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Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc.



Weeder's Digest



Monthly Meeting

Neighborhood

Congregational Church

340 St. Ann's Dr.,

Laguna Beach

Social 9:30 a.m. Meeting: 10 a.m.—Noon.



Valentine
Planters
Silent Auction
Revenue
\$1151.00
WOW!

New Members
To be announced
March 9th



Lecia Davis
Barrie Egan
Maggie Owens
Beate Loomis
Leslie Power
Denise Michaels
Cindi Sanchez

Current membership 203

Our Mission for March: Help Save Butterflies!



See that butterfly Lighting up our sky—It's color meant to be A joy for you and me.



Come join our crusade! Our speaker for the March meeting is Don Mitchell who will share with us his expertise on *Butterflies and Native Plants of Orange County—How You Can Help*. In Don's own words, "Butterflies require native plants to thrive—their eggs are laid on native plants, with each



species of butterfly having its own singular species of plant, on which to lay eggs." Once again, we are being taught that to go native in our yards is the wisest move to make—Have we made that clear to you, yet?

Not to put too fine a point on this, but really, why would we want to make more work for ourselves, as well as destroy habitats that are crucial to our lovely friends, the butterflies?

As Don points out, "As the native plants come into short supply,

because of development, butterflies have an increasingly difficult time. You can help by planting some native plants in your yard." Yes, indeedy!

So, come this month, wearing your armor to join battle in saving our beauteous bitty buddies who do so much to make our gardens gorgeous!

We greet and eat starting at 9:30 AM, meeting at 10, program at 10:30 'ish.



It's Spring—Bring on the Flowers for the Plant Table



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Green Thumbers Dig Flower Power—Groovy, Man!

"We are stardust, we are golden, And we've got to get ourselves back to the garden." ~Joni Mitchell

Think we're waxing nostalgic for our hippie days? No, Bro', we're high on nature this month and Green Thumb will figure largely in that feeling by hosting a flower-arranging seminar and workshop taught by Brigitte Freund in her home. Themed "Come and Celebrate Spring!" Brigitte will teach you how to create your own floral masterpiece without tears or fears.

We'll be in her backyard, so dress accordingly (tie-dye not required). Bring your own gar-

den clippers or floral shears, greens from your garden, and some flowers, if you have any. Brigitte will provide wet oasis blocks, waterproof tape, paper-Mache floral bowls (12") and greens.

When: Friday March 16th
@ 10:00 a.m.

Where: 29152 Alfieri Street,
Laguna Niguel.

A sign up sheet will be passed around at the March 9th meeting. Call Brigitte, 249-3437, if you want to rap some more.

Peace! And, up with Flower Power!



Our February Valentines Day Silent Auction was a wonderful success. The baskets, pots and planters were all great expressions of our many talented members. There was certainly a sense of excitement in the air as our many generous members ooh'd and aah'd and bid on their favorite arrangements. Not only did we have fun, but also raised **\$1151.00**, our biggest ever February profit!



Our special thanks to Dixie Henry, Brigitte Freund, Lyndi Fauria, Synthia Scofield and Dee Koski for all their help with the auction.

~Shirley Forden, Chairman

Photo Contest—2007–2008 Yearbook Cover

A photo from your garden could make the cover of the next membership yearbook!

Arline Moran, our webmaster, has asked that we remind you that the club sponsors a competition among its members to find a photograph from one of our gardens to appear on the cover of next year's membership book. Since we are certain to get many entries, the second most outstanding photo will appear on the back cover. Arline will receive entries via e-mail at lagunabeachgarden-club@cox.net or by snail mail at **915 Katella St., Laguna Beach 92651.**

She 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 disquali-



fied. The garden club board will appoint a committee of judges to recommend five finalists. The board will then name the winners at the April meeting.

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 15, 2007**

You Signed up to bring food for the refreshment table on March 9th

Shari Yamamoto
Joni Meagher
Synthia Scofield
Lyndi Fauria
Arlene Andresen
Janene Freitas
Nancy England
Tom Hensel
Please arrive by 9:15 a.m. with goodies.
Thanks



SCREECH! SQUEEAL! HISSSSS! POP! NO MORE!

Electro-acoustic transducers transmit sound by a small movable induction coil, positioned in the magnetic field of a permanent magnet, attached to a diaphragm. When the diaphragm vibrates ... Viola! Sound! And thanks to Jack Bostwick we don't have to understand how that microphone works, he does. He is most definitely a "man behind the scenes", he shows up for every meeting and quietly takes care of the sound system—a very important part of all our meetings.

Thanks Jack for making everyone sound good!





Gate & Garden Walking Tour of South Village

Thursday, May 3, 2007



~Nancy Englund~

I hope every Club member is planning to participate in the 2007 Gate & Garden Walking Tour this year. My Committee Chairs are busily planning the tour. We need all of you on tour day as route and garden hosts or helping with refreshments at Fusano's at the end of the tour.

Our tour route is unique this year because we use several gardens to cut through from street to street. Even if you think you know Laguna you will find plenty of surprises on this year's tour. All volunteers will receive a wristband that will serve as your ticket so that you can take the tour either before or after your shift. Ticket holders will be allowed into almost a dozen private gardens on several quiet streets above the Coast Highway.



In addition to the featured gardens, you will meander past historic beach cottages and intriguing specimen gardens. The route is mostly down hill but features narrow garden paths and some uneven pavement. Comfortable shoes, sun protection and good health are essential for all volunteers.

The tour runs from 11am until 4 pm so we will need both early and late shift volunteers. You will

be expected to stay at your assigned spot for three hours, so that means you need to plan to eat lunch before or after serving your shift.

As tour day volunteers, you are the Laguna Beach Garden Club. There are no special requirements, just bring your usual helpful, cheerful demeanor in order to contribute to a successful tour. Knowledge of plants is useful but not essential (cheat sheets provided in every garden). Cheryl Beasley and Tom Hensel are the Volunteer Coordinators for the tour so please sign up when they send their sheets around. Kathy Pennington and Dorothy Goldberg are coordinating the refreshments and will need volunteers as well.

Nancy Englund—497-9086

Club and District Dates to Remember in March

- ◆ **Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.—Patriots Day Parade, Hup, two, three four! Meet at Helga Yaillen's, 790 Catalina St. Remember to wear blue jeans and white tee's, Green apron optional, hat and garden gloves.**
- ◆ **Friday, March 9, 9:30 a.m.—LBGC monthly meeting**—Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann's Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach. Don Mitchell speaker - See page 1.
- ◆ **Friday, March 16, 10 a.m.— Green Thumb**—Flower Arrangements with Brigitte Freund—see page 2.
- ◆ **Friday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.— Get acquainted Tour**—visit member gardens, meet at the Church and carpool, Details will be announced at the March meeting or call Madeleine Visca 494-7307.
- ◆ **Monday, March 26, 10 a.m.—LBGC Board meeting**—Hostess Nancy Englund, 1616 Santa Cruz St., Laguna Beach. Committee Chairs welcome.
- ◆ **Monday, April 2, 9:30 a.m.—District Meeting**—Canyon Crest Clubhouse, 22300 Canyon Crest Drive, Mission Viejo. Celia Kucher speaks on *California Natives*. Lunch (\$8) and raffle, Tour of Heritage Garden. Call Jana Hofmann for reservations. 240-2185.