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Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest



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MEMBER NEWS

• Get Involved • Make a difference • Make New Friends • Have Fun

*I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose
I would always greet it in a garden.
~Ruth Stout*

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

Once again I went to the flower fields in Carlsbad, this time with paints and my trusty 3 legged stool to capture the beauty of the glorious spring blooms. The acres of ranunculus flowers are not the only show in town at the gardens. The nursery also has lots of raised beds for growing vegetables and uses them as an outdoor classroom for hundreds of school children who visit the fields daily. I think raised bed gardens are nothing short of brilliant, no pesky bending or kneeling in the

dirt (my knees like this idea already). If you are interested in this type of gardening, here is a video that can get you started:

Joe the raised bed gardener:
<https://growingagreenerworld.ipages.co/raisedbedguide/>



COME JOIN IN THE FUN

Events This Month

General Meeting April 13th



Sue Goetz
The Herb Lover's Garden (see page 3)
Laguna
Presbyterian Church
• 9:30 am social
10:00 am meeting

Green Thumb April 20th

Nature in Resin Jewelry

At the home of
Natalie Harlow-
Alison
194 Acacia Dr.
Laguna Beach 9:30
am (see page 6)



Tours & Travel April 27th

North San Diego Nurseries

Visit several nurseries in the prime growing region for new horticultural varieties.

Meet at 9:00 am at St. Catherine's on Temple Terrace



President's Message

The Gate & Garden Tours Just a Stroll Away

"To create a garden is to fall in love"
- *Topher Delaney*

Many of us are gearing up for our annual **Gate & Garden Tour, May 4, 2018**. Jeanne Yale will be handing out assignments for the Tour volunteers at the April 13 meeting. If you have not as yet signed up to volunteer, please do so at the meeting. Jeanne Yale will be passing around one of our infamous clipboards to accommodate you. We need many volunteers as we have 10 gardens that need **docents, guides** who will read a script to ticket holders on the bus to & from the gardens, **bakers** of cookies, those who want to give **money** to offset costs, **sellers** of raffle tickets, **registration clerks, refreshment helpers, set-up and clean-up helpers**. Double that list of volunteers because there are two shifts. There is a lot of behind-the-scenes assistance needed.



Members are expected to contribute to our major fundraiser event. But it is not all work. Fun is the key word to describe the activities that will accompany your time spent. Besides enjoying the tour as a visitor and not just a worker, this year's tour will again also feature a fiesta, including a taco vendor, plus beer, wine and artisanal margaritas available for purchase at Arabella Laguna where the tour starts and ends.



As we did last year, we will be selling tickets for the tour at the Laguna Beach Farmer's Market on both Saturdays of April 21 and April 28. We need four (4) people to help promote the Gate & Garden Tour for a four-hour stint at the Farmer's Market on each of those two days. Please check your calendar and sign-up at the meeting. Help

out your club by letting your friends know that tickets can be purchased at Farmer's Market on two consecutive Saturdays prior to the Tour.

Laguna Beach Garden Club
Gate & Garden Tour
of South Laguna
Friday, May 4, 2018 11am - 4pm
last shuttle leaves at 2
Fancy to Fanciful: a self-guided walking tour of
charming private gardens in South Laguna
Promote local school gardens, scholarships, and community projects.
Visit our Facebook page:
Laguna Beach Gate & Garden Tour
Tickets:
In advance - \$45 On tour day - \$50
(if available)
Available at: LagunaBeachGardenClub.org
And at: **Tides Inn** 460 N. Coast Hwy. • **Laguna Nursery** 397 N. Coast Hwy. • **Laguna Drug** 239 Broadway
Laguna Beach Books 1200 S. Coast Hwy. • **Dana Point Nursery** 34100 PCH, Dana Point
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Please share the flyer advertising of the Gate & Garden Tour with all your contacts. This year's tour is proving to be another gorgeous day of touring private fancy and fanciful gardens of South Laguna and then returning to enjoy fun times within the special ambiance of the garden setting of Arabella Laguna.



Sue Goetz tells us about *The Herb Lover's Garden* at the April Meeting

On Friday, April 13, 2018, the Laguna Beach Garden Club presents Sue Goetz, owner of Creative Gardener and author of the Herb Lovers Spa book, as she shares her passion for gardening. Her motto "*inspiring gardeners to create*" defines all of her talks.



Hands-on, how to's or simply for creative inspiration, her down to earth approach is shared with audiences all over the country. Trained in horticulture and design, Sue will delve into all the multi-uses of herbs, landscaping, fragrance, healing, edible flowers, seasoning and cut flower abundance. What is the best oregano for cut flowers? How about fennel for attracting butterflies, or

parsley for a flower border? Discover something new and useful about herbs in the garden.

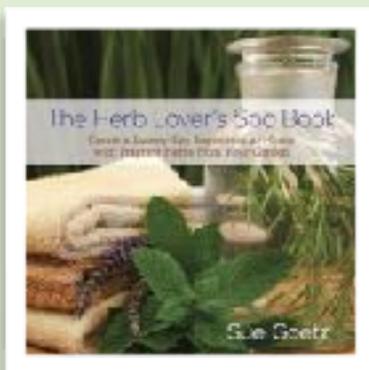
Sue Goetz, based in Washington State, trained in horticulture and design, has earned gold medals at the Northwest Flower & Garden Show and specialty awards including the Sunset Magazine award, the Fine Gardening magazine award and the American Horticultural Society Award. Writing and speaking are the other ways Sue shares her love of gardening. She has been named Educator of the Year by Washington State Nursery and Landscape

Association and shares her love of the garden and herb growing all over the country. She is a member of Garden Writers of America, and her work has appeared in numerous publications including the Tacoma News Tribune, Seattle Met, APLD Designer magazine, Pacific Horticultural Magazine, and Fine Gardening Magazine.



"A landscape becomes so much more when a design is infused into it. It becomes more than just a place to put plants or the mechanics. It's the love of the design, combining plants, garden décor and creativity."

Susan Goetz



2018 Gate & Garden Tour will showcase classic, contemporary, whimsical, & unusual gardens

The charming tree-lined streets of South Laguna are the venue for this year's Gate & Garden Tour on May 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's our annual fundraiser to help support educational school gardens, scholarships, and community projects. The event will feature an array of 10 private gardens along a three-quarter-mile walking route (nearly all downhill!) and will include a stunning quarter-acre formal garden with views of the Pacific.

"This year we are celebrating the diverse gardens of South Laguna, which reflect the community's past and present," said tour chair Nancy Englund. "We'll showcase classic, contemporary, whimsical and unusual gardens -- with a final stop at the South Laguna Community Garden Park of 50-plus thriving garden beds."

Fun is in the air as the 2018 tour will take place on the "Eve of Cinco de Mayo." We will offer Mexican fare and memorable margaritas (classic,



The 10 gardens featured on the tour offer a wide variety of garden styles.



Laguna Heat and Pom-Pomme) – along with free refreshments (including our famous homemade cookies!) and a raffle of prizes from local artists and businesses.

Calling all members: All hands are needed to volunteer on tour day to make our fundraiser a success. If you wish to participate, please contact volunteer coordinator Jeanne Yale. As a volunteer, you will be able to take the tour for FREE before or after your shift!

The tour begins and ends at Arabella Laguna, 506 N. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, the

location of the tour registration and reception areas. Buses will run continuously from Arabella to the first garden and back at the end of the tour route. The last tour bus leaves Arabella at 2 p.m.

Tour tickets are \$45 in advance and available at our monthly meetings, at LagunaBeachGardenClub.org and at Laguna Beach Books, Laguna Drug, Laguna Nursery, Tides Inn, and Dana Point Nursery. Or, contact Nancy Englund at NEnglund@LagunaBeachGardenClub.org. Tickets are \$50 on the day of the tour.

Stu's News

Garden(er) of the Month March 6, 2018

Treasure an awe-inspiring garden landscape that truly rocks & is built on a foundation of love

Written by Suzie Harrison
Photos by Mary Hurlbut

It's hard not to get lost in the world that **Sherry Stephens and her husband, Van**, have built, a garden utopia of sorts, imperfectly perfect, with many different varieties of exciting plant life, gorgeous blossoming trees, and carefully appropriated stone pathways that meander through the massive grounds. Along the way, it's thrilling to discover the lovely arbors, trellises, rich foliage, and collection sculptures, repurposed art, and birdhouses, many built by Van and his father.



A place so peaceful, that all you can hear is the blowing breeze, the many singing wind chimes, and the chirping birds. Perched on the hillside in Bluebird Canyon, they have phenomenal

views of the ocean, yet are in a world of their own, textured by an awe-inspiring garden that's magnificent in content and size. "Van actually was pretty much the designer of the garden. He has an urban planning landscape architecture firm Forma Design Inc. He's the CEO," said Stephens. "I have always liked gardening, my grandmother was a gardener, my mom liked to garden. I just like to be outside."



She got involved with the **Laguna Beach Garden Club** through a friend of hers.

"I thought I need to go check that out. I did and joined and that was maybe seven or eight years ago. I've been on the board for Hortense for six years, and I work there in the garden two days a week," Stephens said with a big smile. "I like to do different projects with the Garden Club. It's fun to be outdoors and to garden with other people and to use



creativity in the garden."

Creativity abounds in the Stephens' garden

Creativity indeed abounds in the Stephens' garden.

"We have a walkway that comes up from the yard and along here we have a whole collection of wind chimes. My father-in-law lived with us until about 2008 and he built birdhouses. And my husband has been building birdhouses," said Stephens.

There were too many to count, each one original with its own personality, all of them a nice addition to the garden and the serene surroundings.

"And we have a lot of collections of metal," Stephens said as she showed me around. I loved the variety of creatures and sculptures, the howling coyote, birds, fish, and deer,

along with a slew of columns and works in various shapes, sizes, and colors, most of them weathered, rusted just so, as well as the many fountains and trellises.

CLUB NEWS

Green Thumb • April 20th Nature in Resin Jewelry



We will be making wood and resin pendants with a botanical theme. Natalie will supply all materials needed except the plant material that will be encapsulated by the resin. Good examples of things to start looking for wood be tiny flowers, twigs, moss, seeds or anything from nature, including shells. Each person will be able to make 2 to 4 Pendants. Some will be on wood and some will be a clear back round.

Cost \$20.00

Join in the fun at **9:30 am** at the home of **Natalie Harlow-Alison**, 194 Acacia Drive, Laguna Beach.

Volunteer of the Month



Mariann Keenan was the winner of the Volunteer of the Month drawing in March. She was presented this lovely coffee cup plant by Vice President **Lisa Fecteau**.

SHARING WITH
EACH OTHER

In The Know

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to your favorite Garden Club (us, of course) which would help offset some of our expenses. For example, when writing your check to renew your membership, consider writing that check for \$100 (\$45 to pay your dues and the other \$55 will be a tax-deductible donation). Of course, the amount over and above the cost of the dues is totally up to you. Our Sponsor List has four (4) levels (see pages 68-69 of your Membership Book)

- Monarch \$ 1000 +
- Pelargonium \$ 999 - \$500
- Poppy \$ 499 - \$100
- Aloe \$ 99 - \$ 25

Your name will be added to the Sponsor List as a donor (appearing in our Membership Book for next year, in our Newsletter, and on the website). You will receive a letter of verification for tax purposes.

We would love to see your name in print as a Sponsor of your beloved Laguna Beach Garden Club.



A Beautiful Photo of Your Garden Could Make You Famous

All members are invited to submit photographs from their gardens for our annual Photography Contest. The first and second place entries will be featured on the front and back covers of the 2018-2019 membership directory. The winner of the 12th annual contest was Gale Whitaker's photo of Pelargonium & Sweet Broom, and Mary Williams' Mini-Tillandsia took center stage in the second place photograph.

Photo Contest Rules

Photo entries are due to the contest committee chair, Laura McCants by:
Friday, April 13th, 2018.

Only one entry per garden club member is allowed.

The entry can be either vertical or horizontal format, but vertical is preferred.

If entered via U.S. mail, no identifying information (regarding the submitter) should be written in the back of the photo.

The entry must be a recent photo of some part of the member's garden.

By submitting the entry, the member declares that he/she owns the right to the photo.

Entries will be judged at the April 24th Board meeting.

The winner's photo will be featured on the front cover of the 2017-18 membership book, and the second place winner will be featured on the back cover.

**Submit your photo via email
or USPS to Laura McCants.**

144 Westport, Newport Beach,
CA 92660

C: [949-910-0411](tel:949-910-0411)

E: lauramccants@cox.net



Club Business ~ Membership & Elections

Membership Renewal

You may renew your Laguna Beach Garden Club membership at the upcoming April and May meetings. Membership forms are available on the website and can be filled out

online by going to the *Members Only* section and clicking on the LBGC Membership Renewal Form.

The password is *Pelargonium* with a capital **P**.

You may also fill out the form at the church before the meeting.

Dues are \$45.00 or \$50.00 if paid by Credit Card.

Membership MUST be renewed by June 1st to be included in the membership book.



**We are happy to announce the slate of nominees for the
2018-2019 LBGC Board of Directors**

**Voting will take place at the
April 13th meeting**

President	Nancy Englund
Vice President, Programs	Mariann Keenan
Recording Secretary	Jackie Knauer
Treasurer	Jorja Puma
Financial Secretary	Jeanne Yale
Director of Membership	Lisa Fecteau
Director of Ways & Means	Lynette LaRoche
Director of Gate & Garden Tour	Karen Nelson
Director of Publicity	Diane Lannon
Director of Website	Becky Martin
Past President	Lynn Jax

Final Budget

2018 - 2019

Please review the Final Budget for 2018-2019. **We will be taking a vote at the April 13th meeting.** As per our By-laws, the Budget Committee consisting of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Director of Ways & Means, and two members at-large shall prepare a budget to be sent to the membership prior to the regular April general meeting. The Budget Committee met February 1, 2018.

It is the goal of a 501(c)(3) non-profit to have the Total Income and Total Expenses for the year to match.



		18/19 FINAL BUDGET
Ordinary Income/Expense		
INCOME		
Donations		7,000.00
Plant Table Donations		500.00
Garden Tours Income		22,000.00
Grants		
Blue Bell Cat Sanctuary		
Membership Dues		9,000.00
Penny Pines Donations		500.00
Raffle Income		4,000.00
Special Events Income		3,000.00
Restricted Donations		300.00
Restricted Grants		
Reimbursed Expenses		
Taxable Sales		1,500.00
Total Income		47,800.00
COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Cost of Taxable Sales		-500.00
Total COGS		
Gross Profit		47,300.00
EXPENSES		
Direct Expenses		
Contributions and Donations		11,500.00
Educational Program Expense		250.00
Raffle Expense		100.00
Total Direct Expense		11,850.00
Regular Speaker Expenses		
Professional Fees		4,000.00
Air, Hotel & Meals		3,000.00
Program Expenses		500.00
Total Regular Speaker Expenses		7,500.00
6000 - Restricted Expenses		
Non-Profit Status Expense		1,000.00
MG Grant Speakers Expense		
Blue Bell Cat Sanctuary		
Sister Cities Gardens		250.00
Restricted Expense-Other		
MG Grant L.B. Prsb. Garden		
Total Restricted Expenses		1,250.00
Community Event Cost		500.00
Gate & Garden Tour Expenses		11,000.00
Total Direct Expenses		32,600.00
General & Administrative		
Accounting & Professional Serv		1,600.00
Bank Charges		1,000.00
Meetings		100.00
Insurance		1,000.00
Office Expense		300.00
Promotion - Publicity		500.00
Dues and Fees		1,000.00
Club Expenses		3,000.00
Hospitality Supplies		500
Rent		2,700.00
Website & Internet		3,500.00
Total General & Administrative		15,200.00
Total Expense		47,300.00

You Can't Rain On Our Patriots Day Parade

The morning began with grey skies and the threat of rain, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the mighty marchers in the Patriots Day Parade on March 3rd. Wearing blue plastic rain

ponchos under their LBGC green aprons, the enthusiastic members marched down the parade route telling the crowd about the Gate & Garden Tour and the club's contributions to

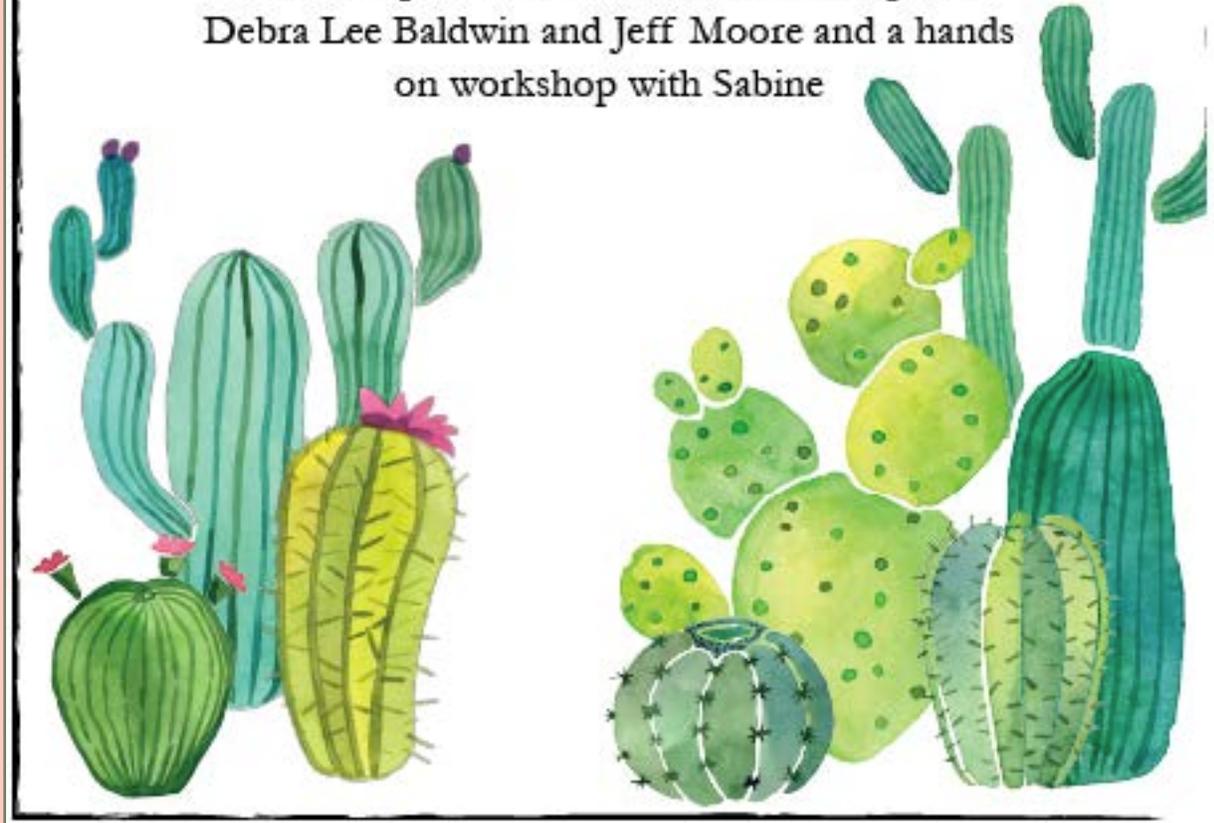
the community. Our efforts were rewarded with a 2nd place trophy. Special thanks go to Diane Kloke and Janet Smith for their organization and choreography!



SUCCULENT DAY

Saturday, April 28

Sales & specials, two seminars with experts
Debra Lee Baldwin and Jeff Moore and a hands
on workshop with Sabine



Succulent Workshop Saturday, April 28th

Join Debra Lee Baldwin at gorgeous **Weidner's Gardens** nursery in Encinitas, CA for a fun and friendly spring succulent container garden workshop. Enrollment is limited, so do sign up ASAP. \$15 plus materials. Reserve your spot (and on for a friend) by calling Weidner's at (760) 436-2194.

Watch Debra Lee Baldwin make succulent gift bouquets in this YouTube video. Just click on the address below:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dmXXJXZUrg&feature=youtu.be>

Exciting News: Debra Lee Baldwin will be our speaker at the September 14th LBGC meeting. You won't want to miss it!

The Perfect Gift for
Mother's Day & Friends!



San Clemente Garden Club

2018

Garden Tour



Saturday, May 19, 10AM - 4PM

Enjoy beautiful South Orange County coastal gardens
with a variety of styles, plants and hardscape.
Sample tasty bites from local caterers.
Our self-guided tour promises ideas and inspiration!

- Advance tickets through May 18 - \$30 ea. (4 or more at \$25 ea.)
- Tickets purchased on the day of the tour at any of the gardens are \$40.
- Use form below or purchase tickets online: sanclementegardenclub.com
- Tour tickets with garden directions will be mailed after April 29, 2018.
- The tour will take place rain or shine. No refunds.
- Gardens are not wheelchair accessible or suitable for small children.

Proceeds benefit the SCGC Scholarship Fund,
community horticulture projects, junior gardeners & more!

sanclementegardenclub.com

KK Ciruli: 949-547-8484, kkciruli@aol.com

Bette Langford: 949-498-3317, blang41096@aol.com

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Advance Ticket Price
until May 18
\$30 ea. (4 or more at \$25 ea.)

San Clemente Garden Club
Garden Tour

Order tickets today! Complete this
form, detach & mail with your check
payable to:

San Clemente Garden Club
Attn: Bette Langford
102 Calle Cuervo, San Clemente 92672
949-498-3317

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____

EMAIL _____

PLEASE SEND (1-3) _____ Tickets at \$30 each AMT: \$ _____

(4+) _____ Tickets at \$25 each AMT: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Pay with PayPal at: sanclementegardenclub.com



Magical March Centerpiece

This lucky St. Patrick's Day themed centerpiece was made by member **Maggie Owens** for our March meeting. The treat table was especially magical with this four leaf clover arrangement. Thanks Maggie!

Recognition Awards

To recognize club members for their tremendous efforts that support the club.

All members are encouraged to nominate a fellow club member, taking notice of their activities and volunteer efforts in which they participate. Forms will be available at the April 13 meeting. Be prepared to write 2 sentences in explanation. If you would like to submit a photo of your garden to be considered, send it to Lynn Jax at: jax@cox.net.



The winners will be awarded at the **May 11, 2018** general meeting.

Categories are:

- Club Member of the Year
- Rookie Member of the Year
- Gardener of the Year
- Garden of the Year



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