



Monthly Meeting
2nd Friday of month
Neighborhood
Congregational Church
340 St. Ann's Dr.,
Laguna Beach
Social 9:30 a.m.
Meeting: 10 a.m.—Noon.

* The Plant table is *
* ready and waiting *
* for your thoughtful *
* donations of plants *
* and cuttings and *
* anything for the *
* garden. *
* So bring out those *
* pots you've been *
* storing for seasons, *
* remember one *
* (wo)man's junk is *
* another (wo)man's *
* treasure! *
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**Location,
location,
location!**

Isn't that what we hear constantly to ensure success? Well, Debbie Evans would agree with the idea of location—our California gardens need to be planted with species that are located right here in Southern California. We will be assured of success if we allow what comes naturally on our hillsides to remain in place or, in many cases, put back in place.

Debbie Evans is the Director of Marketing at Tree of Life Nursery, located in San Juan Capistrano on 40 acres of the historic Rancho Mission

Location Matters!

Habitat Gardens with Native California Plants

Viejo, and now the largest supplier of native plants in the state. Though the nursery began in the usual way, with goals of providing wholesale plants and landscaping, it now focuses its energies on growing only California natives.

Growing natives is good for the land and it is good for your pocketbook and work schedule: less costs to maintain and less back-breaking work to keep things "pretty." Who hasn't admired a thriving Ceanothus (California

Lilac) with its stop traffic blooms of blue or thrilled to see a toyon's red berries at Christmas time? You will find that planting with natives not only attracts you, but brings birds and wildlife to your sanctuary.

So, come hear Debbie Evans give a power point presentation on setting up habitats that will provide many hours of enjoyment for you and your furred and feathered "neighbors" who share the land with you. Soon, you, too, will be singing the praises "location, location, location!"



Our Valentine's Day Silent Auction was a wonderful success! The baskets, pots and various planters were so creative, appealing and beautiful. Much thanks go to the members who created them and to those who were the lucky bidders! We raised \$1000.00.

Special thanks to Ruth Robertson for taking photos of those gorgeous creations with their gracious creators. The pictures will be displayed at the March 13 meeting, and are yours for the taking.

Many thanks to Dorothy Goldberg, Joyce Conway, Birgitta Schoen, Pat Randel, Dixie Henry, Shirley Forden, Denise Michaels, Janene Freitas and Pam Luttrell. I could not have done it without them! *Dee Koski*



Welcome
New Member



Patricia Acree

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Special Spring Garden Trip to Beverly Hills

There are many grand and glorious homes in Beverly Hills but there is only one Beverly Hills mansion that is open for public tours: the Virginia Robinson Estate.

Built in 1911, this mansion was the first estate in Beverly Hills. Today, it is listed on the national registry of historic sites.



Opened to the public in 1982, the Gardens cover six acres and have five distinctive gardens. View the

beautiful gardens and the many historical artifacts in the house while on a 90-minute docent led tour. See over 500 blooming roses with their intoxicating fragrance or savor the many culinary herbs in the Kitchen Garden. Listen to the breezes blow through the leaves of over 1000 palm trees. Take a trip back to the "Golden Days of Hollywood."

We will meet at the church at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, March 27. The transportation fee will be \$56 per person, admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors 62 or older.



Sign up will be by \$56 check payable to Laguna Beach Garden Club, no later than Friday March 13th.

Bring a sack lunch, we will stop at a park near the gardens for lunch before our docent tour at 1 p.m.

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended, as the tour may encompass many different levels within the six-acre site.



Would you like to bring a little love and color into the home of the Laguna Beach Youth Shelter? Janene Freitas needs one volunteer each month to bring a bouquet to our meeting and she will deliver it to the shelter. See Janene to volunteer.



Green Thumb—Floral Arranging with Jeanne Yale



Come to the Green Thumb Forum Friday March 20th at 9:30. We will be meeting at Gayle Whitaker's house to have a workshop on floral arranging. Jeanne Yale will demonstrate the ins & outs of putting together a professional looking floral arrangement, and then you will have the opportunity to practice what you have learned and create your own arrangement. You can see an example of Jeanne's creativity at this month's meeting—as she will be providing the centerpiece for the refreshment table.

There will be a \$15 material fee, payable at sign up. Included in the cost will be a container, green foam (oasis) and the flowers. You will need to bring a pair of clippers for cutting the floral stems. Look for the sign up sheet at the meeting, and don't forget your checkbook! Questions or more details call Jeanne Yale 497-9400.

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Pam Luttrell, Editor

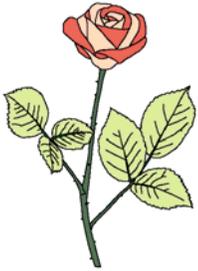
Additional information about club activities is available at our web site www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org



“Amateur Rose Show”

Feeding and Watering Your Roses

By *Vernetta Crandall*



Exhibiting roses is about regularly watering, feeding and controlling the pests that afflict roses. The key is regularity and faithfulness. The three most important factors in growing roses are water, water and water. Is your drainage adequate and have you checked how fast the water will drain? Did you know that without proper drainage the roots of your roses cannot breathe?

The secret to your fertilizer program lies in the regular and continuous applications of fertilizer during the growing season. The best fertilizer is the one on sale. The most important nutrient is nitrogen. For bloom, phosphorus moves very slowly in the soil, and all the surface applications in the world of high bloom/high phosphorus fertilizer is no substitute for having put it in the planting hole where it belongs. Roses need potassium regularly.

Regularity applies also to health maintenance. Roses are susceptible to fungus diseases and such diseases can only be controlled through prevention and not cure. Insects and arthropods such as spider mites need only be killed when their populations are apparent and threaten your roses.



Like to Shop? Here's An Offer You Can't Resist!

Motivated, creative, barely needs an excuse to visit nurseries, wants to spend hundreds of dollars of OPM*. Does that sound like you? Manager required for the Annual Container Contest. This is the entire job: buy 10 matching containers, bring them to the FIRST meeting of the year (September 11, 2009) send them home with 10 competitors, manage the silent auction at the October meeting. Glory heaped upon you, riches poor forth to the club, all good!



Talk to Nancy Englund if you are interested. If no one is interested, there will be no container contest. Step up, make a difference, have fun.

*other people's money



Budget Committee Meeting

The LBGC Budget Committee will meet on Thursday, March 5, at noon at Gayle Whitaker's home.

Budget Committee members are Vernetta Crandall, Lecia Davis, Debbie Fraisse, Jennifer Gustafson, Dixie Henry, Vera Martinez, Donna Nielsen, and Gayle Whitaker.



Annual Photo Contest

It's that one picture that makes you wish you had that rose or that tree in your garden. Who knows—this year that photo might be yours, with your garden as the backdrop!

The photo contest winners, there are two, will have their picture on the front or back cover of our 2009—2010 annual membership book.. To enter send your photo to:

Arline Moran

915 Katella St., L. B. 92651.

Or Email to:

lagunabeachgardenclub@cox.net

Arline will then key the photos so the judges will know each entry only by a

number. 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. The garden club board will appoint a committee of judges to recommend five finalists. The board will then vote on those five and name the winners at the April meeting. Good luck!



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*

You Signed up



to bring food for the refreshment table

March 13

Synthia Scofield

Pam Luttrell

Ruth Robertson

Lois Zeller

Mary Paulsen

Diane Kloke

Laura Parker

Denise Michaels

Lyndi Fauria

Nancy Wade

Tom Hensel

Wendy Caufield

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

Centerpiece by Jeanne Yale

Thank you!

Join us Saturday for the Patriots Day Parade!



Club Dates to Remember in March

- **Saturday, March 7, 9:30 a.m.**—Patriots Day Parade. Meet at Helga Yaillen's, 790 Catalina Street, Laguna Beach. 494-0166 Lunch at Assistance League following Parade.
- **Friday, March 13, 9:30 a.m.**—LBGC monthly meeting. Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann's Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach—Speaker Debbie Evans from the Tree of Life Nursery. (see page 1 for details).
- **Friday March 20, 9:30 a.m.**—Green Thumb will be Floral Arranging with Jeanne Yale. Meet at Gayle Whitaker's 1619 Bluebird Canyon, Laguna Beach 494-4544. See page 2 for details.
- **Monday, March 23, 9:30 a.m.**—LBGC Board meeting — Hostess Joyce Conway, 1200 Morningside Dr., Laguna Beach, 494-3797. Committee chairs welcome.
- **Friday, March 27, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**—Bus Trip to tour Virginia Robinson Gardens in Beverly Hills. Reserve your place with your check of \$56.00. Deadline for sign up is March 13, meeting. Sack Lunch. See details on page 2.