



Welcome to Volume 9, Issue Four of "Weeder's Digest"

YOU ARE INVITED

TO GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH

Tony Bielaczyc

WORKED FOR MARTHA STEWART FOR 14 YEARS

Thursday, December 12

5-6:30 PM

LAGUNA NURSERY

1370 S. Coast Highway, Laguna Beach

Serving wine and appetizers from "An Angel in Your Kitchen"

\$20.00 per person, prepaid

Attendance limited to the first 100

Ticket sales close December 9th at midnight

Tickets available for purchase on our website: www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org

Speaker Series Information

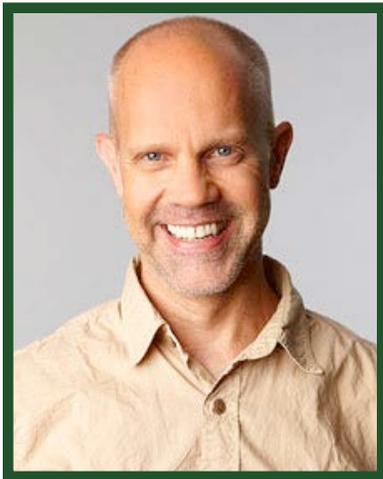
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 9:00 AM REFRESHMENTS**
- 9:30 AM CLUB BUSINESS MEETING**
- 10:00 AM TONY BIELACZYC**

As before, please arrive early and park in the Lumberyard parking area, 521 Forest Avenue. There will be a \$3.00 fee for all day parking. **THEY REQUIRE EXACT CHANGE.**



HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF PLANT COMBINATIONS



TONY BIELACZYC
www.tonybielaczyc.com

Tony describes himself as:

"I'm a gardener who listens, taking myself out of the equation and working hard to help clients find what they feel is missing in their garden spaces. I really enjoy collaborating to enrich and expand a garden's potential from a design, horticultural, and sustainability aspect.

My design references range from the familiar (the home vegetable garden I tended growing up), to Palladian architecture, or excitement over a recent plant discovery. It all comes back to lasting and beautiful compositions and responsible solutions. I also draw on an BFA and MFA in printmaking; 25 years as a professional gardener, and 14 years as a garden editor and garden television producer for "Martha Stewart Living." All these experiences help to inform me

today as an advisor, consultant, and producer for clients such as "Real Simple", "Garden Design," Peter Cooper Village-Stuyvesant Town in New York City, and numerous private homeowners.

I currently am working as a private gardener on a 60-acre estate in Westchester County, NY. Iroki, the name of the property, has in part an extensive conifer collection, an alpine garden, vegetable and cutting garden, fern glade, as well as a 450+ Japanese maple collection.

I spend much of my free time working on a 3000 sq foot space in front of my apartment building in the Riverdale section of the Bronx, 20 minutes from Time Square in Manhattan. In addition to working with other private clients on freelance projects, I love touring gardens and always, always, always, shopping for plants."

MEETING

December 13, 2013
Laguna Presbyterian Church
Tankersley Hall
415 Forest Ave
Laguna Beach 92651
Social 9:00 a.m.
Meeting 9:30 a.m. to Noon



PLANT TABLE

GLORIA MANDERS reports:

\$458.00 in sales at November's meeting
\$888.00 for the year
\$2,000 is her goal for the year

THANK YOU for your wonderful contributions and your purchases.
Let's exceed Gloria's year end expectations

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

**MEMBERS
Orange County District
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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

POLLY DIX: MEMBERSHIP

I enjoy being on the board of the garden club in the membership position and look forward to meeting all of our new members and introducing them to you each month. I feel our Board members are always trying to make our Laguna Beach Garden Club of interest to everyone and be a friendly place to come once a month and meet others with the same interests.

I joined the garden club in 1991 and by 1998 I was asked to be Membership Chairman, and in 1997 because the club needed someone to do the membership book I took on that task as well for the next 6 years.



I met my husband to be, Richard, at Compton College who continued his education at Long Beach State College in teaching. Our plan was that I would work for an Optometrist building our bank account. We married in 1957 when he came home on leave from the Army and lived in San Antonio, Texas for the next 18 months.

Back to California I then worked this time as a secretary in a division of North American Aviation. Rich student taught and became a high school teacher. Then finding a teaching position for eight years in the growing Simi Valley we built a custom home and adopted two darling daughters four years apart. Opportunity came for a scholastic administration job for Richard and we moved again to Ventura where he became Assistant Principal at Carpinteria H.S. The opportunity arose again to take a lifetime job with Josten's in Scholastic Sales of class rings, announcements and caps and gowns so we moved to Northern California living in Danville for 22 years. This is where I also became very involved in the business that we ran out of our home office hiring some of the young kids in the neighborhood to pack the envelopes with materials that were sent to sophomores by mail. Remember these were the days when home computers were just beginning to be used and we did everything with an electric typewriter and postage meter. Along with running the home office, I would travel to the schools with Rich to help the students and take orders to be delivered several weeks later. In 1991 we retired after 22 years with Josten's and established our Laguna Beach home where we now live.



We have done some extensive traveling throughout our retired years to England, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. A year ago October we took a car related trip throughout Germany visiting museums and automobile manufacturing plants and took delivery of our pre-ordered Mercedes GLK in Stuttgart only to wait for shipment and delivery here this past January. We have planned another trip in May to England. This time we are doing Bed and Breakfast and English gardens and especially the opening of the Chelsea Flower Show in May.

Our daughter, Julie and husband live in San Carlos with their two sons Shane and Luke, 11 and 7. Our other daughter, Tracy, lives in Illinois and has two grown children. My hobbies now include, since the tennis courts no longer beckon, are morning walks, gardening, sewing, creative crafts, and you could also call the garden club a hobby because I think of it under the title of creativity

CHRISTMAS MEMBER'S TOUR

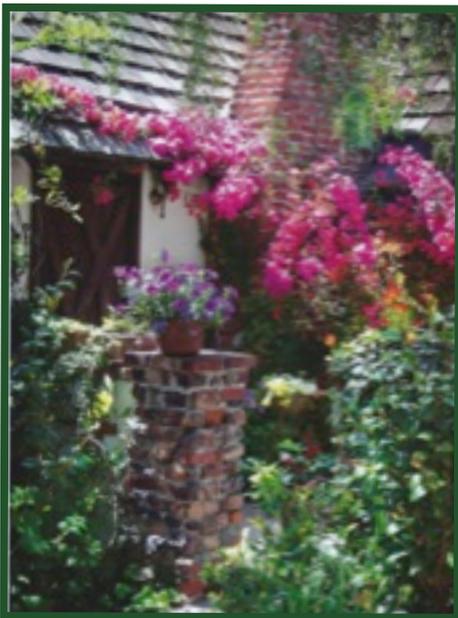
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

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MEETING PLACE TO BE DETERMINED



Madeleine Visca has once again arranged a wonderful tour of decorated homes and gardens for our Christmas Member's Tour. Particulars will be available at the Tours and Travel sign up table at our December meeting. I do have it on good authority that you will be enjoying refreshments at the end of the tour at the lovely home and garden of Mary Williams.



GATE & GARDEN TOUR

SATURDAY, MAY 3

We now have a destination, **CRESCENT BAY**. All volunteers will be going on a preview tour of the gardens on Wednesday, April 30.

GREEN THUMB

There will be no Green Thumb project in December

REFRESHMENT TABLE

THE FOLLOWING SIGNED UP TO BRING FOOD TO THE DECEMBER MEETING

- DIANE KLOKE
- DALYNN MALEK
- LECIA DAVIS
- MADELEINE VISCA
- SYNTHIA SCOFIELD
- MARY GILBERT
- DIANE LANNON
- ROZ LIPPEATT

- SALLY PECK
- PAT RANDEL
- ETTA CANNON
- BROOKE TAYLOR
- GAYLE WHITAKER
- MARY WILLIAMS
- NANCY ENGLUND
- MARY ROSE DANIELS

THIS LIST IS NOT INCLUDING THE LATEST EMAIL SIGN UPS DIXIE HAS RECEIVED

CENTERPIECE



THIS MONTH'S CENTERPIECE WILL BE CREATED BY PAM HAGEN

BRIGITTE FREUND'S INCREDIBLE CENTERPIECE

STEPHEN ORR



STEPHEN ORR, speaking to more than 220 guests and members during the November 8 general meeting, did NOT disappoint his listeners. Using humor and stories of his life and home, he captured our attention on how existing gardens can be transformed and take on a new life that is both eco-friendly and sustainable by using much less of the Earth's resources. Stephen answered many great questions from the audience, including tips of great restaurants in Brooklyn. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and look forward to our next Martha Stewart former employee, as Tony Bielaczyc presents on December 13 "Color & Containers: How to Make the Most of Plant Combinations".

A special **THANK YOU** to **LAGUNA BEACH BOOKS**
www.lagunabeachbooks.com
who managed Stephen Orr's book sales
at our December meeting.
They donated 10% on all of Stephen's book sales.



NOVEMBER MEMBER TOUR



Faith Strong's Garden
UNLIMITED LANDSCAPING
living with succulents
ROBERTO MARTINEZ
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Our November membership tour was a huge success. We began the tour at Nancy Lawrence's neighbor, Faith Strong. Her succulent garden was spectacular and she was very thoughtful to allow so many of us to experience her new landscape. We continued on to Elaine Davis' and were in awe of her breathtaking view. Then off to Sue Goldberger's beautiful pristine garden, where we were given lovely packages of delicious treats. We ended the tour at Chris Lutz's home and enjoyed his mouthwatering roasted turkey and a slew of side dishes and desserts. We all felt incredible admiration while enjoying his indescribable masterpiece of a garden. It's one of those, "you gotta see it to believe it."

Once again, I was reminded of how extremely lucky we are to be members of such a fabulous garden club.

CGC MEMBERSHIP CARDS

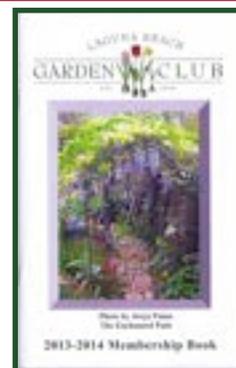


CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARDS

and

2013-2014 MEMBERSHIP BOOK

Remember, many businesses give discounts to members when their cards are presented. Both the cards and the Membership book will be available at our membership check-in desk during the December 13 meeting.



SPEAKER'S SERIES

Laguna Beach Garden Club—Our Final Speaker



**In our October, November and December
Speaker Series**



Friday, December 13

(It is recommended you arrive in Laguna Beach before 9 AM to find parking & make your way to the event, register, have a snack, mingle and visit our sales & information tables)

Tony Bielaczyc is a former garden editor at *Martha Stewart Living*, where he produced garden stories for the flagship *Living* magazine and segments for the Emmy award-winning *Martha Stewart* TV show. His stories about his time at *Martha Stewart Living* are entertaining. He will speak about "How to Make the Most of Plant Combinations". Come to be inspired and learn simple tips about color and plant combinations for container planting. *And Please join us in a reception for Tony on Thursday, December 12. Details for the reception are available on our website: www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org



RSVP using this email address: lagunabeachgardenclub@gmail.com There is no cost but you must have your "ticket" with you to be admitted.

Indicate the names of those who will be attending the event along with their email addresses. Also include your city and how you heard about the Speak Series.

You will receive a return email with an attachment for you to print which will serve as your "TICKET". It will include directions to our Laguna Beach location and maps to low-cost parking, as well as other information.

The Speaker Series is presented by the Laguna Beach Garden Club and sponsored with a grant from the Laguna Beach Community Foundation in partnership with the Massen Greene Foundation.



A REQUEST DURING QUESTION & ANSWER

**To: All who attend our monthly Meetings
From: Lynn Jax, Vice President, Programs**

Since we have taken advantage of the all-day parking, I ask that during the Q&A time period after the presentation is complete, and in respect to our presenter, to those in the audience who pose the question AND to those who would like to hear the answer, PLEASE remain in your seats until the Q&A is complete. If you must leave early, please sit at the BACK of Tankersley Hall to lessen any disruption. Also I ask you to refrain from private conversations for the same reason.

The presenter will be available after the Q&A for individual questions and for book signing – Thank You for your Cooperation!

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

POLLY DIX: MEMBERSHIP

Seventeen new members joined the Laguna Beach Garden Club last month. So far, Polly has had a conversation with nine of them. Please enjoy their interviews below and make them feel welcome at our December meeting. Polly will attach a green ribbon to each of their name tags and Jeanne will ask them to stand so you can visually be introduced as well. We look forward to more interviews.

Nani & Quentin Koromele live in Laguna Beach and are a very busy couple who love gardening and are greenhouse experts and committed to worm culture commercially and also specializing in Aquaponics. They started their lives in New Zealand with seven children and their youngest child is here with them. They are anxious to share their knowledge of Aquaponics with all of us

Judy Winer moved from Washington to Laguna Beach and retired after thirty-two years at IBM living on Tahiti Avenue with a hillside garden that she calls ornamental, but she does have a cooks garden with herbs and vegetables. Judy took her Master Gardener training before moving to Laguna, but has retained membership and perhaps since she now has free time will get involved with our local Orange County group sometime soon. They have a sailboat and enjoy getting out on the water when the weather is nice.

Linda Middlebrooks was a Banking Examiner before her recent retirement, but now has time for crafts such as our succulent wreaths and garden crafts. Linda is looking forward to a landscaping project that will undoubtedly involve succulents. She highlights her recent jaunt to Oceanside with a friend to the Succulent Cafe as one not to miss. Her main activity is golf and although living in San Clemente she spends much of her time in Laguna because her grandchildren all live here.

Barbara Hawthorne as many of you know was a dentist in Laguna before she recently retired and is devoting more time to her many talents. She entered our Sawdust Festival for five years and does glass blowing and sculpture. Barbara also was a volunteer doing the makeup of performers at the Festival of Arts. Now, another thing on her bucket list is playing the accordion and she will probably master that in no time at all.

Cindy Olsen is another new member that is a very busy lady -- calling herself a workaholic-- filling her time with her office management at Laguna Drug Pharmacy one of the several they have owned for ten years. You may see them on any given day walking their two Schnauzers in downtown Laguna otherwise the dogs lay low in her office. Cindy maintains a large rose garden and has had the advantage of her brother being a Landscape Architect to help with the design of her Laguna Niguel garden.

NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED

POLLY DIX: MEMBERSHIP

Lynn Lucas already knows many of our members because she taught for 34 years in the Saddleback District retiring from El Toro High School. Since that time she has joined book groups, a knitting group, bead jewelry making group and a creative card making group. She describes herself as a quiet homebody with the two loving cats that keep her close to home. Lynn had a very successful garden of cucumbers (enough for the neighborhood) and tomatoes that didn't fare as well. When her home remodeling project is completed she will be able to take more of an active part in the garden club but for now enjoys the meetings

Joanie Rowe has a garden to be admired by all who are fortunate enough to be invited. They have had many parties and receptions and shared the garden with our garden club to photograph for Laguna Beach Garden Club's 75th Anniversary book (page 18 & 19 if you have a book). Picture creek, bridges, tropical and a pond. The lower garden is tropical and the upper garden is Tuscany. She still has a dream of completing a terrace using mosaic. She and her husband had a coffee farm in Hawaii for 18 years and were on site for the last nine of those years until 2010.

Faye Jacobs retired from Women's Health as Director of Radiology when her husband also retired. She is and has been interested in gardening and now is finding the time and was especially inspired by Debra Lee Baldwin on succulents. She has two English Springer Spaniels that she has seen through their agility training and is following up with special events involving for her two pets. Creativity in cooking is of big interest to Faye who is always experimenting with new recipes. She lives in Laguna Niguel and Sue Goldberger enticed her into coming to our garden club and she knows she has found a home.

PENNY PINES

GLOVE SALES

JACKIE KNAUER reports:

ELAINE DAVIS reports:

**SHE COLLECTED \$140.00
FOR A YEARLY TOTAL OF
\$351**

**60 PAIRS OF GLOVES SOLD
FOR A PROFIT OF \$214**



That's enough to buy five plantations
in just 3 meetings

A big THANK YOU to:
MARY and LYNETTE for their
excellent salesmanship

DOROTHY GOLDBERG

We are pleased to announce a one-time scholarship in honor of Dorothy Goldberg. The proceeds from a sale made possible by Dorothy's life-long passion for gardening and orchids has provided the funds for this scholarship. As a child, Dorothy Powell negotiated for her own plot of land in her parent's backyard garden in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and this was the beginning of a lifetime of gardening and collecting.

Dorothy earned a law degree from the University of Maryland, and a master's degree in political science from the University of New Mexico, where she met and married Edward Goldberg.

During those years as a student and young lawyer, Dorothy had little time for growing things, but was able to devote more time to gardening when her family, now including son David, and daughter Natalie, moved to Southern California in 1960. After a year in San Diego and a few years in West Covina, they purchased a home with a large lot in Claremont. By then, the children were in school and she had started a general family law practice. But the demands of children, home and her practice didn't keep her out of the garden. On a family trip to Hawaii, her young daughter Natalie insisted on bringing back an orchid she'd spotted, and Dorothy and Natalie's interest in plants would lead to a shared passion for collecting and growing orchids.

Later on, she and Natalie began to buy orchids at Stewart's Orchids in Temple City. The collection grew, as did their addiction to them. Natalie worked at Stewart's as a Cattleya hybridizer while she attended college, studying horticulture. The family eventually settled in Laguna Beach, and Dorothy dedicated her backyard on Viejo Street to growing orchids. Her collection had grown to 1000 plus plants, and Dorothy spent four to five hours a day several days a week tending to them. Her collection included 15 to 20 different genera, including many rare varieties that she and Natalie had collected from around the world.

Despite her demanding hobby, Dorothy found time to serve as president of the garden club, sing in the choir at the Laguna Presbyterian Church where she served as a deacon for several sessions and remain active in P.E.O.

Dorothy has recently moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico to live closer to Natalie, who went on to earn a doctorate in plant pathology and currently works at the Plant Diagnostic Clinic, a facility of the Extension Plant Sciences Department at New Mexico State University. We look forward to finding a worthy recipient of this scholarship to honor Dorothy's life long passion.

JEANNE YALE

DOROTHY GOLDBERG'S GARDEN



**AUCTION OF THE DOROTHY GOLDBERG GARDEN SETTEE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 AT THE LBGC MEETING**



While cleaning up after the Dorothy Goldberg plant sale, I found a totally deteriorated garden settee with no actual seat, loose legs and spindle joints, and multiple coats of chipped paint. I took it home and refurbished and reinvented it. It is now a plant container with 3 openings on the wooden seat for the pots. Paint, glue, screws and support plates have transformed the piece into a sturdy and lovely addition for any garden.

Gayle Whitaker has kindly agreed to be our auctioneer so you know this will be a fun part of our regular monthly meeting. Proceeds will be put towards our projects in the community. Cash, check or credit card will be accepted.

Elaine Davis, Ways & Means Officer

December Tips: Southern California

GARDEN MUST-DOS ARE MINIMAL THIS MONTH, GIVING YOU MORE TIME TO FOCUS ON THE HOLIDAYS



Don't fertilize or water roses this month. They need to harden off for winter. However, in desert areas you may want to give them an occasional drink if you think they need it.

- This month is a great time to transplant. Just be sure to keep new transplants well-watered if the weather is mild and dry.
- Finish your planting of pre-chilled spring bulbs, such as tulips and hyacinths.

Planting Bare-Root Trees, Shrubs, and Roses -- Finish planting bare-root trees, shrubs, roses, and vegetables. But hold off planting tropicals until next spring. It's still too cold.

[Planting Trees and Shrubs](#)

[Planting a Bare-Root Rose](#)

Storing Tender Bulbs -- In colder regions (Zones 8 and colder), dig up and store tender bulbs, including tuberous begonias, glads, dahlias, cannas, and others.

[Storing Tender Bulbs](#)

[USDA Zone Maps](#)

■ Protect tender annuals, such as cineraria, by throwing on a sheet or other non-plastic material when frost threatens. In

fact, for vegetables, you can cover them indefinitely with any very light landscape fabric and anchor the corners with bricks or stones. It lets in sun and rain, but prevents light frosts from doing any damage. Also, try planting under a tree or overhang to protect plants from frost.

Smart Pruning -- Prune deciduous fruit trees once they've gone dormant and dropped their leaves.

[Smart Pruning](#)

- In those areas where frosts are just an occasional thing, keep plantings well-watered so whenever a freeze threatens, plants are more likely to survive. A "turgid" well-hydrated plant is better-equipped to recover than a dehydrated plant.
- If a plant is damaged by frost, resist the urge to prune the damaged parts. They may well protect the rest of the plant during the next frost.
- Cut back dormant grapevines. A bonus: The cuttings make great wreaths!
- Stimulate wisteria by cutting it back now. Cut back the long, thin branches that appeared this season alongside or entangled with the older wood. Leave two or three buds at the base of the branch.
- Set out a nice big basket to hold all those garden catalogs that have started arriving already so you can read them after the holidays, at your leisure.
- If you've overseeded your lawn and there are bare spots, feel free to scatter a bit more seed to fill in. Also, if the weather is warm and dry, you may need to water the lawn.
- In warmer regions, from now through February, after a killing freeze or a frost, is a good time to move a rose. Transplant it with as much of the roots as possible and keep well-watered.
- Keep up with the harvest in the veggie garden and plant more, if desired. You can plant artichokes, asparagus, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, greens, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, peas, potatoes, and radishes now.

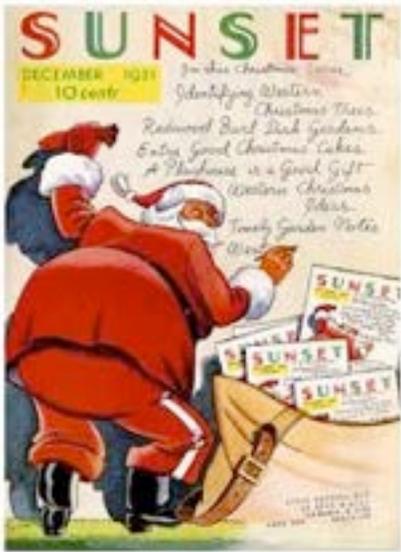
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DECEMBER CALENDAR

CELEBRATE THE MONTH



GET DIRTY ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Hortense Miller Garden in North Laguna.
Bring your own tools, water and lunch

DECEMBER 13
GENERAL MEETING
9:00 a.m.- 12 p.m.
GUEST SPEAKER
Tony Bielaczyc

DECEMBER 20
CHRISTMAS
MEMBER'S TOUR
2:00 p.m.
Meeting place TBA

DECEMBER 13
BOARD MEETING
Will be held at
the church
following our
regular meeting

DECEMBER 8
GARDEN DETECTIVE 2
11:00 a.m.- 1 p.m.
ORANGE COUNTY
GREAT PARK

[2013 Children's
Gardening
Workshop Series](#)

FUTURE EVENTS



Yes—February is not that far away
And that means we need to be
Thinking about the
Laguna Beach Garden Club's
Valentine Container/Plant Auction!
Friday February 14th



Enter your donation & Silent Auction
bid on other's donations.



Between now and then check our
Website & Facebook Page
www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org
For photos of arrangement ideas.
Contact: Elaine Davis edavis1@cox.net



Valentine's Container Auction

February 14th

During our General Meeting

Donate your planted container—for outdoors, for tabletop, to hang on a wall or from overhead.

Bid generously on your favorite containers.

Proceeds benefit the club's community projects.

Cash, Check and Credit Cards Accepted



AIRPLANT IDEAS



Now is the time to plant seeds or purchase a small plants and nurture them until February when you place them in the container it was so much fun to find at a garage sale, thrift shop or your own yard. If you are a crafty person, you could even make your own container.

USEFUL AND BEAUTIFUL WEBSITES

PLEASE visit our Facebook pages, GATE & GARDEN TOUR and LBGC. Both are accessible from the first listings I have posted below. We would LOVE for you to “like” our pages but also would request you ask your friends to visit and “like” our pages as well. Our goal is to promote the Garden Club and the Gate & Garden Tour as much as possible via Facebook. It is a valuable vehicle with which we can promote sales for our upcoming Garden Tour.

GATE & GARDEN TOUR FACEBOOK PAGE



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<http://www.gardenclub.org>



<http://californiagardenclubs.com>



<http://southcoastcss.org>



www.lagunanursery.net



<http://www.slgardens.org>



<http://www.houzz.com/gardening>



<http://patwelsh.com>
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DECEMBER EVENTS IN THE OC

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