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

Extreme Ikebana with Shelly Hillyer

Shelly Hillyer, one of our own members, and a student of Sogetsu Ikebana will present a short program on some of the techniques used in this school of Japanese floral arranging. Shelly has been studying Sogetsu Ikebana since 1995. She will give a power point

presentation with examples ranging from the two story high, "Don't Try This At Home" creations seen in public buildings to the serene table top arrangements you would have in your home.

This will be a short program in deference to our

annual Valentine's Planter Silent Auction in order to give you plenty of time to look, bid and buy, while greeting and eating!



No Plant Table this month



February 12th—Valentine Planters for Silent Auction



It's our annual Valentine's Day Basket Silent Auction and every member is asked to please donate a planted arrangement in a container of your choice. This event is not only a great time to show off your talents and appreciate our other mem-

bers' genius, but also one of our major fund raisers supporting various charitable projects throughout the year.

Because this event is always so well attended we have set a schedule to keep things running smoothly:

9:15 am—Please deliver your planters before bidding begins, so a bid sheet can be placed with your basket and a starting bid entered by one of the committee.

9:30 am—Eat, greet, look and bid before the meeting begins.

10:15 am—Abbreviated meeting begins.

10:30 am—Short program by Shelly Hillyer

11:00 am—15 minutes to finish bidding

11:15 am—Bidding ends. Bid sheets will be gathered and winners announced.

Don't forget your checkbook!



Welcome New Members

- Anne Colin
- Marilyn Forhane
- Linda Humes
- Lidia Laudecina
- Maggie Siegel
- Dana Victorson



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The Artistic Container with Susan Longerot

Please join us on Friday, February 19, at 9:30am. We will meet at Shirley Forden's home in Victoria Beach, for a workshop on designing and planting an artistic and beautiful container.

Susan, a Garden Club member, brings more than 20 years of experience teaching various forms of artistic expression. She will lead us in composing a balanced planted container, using form, color and texture.

We will plant in our own unique container- a flea market/antique find, a teapot, metal urn etc.

You bring: your own container-small to medium in size, gloves and small spade
 We provide: soil, moss and semi-shade loving plants

Reservation by Check : \$20. payable to Susan Longerot

Sign up at the February meeting and receive a map and parking instructions.



Questions:call Susan Longerot @ 723-1239 or Laura Parker @ 376-6625

Car Pool if you can—parking is limited.



WANTED! Handy with a hammer? Know how to read a map? Step up to be the Logistics Coordinator for the May 7 Garden Tour. Most of your job is performed on the morning of the tour. Contact Nancy Englund. 497-9086

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Pam Luttrell, Editor

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



The Green Thumb event to make a succulent planter was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Great Work!



Freedom's Legacy, is the theme for Laguna Beach's Patriot's Day Parade this year. We will be vying for a third consecutive First Place blue ribbon, so mark your calendar to make sure you will be able to join us Saturday, March 6 at 9:30 a.m. at Helga's house, 790 Catalina.

A salad potluck luncheon will follow the parade at the Assistance League, we will bring the salads, with the Assistance League supplying the paper goods, rolls, beverages and dessert. There will be a clipboard at the February meeting to sign up to bring a salad. In past years this has been a fun and perfect time to wind down after the excitement of the parade.

The attire for the parade is: comfortable walking shoes, jeans, white shirt, a hat decorated with flowers, and a Garden Club green apron (we have extras for those who don't have one).

We have several things going for us: Pam Hagen's decorated golf cart will be a hit! We will be a much improved drill team—practically pro! And our outfits are to die for!



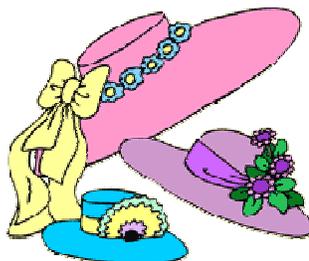
But since we will need to be just that little bit better than we were last year in order to draw the attention of the judges, Diane Kloke, our drill team leader, has suggested we wear decorated garden gloves. . . So, the gloves have been purchased and we will get together to decorate them on

Friday, February 26, at 12:30 p.m. at the back of the Assistance League--located in the alley of 547 Catalina. **IF YOU COME TO ASSEMBLE, PLEASE BRING SCISSORS, A GLUE GUN AND GLUE STICKS IF YOU HAVE THEM.**



WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DONATIONS OF SILK FLOWERS WHETHER YOU ARE MARCHING OR NOT--PLEASE BRING FLOWERS TO THE FEBRUARY 12TH MEETING. Shari will have a collection box there. What is not donated we will have to purchase.

If you miss the sign up at the meeting, please email Shari Yamamoto, syama5@yahoo.com or call 494-6160 to do so. This is an event not to miss!!



You Signed Up

to bring food for the refreshment table on February 12th

- Dot Benedict
- Gilda Marshall
- Vernetta Crandall
- Kathleen Kane
- Roz Lippeatt
- Suzanne Stocker
- Jacquelyn Conrad
- Nancy Boone
- Debbie Fraise
- Irene Nickel
- Birgitta Schoen
- Nancy Kirschke

Centerpiece for Table

Sue Goldberger

Please arrive by 9:15 am with your goodies.

Thank you!



Penny Pines donations are used to replant burned or otherwise damaged forests in conjunction with Federal Funds. A *Plantation* consists of approx. 350 trees on a little less than one acre. So far this year our Penny Pines donations have purchased 3 plantations (1050 trees) in the Cleveland National Forest.



Friday, February 26, our travel guide Madeleine Visca has again arranged an opportunity to walk through the delightful home and garden of Ruben Flores. The Landscape Architect of Visionscape, Inc. and the owner-operator of the Laguna Nursery, Mr. Flores' home garden is a delight to see, rich with whimsical objects hidden among the lush vegetation, this home and garden are a pleasurable experience, you won't want to miss! There are winding paths, stairs and some steep areas, so be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes. We will meet at the



church at 9:15 a.m., leaving by carpool at 9:30 a.m. Ruben has also invited us to stop in at Laguna Nursery and ogle the new arrivals. Madeleine will be giving all the details, regarding lunch, etc. at the February 12th meeting. Any other questions, please call Madeleine at 949-494-7307



Club and District Dates to Remember in February

- ◆ **Wednesdays, February, 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!
- ◆ **Friday, February 12, 9:30 a.m.**—Monthly meeting, at Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann's Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach. **Extreme Ikebana**, our speaker - **Shelly Hillyer**. (See page 1 for details). Also, the **Valentines Day Basket Silent Auction**—don't forget your check book!
- ◆ **Friday, February 19, 9:30 a.m.**—Green Thumb **Spring Planters** with Susan Longerot and Shirley Forden. (See page 2 for details).
- ◆ **Monday, February 22, 9:30 a.m.**—Board Meeting, hostess Polly Dix, 380 Locust St., Laguna Beach, 497-9051. New members coffee after board meeting.
- ◆ **Friday, February 26, 9:30 a.m.**—Tour to **Ruben Flores Home**, Laguna Beach. Meet at the church parking lot to carpool at 9:15. (See details top of this page).
- ◆ **Friday, February 26, 12:30 p.m.**—Decorate garden gloves for Patriot's Day Parade. (see page 3 for details).
- ◆ **Saturday, March 6, 9:30 a.m.**—**Patriot's Day Parade**, meet at Helga's house, 790 Catalina, Laguna Beach. Lunch at the Assistance League after the parade. Questions ? call Shari Yamamoto 494-6160