

May 2011

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Meeting

May 13th at
Neighborhood

Congregational Church

340 St. Ann's Dr.,

Laguna Beach

Social 9:30 a.m.

Meeting:

10 a.m.—Noon.



Watch Out for *Wicked Bugs* by Amy Stewart



The Laguna Beach Garden Club and Latitude 33 have teamed up to bring us the award-winning author and humorist Amy Stewart for our May meeting with a lecture based on her latest book *Wicked Bugs*; where according to a recent New York Times book review Stewart, in her darkly comical and well-researched tome, often takes the bug's point of view!

Ms. Stewart who lives in Eureka, California is a highly sought-after public speaker. Her spirited lectures have inspired and entertained audiences at college campuses, corporate offices, conferences and garden shows, as well as botanical gardens, bookstores, and garden clubs nationwide.

Amy Stewart has authored five books on the perils and pleasures of the natural world, including two New York Times bestsellers, *Wicked Plants* and *Flower Confidential*.



She is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship, the American Horticulture Society's Book Award, and a California Horticultural Society Writer's Award.

Amy is currently on a nationwide book tour to promote *Wicked Bugs*. Following her presentation she will autograph purchased copies of that book and her previous New York times bestseller *Wicked Plants*. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.



Ms. Stewart's lecture will be open to the public. **Members and their invited guests** should arrive at 9:30 a.m. for the social half hour, to be held in the courtyard. When you enter Bridge Hall for the 10:00 a.m. meeting, please fill the seats from the front. Members of the public will not be seated until 10:30 a.m. just in time for Ms. Stewart's presentation.



Plant Table

Gloria reports that the April plant table took in a total of **\$427!**

Much thanks to Joyce Conway for 150 beautiful Pincushion Protea flowers, and to Jeanene Freitas for cutting all of them!

Welcome!

New Members

Daidre McCredie

Leah Vasquez



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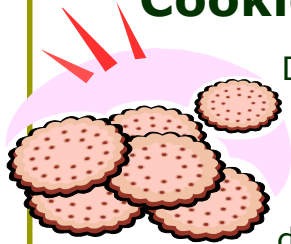
Joyce Conway
Past President



Membership Dues for 2011-2012

. It's time again to remind you that membership dues are expected by May 1st! Delinquent June 1st. Bring your checkbook and get it done!

Cookies for the Garden Tour



Don't forget your cookies for the refreshment portion of our annual Spring Garden Tour. **You volunteered** (you did didn't you? I mean EVERYBODY brings cookies!) bring 3 dozen homemade cookies, lemon bars, brownies, mini frosted cupcakes, or other delights. We would like you to package them in gallon sized zip lock bags and bring them to Madison Square and Garden Café at the rear patio area any time between 9 & 11 a.m., Friday, May 6th. If you have cookies to bring and you find yourself unable to drop them off Friday morning, you can take them to Polly Dix's house at 380 Locust St. Thursday afternoon or evening. Any questions call Nancy Boone @ 559-355-3367 or Wendy Caufield @ 494-1102

Green Thumb



Run across an interesting article for a Green Thumb project?? Have a great craft book you are ready to part with? Or you just have a suggestion for a project?

Look for the bright **Green** Thumb Box at the meeting—a new receptacle for all your great craft ideas.

Weeder's Digest is published monthly from September through May for the members of the Laguna Beach Garden Club.

Pam Luttrell, Editor

Additional information about club activities is available at our web site

www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org



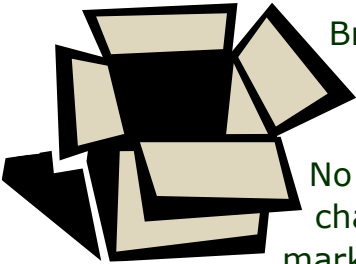
Montage Garden Event Video



\$2 on sale at the May plant table. The video is amateur, fun, informative and shows the beautiful Montage event.

If you want to be sure you get your copy, email Vernetta Crandall at: vernetta2@cox.netorder and she will reserve a video for you.

Cuttings Exchange?



Bring your cuttings, geraniums, succulents, whatever you have plenty of and exchange them for something you want!

No pot or soil required, free cuttings exchange—You put your cuttings in the box marked "CUTTINGS", if you see something you like, you make it yours! If you don't see anything this time, check the box each meeting, eventually there's bound to be something you'll like. Sounds good to me!

Laguna Beach Garden Club Novice Rose Show

Mark your calendars for the Novice Rose Show it's scheduled for the October 14, 2011 Garden Club meeting. Look for more information to come in the September Weeder's Digest.

Contact Vernetta Crandall with your ideas and comments for the rose show, 949-366-6049.



You Signed Up

to bring food for the refreshment table on

May 13th

Dorothy Cavanagh

Sheila Peterson

Synthia Scofield

Nancy England

Leslie Power

Carol Epstein

Gayle Whitaker

Dee Perry

Carol Maxwell

Sharon Thoresen

Mary Hofflander

Dana Victorson

Centerpiece for Table

Madeleine Visca

Please arrive by 9:15 am with your goodies.

Thank you!





Be on the look out

for information regarding our new meeting place: Laguna Beach Presbyterian Church at 415 Forest Avenue. There will be a notice sent to all members before our September 9, 2011 Meeting.



Club Dates to Remember in May

- ♦ **Wednesdays, Every Month 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! Contact Nancy Kirschke for details—494-6693.
- ♦ **Friday, May 6, 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Gate & Garden Walking Tour of North Laguna.** *Don't forget your cookies—see page 2.*
- ♦ **Friday, May 13, 9:30 a.m.—Monthly Meeting,** at Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann's Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach. Our Speaker: Amy Stewart - *Wicked Bugs*, see page 1 for details.
- ♦ **Monday, May 16, 9:30 a.m.—LBGC Board Meeting**—Hostess: Pam Luttrell, 25791 Delta Ave., Mission Viejo, 768-9406. Committee chairpersons welcome.
- ♦ **Saturday, May 21, Planting the Rain in Laguna Beach**—Water-Harvesting Earthworks Lecture and Workshop. Check it out at: <http://www.harvestingrainwater.com>