



LAGUNA BEACH GARDEN CLUB

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Weeder's Digest

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Editor's Note

One of our members, Elizabeth Kramer, really enjoyed the poem that I used in my Editor's note in last month's newsletter. She contacted me via our garden club website , www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org , to let me know. She thinks that gardens and poetry just go well together, and I do too! She suggested this poem for a future newsletter - so here it is!

If you would have a mind at Peace

A heart that cannot harden,

Find a door that opens wide.....upon a lovely garden!

Anonymous

Thank you, Elizabeth, for letting us know how much you enjoyed my poem, and thank you for visiting our website to let us know!!!

February General Meeting

Friday, February 12

Laguna Presbyterian Church—Tankersley Hall 415 Forest Ave., LB

9:30 am Social—10:00 am Meeting followed by Valentine Container Auction and Raffle and short program by our own Lynn Jax!

Upcoming Events

**Laguna Beach Garden Club presents
a Valentine Container Auction
on February 12th**



The garden club will hold its annual *Valentine Container Auction* where members have fashioned one-of-a-kind holiday-themed arrangements of creative shapes and colors.

This a chance to purchase a unique gift for that special someone.

A raffle will be held this year which can increase your chances of going home with an exceptional item because the more you buy, the more you boost your opportunities.

Tickets are 12 for \$10 and 30 for \$20.

All proceeds from the auction will benefit the club's school gardens program, which supports the public schools of Laguna Beach, El Morro and Top of the World elementary schools and Thurston Middle School, as well as providing grants to Anneliese Schools SEEDS program and building a garden for the pre-school of Laguna Beach Presbyterian Church, where our general meetings are held.

YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS MEETING!

ALL visitors are welcome to attend.

Registration and social hour is from 9:30-10 am • Meeting starts at 10:00 am
at Laguna Beach Presbyterian Church, Tankersley Hall, 415 Forest Ave. Laguna Beach

www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org

Our own Lynn Jax is giving a presentation at the OC District Garden Club's meeting this month. It is also their planted container auction. Let's all show our support and make an effort to attend!

**Winter Meeting of Orange County District
Garden Clubs**

**“Gardens of the Pacific Coast” presentation by
Lynn Jax
&
Silent Auction for District Horticultural
Scholarship**

**Monday, February 8
9 am Coffee, 9:30 am Meeting and Program**

**St Gregory's Episcopal Church Parish Hall
6201 E. Willow, Long Beach (Palo Verde is the
cross street)
\$5 pp**

**Invite non-member friends - they just may decide to become
a member of our club.**

Please notify Elaine Davis if you wish to attend.

**This meeting includes a planted container or basket
auction with proceeds going to a District
Scholarship.**



Crystal Cove Volunteer Opportunity

Crystal Cove State Park has asked our Orange County District Garden Clubs to help with on-going maintenance of the Historic District. As District Director, I have asked all of our 25 clubs to notify their members of this opportunity. Our volunteers will work on the first Wednesday and/or the second Thursday of each month, from 9 to noon. As a reward, volunteers will receive a park pass to use whenever they wish. Volunteers will weed, trim, plant, mulch and water all the enjoying the beauty of the park.

A training session will take place on Thursday, March 3 from 10 am to noon at the Los Trancos office (from PCH turn inland at the stoplight "Los Trancos").

Notify Elaine Davis if you want to attend this meeting. [949-493-8404](tel:949-493-8404) edavis1@cox.net



Driftwood Workshop at Waterwise Botanicals - Join the Fun!

When: Saturday, February 20th, 2016

What: "Driftwood Larry" will be presenting a Succulent Driftwood Workshop

Where: Waterwise Botanicals, 32151 Old Hwy. 395, Bonsall, CA 92003

Cost: \$20.00 + the driftwood and succulents. *driftwood prices start at \$15, succulents are \$2.75 to \$3.50 each

Time: Workshop times are 10 am and 1 pm

Directions: Call the Waterwise office, and to reserve your spot with a payment of \$20
760-728-2641

Choose and purchase your piece of driftwood & succulents from the shade house. Larry does his workshop with a minimum of 25 people. Invite a friend to register with you! Children over 10 year old are welcome to attend. www.WatewiseBotanicals.com

The Garden Conservancy



The Garden Conservancy (GC) saves and shares outstanding American gardens for the education and inspiration of the public. Preservation is at the vital core of its mission & programs.

GC Philosophy:

By preserving gardens for future generations, the GC works within the broader realm of historic preservation & environmental conservation. Gardens are manmade, artful landscapes. As with all art, gardens enhance our experience & understanding of the larger world.

- **Membership \$50** – receive a free directory of Open Days or
- Order **Open Days Directory 2016** for \$25.95 (free shipping) & receive a free admission ticket that never expires.
- www.gardenconservancy.org or
- call 888-842-2442 - M-F 9 am – 5 pm EST.
- email: opendays@gardenconservancy.org

Preliminary "Open Days" Schedule 2016 for California - LA/Santa Monica - May 7, Mendocino County - TBD, Pasadena/Arcadia - May 1, SF Bay Area - TBD, San Diego Area - TBD. GC hopes you will join them in exploring hundreds of great private gardens around the country.

Green Thumb - Succulents on Wood

February 19, 9:30 am - Cost \$20

Natalie Harlow-Alison Home

January's Green Thumb was swapped with this month's project, so please join us on Friday, February 19, as Natalie leads us in creating our own beautiful succulent creations on one-of-a-kind wood pieces. Take home your centerpiece and admire it for months to come! Please RSVP at our February meeting.

Tours and Travel - San Diego Botanic Gardens In Encinitas

February 26 - 8:45 am

Join us on a docent-led tour of the San Diego Botanic Gardens in Encinitas (formerly Quail Gardens). Meet at St. Catherine's Church on Temple Terrace at 8:45 a.m. We will be leaving no later than 9 a.m. Please R.S.V.P. at our February meeting. Hope you can join us!!

Patriot's Day Parade

Saturday, March 5

Each year our Garden Club marches in the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade. In the past, our level of member participation has not been very high. This is a fun route through downtown Laguna Beach, and a good time is guaranteed for all. Let's make this the year that we have our highest participation numbers yet, and show the pride we have in our city and our Garden Club! For more information contact Diane Kloke or Gayle Whitaker.

Sister Cities and Hortense Miller Gardens

Sister Cities - Join us on February 1, 15, and 29th at the Sister Cities Garden in Heisler Park. The cross streets are Jasmine Street at Cliff Drive. Please bring your favorite gardening tools and thank you in advance for your participation!

For more information, please contact Cathy Bosko.

Hortense Miller Garden - Any Wednesday or Thursday from 9:00 am until noon, join us at the Hortense Miller Garden in North Laguna. This is a fun, low-key opportunity to connect with gardeners, beautify the community and burn calories. Bring your own garden tools, water and a lunch if you would like. Parking is limited, so carpool if you can. For more information, contact Gayle Whitaker.

Plant Table and Boutique

There will be no plant table this month due to our Planted Container Auction. It will continue as normal in March. The total from the Plant Table in January was \$122.71, and there were only a few donations, including some beautiful books that were very popular.

Please remember that one man's trash is another man's treasure, so please bring in your unwanted garden-related items each month!

Many thanks to Fay, Debbie and Mary who work at the Plant Table each month setting up and breaking down, and working well with all the members. In February, you all get to socialize and relax!!

Penny Pines

The Penny Pines contributions for the month of January were \$96.50 - much less than expected for a meeting with a full house. Please remember to save your spare coins, or how about skipping just one Starbucks a month to donate to such a good cause!!!

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Welcome New Members

Barbara Page

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Refreshment Table
Centerpiece provided
by:

Colleen & David
Friedly

Thank you to these members
who will provide refreshments
for our February meeting:

Linda Humes, Wendy Caufield, Karen Nelson, Synthia Nelson, Ruth Robertson, Linda Ames, Sue Goldberg, Gene Costello, Lisa Fecteau, Gilda Marshall, Nancy Pink, Emmett Carlson, and ElizaBeth Chapel

Our Club is a Member of:

National Garden Club. Inc. - www.gardenclub.org

Pacific Region - www.pacificregiongardenclubs.com

Orange County District - www.ocdistrict.org

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www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org



February at a Glance

February 1 - Sister City Garden Maintenance @ Jasmine Street at Cliff Dr. - 10 am

February 12 - General Meeting, 9:30 silent auction and raffle begins, 10:15 business meeting begins, 10:40 short program by Lynn Jax begins

February 15 - Sister City Garden Maintenance @ Jasmine Street at Cliff Dr.—10 am

February 19 - Green Thumb—Succulents on Wood @ Natalie Harlow-Alison Home

February 26 - Tours and Travel - San Diego Botanic Gardens in Encinitas

February 29 - Sister City Garden Maintenance @ Jasmine Street at Cliff Dr. - 10 am



Winter Garden



*"In winter's cold and sparkling snow,
The garden in my mind does grow.
I look outside to blinding white,
And see my tulips blooming bright.
And over there a sweet carnation,
Softly scents my imagination.
On this cold and freezing day,
The Russian sage does gently sway.
And miniature roses perfume the air,
I can see them blooming there.
Though days are short, my vision's clear,
And through the snow, the buds appear.
In my mind clematis climbs,
And morning glories do entwine.
Woodland phlox and scarlet pinks
Replace the frost, if I just blink.
My inner eye sees past the snow,
And in my mind, my garden grows.
- Cynthia Adams*

