



Welcome to Volume 9, Issue 8 of "Weeder's Digest"

Meet and Greet Amy Stewart

AUTHOR OF FOUR NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLERS:

THE DRUNKEN BOTANIST, WICKED BUGS, WICKED PLANTS, and FLOWER CONFIDENTIAL

CLUB MEMBERS AND GUESTS INVITED

**Thursday, April 10
5 to 6:30 p.m.**

**THREE ARCH BAY CLUBHOUSE
50 S. La Senda, Laguna Beach, CA 92651**

SERVING BEVERAGES AND CREPES



27 incredibly delicious hand held crepes (both savory and sweet) will be made on site.

Please see menus on pages 14 and 15

\$20.00 per person, prepaid

Tickets available on our website: lagunabeachgardenclub.org

Attendance limited to the first 90

Ticket sales close April 7 at midnight

DON'T MISS THIS FUN EVENING

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The Drunken Botanist: The Plants That Create the World's Great Drinks



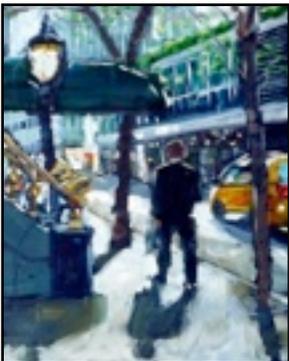
[amystewart](#)

Author, Amy Stewart, will speak about her fourth New York Times bestseller book, [The Drunken Botanist: The Plants That Create the World's Great Drinks](#) at our April 11 meeting. Join her for an exploration of the dizzying array of plants that humans have, through ingenuity, inspiration, and sheer desperation, contrived to transform into alcohol.

From the sugar cane that gives us Caribbean rum, to the juniper berries that flavor gin, to the odd and obscure fruits that flavor Italian liqueurs, Amy Stewart takes a most intoxicating perspective on the leaves, bark, seeds, roots, flowers, and fruit imbibed around the world. It's the compelling mixture of history, science, literature and humor that Stewart is known for.

Not only is Amy a sought-after speaker and author, but she has been painting for ten years. One of her favorite subjects is New York City.

"I painted this during a workshop I took with [Karin Jurick](#) in New York. I wanted to learn how to do cityscapes that were more about the people and less about the buildings. So I stood in this spot where I liked the shadows and the light and the background, and I waited for the right person to walk by. After a few minutes this guy strolled by in his nice suit. Perfect! He was rounding the corner onto Madison Avenue, so here he is: My modern-day Don Draper."



[paintings](#)

MEETING

April 11, 2014
Laguna Presbyterian Church
Tankersley Hall
415 Forest Ave
Laguna Beach 92651
Social 9:30 a.m.
Meeting 10 a.m. to Noon

THE
DRUNKEN
BOTANIST



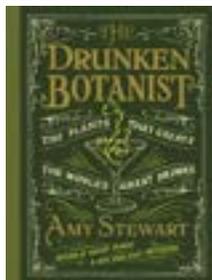
NEW MEMBER

Welcome

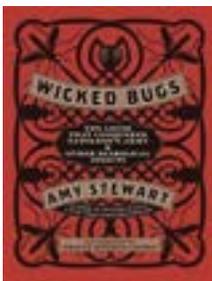
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AMY STEWART'S BOOKS

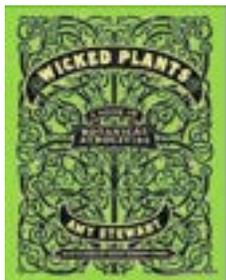
All six of Amy Stewart's books will be for sale during the "Meet and Greet" reception and our monthly meeting on April 14



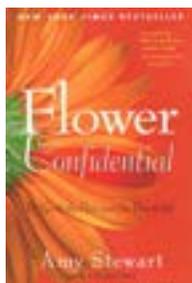
Sake began with a grain of rice. Scotch emerged from barley, tequila from agave, rum from sugarcane, bourbon from corn. Thirsty yet? In *The Drunken Botanist*, Amy Stewart explores the dizzying array of herbs, flowers, trees, fruits, and fungi that humans have, through ingenuity, inspiration, and sheer desperation, contrived to transform into alcohol over the centuries. Of all the extraordinary and obscure plants that have been fermented and distilled, a few are dangerous, some are downright bizarre, and one is as ancient as dinosaurs—but each represents a unique cultural contribution to our global drinking traditions and our history. This fascinating concoction of biology, chemistry, history, etymology, and mixology—with more than fifty drink recipes and growing tips for gardeners—will make you the most popular guest at any cocktail party. \$20.00 (including tax)



In this darkly comical look at the sinister side of our relationship with the natural world, Stewart has tracked down over one hundred of our worst entomological foes—creatures that infest, infect, and generally wreak havoc on human affairs. From the world's most painful hornet, to the flies that transmit deadly diseases, to millipedes that stop traffic, to the "bookworms" that devour libraries, to the Japanese beetles munching on your roses, *Wicked Bugs* delves into the extraordinary powers of six- and eight-legged creatures. With wit, style, and exacting research, Stewart has uncovered the most terrifying and titillating stories of bugs gone wild. \$20.00 (including tax)



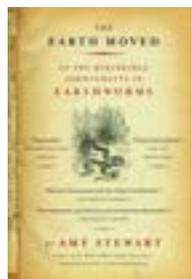
A tree that sheds poison daggers; a glistening red seed that stops the heart; a shrub that causes paralysis; a vine that strangles; and a leaf that triggered a war. In *Wicked Plants*, Stewart takes on over two hundred of Mother Nature's most appalling creations. It's an A to Z of plants that kill, maim, intoxicate, and otherwise offend. You'll learn which plants to avoid (like exploding shrubs), which plants make themselves exceedingly unwelcome (like the vine that ate the South), and which ones have been killing for centuries (like the weed that killed Abraham Lincoln's mother). \$20.00 (including tax)



Amy Stewart takes readers on an around-the-world, behind-the-scenes look at the flower industry and how it has sought—for better or worse—to achieve perfection. She tracks down the hybridizers, geneticists, farmers, and florists working to invent, manufacture, and sell flowers that are bigger, brighter, and sturdier than anything nature can provide. There's a scientist intent on developing the first genetically modified blue rose; an eccentric horticultural legend who created the most popular lily; a breeder of gerberas of every color imaginable; and an Ecuadorean farmer growing exquisite roses, the floral equivalent of a Tiffany diamond. And, at every turn she discovers the startling intersection of nature and technology, of sentiment and commerce. \$15.00 (including tax)



From the Ground Up is Stewart's quirky, humorous chronicle of the blossoms and weeds in her first garden and the lessons she's learned the hard way. From planting seeds her great-grandmother sends to battling snails, gophers, and aphids, Stewart takes us on a tour of four seasons in her coastal garden. Confessing her sins and delighting in small triumphs, she dishes the dirt for both the novice and the experienced gardener. Along the way, she brings her quintessential California beach town to life, complete with harbor seals, monarch butterfly migrations, and an old-fashioned seaside amusement park just down the street. Each chapter includes helpful tips alongside the engaging story of a young woman's determination to create a garden in which the plants struggle to live up to the gardener's vision. \$20.00 (including tax)



The *New York Times* called it "a completely original combination of science and passion." This is a fascinating exploration of the underground world and one of its most amazing denizens. The earthworm may be small, spineless, and blind, but its role in the ecosystem is profound. It tills the soil, destroys microscopic organisms that cause plant disease, breaks down toxins, and turns the ground into rich compost, creating the most fertile areas on earth. In her witty and offbeat style, Amy Stewart shows just how much depends on the humble worm. \$15.00 (including tax)

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

LECIA DAVIS

Past President



THAT'S LECIA WAVING

My father was a Fish & Game Officer for the state of Colorado. Until I was ten we lived in state housing on a fish hatchery. The hatchery was located at about 8,500 feet in a remote area in the mountains. The nearest town was 30 miles away, so a kitchen garden would have been ideal. Unfortunately the growing season was so short we could only grow a few root vegetables. We had a small raised garden bed next to our house and grew potatoes and poppies. I'm not sure why poppies, but I think they may have come with the garden and just popped up on their own every summer. The garden bed also served

as our worm garden. My brothers loved to fish and in the evening, using a flashlight we would dig up night crawlers for bait. I remember being more interested in the worms than the potatoes or poppies.

However, by the time I went off to college I needed to have something green growing around me and started collecting small houseplants -- my portable garden. After a while small house plants just did not seem to be enough, so when I moved out of the dorm, I bought my first indoor tree, a rubber tree plant that I could just wrestle down the stairs. Unfortunately, it did not have a long, happy life. While I was dog sitting for a friend, the puppy managed to turn it over and in the course of a few hours completely destroyed it. I found pieces of that tree for months. Undeterred, I soon bought another tree and my love affair with large indoor trees began. Over the years I've tended a large jade tree, an 11-foot bamboo and numerous Ficus trees and palms. Many of my indoor plants made the trek out to California in the '70s.



UNDER THE PERGOLA

I didn't start gardening "outside" until we moved to California. Our first home had a small mature garden and being new parents we hired a gardener and left it as we found it. Our next house was a new tract house with no landscaping, just dirt and a small concrete pad. Craig and I, having limited funds and big ideas, decided to design and plant it ourselves. For novices, the garden turned out pretty well; however, looking back with today's knowledge, I'm sure it was severely over planted. While working on that first from-the-ground-up garden, I caught the "outdoor" gardening bug and have been designing and physically working on or in gardens ever since. My husband was not smitten and is perfectly happy to enjoy the garden from afar; however, he has supported and indulged my passion for gardening for over 40 years. Nothing says love like paying for someone to crane 35-year-old trees over the house into a hillside garden.



35-YEAR-OLD OLIVE TREE

I joined the garden club in 2007. I was redoing a cottage garden in Woods Cove and a wonderful woman would come by to visit and talk plants. Her name was Rosaura Ulvestad, a lifetime member of the club and a passionate gardener. Rosaura asked me to come with her to the next garden club meeting. She thought I might enjoy meeting fellow Laguna Beach gardeners. She was right. I loved it and have been an active member ever since.

Lecia

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GATE & GARDEN TOUR

Laguna Beach Garden Club Presents:

GATE & GARDEN TOUR

OF CRESCENT BAY

Saturday, May 3, 2014
11am to 4pm



Explore the private gardens of cottages and castles
in the historic Crescent Bay neighborhood overlooking the sea.



\$45 in advance **\$50** day of tour

Purchase tickets at:

Laguna Drug, 239 Broadway, Laguna Beach
Laguna Nursery, 1370 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach
Coast Pet Supply, 880 N. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach
Dana Point Nursery, 34100 PCH, Dana Point

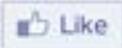
To purchase online, visit: www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org

VALET PARKING

Please tell your friends that valet parking will be available for a fee on tour day for ticket holders only.



ARABELLA LAGUNA

Our tour will begin at the historic ARABELLA LAGUNA Vintage Garden Guest Cottages. It is beautifully charming and a lovely place to greet all of our guests. For more information visit their website at arabellalaguna.com. In appreciation for the use of this spectacular space, please go to their Facebook page, arabellalaguna, and click on the  button.

VOLUNTEERS PRE TOUR IS APRIL 30: MEET AT ARABELLA LAGUNA, 506 North Coast Hwy. 10 a.m.



NEEDED

**DOZENS AND DOZENS AND THEN MORE DOZENS OF
DELICIOUS DELECTABLE HOMEMADE COOKIES**

Our members' homemade cookies add a delightful element to our **Gate & Garden Tour**. Please volunteer to bake 3 dozen cookies for our guests.

Cookies can be delivered the afternoon before the tour, May 2 to either Jackie Knauer's (South Laguna) or Jorja Puma's (North Laguna.) Alternatively, you can bring them to Arabella Laguna on the morning of the tour.

Jackie Knauer: jackie.knauer@gmail.com, 949-275-2849
Jorja Puma: paja143@me.com, 949-922-0918

BUSINESS

For your approval, we're happy to announce the slate of nominees for the 2014-2015 Board Members.

President	Jorja Puma
Vice President, Programs	Lynn Jax
Recording Secretary	Jackie Knauer
Treasurer	Vernetta Lieb
Membership	Polly Dix
Financial Secretary	Nancy Lawrence

Ways and Means	Elaine Davis
Garden Tour	Nancy Englund
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TIME FOR DUES

There's been a slight increase of \$10.00 (it's been 5 years.)
That's \$45 a year for the best garden club ever!

Dues are payable by check, made out to LBGCC, or cash on May 1 and are delinquent on June 1. The deadline for being included in the 2014-2015 Membership Book is June 1. Dues renewal forms will be arriving in an upcoming email. Please fill out completely and mail, along with payment, to:

Nancy Lawrence,
200 Monarch Bay Drive
Dana Point, Ca 92629.

You may also pay Nancy in person at our next meeting. Bringing in a completed form with your payment will cut down on your time in line. A limited amount of renewal forms will also be available at our next meeting.

Thank you for making Laguna Beach Garden Club so remarkable.

Your Club Officers



"You don't take a photograph, you make it"
[anseladams](#)

PHOTO CONTEST SEE YOUR PHOTO ON THE COVER OF OUR MEMBERSHIP BOOK

There are just a few days left to enter your photo. All entries must be received by April 4. Send your photo to: Laura McCants, LauraMcCants@cox.net.

Please visit page 19 of your Membership Book for the contest rules.

REFRESHMENT TABLE

THE FOLLOWING SIGNED UP TO BRING
FOOD TO THE APRIL MEETING

Synthia Scofield	Faye Jacobs
Marcy Horenstein	Nancy Lawrence
Donna Nielsen	Rhonda Kinn
Elizabeth Kramer	Sue Field

CENTERPIECE

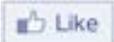


CHRISTINE CRANE'S
DELIGHTFUL CENTERPIECE

THIS MONTH'S
CENTERPIECE
WILL BE CREATED BY
INGRID MARTINEZ

SOCIAL MEDIA

WE HAVE OVER 200 "LIKES" ON OUR GARDEN CLUB SITE AND OVER 100 ON OUR GATE & GARDEN SITE!

PLEASE CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING TWO FACEBOOK SITES THEN PUSH THE  BUTTON.

[.facebook.com/pages/Laguna-Beach-Garden-Club/](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Laguna-Beach-Garden-Club/)
[.facebook.com/pages/Gate-Garden-](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gate-Garden-)

In addition, there is a place half way down the page where you can "invite" your friends to like our page. Please do this as well.



TOURS & TRAVEL

EUROAMERICAN PROPAGATORS

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 a.m.

MEET AT SAINT CATHERINE OF
SIENA CHURCH

1042 Temple Terrace, LB 92651

EuroAmerican Propagators specializes in new and innovative plants. It is located just inland from Oceanside in Bonsall, Ca. where the light levels are ideal for plant production.

The company operates a more than 60-acre greenhouse and rooting facility fully equipped with computerized growing, heating and misting systems. The company also imports ornamental grasses and tender and hardy perennials from Europe, Asia, South America and Africa. Additional services offered by the company include landscaping and gardening assistance, pest diagnosis and consultation for prevention of plant diseases.



[.pweuro.com](http://pweuro.com)

GREEN THUMB

GLASS SCULPTURE/CENTERPIECE

HOSTESS: ELAINE DAVIS
WHEN: FRIDAY, APRIL 18
9:30 a.m.
WHERE: 32562 SEA ISLAND DRIVE
DANA POINT
COST: \$5.00 for cost of special glue

You will be making a glass sculpture/centerpiece to be set on the ground in the garden or on a garden table. You will need to find the large glass pieces and bring them to the event. You might want to bring smaller pieces of glass such as pebbles, broken pieces, jewelry or beads as well.



PENNY PINES

\$98.75 was collected at our March meeting.

Our Total for the year is
\$686.75.
Can we break
\$1,000?
Two meetings to go.

PLANT TABLE

An incredible **\$481.00** was collected at our plant table at our March Meeting

A special THANK YOU to all who contributed. There were some very generous donations and some very happy buyers.
Our total to date is **\$1,667.00**

GLOVES & APRONS

19 gloves and **4** aprons were sold at our March meeting.

Our club's signature green aprons are for sale at the glove table for \$25.00. If you purchase one or already have one, please put your name on it.

MARCH'S GREEN THUMB PROJECT



The glass plate project at Natalie Harlow's was a huge success. All went home with incredible pieces of art -- each as individual as the artists themselves.

Natalie generously shared her collection of embellishments and helped all to come up with a perfect creation.



SPRING MEMBER' TOUR



LECIA DAVIS' GARDEN

Once again, Tom Hensel did a great job on arranging our Spring Members' Tour. We visited three members' gardens and one member's studio.

We began at Lecia Davis' where the "oohs and awes" were audible. Next was Lynn Jax's where we discovered a fabulous new succulent garden in place of her old grass lawn; then to Tom Hensel's whose incredible view took us all by surprise. The tour ended at award winning Studio 7 Gallery in Laguna Beach. There, Dorothy Cavanagh, an exceptional painter, greeted our club members with some light refreshments. To see more of Dorothy's great paintings visit her website at dcavanagh.com



LYNN JAX'S GARDEN



TOM HENSEL'S GARDEN



[studio7gallery](http://studio7gallery.com)

ONE LAGUNA



This postcard was designed and e-mailed at One Laguna.

On March 4 Andy Alison introduced some LBGC board and committee members to One Laguna, a new multimedia visitor and gallery space located at 225 Forest Ave. in downtown Laguna Beach.

The tour included the downstairs space that is being used as an art gallery for the Laguna College of Art & Design (LCAD); and an upstairs area featuring a highly inventive digital media center with numerous HD touch screens that provide a cutting-edge, interactive experience with Laguna Beach. One Laguna is absolutely the best way to discover all there is to do and see in our unique and beautiful seaside city.

Currently One Laguna is promoting our Gate & Garden tour. Please help support this new and innovative endeavor by stopping by and exploring all that it has to offer. You will be amazed!

For more information visit these websites: onelaguna.com and lagunabeachmagazine.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Not just anyone can reserve a whole day for a private, group tour of Lotusland in Montecito, California. However, Ruben Flores of Laguna Nursery was able to arrange for a limited number of people to spend the day in this spectacular setting on Saturday, June 28.

Lotusland was recently named one of the top 10 most romantic gardens in the world by Garden illustrated, a British gardening magazine. This is a big honor as Lotusland was the only garden in the U.S. to make the list. To see the article click on the following link: gardensillustrated.com

The exclusive day trip will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the nursery where you will be treated to drinks and refreshments before boarding a luxury coach bound for Lotusland, situated in the foothills of Montecito just south of Santa Barbara. Once there, Ruben will guide you through the 37-acre estate and botanic garden, home to over 3,200 different types of plants from around the world. After the guided tour, you will enjoy a lovely lunch on the patio and then be allowed to self-tour the garden before departing in the late afternoon. It is incredibly rare for a group to be allowed to spend the day to freely roam and explore this treasured piece of land. You should return to Laguna Beach by 8:00 p.m. Saturday evening.

Tickets are available at Laguna Nursery, lagunanursery.net.

Visit Lotusland's website, lotusland.org to view the estate and its many gardens.



TOPHER DELANEY

At our March meeting, Topher Delaney presented us with a fascinating insight into that piece of her genius, which creates healing gardens. She emphasized the unique connections between the power of gardens and the numerous ways they can heal. Her slide show and commentary expressed how aesthetics come into play when one considers a garden's purpose. We were dazzled with photos of creative, elegant and beautiful spaces, which equally reflected our speaker.



Photo by Paul Chinn



Photo by Topher Delaney

CENTER COURTYARD GARDEN, 2004 Avon Breast Cancer Center San Francisco General Hospital

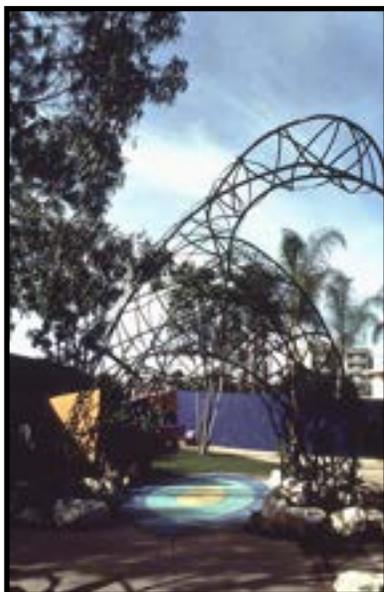
As a breast cancer survivor, Topher designed the Carolyn S. Stolman Healing Garden. The garden includes flowing water and plants that are used to create pharmaceuticals effective in treating cancer. "Everything I do, whether for a hospital, a business, or a residence, is about comfort, healing, and faith," says Topher. She believes, "Gardens are sanctuaries, hallowed places of personal retreat."



Before and after photos by Topher Delaney

ROOFTOP GARDEN, 1999 Beth Israel Hospital, New York

Topher's creation of "The Inn," a rooftop garden for Beth Israel Hospital in New York City is remarkable. "The Inn", also known as "A Safe Harbor," was inspired by the island of Manhattan. A laser-cut steel fence depicts the 13 bridges surrounding Manhattan, offering opportunities for parents and staff to tell stories to the children who are recovering from neurological disorders due to a form of brain cancer.



Photos by Topher Delaney



THE LEICHTAG FAMILY HEALING GARDEN, 1997 Children's Healing Hospital, San Diego

The Leichtag garden totals 12,000 square feet and includes fountains, a windmill, sculptural benches, as well as ornamental and medicinal plants. The walls are embedded with 375 tile forms illustrating native flora and fauna. The space offers easy pedestrian access and can be viewed from hospital rooms.

Additionally, Topher created a 30' tall X 20' wide X 30' long form where vines would eventually grow in to create a topiary dinosaur.

"It's a place to imagine life being larger than what's existing at this moment," Topher says.

2014 GARDEN TOURS

April and May are months of Garden Tours. Here are some for you to choose from.
Of course, we will be seeing all of you at LBGC's on May 3.

THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION
NATIVE PLANT GARDEN TOUR
Saturday and Sunday, **April 5-6**
10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
nativeplantgardentour.org

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY
FLOWER SHOW/GARDEN TOUR
Saturday and Sunday, **April 12-13**
10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
riversideflowershow.info

ENCINITAS
GARDEN FESTIVAL & TOUR
Saturday, **April 26**
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
encinitasgardenfestival.org

FLORAL PARK (North Santa Ana)
HOME & GARDEN TOUR
Saturday and Sunday, **April 26-27**
10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
facebook.com/pages/Floral-Park-Home-Garden-Tour/

FULLERTON BEAUTIFUL Opens Gardens Tour
Sunday, **April 27**
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
fullertonbeautiful.org

MAR VISTA GREEN GARDEN SHOWCASE
Saturday, **April 26**
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
marvistagreengardenshowcase.blog

LOS ANGELES GARDEN PARTY
Sunday, **April 27**
11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
losangelesgardentour.org

MARY LOU HEARD MEMORIAL GARDEN TOUR
Saturday and Sunday, **May 3-4**
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
heardsgardentour.com

LAGUNA BEACH
GATE & GARDEN TOUR
Saturday, **May 3**
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
facebook.com/pages/Gate-Garden-Tour/

SHERMAN LIBRARY & GARDENS
PRIVATE GARDENS TOUR
Saturday, **May 10**
11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
slgardens.org

NEWPORT HARBOR
HOME AND GARDEN TOUR
Thursday, **MAY 15**
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
newportharborhometour.com

SECRET GARDEN TOUR
OF LA JOLLA
Saturday, **May 17**
11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
lajollahistory.org

PATHWAYS TO PARADISE
Saturday, **MAY 18**
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
robinsongardens.org

ROSSMOOR WOMAN'S CLUB GARDEN TOUR
Sunday, **May 18**
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
rossmoorwomansclub.org

SAN CLEMENTE GARDEN CLUB
Saturday, **May 31**
10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
san-clemente.org/

APRIL FLOWER SHOWS

"A COUNTRY GARDEN"
FLOWER SHOW
Fallbrook Garden Club
Saturday, **April 5**
1 to 5 p.m.
fallbrookgardenclub.org

SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND
SUCCULENT SOCIETY (Palos Verdes)
42ND ANNUAL SHOW & SALE
Saturday Sunday, **April 12-13**
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
www.southcoastcss.org

SOUTH COAST PLAZA
SPRING GARDEN SHOW
Thursday-Saturday, **April 24-27**
springgardenshow.com

APRIL CALENDAR



Art work by [Charlotte Smith](#)

“Life

Isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...

It's about learning to

Dance in the Rain”

Vivian Greene

APRIL 14

CHILDREN'S GARDENING WORKSHOP

WHERE: ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK
SAND CANYON & MARINE DRIVE
IRVINE, CA 92650

TIME: Every 30 minutes from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

ADMISSION: FREE

Three Sisters Gardening: A Native American Tradition

According to Native American legend, corn, beans, and squash (the food staples of many Native American cultures) are three inseparable sisters who only grow and thrive when planted together. Come listen to the legend, absorb the wisdom, and reconnect with the land by planting your own Three Sisters Garden for your yard or patio.

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

GET DIRTY ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Hortense Miller Garden in North Laguna.

Bring your own tools, water and lunch

APRIL 11

GENERAL MEETING
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER
AMY STEWART

RSVP

lagunabeachgardenclub.org

APRIL 18

GREEN THUMB
9:30 a.m.

Hostess
ELAINE DAVIS

APRIL 28

BOARD MEETING
9:30 a.m.

Hosts

JEANNE YALE
VERNETTA LEIB

APRIL 25

MEMBERS' TOUR
9:30 a.m.

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BIRDS & BLOOM MAGAZINE

birdsandblooms.com

America's #1 bird and garden magazine brings beautiful yards, gardens and wild birds into your living room with full-color photos and reader-shared stories. You'll love the practical gardening advice, tips and fun family projects.

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April Tips: Southern California

From planting to deadheading, there's plenty to do in the garden this month. So grab your garden gloves and have a little fun!

Planting Trees and Shrubs -- Continue to plant container-grown trees, shrubs, perennial herbs, groundcovers, and perennial flowers. However, in the desert, finish planting this month.

[Planting Trees and Shrubs](#)

Planting Nursery Plants -- Continue to plant warm-season annual flowers and vegetables (tomatoes, peppers, marigolds, petunias, and the like) as long as all danger of frost has passed and as long as you have enough time for them to beat the summer heat. (However, in hot desert areas, for example, that means no later than late February.) If in doubt, give a quick call to the garden center nearest you.

[Planting Nursery Plants](#)

- If you haven't already and as long as you're a couple of weeks past your region's last average frost date, you can plant seeds for corn, green beans, melons, squash, cucumbers, okra, sweet potatoes and other heat-lovers.
- Keep mowing regularly -- about once every week or two -- and at the right height. It's the best thing you can do to control weeds and keep grass thick and healthy. In areas where it's hitting the 90s F, mow cool-season lawns such as bluegrass, ryegrasses, or fescues at 3 inches or so (2 inches in cooler weather). Mow warm-season grasses such as Bermuda, St. Augustine, and zoysia at about 2 inches all growing season long.
- Dethatch warm-season lawns, if necessary, once the lawn starts to grow.
- Fertilize your lawn.
- Fertilize roses, citrus trees, fuchsia, avocado trees, and irises.
- If conditions are dry, spider mites may well be starting to take hold. Control them by giving affected plants a strong daily blast with the hose, being sure to get underneath the leaves. This has the nice side effect of also reducing aphid populations.
- Keep up with watering, paying special attention to newly-planted plants, containers, roses, lawns, tomatoes, and globe artichokes. For best use of water, water around established plantings once the soil is dry about 6 inches below the surface. If you don't already have a drip irrigation system set up for your containers, check out the many types available at your garden center.



Deadheading 101 -- Deadhead fading flower blossoms. You'll keep your garden neater and flowering better longer.

[Deadheading 101](#)

Stakes and Supports -- Stake tall plants that will need it now while they're just a foot or so high.

[Stakes and Supports](#)

- Continue to control snails and ants as needed.
- When the blossoms on your potatoes start to bloom, it's time to harvest.
- Harvest vegetables when they're young and tender.
- In low desert areas, provide shade for tomatoes when daytime temperatures reach 100 degrees F.



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[.facebook.com/pages/Laguna-Beach-Garden-Club/](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Laguna-Beach-Garden-Club/)

LAGUNA BEACH GARDEN CLUB

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NEW WEBSITES

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED



[youtube](#)

The beauty of pollination is revealed in Disney nature's "Wings of Life." This is a gorgeous show of hummingbirds, bats, bees, butterflies and more, all of them helping to pollinate flowers. If you never knew what goes on in the garden when you aren't paying attention, watch this. It's some of the finest photography you'll ever see.



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Valuable and interesting information is available on the California Garden Club's newsletter.

ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT

ocdistrict.org

ORANGE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

uccemg.com

CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS

californiagardenclubs.com

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS

gardenclub.org

LAGUNA NURSERY

lagunanursery.net

ROGER'S GARDENS

rogersgardens.com

SHERMAN LIBRARY AND GARDENS

slgardens.org

PAT WELCH GARDEN EXPRESSIONS OC

patwelsh.com

HOUZZ

houzz.com/gardening

THE MULCH

themulch.com

DIRT DU JOUR

[Dirt Du Jour](http://DirtDuJour)

DAVE'S GARDEN

davesgarden.com

CREATIVE CRITTER CONTROL

creativecrittercontrol.org

FARMER'S ALMANAC

almanac.com

SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

southcoastcss.org

CRÊPEMAKER

Entrée Menu

Caesar Chicken or Steak

Marinated Chicken Breast or Steak melted Mozzarella Cheese with Portabella Mushrooms, Vine Ripe Tomatoes, Romaine Lettuce and our Special Caesar Dressing.

Steak Milanese

Marinated Steak, Virginia Baked Ham, Sweet Red Onion Melted Cheddar Cheese, Vine Ripe Tomatoes, Romaine Lettuce topped with Steak Sauce.

Opulence

Marinated Chicken Breast Artichoke Hearts & Hearts of Palm, Portabella Mushrooms over melted Mozzarella Cheese.

Very Philly Steak or Chicken

Marinated Steak or Chicken Breast, Sweet Red Onions, Portabella Mushrooms, melted Mozzarella Cheese and a touch of Caesar Dressing.

Honey Mustard Chicken

Marinated Chicken Breast, Melted Cheddar Cheese, Vine Ripe Tomatoes, Romaine Lettuce and our Honey Mustard dressing.

Chicken or Steak Fajita

Marinated Chicken or Steak, Grilled Sweet Red Onions, Red Peppers, melted Cheddar Cheese Sour Cream, Guacamole and Salsa.

Mexi Crepe

Marinated Chicken Breast, Melted Cheddar Cheese Mix, freshly chopped Tomatoes, crispy Romaine Lettuce, Guacamole, Salsa, and Sour Cream.

Raspberry Chicken

Marinated Chicken Breast, Melted Cheddar Cheese, Vine Ripe Tomatoes and Spinach topped with Raspberry Preserves and Walnut pieces

Fresh Tomato & Cheese

Freshly chopped Tomatoes over Melted Mozzarella Cheese and CrepeMaker Seasonings

Queen of Hearts Vegi

Marinated Artichoke Hearts, Hearts of Palm, Melted Mozzarella Cheese, Portabella Mushrooms, Sweet Red Onions, Fresh Baby Leaf Spinach and Vine Ripe Tomatoes

Veri-Vegi

Sweet Red Peppers, Spinach, Portabella Mushrooms, Melted Mozzarella, Pesto Sauce

Havana Chicken

Marinated Chicken Breast, seasoned Black Beans, Sweet Red Peppers, Cheddar & Jack Cheese, Fresh Romaine Lettuce and Vine Ripe Tomatoes and Pesto Sauce.

Pesto Steak or Chicken

Marinated Steak or Chicken Breast, Red Bell Peppers, Spinach, Vine Ripe Tomatoes, Cheddar & Jack Cheese, Pesto Sauce and CrepeMaker seasonings

Cordon Bleu

Baked Virginia Ham with Marinated Chicken Breast, Mozzarella Cheese, Romaine Lettuce and Vine Ripe Tomatoes topped with our Special Caesar Dressing

Pizza Crepe

A Mix of Cheddar, Monterey Jack and Mozzarella Cheeses melted over Pizza Sauce.

CRÊPE MAKER

Le Dessert Menu

Pure Pleasure

Dulce de Leche with Sweet Sliced Bananas

Nutella Solo

Nutella Chocolaty Spread on a Crisp Crepe Maker Crepe.

Red & Black

Nutella Chocolaty Spread with Freshly Sliced Strawberries

Black & White

Nutella Chocolaty Spread with Sweet Sliced Bananas

Triple Treat

Freshly Sliced Bananas & Sweet Strawberries, Covered with Nutella & Whipped Cream

Strawberries Nouveau

Dulce de Leche with Freshly Sliced Strawberries

Nutty Banana

Sliced Bananas, Chopped Walnuts, Sugar and Cinnamon

Dulce Treat

Freshly Sliced Bananas & Sweet Strawberries Covered with Dulce de Leche
& Whipped Cream

Strawberry Supreme

Sliced Strawberries, Cinnamon & Confectioners Sugar, a dash of Liqueur and Real Whipped Cream.

To Die For

Cheesecake topped with Bananas, Freshly Sliced Strawberries, Nutella Spread & Whipped Cream

I Like It Too

Tiramisu, Freshly Sliced Strawberries, Nutella Chocolaty Spread
& topped with Whipped Cream

Nutty Caramel Apple

Fire Roasted Apples, topped with Dulce de Leche, Sprinkled with Cinnamon, Walnuts and Powdered Sugar