



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.

Janelle Wiley to Show Us How to Contain Our Desires!

* Another record at *
* the Plant table! *
* \$382! *
* That brings the *
* year's total to *
* \$1243.00. *
* This is the last *
* meeting until *
* September, so for *
* the plant table it's *
* now or never! *

Ah-hah! We knew we'd catch your eye with that headline . . . but simmer



down . . . we're talking about summer planting containers. Still, for most of us gardeners, that's a pretty heady topic! Who doesn't envision floral fantasies, bloomers that stop traffic, trailing pots that evoke oohs and ahs?

Color Plant Specialist Janelle Wiley comes to us this month to share her secrets for creating drop dead (just a figure of speech) floral

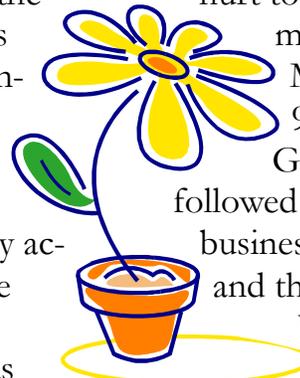
container plantings. For the past seventeen years, she has worked at Sherman Gardens in Corona Del Mar, with the last twelve of them, as the creator of the annual and perennial color scheme displayed in the beds, pots, and baskets throughout the garden.

As a noted floral designer for twenty years, working for the retail trade as well as designing independently, Ms. Wiley has had many accolades come her way. In 1999, she was chosen by **Sunset Magazine** as one of

four floral designers to participate in a floral design contest in the magazine. In a return visit, she designed a special Mother's Day arrangement.

"The love of flowers is really the best teacher of how to grow and understand them." (Max Schling)

Perhaps, but it can't hurt to come to our meeting on May 9th, at 9:30 AM for Greet and Eat, followed by a short business meeting, and then Janelle Wiley and Summer Container Plantings.



Welcome our new members:

Dorothy Cavanagh
Jacquelyn Conrad
Sue Goldberger
Mary Graves
Mary Harrington
Ingrid Kischkel
Sande Schwarzstein
LaVonne Smith

Membership dues should be paid by May 1st, they are considered late with a \$10 penalty applied after June 1st.

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Great Photos!

There were 17 photos entered in the photo contest, everyone of them worthy to grace the cover of our 2008—2009 Membership Book, but alas there is room for only two winners, and they are Laura Parker with the number one photo, which will appear on the front cover and Helga Yailen, whose photo came in second and will appear on the back cover. Congratulations!



2008 Garden Tour Big Success!

Nancy Englund says thank you to all the tour day volunteers who worked so hard to bring the annual Gate and Garden Walking Tour to a stunning conclusion, we couldn't do it without you! The cookies were yummy and the raffle prizes were incredible! Thank you, thank you!!



Summer Job Available...

We are looking for someone with computer skills and a wee bit of design hidden beneath the surface, to put together the 2008—2009 Membership book. If you think you might be interested, bring your Membership book to the May 9th meeting. We will give a quick breakdown on the construction of our membership/year book. This little book is probably one of the most important items you have as a member, it has all the contact information, dates for events and descriptions of club projects, plus by-laws and all sorts of other information of interest. And you could be the next editor!



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Pam Luttrell, Editor

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

Got an Idea for a Great Speaker???

Nancy Lawrence our Programs Chair is open to suggestions, if there is a speaker you would like to hear or a topic you think would be interesting to the Garden Club members, give Nancy a call she would like to hear your ideas. 499-3580

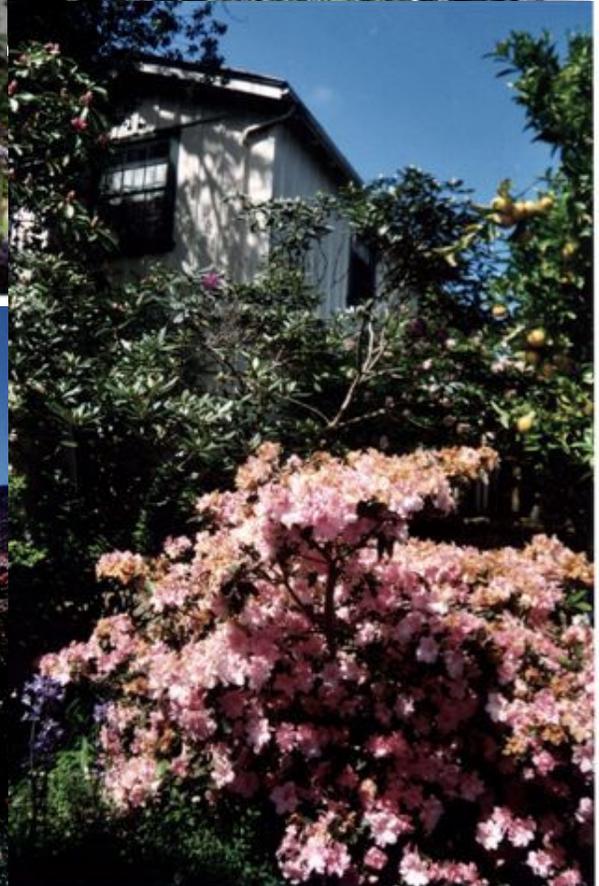
A Walk Around Cooper Historic Garden in Monterey, California...

It seems that Madeleine Visca, our tour chair, likes to do a bit of touring even without the Garden Club! She and her husband Frank took these pictures in the Cooper Historic Gardens this April. The two and a half acre complex is known as the "Cooper-Molera Adobe" which was

acquired by the New England sea captain John Rogers Cooper in 1832. This property remained in the family until 1968 when Captain Cooper's granddaughter, Frances Molera, willed the land and it's many buildings to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It is one of only two National Trust Historic Sites on the West Coast.

Located at:

525 Polk Street
Monterey, CA 93940.
Thanks to Madeleine for sharing!



Of Interest to Gardeners...

California Native Plant Society O.C. native plant garden tour. Self-guided tour of 10 private gardens, emphasizing the use of California native plants in a variety of landscape designs. Free. \$10 donation. 10 a.m. **May 3.** Duck Club, 5 Riparian View, Irvine. 949-552-0691 or www.ocnps.org

Spring plant sale. Featuring a wide variety of perennials, shrubs, shade plants, houseplants, California natives, drought-tolerant plants, herbs and vegetables. Free. 9 a.m. **May 3.** Fullerton College Horticulture Department, 321 E. Chapman Ave. 714-992-7381 or horticulture.fullcoll.edu

Gardening Naturally series No. 3: from the ground up. For all who want to learn how to garden with nature, not against it. 9 a.m. **May 3.** Roger's Gardens, 2301 San Joaquin Hills Road, Newport Beach. 949-640-5800 or www.rogersgardens.com

Roger's Gardens 14th annual Rose Contest. Bring in your best roses by noon and you could win a Roger's Gardens gift certificate. Four classes: Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora, Floribunda, English/Shrub/Old Fashioned and Miniatures. Roger's will supply display vases and water. Noon **May 3.** Roger's Gardens, 2301 San Joaquin Hills Road, Newport Beach. 949-640-5800 or www.rogersgardens.com

Extreme Gardening: How to grow a 500-pound giant pumpkin. Gardeners of all ages, the intellectually curious and fun-seekers are invited to attend this free, fast-paced, fun and funny workshop on how to grow a 500-pound or bigger pumpkin. Free. 10 a.m. **May 4.** Batavia Gardens, 1730 N. Batavia St., Orange. 714-637-2360 or www.pumpkinmania.blogspot.com

May 15. Newport Harbor High School Home and Garden Tour. The tour includes seven beautiful homes in Newport Beach, a catered lunch and an afternoon reception. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and after party. \$60 presale only. Lunch and boutique at Newport Theatre Arts Center, 2501 Cliff Drive, Newport Beach. 949-515-7444. www.newportharborhigh.com, click on home tour.

May 17. Old Town Tustin's Promenade and Home and Garden Tour. Tours of historic homes and gardens, tree walk, quilt show, architectural walk, art show and vendors. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Old Town Tustin, El Camino Real and West Main Street, Tustin. \$25 day of event, \$20 presale. 714-731-5701. www.tustinhistory.com.

May 18. Spring Garden Tour with Sherman Library and Gardens Volunteer Association. View six local gardens and enjoy refreshments. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sherman Gardens, 2647 E. Coast Highway, Corona del Mar. Advance tickets at the gift shop, \$30. \$35 day of sale. 949-673-2261 or www.slgardens.org.



You Signed up

to bring food for the refreshment table on
May 9

Janice Kern
Mary Hofflander
Vernetta Crandall
Frank & Madeleine Visca
Shari Yamamoto
Laura Parker
Cheryl Bostwick

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

Club Dates to Remember in March

- Friday, May 9, 9:30 a.m.—LBGC monthly meeting. Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann's Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach—Speaker Janelle Wiley—Summer Planting Containers.
- Monday, May 19, 9:30 a.m.—LBGC Board meeting — Hostess Gayle Whitaker, 1619 Bluebird Canyon Dr., Laguna Beach, 494-4544. Champagne Brunch—Committee chairs welcome.