



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.

Plant Table

Christmas Tree
decorations
are a big hit
in these
Holiday
months—if you have
some that you want to
get rid of bring them
for the Nov. or Dec.
boutique table.
October's Revenue
\$174!

Welcome to New Members

- Gail Burgess
- Paulette Calli
- Jeffrey Cordova
- Mary & Brian Jones
- Barbara Lamm
- Jean Wilson

Life Is Change.



CHANGE: Unforeseen circumstances forced our scheduled speaker, Ann Christoph, to cancel her speaking engagement with us. So instead this month, we will be featuring Greg Davila, owner and “artist in garden” of Organic Art Plants and Design, in Orange. Now if his name sounds familiar, it might be because you attended his high-energy presentation here last year. We loved him, he loved us—a match made in garden-heaven, so he’s back (on such short notice—aren’t we lucky?).

GROWTH: Greg and his wife, Kathy, own a nursery in Orange, California, that is causing great excitement in gardening circles. They practice the adage, “If a little is good, more is better.” Now we all know some real

Growth Is Optional.

pros when it comes to packing things tightly—just try to lift one of their suitcases—but Greg shows how we can make a container literally overflow with healthy, happy, correctly planted flowers and succulents. There are rules that must be followed (no fudging on drainage, regular feedings and watering), but the rewards are better than dropping ten pounds in two weeks (who can really do that, anyway?). But, if you attended his talk last year, you already know these things.

CHOOSE WISELY: This year, Greg will be showing us how to plant fairy gardens. Hot, hot, hot! If you attended this past spring’s garden show at South Coast Plaza, table after table was filled with these whimsical

Choose Wisely.

Karen Kaiser Clark



creations—and no, you don’t have to swallow a magic pill and turn into Alice in Wonderland. But, we warn you—these little creations are addictive. Make one and you’re already thinking of how you can make it better, or smaller, or bigger, but smaller . . . Have you figured out that this is where the “wise” part fits in?

Join us Friday, November 10th, beginning at 9:30 AM for greeting and eating, followed by a short meeting and then our speaker, Greg Davila.

(No magic wands needed.)



Nursery Hopping Tour of Orange County

Iconic to the Eclectic these Nurseries will Inspire.....

Friday, November 17, Travel and Tours will take a Nursery Hopping trip that will inspire the artist in you. This trip will be in Orange County, and we will visit the

M and M Nursery with their magical Fairy Gardens; **Flowerdale Nursery** a full service master nursery; And Gregg Davila’s (this month’s speaker) **Organic**

Art Nursery. We will meet at 9 a.m. in the Church parking lot, we will be car pooling and directions will be provided then. Bring a sack lunch.

El Morro School Garden—and a 'lot' of future gardeners

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The school garden at El Morro Elementary School, in Laguna Beach, has been started and the first of three eight-week, after-school enrichment gardening sessions is underway.

The garden is situated at the south side of the play yard, and thanks to the Laguna Beach Garden Club it is surrounded by a new chain link fence and equipped with an automatic sprinkler system.

Ranging from first through fifth grades the children participating in this gardening class all share an

exuberant love of working in the soil. The classes take place after school on Mondays and are supervised by volunteer teachers, Laguna Beach Garden Club members, along with the help of the University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners.

A raised gardening bed for each grade level is being prepared for planting in early November. Equipped with kid-size tools, the children are learning how plants grow, what makes good soil for growing plants and the correct and safe way to use

their tools.

Each grade will choose what to plant in their garden bed, in addition they will be working together to establish a butterfly garden, a compost bin and eventually even a worm farm!

Upcoming sessions include making a scarecrow, fertilizing plants, and making plant teepees.

If you are interested in helping with the garden please contact: Sheila Peterson at sheila@petersonville.com or call her at 949-376-9494.

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

Before planting—we look forward to future “in progress” shots!





Hands On Gardening at the Library



As you drive by Laguna Beach Library, look for the new garden blooming around the peace obelisk near the front entrance. Planted and designed by the Hands On Gardening

Committee: Synthia Scofield, Janene Freitas and Nancy Englund. With installation help from Rebecca Porter, the Children's Librarian and resident gardener. Plants with flower colors that complement the vivid hues of Marlo Bartel's sculpture, Lion's tail, bush marigold

and fountain grass joined existing we-stringia and lavender.

These plants were chosen for the garden not only for their color, but sturdiness, drought tolerance and long blooming.



Happy Thanksgiving!

To all our Garden Club members



You Signed up to bring food for the refreshment table on November 10

Sally Woods
Bonnie Simon
Dee Koski
Alice Knight
Jeanne Yale
Shirley Bowan
Synthia Scofield
Nancy Wood

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



Club Dates to Remember in November and December

- **Friday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m.—Green Thumb**—questions, answers and gardening tips with Ann Kunzig. At Cheryl Begley-Bostwick's , 432 Holly St., Laguna Beach
- **Friday, Nov. 10, 9:30 a.m.**—LBGC monthly meeting. Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann's Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach. (See page 1)
- **Friday, Nov. 17, 9:00 a.m.**—Nursery Hopper's Tour in Orange. Bring Sack lunch (See page 1).
- **Monday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m.**—LBGC Board meeting, Hostess Cheryl Begley-Bostwick, 432 Holly St., Laguna Beach. Committee Chairs welcome
- **Friday, Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m.—Holiday Social 9:30—10:15 a.m.** LBGC monthly meeting. Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann's Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach. See page 4
- **Friday, Dec. 8, following regular meeting**—LBGC Board meeting will be held directly after regular Club meeting. Committee Chairs welcome
- **Friday, Dec. 22, 2 p.m.** Get acquainted **Christmas Tour**, visit members gardens and homes via car pool. Meet at Church parking lot—directions will be provided.



DECEMBER 2006

Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc.

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“Man Masters Nature Not By Force But By Understanding”

Jacob Bronowski



Have you ever wondered why some neighbors' gardens always look good, never seem to need as much watering as yours, and, glory be, they don't even need a gardener to keep it that way? Chances are they have planted their yards with California native plants. Natives, speaking both of plants and humans, feel comfortable in their own "soil," require less attention to stay happy, and really like where they live. They thrive, even in conditions that others might find unsuitable.

In December we will feature Greg Rubin, owner of California's Own Native Landscape Design, a landscape contracting

company that designs, installs, and maintains California native plant landscapes. Based in Escondido, they do work all over San Diego County and parts of Riverside. Greg comes to us to open our eyes to the joy and ease of planting what likes to grow around here; A simple concept but, as we all realize daily, one that isn't implemented as frequently as should be.

Now, with the Christmas hubbub threatening to take your sanity, wouldn't you love to just spend a few minutes learning how you can make your life, as well as your garden, an exercise in simplicity and harmony? Wouldn't you love to just go out-

side and breathe in the joy that native plants can bring? Wouldn't you rather sit outside with a cup of herbal tea rather than grabbing a pair of clippers to attack that bush that just won't cooperate with the others in their single-formed line . . . Perhaps we exaggerate a tiny bit . . . but you'll never know unless you come join us on December 10th, beginning at 9:30 AM, for greeting and eating, followed by a very short meeting and then, Greg Rubin.



A SPECIAL HOLIDAY SOCIAL HOUR

Our December Meeting will begin with our Holiday Gathering at 9:30 until 10:15 a.m. Time enough to shop at the Plant Table, munch your way through a few Holiday goodies, and visit with your old friends and our new members.

We Thank Dot Benedict and Janene Freitas for directing this special event.

