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Meeting

January 11, 2013

Laguna Presbyterian Church

Tankersley Hall

415 Forest Ave.

Laguna Beach

Social 9:30 a.m.

Meeting:

10 a.m.—Noon.



Planting & Growing Amazing Tomatoes to the Envy of your Neighbors—With Scott Daigre

on radio and TV programs across the country. A speaking engagement at the Philadelphia Flower Show in March will be one of the highlights of his spring schedule.

Scott will tell us all about growing perfect tomatoes in your home garden and more about Tomatomania, the world's largest (and most fun) tomato seedling sale. One of the 16 Tomatomania events planned for this spring will be 3 days at Roger's Gardens in Corona del Mar, March 8-10. And stay tuned: Scott and Ruben Flores of Laguna Nursery might just have a special delivery in the works so our hometown can share in the unique heirloom and rare varieties that are the hallmark of Tomatomania!

His book "Tomatomania! Your Guide to Perfect Home Grown Tomatoes" will be available for sale; it is an easy to use resource with essential information, answers to frequently asked questions, and tomato-growing lessons he has learned along the way. So remember your check book!

For those of you who use electronic books, it is also available as an iBook on iTunes.

Let's start off the new year with donations great and small for The Plant Table



Welcome!

New Members

Christine Crane

Mary Gilbert

Carol Maillet

Linda Seeburger

Sue Matson

Bonnie Spinazze



After branching out into garden design in Los Angeles, Scott planted "roots" in Ojai, which is now home to Tomatomania and his company, Powerplant Garden Design. When not planning seedling sales he creates beautiful gardens from Palm Springs to Santa Barbara. In addition to being a certified Tomatomaniac, he is a published author, garden educator, and is a frequent guest

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DIY Plant Markers...

If you've ever planted something in your garden--vegetable or otherwise--and then subsequently forget what it was you planted until it produces flower, fruit, or vegetable, then you might need some plant markers. Luckily the Green Thumb forum this month is replete with ideas for making them!

We will meet at Sue Goldberger's home on Friday, January 18th at 9:30 am. Sign-ups will be taken at the meeting on January 11th. The cost will be \$5. We look forward to seeing you!! 14 Belcrest, Laguna Niguel—489-1363.



Thank you Angels!



A big thank you goes out to all the gracious ladies, a.k.a. Angels, who opened their beautiful homes and gardens for the Christmas member tour—Kathie Fisher, Catherine Hall, Kristina Dendinger, and Jorja Puma,—they were beyond magnificent!




Valentine Planters for Silent Auction

Just a reminder that our February 12 meeting will be our annual Valentine's Day Basket Silent Auction. Members are asked to donate living plant arrangements in baskets or other containers for a silent auction. This fund raising event is always a fun time to appreciate members interests and talents, and support the club's various projects. There will be more details at the January 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



Patriots Day Parade

Saturday March 2nd—Are you ready?

"All Together Now" is the theme for the 2013 year, so mark your calendar for this year's Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade and join us Saturday, March 2nd.



We are planning to use wheelbarrows in this years routine. So please contact Diane Kloke at kloke@cox.net or 497-1866 if you have a wheelbarrow we can use.

Sign ups will start at the January meeting, or if you miss the meeting you can call Shari Yamamoto at 494-6160, or email syama5@yahoo.com.

We will be decorating the wheelbarrows on Friday, March 1, at Dixie Henry's at 404 Blumont, where we will also be meeting on parade day at 9:30am. More information will be available at the January and February meetings. Sign up, you won't be sorry, this is always a fun event!!!

Questions? Call Shari Yamamoto 494-6160 or 233-6231



You Signed Up
to bring food for the refreshment table on **January 11th**

- Maggie Siegel
- Mary Graves
- Nancy Wade
- Dee Koski
- Synthia Scofield
- Nancy Englund
- Marilyn Ghere
- Diane Lannon
- Mary Paulsen
- Nancy Moler
- Carol Epstein
- Brooke Taylor.

Centerpiece for Table
Dorothy Goldberg

Please arrive by 9:15 am with your goodies.

Thank you!



Will you be my VOLUNTEER?

I need some help from the membership. First to set up the Silent Auction display tables, then help as the members bring in their donations to arrange them on the tables and set up a bid card for each. And after the auction to help match up winners with their prize. I would like to have 3 new members and 3 seasoned members for this task.. These volunteers will need to arrive by 9: a.m.

I will also need two more volunteers to help Vernetta Crandall, our Treasurer to collect the money. If you would like to be on the committee, please email me at edavis1@cox.net or call at 949-493-8404 or see me at the January meeting to sign up. Thank you. Elaine Davis.



Tours and Travel ...

The January 25th Travel Tour will be to the Australian Native Plants Nursery in Casitas Springs. The December speaker, Nan Sterman was enthusiastic about this unique and well stocked nursery. To see all the exotic and low water plants available at the nursery pay a visit to their website:

<http://www.australianplants.com>

Carpools will leave at 9:30 from the Church of Christ Science in north Laguna, at the corner of Rose and Cypress (up behind Pavilions). The drive is about two hours each direction. We will get lunch somewhere nearby. Sign up sheet and further details will be available at the January 11 meeting. Questions? Call Nancy Englund - 497-9086.



Club and District Dates to Remember this month



Wednesdays & Thursdays, Every Month 9:30 a.m.—12 p.m.—Get your hands dirty for a good cause at Hortense Miller Garden every Wednesday, come join the gang! Contact Nancy Kirschke for details—494-6693.

- ◆ **Friday, January 11, 9:30 a.m.—Monthly Meeting**, at Laguna Presbyterian Church, 415 Forest Ave, Tankersley Hall. Tomatomania! Our Speaker: Scott Daigre. Book for sale (see page one). ****Handout.**
- ◆ **Friday, January 18, 9:30 a.m.—Green Thumb**—Identify your plants with markers and stakes you make with Sue Goldberger, 14 Belcrest, Laguna Niguel—489-1363, see page two for details.
- ◆ **Friday, January 25, Travel Tour** to Australian Nursery in Ventura . Details see this page above. Questions? Call Nancy Englund 497-9086.
- ◆ **Monday, January 28, 9:30 a.m.—Board Meeting**—Hostess, Nancy Englund, 1616 Santa Cruz St., Laguna Beach, 497-9086. Committee chairpersons welcome.
- ◆ **Monday, February 11, 9:00 a.m.—12 pm District Meeting**—at Fullerton Arboretum and Botanic Gardens, if you plan to attend please have your \$5.00 check to Joyce Conway by February 1st. 494-3797.
- ◆ ****HANDOUTS: Please Note:** To be environmentally conscious, all handouts will be posted on LBCG website: www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org Please print a copy prior to the meeting. For those who do not have Internet access, ask a friend to print a copy for you, **any handouts available at the meeting will be \$1 each.**