



Monthly Meeting

**This month only
1st Friday of month**

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



Neil Collins to Speak on

Organic Fruit Tree Propagation



This month, with spring having sprung loose and pollen flying through the air with the greatest of sneeze, uh, ease . . . it's only fitting that we have for our speaker a man who knows much about propagation, pollination, budding, cloning, and all else that is involved in producing a delicious piece of fruit from heirloom fruit stock.

Neil Collins is co-owner with his wife, Danielle, of Trees of Antiquity; an organic nursery located in Paso Robles, that specializes in fruit stock, in particular, apples. However, because it is the soil that determines the quality of the produce, and by choosing to use

organic methods that demand a five-year crop rotation to prevent buildup of pathogens in the soil, the Collins' also plant native plants, other fruit trees, and annual flowers to attract beneficial insects, lizards, birds, and small mammals.

Working for years under the guidance of Terry and Carolyn Harrison, owners of Sonoma Antique Apple Nursery, doing every odd job imaginable but necessary for the successful running of a business, Neil and his wife were eventually given the reins to take over the job they loved best: organic fruit tree propagation. Having found the best tutors in the business in the Harrisons, they realized that most of the tricky parts of propagation were already a part

of their working experience, having watched the process repeatedly at the Harrison's apple nursery.

Come to our meeting on April 3rd (a week earlier this month because of Easter) to hear a master talk about his propagation methods that leave the land an enriched better place, to learn of an organic vision of how we can be good stewards of this great land, and, to imagine that in the next few years that apple you take a bite out of could be from your own yard!



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* **Let's break the record for plant sales!!** *
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* **Bring lots of plants, pots, and misc. items to sell on this last Plant Table Sale of the year!** *
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Welcome
New Member

Ellie Knight

DUES **Membership Dues for 2009-2010**
Membership dues are payable by May 1st, delinquent June 1st with a \$10 penalty. Also, if dues are not paid by July 1st you will be too late to be included in the membership book for 2009-10. Please make your check payable to LBGC and send to Dixie Henry at 404 Blumont Street, L.B, 92651. Or you can pay at the April or even the May meeting, so save a stamp and bring your checkbook !

LBGC

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Tea Cup Bird Feeders

Come join us for our monthly Green Thumb event.

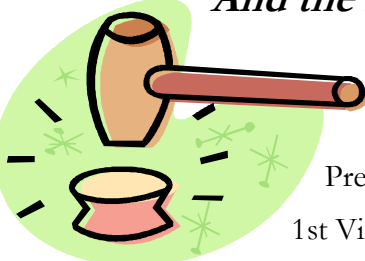
*Your feathered friends could use a rest,
A dainty teacup would be the best!
A cup of water, a plate of seed,
A tiny perch is all they need!
A pretty spot surrounded with flowers
And you'll be entertained for hours.*

Friday, April 17th at 9:30 a.m., Hosted by Sandy Smith at 19192 Jasper Hill Rd., Trabuco Canyon (766-9456). \$10.00 for supplies, bring a teacup and saucer.

A sign up sheet and driving directions will be available at the April 3rd meeting.



And the Nominees for the 2009—2010 Board Members are...



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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



Ready for the Gate & Garden Walking Tour of Victoria Beach?



The volunteer assignments will be handed out at the meeting, Friday, April 3rd, don't forget to get yours!

2009—2010 Budget

Jul '09 - Jun 10

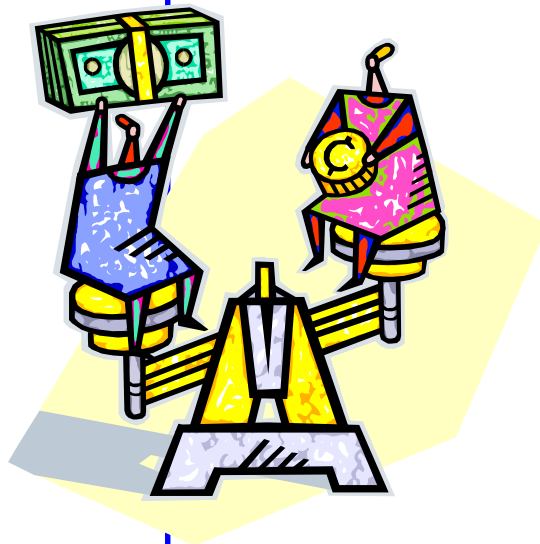
Ordinary Income/Expense

	<u>Jul '09 - Jun 10</u>	
Income		
Investment Income		
Interest Earned Checking	30.00	
Interest Earned CD	125.00	
Total Investment Income	<u>155.00</u>	
Membership Dues	3,275.00	
Special Events & Activities		
Garden Tour Raffle	1,200.00	
Garden Tour Tkt Sales	21,000.00	600 tickets @ \$35
Container Auction	1,200.00	
Plant & Garden Boutique	1,200.00	
Total Special Events & Activities	<u>24,600.00</u>	
Total Income	<u>28,030.00</u>	
Expense		
Professional fees		
Accounting Professional Serv	300.00	
Program Speaker	2,000.00	
Total Professional fees	<u>2,300.00</u>	
Occupancy,rent,utility,maint	4,935.00	
Grants Horticultural Exp.		
Memorial Day Services	60.00	
Blind Children's Garden	300.00	
Hortense Miller Garden	1,000.00	
Lag. Beach H.S. Scholarships	1,000.00	2 scholarships @ \$500
Laguna Beach Memorial Garden	300.00	
Niguel Botanical Preserve	200.00	
SaddlebackCollegeScholarships	3,000.00	4 scholarship @ \$750
UCI Arboretum	30.00	
Total Grants Horticultural Exp.	<u>5,890.00</u>	
Printing, Pub., Postage, Shipp		
Membership Book	730.00	
Weeder's Digest	1,000.00	
Postage	100.00	
PO Box	50.00	
Total Printing, Pub, Postage, Shipping	<u>1,880.00</u>	
Expenses		
Reserves	375.00	
Historian	150.00	
Mentone, Sister City Project	1,000.00	
Forest Avenue Pocket Park	200.00	
Taxes	50.00	
Dues and Fees	650.00	
HOGs	1,250.00	
Insurance Liability	330.00	
Membership Expenses	550.00	
Hospitality	500.00	
Program Supplies	200.00	
Patriot's Day Parade	500.00	
Website	120.00	
Sunshine	150.00	
Total Expenses	<u>6,025.00</u>	
Direct Exp for6a Garden Tour	<u>7,000.00</u>	
Total Expense	<u>28,030.00</u>	
Net Ordinary Income	<u>0.00</u>	
Net Income	<u>0.00</u>	

You Signed up  to bring food for the refreshment table April 3rd

- Synthia Scofield
- Shari Yamamoto
- Marcy Horenstein
- Laura Parker
- Suzanne Stocker
- Mary Graves
- Stephanie Irving
- Shahin Fazli
- Liz Wetzel

Please arrive by 9:15 a.m. with your goodies.



Annual Photo Contest

The photo contest winners, there are two, will have their picture on the front or back cover of our 2009—2010 annual membership book.. 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. If possible submit a VERTICAL shot as it works better on the cover and won't need to be cropped.

To enter send your photo to:



Arline Moran

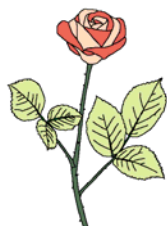
915 Katella St., L. B. 92651.

Or Email to:

lagunabeachgarden-club@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*
- ◆ *Deadline for entries is April 26, 2009*



"Amateur Rose Show"

How Our Roses Will Be Judged *by Vernetta Crandall*

Our judge Bonnie Andrew will use the following guidelines as they apply to the novice class. The novice class refers to the beginner exhibitor who has not won an ARS award.

The Point Scoring System - A rose is judged by each of six factors, and points are awarded.

Factor & Points Allotted: *Form—25 points; Color—20 points; Substance—15 points; Stem & foliage—20 points; Balance & Proportion—10 points; Size—10 points; for a total possible points of 100. If you signed up to participate you will receive an email with many more details, but basically It's as easy as 1-2-3:*

1. Fill out your entry tag carefully and accurately.
2. Select only roses showing exhibition form.
3. Cut a straight stem as long as possible with no side buds and clean the foliage

Club Dates to Remember in April

- **Friday, April 3, 9:30 a.m.**—LBGC monthly meeting. Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann's Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach—Speaker Neil Collins from Trees of Antiquity Nursery (see page one for details).
- **Friday April 17, 9:30 a.m.**—Green Thumb will be Tea Cup Bird Feeders with Sandy Smith. 19192 Jasper Hill Rd., Trabuco Canyon. 766-9456. (See page two for details).
- **Monday, April 27, 9:30 a.m.**—LBGC Board meeting — Hostess Dee Koski. 356 Myrtle Street, Laguna Beach, 494-1459. Committee chairs welcome.
- **Friday, May 1, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**—Gate & Garden Walking tour of Victoria Beach. Volunteer assignments will be handed out on Friday, April 3rd.