



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.

Sosei Haruko Watabe Will Demonstrate  
the Art of Ikebana

**“Back, empty handed from the bursting meadow: idle ikebana bowl”** Ms. Visnja McMaster

Our ikebana bowl will not lay idle this month, because we have with us Sosei Haruko Watabe, accomplished Master Flower Show Judge and teacher of the art of ikebana, who will demonstrate this Japanese form of flower arranging to us at our March meeting. Based on the principal of three, twigs, bowl and flower are arranged to symbolize heaven, earth, and Man.

Ms. Watabe has devoted many years to the study of ikebana, first as a student of the Sogetsu School and later, as a member of the Sogetsu Teachers' Association, holding the rank of “Riji.” She founded and chaired the Connecticut

Sogetsu Study Group. The Sogetsu School, founded in 1927 by Sofu Teshigahara, is the most modern of the large schools, and established the principles that flowers may be arranged by anyone and that any type of material may be used. He also encouraged the idea that flower arrangement could be displayed anywhere in the house, not just the in the traditional tokonoma, or alcove in the Japanese house. Sogetsu ikebana encourages free expression and an open mind.

Ms. Watabe has given lectures and demonstrations in Connecticut, New York, and at the annual Sogetsu Exhibition in Tokyo. She joined the Los Angeles Sogetsu branch and exhibited at the Japanese American National Museum in 2005. These days, she gives classes at the Community Centers in San Clemente and Dana Point, as

well as with the Adult/Community Education program with Capistrano Unified School District.

Sofu Teshigahara believed, “Ikebana is not a mere decoration, it is an art. Ikebana is not for Japan alone, it is for the whole world.” Join us for an insightful lesson in ikebana on March 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:30 AM for Meet and Greet, short business meeting, and then our program with Ms. Watabe.



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\* 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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Welcome  
New Members  
  
Mary Rose Daniels  
Matt Gerhold  
Mary Hofflander



**OUR VALENTINES DAY SILENT AUCTION** was a wonderful success! The baskets, pots, and planters were so creative and beautiful! Thank you so much to the members who brought them and also those who purchased them. We raised \$1056.00!

Special thanks to Dixie Henry, Joyce Conway, Shirley Forden, Birgitta Schoen and Denise Michaels for all of their help

Dee Koski, Chairman

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## Special Spring Bus Tour— Tuesday April 1, 2008



*The first of April, some do say, is set apart for All Fools' Day. But why the people call it so, Nor I, nor they themselves do know. But on this day are people sent on purpose for pure merriment.- Poor Robin's Almanac (1790)*

And merriment it shall be on this wonderful little bus tour that Madeleine Visca has planned for us of La Casa Pacifica in San Clemente. This is the Western White House of former President Richard Nixon, the estate presently owned

by Gavin Herbert, Jr. of Rogers Gardens.

At the March 14 meeting **the sign up will be by check only at \$16.25 per person. No Cash please.**

The number of persons is limited to 40, so if you attended this tour 3 years ago, we ask that you please do not sign up this year.

We will meet at the Church at 9:00 am to depart by bus at 9:30 am,



arriving at the estate at 10:00 am. At approximately 12:30 pm we will lunch (separate checks) at *Thai This* restaurant in Dana Point, and return to the Church in Laguna by 2:30 pm.



## The Gate & Garden Walking Tour of North Laguna

will be here before you know it. We are counting on every member of the club to step up and help out on this important day. Volunteers do not need to know anything about gardening or even be in the garden club. You are welcome to invite spouses and friends to join you as volunteers.. All volunteers will have



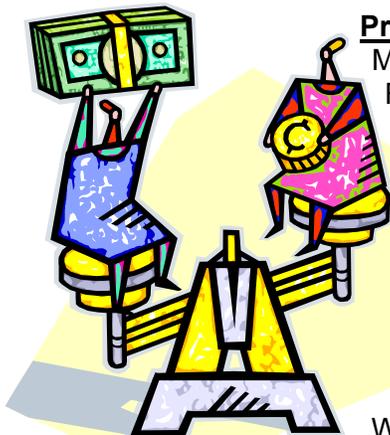
the opportunity to take the tour for free. Please contact Jeanne Yale or Joyce Conway to let them know if you are available for a morning or afternoon shift on Thursday, May 1st. And of course let's not forget the cookies—we will need a mountain of cookies to feed the workers and the ticket holders! Sign up at the 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](http://www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org)

# \$\$\$ 2008 - 2009 Budget \$\$\$

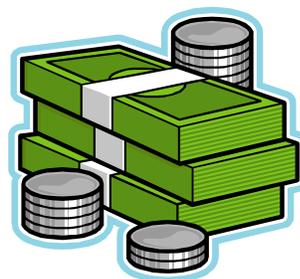


**Projected Ordinary Income:**

Membership dues:	\$4,750.00
February baskets:	\$1,000.00
Garden tour:	\$10,000.00
Plant boutique sales:	\$1,000.00
Penny Pines:	\$275.00
CD & checking account interest:	\$200.00
Miscellaneous donations:	<u>\$100.00</u>
<b>Total Projected Income:</b>	<b>\$17,325.00</b>

**Projected Expenses:**

Hall rent:	\$2,200.00
Janitorial services:	\$300.00
Website:	\$300.00
Pro-grams:	\$1,600.00
Member-ship book:	\$600.00
Weeder's Digest:	\$1,000.00
Storage unit rental:	\$1,800.00
Liability insurance:	\$400.00
Orange County District dues:	\$300.00
Cali-fornia Garden Club dues:	\$350.00
Hospitality supplies:	\$500.00
New member expenses:	\$850.00
Christmas brunch:	\$300.00
Sunshine fund:	\$150.00
Ways and Means:	\$5,000.00
Patriot's Day parade:	\$150.00
Chamber of Commerce dues:	\$150.00
State non-profit fee:	\$20.00
PO Box, safety deposit & bank expenses:	\$150.00
Convention, District expenses:	\$100.00
Hortense Miller Garden:	\$1,000.00
Saddleback College scholarships:	\$3,000.00
L.B. High School scholarships:	\$1,000.00
Hands on Gardening:	\$500.00
Forest Avenue Pocket Park:	\$300.00
Laguna Beach Memorial Garden:	\$300.00
Laguna Beach Library project:	\$100.00
Laguna Beach Historical Bldg. project:	\$100.00
Penny Pines:	\$275.00
UCI Arboretum:	<u>\$30.00</u>
<b>Total Projected Expenses:</b>	<b>\$23,345.00</b>
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>&lt;\$6,020.00&gt;</b>
Income carried over from 2007-2008 (estimated):	\$10,000.00



## DUES

Membership Dues for 2008-2009

It's that time to remind you about your membership dues! Vernetta Crandall will be at the March meeting so please bring your checkbook and get it done!

*All gardening is landscape painting.* ~ Alexander Pope



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 2008—2009 annual membership book.. To enter send your photo to:

**Arline Moran @ 915 Katella St., L. B. 92651.**

**Or Email to [lagunabeachgarden-club@cox.net](mailto:lagunabeachgarden-club@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. 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 25, 2008.*



**We won 1st place in our category at the Patriots Day Parade!**



**You Signed up**



to bring food for the refreshment table on March 14

- Darla Lee
- Connie Lawson
- Gayle Brown
- Riki Belew
- Jeanne Yale
- Dorothy Goldberg
- Synthia Scofield
- Barbara Arntsen
- Ann Duvall
- Patricia Weir
- Sheila Peterson
- Dee Koski
- Lynn Turner

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

**Club Dates to Remember in March**

- Friday, March 14, 9:30 a.m.—LBGC monthly meeting. Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann's Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach—Speaker Sosei Haruko Watabe—"The Art of Ikebana", (see page 1 for details).
- Monday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.—LBGC Board meeting — Hostess Joyce Conway, 1200 Morningside Dr., Laguna Beach, 494-3797. Committee chairs welcome.
- Friday, March 28, 9:30 a.m.—NO NURSERY HOPPERS TOUR ON THIS DATE.
- Tuesday, April 1, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.—Bus Trip to tour La Casa Pacifica and lunch. We will park, depart and return at the Church. See details on page 2. Sign up by your check of \$16.25; don't forget your checkbook, no cash.

Bonus for the e-mail readers – lots of pictures of the parade!



Diane Kloke teaching the marchers how to do it!



Chris Lutz with his spectacular bromeliad float!



Gilda Marshall and her granddaughter with their gorgeous hats had a grand time marching together!



Our beautiful new banner was right out front getting lots of attention!



Getting ready to leave Helga's to walk –er march to the parade line up—fancy hats and enthusiastic ladies makes for a fun day!

Cheryl and Mike Merritt and the fantastic, incredible job they did decorating our own Garden Club bug. And thank you to Polly Dix for letting us use the bug and to her husband for driving it!



Ahh, so many hats, and everyone a fanciful garden of delicious color!



Thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen who showed up and made the day!



**TA-TA-DA!**



**WE DID IT—WE WON  
FIRST PLACE IN OUR CATEGORY!!**

