM for Greet and Eat, followed by a short business meeting, and then our speaker Matthew Maggio.



Welcome! New Members

Carol Lloyd

Rosemary Mendrella

Poppy McClellan



Something special is coming!

Save the date Wednesday, April 25th.

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- Directors
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- Vernetta Crandall
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- Maggie Siegel
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Past President



Ready for an Egg Hunt?

When: March 16th at 9:30 am

Where: at Elaine Davis' home 32562 Sea Island Dr., Dana Point.

What: Green Thumb—We will be coloring hard boiled eggs with dyes made from plants.

You: Bring however many hard boiled eggs you want to dye and anything with which you might want to decorate them.

Garden Club: Dyes, equipment and some decorative objects will be provided.

How much: It is **FREE!**

As ever the fun is in getting together with like minded friends, and we always have fun!!





WOW!

Was that not by far the most beautiful and unusual assortment of offerings you've ever seen at our Valentine Silent Auction?

Congratulations and bouquets of "Thank You" to all our members who so enthusiastically participated!

There were **54** gorgeous donations from our talented members, and we collected \$1652.50 for our Scholarship Fund! It was a great success!

And a huge thank you to Shirley Forden and her crew of volunteers who worked to set-up, take down, collect the money and just generally to keep everything moving and on schedule. Well done!

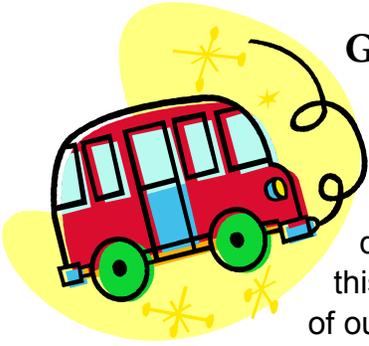
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 Pam Luttrell, Editor

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

The greatest gift is a portion of thyself

~Ralph Waldo Emerson



Get Acquainted Member Garden Tour—March 30th

Madeleine Visca our Tours and Travel chairperson announces the last “get acquainted” member tour of the season. At this tour we will be treated to a look at several of our member’s interesting gardens.

When: Friday March 30, at 9:30 a.m. (**Note new date**).

Where: Meet at the First Church of Christ, Science parking lot, corner of High Drive and Rose Place, North Laguna to car pool. Maps will be provided for the drivers.

Any questions please call Madeleine Visca—494-7307.

Madeleine also has an interesting trip coming up in April, so save the date—Wednesday, April 25.

More details will be provided at the March Meeting.



A good snapshot stops a moment from running away”

~Eudora Welty.

Take some photos, enter your best—this year your photo with your garden as the backdrop could be on the cover of the 2012-2013 annual membership book! The photo contest winners, there are two, will have their winning entry on the front or back cover of next year’s annual membership book.



To enter, send your photo to: **Laura McCants, 144 Westport, Newport Beach, 92660**

Or Email to LauraMcCants@cox.net

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, vertical layout only.*
- ◆ *Deadline for entries is April 20, 2012.*

Laura 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!



You Signed Up to bring food for the refreshment table on

March 9th

Synthia Scofield

PJ Gerrard

Dorothy Goldberg

Fay Bowman

Carol Maxwell

Kathlene Kane

Joyce Oliver

Natalie Harlow

Rosemary Mendrella

Liz Wetzell

Linda Humes

Centerpiece for Table

Carolyn Bent

Please arrive by 9:15 am with your goodies.

Thank you!





Dear Laguna Beach Garden Board and General Membership,

Please allow me to thank you once more for the very prestigious Lifetime Member Award you bestowed upon me at February's meeting. I am honored beyond words. I will tell you, though, that I have never found a group of like-minded people that I have felt as comfortable to be with as all of you! We have fun, trade garden knowledge and secrets, and even travel together without tears—Wow!

Thank you for encouraging my singing career—perhaps, one day I'll manage to remember all the words as well as the tune. But until then, I know I can get up in front of you and play the fool without any qualms. You are all very special!

Yours sincerely,

Gayle 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.
- ◆ **Saturday, March 3, 9:00 Patriots Day Parade** meet at Helga's house 790 Catalina St., LB, *Information: call Gayle Whitaker, 494-4544.*
- ◆ **Friday, March 9, 9:30 a.m.—Monthly Meeting**, at Laguna Presbyterian Church, 415 Forest Ave, Tankersley Hall. Program speaker—Matthew Maggio presents Succulent Garden Design, with a sale of succulent plants after the program (cash or check only).
- ◆ **Friday, March 16, 9:30 a.m.—Green Thumb**, Decorate eggs with nature's dyes. **Free**, see page 2 for details, Hostess: Elaine Davis, 32562 Sea Island Dr., Dana Point, Call 493-8404 or Peggy Vincent at 542-8557 for details.
- ◆ **Saturday, March 24, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm—Hortense Miller Garden Open House.** **RSVP 949-497-7925 or HortenseMillerGarden@cox.net**
- ◆ **Monday, March 26, 9:30 a.m.—Board Meeting—Hostess Ruth Robertson** 799 Temple Hills Dr., Laguna Beach—494-8692. Committee chairpersons welcome.
- ◆ **Friday, March 30, Members Tour—Note New Date**—Visit member gardens, meet to car pool at the First Church of Christ, Science parking lot, corner of High Drive and Rose Place, North Laguna. See page 3 for details.