



**LAGUNA BEACH
GARDEN CLUB**

GROWING & GIVING
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Weeder's Digest

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Editor's Note

I hope everyone enjoyed a very happy and healthy holiday season! As we ring in the New Year, I would like to share this favorite poem of mine by William Arthur Ward.

Another fresh new year is here...

Another year to live!

To banish worry, doubt, and fear,

To love, and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me

To live each day with zest...

To daily grow and try to be

My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity

Once more to right some wrongs,

To pray for peace, to plant a tree,

And sing more joyful songs!

**Happy
New Year!**

January General Meeting

Friday, January 8

Laguna Presbyterian Church - Tankersley Hall, 415 Forest Ave., LB

9:30 am Social - 10:00 am Meeting



Upcoming Events

JANUARY SPEAKER

KELLY GRIFFIN

"MADAGASCAR - PLANTASY FANTASY"

On Friday, January 8, 2016, Kelly Griffin will present "Madagascar - Plantasy Fantasy", a fascinating look into his floral expedition to search for water wise plants that will thrive in California's similar climate. Do not miss this rare opportunity to learn how plants in other countries in the Mediterranean climate as far away as off the coast of eastern Africa are perfect for the Southern California beach climates.

Kelly is most recognized with finding and creating new and different plants that can be used in garden settings. Kelly's hybrid aloes are well-known in the nursery industry and collected by aloe enthusiasts. He is the manager of Succulent Plant Development for Altman Plants in Northern San Diego County, which is the largest producer of succulents in the country. He has introduced more than 100 succulents to the plant world.



Green Thumb - Succulents on Wood

January 15, 9:30 am - Cost: \$20

Natalie Harlow-Alison Home

Join us on Friday, January 15, as Natalie leads us in creating our own beautiful succulent creations on one-of-a-kind wood pieces. Take home your beautiful centerpiece and admire it for months to come! Please RSVP at our January meeting.

Tours and Travel - Nursery Hopping

Vista and Encinitas

January 22 - 8:45 am

Join us on Friday, January 22 as we venture out to nursery hop in Vista and Encinitas, including Pearson's Traditional Herb Farm. Meet at St. Catherine's Church at Temple Terrace at 8:45 am. We will be leaving no later than 9:00 am. Please RSVP at our January meeting.



Sister City Garden Maintenance

Join us on January 4th and 18th at the Sister Cities Garden in Heisler Park. Meet at 10:00 am, the cross streets are Jasmine and Cliff Drive . Please bring along your favorite garden tools. For more information, please contact Cathy Bosco. Her contact information is in your membership booklet.

Laguna Beach Garden Club Donates to Save Rare Trees in Kauai

As an extension of the presentation by Chipper Wichman, President and CEO of the National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG), the Laguna Beach Garden Club has donated \$1000 to assist in preventing the extinction of one of the rarest trees in Hawaii—*Polyscias bisattentuata* (formerly known as *Tetraplasandra bisattentuata*—an endemic genus to Hawaii).

For decades it was known that only four (4) trees on Kahili Mountain existed, but recently one of the field botanists from NTBG discovered thirty (30) trees growing on a different mountain, and as an added bonus, they discovered a new type of *Lobelia* in the process. The project of the NTBG, known as, "On the Brink" (as in extinction), uses helicopters to reach a rugged location to collect seeds of the newly discovered trees. Seed collection from as many individual new trees as possible is necessary to prevent what is called genetic bottle necking, a term used to describe a decline in the ability of a species to successfully reproduce itself due to a limited genetic variation in its gene pool. The use of helicopters, at \$1000 per hour, is essential due to the rugged terrain.

The Laguna Beach Garden Club's donation will cover part of the cost of flying a team up to bag immature fruit (so the rats do not get it) and then come back several weeks later to collect the fruit when it matures. Laguna Beach Garden Club is proud to make a difference in this effort to save rare flora in our 50th state on the Garden Isle of Kauai.



Polyscias bisattentuata



Jessy Adams bagging the fruit

New species of *Lobelia*



Tetbiss (new species)



Natalia Tangalin who discovered new species of tree

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Welcome New Members

Anita and Denis Halton

Brigitte Wern-Christensen

Refreshment Table Center- piece provided by:

Carolyn Bent

Thank you to these members who will provide refreshments for our January meeting:

Maggie Siegel, Lecia Davis, Carla Beddome, Cindy Succo, Patricia Weier, Sally Pack, Birgitta Schoen, Emille Villa, Janet Smith, Cathy Bosco and Anita and Denis Halton

Our Club is a Member of:

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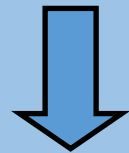
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www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org

"The New Year, like an Infant Heir to the whole world, was waited for, with welcomes, presents and rejoicings," - Charles Dickens, The Chimes

January at a Glance



January 4 - Sister City Garden Maintenance @ Jasmine St. @ Cliff Drive 10:00 am

January 8 - General Meeting, 9:30 am social, 10:00 meeting, Speaker: Kelly Griffin - "Plantasy Fantasy"

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