



LAGUNA BEACH GARDEN CLUB

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Weeder's Digest

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Editor's Note

How can it be that the month of March is already upon us! The year is flying by right before our eyes. Our club has many, many fun and exciting activities packed in before we break for the summer in May. These include: The Laguna Beach Patriot's Parade this Saturday, March 7, Exciting speakers, (including the return of Kirk Brown, as John Bartram, the "King's Botanist) in April, and our very famous Gate and Garden Tour on Friday, May 6. This is just a short list of what we have lined up!

Please refer to your membership book for more information on these activities and so many more. Remember, this is our club . It is only as good as we make it, and in order to continue to keep it going as strong as it is, we need every member to participate in some way. Find your passion in one or more of the wonderful ways the Laguna Beach Garden Club helps our city and the people in and around it, and you will be so happy you did!!

Upcoming Events

March General Meeting

Friday March 11

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

9:30 am Social and Plant and Garden Boutique - 10 am Meeting

March Speaker

Carolyn Bennett - March 11, 2016



“Saving Our Gardens - Honoring Our Past”

Carolyn Bennett will present “Saving Our Gardens—Honoring Our Past” Carolyn will use photographic images of gardens, art sculptures, and contemporary images to illustrate the various ways we study historic gardens, and how that helps us understand the complexity of confronting the difficult decisions on how best to conserve, restore or preserve a historic garden. She is passionate about educating others of the need to document and preserve significant cultural landscapes and gardens.

Carolyn Bennett, from Los Angeles and Ojai, is an award-winning landscape architect. She earned her MA degree in Architectural Conservation of Historic Landscapes in London. She owns CDB Gardens, a garden consulting/styling and management firm in Santa Monica. Her essays have appeared in *Garden Design Magazine*, *Pacific Horticulture*, *Pioneers of American Landscape Design (Volume II)*; she has been a TV producer for ABC-TV in Chicago. Ms. Bennett is a trustee, chairman, and board member of several community organizations, such as LA County Arboretum, Garden School Foundation, and California Garden and Landscape History Society, to name a few.

LAGUNA BEACH PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 10:00 AM

WE NEED YOU!!!!

We currently have 25 out of our 232 members signed up to represent our Laguna Beach Garden Club in this year's Patriot's Day Parade. We are so happy with, and very appreciative of, those already signed up, BUT, we CAN do better!!!! We would love to see more than such a small fraction of our membership join us to show the pride they have in their garden club. It will be fun!!

We will meet at the high school parking lot to figure out who's who. You don't have to learn a routine! There will be Rakettes who will be wearing our new mini banners which hang around the neck, butterflies with wings, some can tote the long banners on poles, and others will run along side the crowds and hand out book marks and post cards advertising our Gate and Garden tour.

Wear jeans, white shirt, a club apron (we'll have a supply of them), and a flowered hat. Come to spot 37 in the parking lot at 10 am. (take into consideration that traffic conditions will be heavier than normal) We will pick assignments and the parade will start promptly at 11.

Gayle Whitaker and Shari Yamamoto are the chairpersons who will help us get and stay organized for the day, if you have any questions you can find their contact information in our membership book. Thank you so much in advance for taking time out of your busy schedule to participate in this event. You are what makes our club so good!

Green Thumb - Making Hypertufa Pots

March 18, 9:30 am Cost TBD

The Home of Wendy Caufield

Join us on Friday, March 18 at 9:30 am as Nancy Englund and Wendy Caufield lead us in creating our very own hypertufa pots! Looking forward to these wonderful ladies teaching us this wonderful talent! Hope to see you there! Please R.S.V.P. at our March meeting to reserve your spot.

Tours and Travel

Descanso Gardens in La Canada Flintridge

Wednesday, March 23

Join us on WEDNESDAY, March 23, as we venture out on a docent-led tour of Descanso Gardens in La Canada Flintridge featuring the Spring Tulip Bloom.

Meet at St. Catherine's Church on Temple Terrace at 10:45 am. We will be leaving no later than 11 am. Bring snacks, we will stop for dinner afterwards. Please R.S.V.P. at our March meeting. Hope to see you there!!

Gate and Garden Tour - May 6, 2016

Our 2016 Gate & Garden Tour will be here before we know it! We are so excited to announce that it is up to 10 gardens as of now, and our many thanks go out to Nancy Englund for all of her hard work and dedication into making this happen!

We are still looking for volunteers, and one of the positions we still need to fill is that of bus guide: Learn the history of your town; script provided, humor encouraged!

We have ordered more postcards to hand out at businesses, etc., so please make sure to take a stack at this month's meeting.

This is the major fundraiser for our club.. Proceeds provide financial support for school gardens, the many environmental, educational and civic beautification projects of the club as well as scholarships for local high school and junior college students with an interest in horticulture.

In order to have the most successful event we can, we need to have the help of as many members as possible. Please contact Nancy Englund for more information.



Gate & Garden Tour Raffle

Important Details - By Lisa Mahar, Raffle Chair

Raffle ticket prices are \$5 for 1 and \$20 for 7 - such a deal!

March

Avoid the rush on tour day - no need to stand in line at Arabella! Get your raffle tickets early. They will be on sale at the March meeting. The "Ravishing Rafflettes" will be roaming the room with ticket baskets in hand and wearing a green LBGC apron. They will also be on sale at the glove table.

For those who won't be attending the G> but want to participate in the raffle, your tickets will be marked "absentee" and put in the "\$250 cash prize" bag. If you win, a check will be mailed to you.

April

Raffle tickets will be for sale at the glove table only. No roaming "Rafflettes".

How you can HELP make the raffle great again:

- 1) If you have a personal contact with a local business please ask them if they would be willing to donate a gift certificate or an item for the raffle (and let Lisa Mahar know if they do) OR send Lisa their contact information at lcmarhar@yahoo.com.
- 2) Some of our most special prizes have been donated by members themselves. If you have something special you'd like to donate please contact Lisa at the email above.

Prizes Partial Preview (WE STILL NEED MORE DONORS)

Grand Prize - Something truly grand from Kathy of Dana Point Nursery

Host Prize - Two night stay at Arabella Courtesy of Connie

Cash Prize - \$250 from Laguna Beach Garden Club

Garden Art Prize - Fish tile mosaic by Natalie Harlow-Alison

Succulent Garden Prize - Succulent Wreath by Jeanne Yale

Herbal Garden Prize - Herbal tower by Lisa Mahar

Spa Prize - Massage Envy Gift Certificate by Alex and others

Potpourri Prize - Artisan Glass Plates by Sande Schwarzstein

Various Prizes - Laguna Coast Pottery Gift Certificates by Rick and Debi

UPDATES

Nominating Committee

From Mary Williams

During our April meeting you will be asked to vote on next year's Board of Directors. We are still looking to fill two director positions: Membership and Website. Although these positions sound a bit daunting, in reality they are easier than they sound.

The Membership Director is responsible for keeping track of all of our current members, welcoming our new members, collecting dues and overseeing the membership book.

The Website Director must collect, organize and approve all entries to our website. Each story, photo or announcement is then submitted to our website design firm to be put onto the actual website.

Please consider these positions for yourself or for someone you know. A director position is for one year, or until a replacement can be found.

Valentine Container Auction

This year's event was a great success! Our silent auction and raffle brought in a total of \$2,387.56. Thank you so much to all that participated by either donating a container (or containers) to the auction or an item for the raffle, and also to all of you who bid on the items available and purchased raffle tickets.

The winners of the raffle items were:

Bird Cage & \$100 Laguna Pottery Gift Card: Dee Koski

Fairy Garden Chair: Chris Ranabarger

Two Nights at The Tides Inn & \$100 Gift Card at Alessa: JoAnn De Yonker

Penny Pines

Penny Pines contributions for February were

\$89.00



Early Member of Laguna Beach Garden Club Passes Away

One of our current members John Hoover, a second generation member, sent us this information regarding his mother's passing.

Caroline B. Hoover, 94, passed away in her home on January 30, 2106 in Laguna Beach, California, after a brief hospitalization.

Mrs. Hoover was born in November of 1921, in Glendale California, to her parents Charles and Laura Bugg. She graduated from Pasadena Junior College and went on to receive a Master's Degree in Education.

After raising three children in Pasadena, she opened Hoover's Herb Shop in Old Town Pasadena, where she sold difficult-to-find herbs and plants. A member of the California Rare Fruit Growers Society, she began lecturing and demonstrating the power of herbs and plants in cooking for one's health. She was an early advocate of prevention and letting your body heal itself with natural methods.

A patron of the arts in both Pasadena and Laguna Beach, she worked at the Pasadena Playhouse in its early years, and was a member of The Shakespeare Club.

She was an early member of the Laguna Beach Garden Club, and the Laguna Beach Beautification Council. Later in life, along with her son John, she supported the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna.

She is preceded in passing by her husband, Kerwin Hoover and is survived by her children John, Sally, Douglas, and four grandchildren.

She was laid to rest with both her husband and father at Forest Lawn in Glendale, CA. On February 9, family and friends gathered in Heisler Park for a Celebration of Life.

Our condolences go out to John and his family on the passing of their beloved family member.



Spring Cleaning

March bustles in on windy feet and sweeps my doorstep and my street.

She washes and cleans with pounding rains, Scrubbing the earth of winter stains.

She takes the grime from carpet green, Till naught but fresh new blades are seen.

Then, house in order, all neat as a pin, She ushers gentle springtime in. - Susan Reiner

2016-2017 LBGC Budget		
Income		
Donations		0
Plant Table Donations		1,600
Gate & Garden Tour Income		
Ad Sales		2,000
Opportunity Drawing		2,000
Ticket Sales		18,000
Vendor Rent Income		0
Grants		
Massen Green Grant		0
Blue Bell Cat Sanctuary		0
Membership Dues		10,000
Penny Pines Donations		0
Taxable Sales		
Ways & Means Sales		4,000
Special Events Income		300
Reimbursed Expenses		0
Interest Income		25
2015-2016 Projected Total Income		\$37,925.00
Expenses		
Ways & Means Cost of Good Sold		950
Direct Expenses		
Contributions and Donations		
Chamber of Commerce		150
Patriot's Day Parade		500
Forest Avenue Pocket Park		300
Laguna Canyon Foundation		400
Memorial Day Services		100
Hortense Miller Garden		1000
Lag. Beach H.S. Scholarships		4500
Saddleback College Scholarships		1000
TOP of the World School Garden		1000
El Moro Elementary School Garden		1000
Thurston Middle School Garden		1000
Laguna Presbyterian Pre-school Garden		200
Laguna College of Art & Design		1000
Library Planter Beautification		200
Special Projects in the Community		100
Educational Program Expense		6,100
Special Project & Restricted Exp.		
MG 2014 Grant Sister Cities Garden		0
MG 2015 Grant Speakers Expense		0
Monarch Project		100
Blue Bell Cat Sanctuary		100
Edible Schoolyard Academy		100
Community Event Cost		100
Gate & Garden Tour Expenses		10,000
General & Administrative		
Accounting Professional Serv		1,850
Bank Service Fee		50
Board of Directors Meeting		100
Liability Insurance		560
Office Admin Expense		300
Promotion - Publicity		100
Sales Tax		380
Dues and Fees		1,000
Social Club Expense		
Sunshine		200
Coffee Clearing/Meeting Hospitality		500
Membership Book		1600
Weeder's Digest Newsletter		200
New Members Expenses		500
Rent		2700
Tours & Travel		200
Website & Internet		1,980
Volunteer Promotion		200
Total Projected Expenses		\$42,320.00
Total Projected Net Income		-\$4,395.00

LBGC Board

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March Refreshments

Refreshments for our March General Meeting will be generously provided by:

Synthia Scofield, Barbara Deubert, Patricia Weier, Virginia Templeton, Nancy Lawrence, Shari Yamamoto, Dixie Henry, Pat Acree, ElizaBeth Chapel, and Laurie Jake.

We would love to have a few more people sign up to bring treats to this meeting, (and to participate by signing up at each meeting). If you can help us this month, please call Nancy Boone at: 559-355-3367. Thank you to all!!

New Members

We would like to give a warm LBGC welcome to our newest members:

Linda Homscheid, Mariann Keenan, and Barbara Stirrat

March Centerpiece

Will be provided by Ingrid Martinez

Thank You!!

Our Club is a Member of:

National Garden Club, Inc. - www.gardenclub.org

Pacific Region - www.pacificregiongardenclubs.com

Orange County District - www.ocdistrict.org



Plant Table

Our Plant Table and Boutique returns this month after a break for our Valentine Auction and Raffle.

Please donate your unwanted plants and garden-related items to this cause! Thank you in advance!!

Weeder's Digest is published monthly September through May for the members of the LBGCC, Lisa Fecteau editor. Additional information about the club can be found at:

www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org

*Buttercups and daisies
Oh, the pretty flowers;
Coming ere the Spring time,
To tell of sunny hours.*



When the trees



are leafless;

When the fields are bare;

Buttercups and daisies

Spring up here and there.

March at a Glance

March 3 - OC District training for Crystal Cove Garden Club Volunteer program - 10am to 12, Las Trancos Office, For more information call: 949-497-7647

March 5 - Patriot's Day Parade, Meet at Laguna Beach High School @ 10 am

March 7 /21- Sister City Garden Maintenance @ Jasmine Street at Cliff Drive - 10 am

March 11 - General Meeting, 9:30am social, 10:00am meeting. Speaker: Carolyn Bennett - "Saving our Gardens - Honoring our Past"

March 18 - Green Thumb - Making Hypertufa Pots @ Wendy Caufield Home

March 23 - Tours and Travel—Descanso Gardens in La Canada Flintridge, A, Wednesday meeting, St. Catherine's Church at 10:45 am