



Weeder's Digest



Tina's Itty-Bitty Gardens and Kitchen Gardens Will Bring Huge Delight!



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.

* **Holiday plants and décor are good sellers at the Plant Table this month** *
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* **\$148 was last month's tally!** *

We don't personally know Tom Wright but he was known to say, "There is a style of garden to suit every personality". Maybe he knew Tina Chang and her itty-bitty gardens!

This month, we hope you will enjoy meeting Tina Chang., who has been passionately gardening now for twenty years and plans on doing so for the rest of her life. She began her professional life as a graphic designer but eventually chose to be a stay-at-home mom. As a child, she gardened with her mother but never really had a vegetable garden of her own. However, when her sons were born, she wanted them to have the freshest and most nutritious food to be found. Thus, she began her quest to grow her own vegetables.

Beginning with a greenhouse only 6x6 feet for \$150, she was astounded at how planting a pack of seeds could yield such bounty! With tomatoes,

cucumbers, squash, and melons literally tumbling out of her yard and house, she turned to neighbors and then ultimately, Farmer's Markets to distribute her produce. Her website,



www.tinasgarden.net will give you the dates and markets where she will have her stall set up with her vegetables. Her website also details how she began making itty-bitty gardens.

As she tells it, "My passion for miniature gardens started many years ago when I saw a pint size bowl decorated with a vine-covered arbor, a gravel pathway, and a weathered bench. I was enchanted and said, 'It's adorable, I have to make one!'" As time passed, she encountered other fairy gardens and ultimately em-

barked upon producing them for her nursery.

Tina found with her gardens that people loved to have them but some wanted more than one. Others felt uncertain they could maintain one. So, now she offers an exchange service for any itty-bitty garden purchased at her Farmer's Market locations: If you purchase a garden and, for any reason would like a different garden, you can bring it back and pick out another garden of equal value, for only \$20. So, if you are the type who just wants it all, you can do so easily with Tina's itty-bitty gardens. Join us on November 14th, beginning with Greet and Eat at 9:30 AM, followed by a brief business meeting, and then our program with Tina Chang.



Welcome our new members:

- Tyra Demateis
- Brenda Hanson
- Shelly Hillyer
- Stephanie Irving
- Pam Lask
- Sally Pack



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DON'T MISS IT THIS TIME—RAIN OR SHINE!

Friday, November 21, our travel guide Madeleine Visca has again arranged an opportunity to walk through the delightful home and garden of Ruben Flores. The Landscape Architect of Visionscape, Inc. and the owner-operator of the Laguna Nursery, Mr. Flores' home garden is a delight to see, rich with whimsical objects hidden among the lush vegetation, this home and garden are a pleasurable experience, you won't want to miss! There are winding paths, stairs and some steep areas, so be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes. We will meet at the church at 9:15 a.m., and car pool from there. Ruben has invited us to bring our sack lunches and enjoy them in his beautiful garden patio. Any questions, please call Madeleine at 949-494-7307.



Gardens from our Travels...by Pam Luttrell

While visiting our granddaughter in Seattle, we spent a day in Leavenworth, Washington—the fall colors were beyond description...



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Pam Luttrell, Editor

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Container Competition



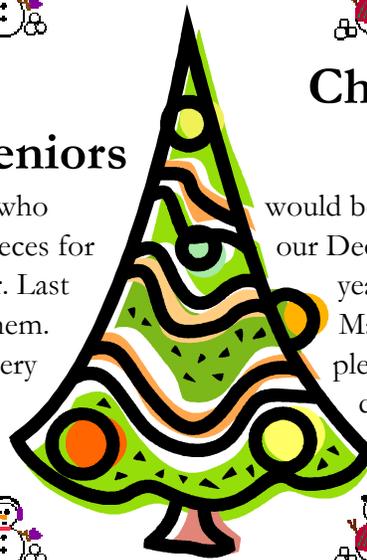
Dramatic? Silly-dilly? Classic? Maybe even Xeric? What's your style? The first annual "Container Competition" will give you a chance to show off your design flair! Here's how it works—The club will supply ten identical containers, ten club members (that's you) will take a container home from the December meeting, and bring them back planted in any style, to be voted upon and auctioned off at the January meeting. Participants will be randomly selected from the pool of interested members. There will be a sign up sheet available at the meeting for all who are interested..



Christmas Trees for

Laguna Beach Seniors

Janene Freitas is asking for volunteers who would be willing to provide a small Christmas tree, decorated, to use as table centerpieces for our December 12th meeting, after which, she would be taking them to the senior center. Last year the seniors used them for their Christmas luncheon and then raffled them. Many seniors received trees who would not normally have had one, and were very pleased. The table trees can be live plants or artificial, homemade or bought and decorated any way you see fit. Please call Janene at 497-9920 to donate.



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Share the Joy of the Season...

Madeleine Visca, our tour chairperson is looking for a few homes and gardens to visit for our Christmas members tour. If you decorate for the Holidays and want to share the joy of the season, contact Madeleine at 494-7307



More Mosaic Masterpieces



You Signed up

to bring food for the refreshment table on

Nov. 14

Synthia Scofield

Gilda Marshall

Vernetta Crandall

Pam Luttrell

Connie Lawson

Nancy Pink

Gayle Brown

Laura Parker

Beate Loomis

Suzanne Smith

Susie Colzman-Freyberger

Centerpiece for table

Cheryl Merritt

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

Thank you!



Club Dates to Remember in November

- Friday, Nov. 14, 9:30 a.m.—LBGC monthly meeting. Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann's Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach—Speaker Tina Chang presents Tina's Kitchen and "Itty-bitty" Gardens. *See page 1.*
- Friday, November 21, 9:15 a.m.—Visit the home garden of Ruben Flores, sack lunch, meet at the church, carpool from there. *See page 2*
- Monday, Nov. 24, 9:30 a.m.—LBGC Board meeting — Hostess Pam Luttrell, 25791 Delta Ave., Mission Viejo 949-768-9406. Committee chairs welcome.

