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**Butterfly Habitat by Leslie Gilson**



Leslie Gilson a Huntington Beach resident, often visited the Norma Brandel Gibbs Park Butterfly Grove, and the city can thank her, for one, for its restoration. She observed that many of the trees were either dead or dying and that there were fewer and fewer Monarch

butterflies seen in the grove. So she researched the migrations of the Monarch butterflies, took photos of the dying and/or decaying eucalyptus forest, and made storyboards to present a call to action at the Huntington Beach City Council meeting. Public officials were so moved with her story that they ordered the immediate removal of the dead or dying trees (destroyed by beetles). Then the non-profit Huntington Beach

Tree Society helped create a strategy for replanting the grove so that it would once again be an overwintering habitat for Monarch Butterflies. On Arbor Day 2008, over 800 nectar and milkweed plants (the only food source for the Monarch), and 65 trees were planted by over 200 volunteers. When finished there will be over 1000 plants and close to 126 trees.



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

The Plant Table has a goal this year to break the \$1600.00 high they achieved a few years ago. So let's help them out, bring your succulent cuttings, your over flow of vases, pots, and gardening magazines! Fill that table with bargain items!



A big thank you to Dorothy Goldberg for her many donations!

**DUES** **Membership Dues for 2010-2011**  
Membership dues, \$35 per person, are payable by May 1st, and delinquent June 1st with a \$10 penalty. Also, if dues are not paid by July 1st you will not be included in the membership book for 2010-2011. There will be a dues renewal envelope with form on each chair at the April meeting. 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 !

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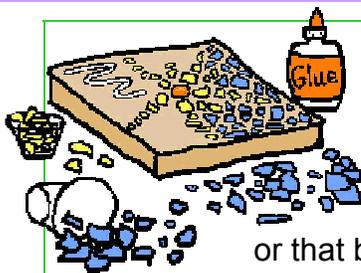
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## Bits and Pieces...

That's what you will use to make that one of a kind flower pot, stepping stone, birdbath, trivet or that ball at the end of the garden path, or anywhere else your imagination leads you. We will play with those pieces for a couple hours and when we are done you will be amazed at the artistry you've created! So gather up your bits and pieces of tiles, marbles, broken china or whatever and join us for a fun time and take home your *objet d'art*.

Where: Pam Luttrell's house—25791 Delta Ave., Mission Viejo

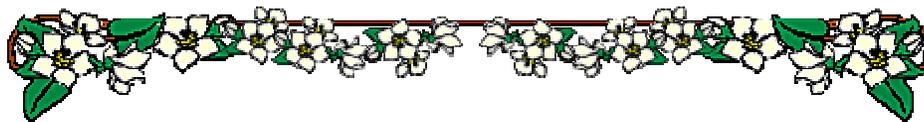
When: Friday, April 16th, at 9:30 a.m.

What to bring:

- Broken pottery, tiles, china, glass marbles, whatever.
- A pot or whatever you would like to mosaic—keep it small, so that you can finish in a day.
- A work apron—we get really dirty doing this.
- Tile nippers—optional—but really help cut the pieces of tile, etc. They can be found at hardware stores (Home Depot, etc.) in the tile department, for under \$20.
- Chair, just in case we have a larger group than I have chairs.



**Green Thumb Fee: \$5**

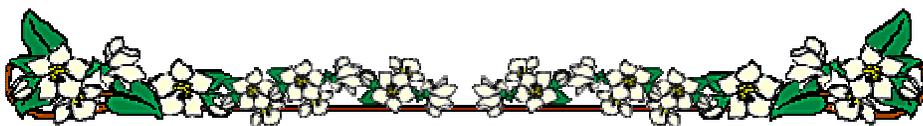


## "Volunteer" Members Tour

**Friday, April 23rd, 9:30 a.m.**

**Carpool from the Church parking lot.**

Share your garden at it's Spring Best! With everything in glorious bloom, and sweet fragrances wafting about on the breeze, it's the perfect time for us to visit **your** garden. Please call Madeleine Visca and "Volunteer" your garden for this month's member tour. 949-494-7307.



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Pam Luttrell, Editor

Additional information about club activities is available at our web site

[www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org](http://www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org)



### For Your Approval...

## 2010-2011 Slate of New Board Members

- President .....Lecia Davis
- 1st VP Programs .....Patricia Weir
- 2nd VP Publicity/Website .....Arline Moran
- 3rd VP Ways and Means .....Shirley Forden
- 3rd VP Garden Tour .....Nancy Englund
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### PHOTO CONTEST FOR THE COVER OF THE MEMBERS BOOK

#### 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, 2010

To enter, send your photo to:

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

Or Email to [lagunabeachgardenclub@cox.net](mailto:lagunabeachgardenclub@cox.net)



### You Signed Up

to bring food for the refreshment table on April 9th

- Mary Hofflander
- Mary Paulsen
- Etta Cannon
- Pam Lask
- Ingrid Martinez
- Sandra Weir
- Marcy Horenstein
- Suzanne Smith
- Nancy Wade
- Liz Wetzel
- Beate Loomis
- Dana Victorson

### Centerpiece for Table

Denise Michaels

Please arrive by 9:15 am with your goodies.

Thank you!



# WOW !

Be sure to stop at the plant table early this meeting, there will be a gorgeous Staghorn fern to be sold by silent auction, and Joyce Conway will be bringing her beautiful, prize winning cut Protea for sale by the stem. Remember all the money raised from our plant table benefits our scholarship fund.





## Novice Rose Show

By Vernetta Crandall

Be an Exhibitor at this year's "Novice Rose Show"

This year's Novice Rose Show will be at our May meeting, May 14.

The 6 classes for the rose show are:

Class 1: One Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora bloom, without side buds.

Class 2: One Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora spray.

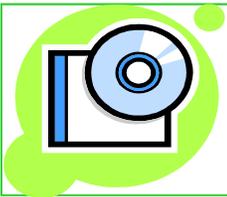
Class 3: One Floribunda spray, must have two or more blooms.

Class 4: One single Miniature bloom without side buds.

Class 5: One Miniature spray, must have two or more blooms.

Class 6: Shrubs and climbers: this class includes the "David Austin" roses.

If you want to be an exhibitor in the rose show, there will be more information and the rules for showing your rose in the May Weeder's Digest. In the meantime if you have questions email or phone Vernetta Crandall, 366-6049, [vernetta2@cox.net](mailto:vernetta2@cox.net)



The Patriot's Day Parade DVD of our talented garden club drill team will be available at the April meeting plant table for you to buy for \$3. This DVD shows the golf cart routine, and our drill team in action that won us first place again this year in the parade competition.

### Club and District Dates to Remember in April

- **Wednesdays, April, 9:30 a.m.—12 p.m.**—Weeding at Hortense Miller Garden every Wednesday, come join the gang and get your hands dirty for a good cause!
- **Friday, April 9, 9:30 a.m.**—Monthly meeting, at Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann's Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach. Speaker Leslie Gilson, "Monarch Butterfly Habitat", see page 1 for details.
- **Friday, April 16, 9:30 a.m.**—Green Thumb at Pam Luttrell's house, "Mosaic Pots & Stuff", see details on page 2. **This is a change in location.**
- **Friday, April 23, leave at 9:30 a.m.**—Members Garden Tour meet at the Church to carpool. Questions—call Madeleine Visca at 494-7307.
- **Monday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.**—Board Meeting, our hostess Nancy Englund, 1616 Santa Cruz St., Laguna Beach. 497-9086. **This is a change in location.**