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GROWING & GIVING

Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest



JANUARY 2017
MEMBER NEWS

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

The much needed rain gives us time indoors to pack up those Christmas decorations, clean out a closet, or better yet, to grab an umbrella and take a walk along our beautiful shoreline.

COME JOIN IN
THE FUN

Events This Month

General Meeting Jan. 13th

Judith Phillips

Garden Adaptation: The Beauty of Change (see page 3) Laguna Presbyterian Church • 9:30 am social 10:00 am meeting

Green Thumb Jan. 20th

Stone Fairy Garden House

At the home of Natalie Harlow-Alison

194 Acacia Dr. Laguna Beach

9:30 am (see page 7)



Tours & Travel Jan. 27th

Newport Civic Center & Sherman Gardens

Visit the newly developed Newport Civic Center landscaping followed by a docent-lead tour of Sherman Gardens in Corona del Mar.

Meet at 9:00 am at St. Catherine's on Temple Terrace (see page 6)



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

Ahh the New Year! A time to set new goals, start new projects, and get your garden ready for spring. One task many of us face is pruning our rose bushes. This *Youtube* video will give you helpful hints about making this task less painful.



A project for members with a raised bed planter, some large containers, or a bit of land, could be a winter vegetable garden. This article is from the December 17th *LA Times* gives helpful tips on what to plant to make your Mid-West friends just a bit jealous.

[It's time to plant your winter vegetable garden \(and gloat on Facebook\)](#)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yCRy9VArIk>

President's Message

LBGC 89 Years and Still Growing Strong

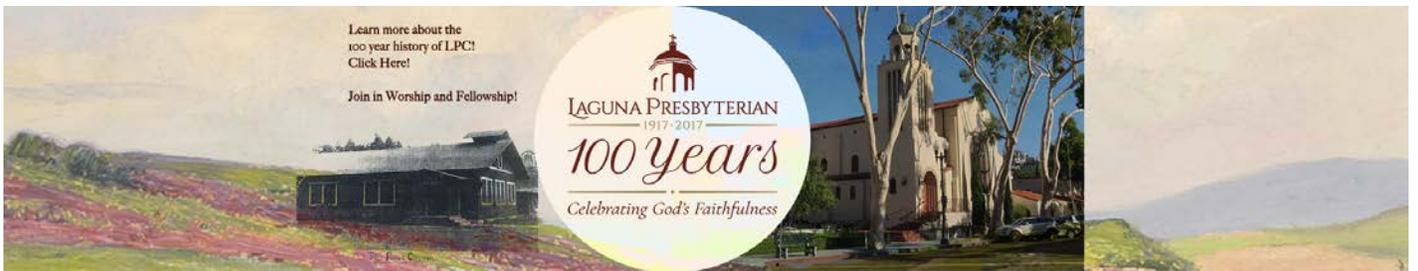
Happy New Year to all of my fellow Garden Club members. I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you good health, new friendships, and prosperity in all your endeavors, especially anything garden related. It is my sincere hope that the sun shines and the water falls from the sky to nurture your garden. Here's to a fruitful 2017 for all.

As we usher in 2017, Laguna Beach Garden Club says hello to the beginning of its **89th year**. I am very proud to be an integral part of this historical community service organization, which was established in 1928. LBGC continues its legacy of community projects to enhance to beauty of our city. Please see page 49 of your

Membership Book for the history of our club. And of course, peruse the book to see all the activities in which your club is involved, especially the supplemental Member Handout on lavender paper, which puts everything in a nutshell.

Another monumental anniversary is celebrated by our hosts for our general meetings; **Laguna Presbyterian Church (LPC) celebrates its 100th anniversary**. The seeds of LPC started in 1890 by one of three men, Sylvanus Ferris, who brought a navel orange tree to Riverside, starting the region's citrus industry. Ferris and his wife held adult Sunday school for vacationers on their beachfront cottage porch;

eventually this led to building on Second Street and in 1917 Community Presbyterian Church of Laguna Beach was formally organized. See the full history on their website: www.lagunapreschurch.org.



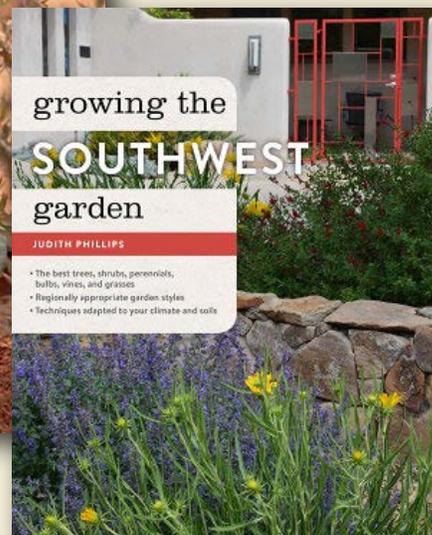
January Speaker Judith Phillips Shares Her Thoughts on *The Beauty of Change*

Judith Phillips is a landscape designer, garden writer, and teacher with 35 years of experience designing gardens in the high desert. She prefers working with native and xeric plants because they are beautiful, conserve water, and support wildlife. She has written five books and numerous articles encouraging people to garden with a passion for the high desert. Her newest book, "Growing the Southwest Garden" concerns the climate-driven changes, new extremes

facing western gardeners. She teaches an arid-adapted plants class in the Landscape Architecture Program at the University of New Mexico, and owns Judith Phillips' Design Oasis in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

She will be speaking at the January 13, 2017 meeting of the Laguna Beach Garden Club with the topic of "*Garden Adaptation: The Beauty of Change*". Her thoughts on the subject are this: Gardening has

never been simple. A hybrid of art and science, deliberate practice seldom leads to perfection, but oh what pleasure there is in the process. As climate extremes wrinkle the canvas, landscape ecology helps plot pathways to beautiful spaces. Thirty years as an artisan grower of native and arid-adapted plants, and thousands of garden design projects, suggest to me that there are many satisfying ways to adapt.



Judith is the author of the book *Growing the Southwest Garden* and several other books.

Member's Christmas Decorated Homes Shined at the annual December Tours & Travel

More than 72 people signed up to take advantage of our club's annual Christmas tour of member's festively decorated homes and gardens. This year two members, **Karen Nelson and Lecia Davis**, not only opened their homes but generously provided refreshments and delicious treats to fellow club members. The tour started at the home of Karen and Kirk Nelson on Bluebird Canyon, who have remodeled and transformed a

small cottage into a modern show place. Near sunset we moved on to the newest home of Lecia and Craig Davis in Lagunita, who recently completed in February a total renovation of their oceanfront house.

- Synthia Scofield



January Tours & Travel • Newport Civic Center & Sherman Gardens • Jan 27th



Visit the newly developed Newport Civic Center landscaping and sculpture garden, followed by a docent-lead tour of beautiful Sherman Library & Gardens in Corona del Mar.

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

CLUB NEWS

Green Thumb • January 20th Stone Fairy Garden House



We will be building our Fairy houses around plastic bottles. Participants are urged to start thinking of items they may have like a special shaped plastic bottle or specialty items for windows, doors or any other architectural details. Of course everything will be on hand to complete a beautiful Pebble Fairy Garden House. 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

Elizabeth Kramer was the winner of the Volunteer of the Month drawing in December. She was presented this lovely poinsettia plant from Vice President Lisa Fecteau.



SHARING WITH
EACH OTHER

Helpful Ideas

Laguna Beach County Water District



<http://www.lbcwd.org/>

The Art of Conservation

The Laguna Beach County Water District and the Gallery Q at The Susi Q present The Art of Conservation, January 20-21, 2017. This unique two-day event features artist workshops with international artist Gianne de Genevraye, a CA Friendly landscape training, and local art exhibition at the Gallery Q. Click [here](#) for the full event schedule and registration information.

Friday, January 20: Artist Workshop at Hortense Miller Garden

Saturday, January 21: CA Friendly Landscape Training at Susi Q

Saturday, January 21: Conversation w/ Gianne de Genevraye at Susi Q

Calif. Friendly Landscape Training

Join us for the CA Friendly Landscape Training on Saturday, January 21, 2017, from 9am - 12pm at The Susi Q. Learn how to become a waterwise gardener by attending this free course covering topics such as: holistic gardening, rainwater reuse, landscape design, and more. RSVP by Friday, **January 13, 2017**. To reserve your place, call (949) 342-1432.

Request for Help from Alzheimer's Orange County

We have received a request for assistance with raised garden beds in a newly renovated site of the South County Adult Day Care program of the Alzheimer's Orange County located in the greater Laguna Woods community on El Toro Road. They are asking for two to three volunteers for one to two hours in assisting the participants in caring for the raised garden beds (planting, tending, replanting, etc.). Garden tools and supplies, including plants, will be provided. They are very willing to adjust to your schedule due to time constraints.

Their goal is to provide participants with additional means for social engagement; many will enjoy talking with Garden Club members as they tend the outdoor garden. As you know Alzheimer's disease gradually destroys essential functions including memory, decision-making, and communication. Alzheimer's is now the fourth leading cause of death in Orange County; in fact one in eight Baby Boomers will develop Alzheimer's.

If you would like to help out, please contact Chiemi Lee, Director of Donor Relations, at

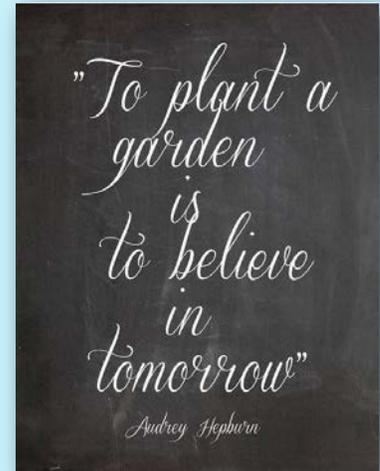
Alzheimer's Orange County for details.

Chiemi's contact information is:

E: chime.lee@alzoc.org

Her Direct line: [949-757-3722](tel:949-757-3722)

- Lynn Jax



Special Offer From Your Webmistress

(Volunteer of the Month Opportunity)

As your webmistress, I am in the process of making some changes to our website, which should be in effect by early January. I wanted to emphasize the club's interest in life-long learning about plants and gardening by creating a tab just for that. Tabs are the words across the top of the Home Page that lead you to various areas of focus. For example, one of them is Gate & Garden. If you hover your mouse over a tab, a drop down list appears on some of the tabs. This is like creating an outline

as we had to do in junior high school. The new tab is **Garden Education**. When you hover over this tab, the drop down menu will contain categories of **Videos, Speakers, Articles and Gardening Tips**.

Now here is the best part. If you submit an item to me to include in any of the categories of Garden Education, you will earn one **Volunteer of the Month ticket**. These are the tickets you write your name on at the general meetings and add to the volunteer jar. One ticket is

drawn and the winner receives a gift and your photo appears in the next month's newsletter.

- Elaine Davis

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Laguna Beach Garden Club website:

www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org



Grow Up Laguna Beach- Using Climbers

This is a list of plants from our December guest speaker, **Dan Long**, and two informative links about clematis:

Grow Up! Using Vines and Climbers Dan Long, Brushwood Nursery

- 1 Rosa setigera
- 2 Clematis Perle d'Azur
- 3 Westerland Rose
- 4 Gelsemium Margarita
- 5 Hydrangea Petiolaris
- 6 Parthenocissus spp. incl. Fenway Park
- 7 Bignonia capreolata Dragon Lady, Tangerine Beauty
- 8 Aristolochia macrophylla
- 9 Eden Climber Rose
- 10 Clematis Romantika
- 11 Decumaria barbara
- 12 Campsis Morning Calm

- 13 Clematis Arabella
- 14 Clematis Rooguchi
- 15 Lonicera periclymenum – Dutch Honeysuckle
- 16 Madame Alfred Carriere Rose
- 17 Lonicera sempervirens Native Honeysuckle –John Clayton, Magnifica, Major Wheeler
- 18 Actinidia Issai
- 19 Apios americana
- 20 Ampelaster carolinianus
- 21 Clematis Star River
- 22 Clematis Burning Love
- 23 Clematis Sugar-Sweet Blue
- 24 Clematis Sugar-Sweet Lilac
- 25 Clematis Lambton Park
- 26 Clematis Giselle
- 27 Clematis Rebecca
- 28 Clematis Zara
- 29 Clematis Alaina
- 30 Clematis Julka

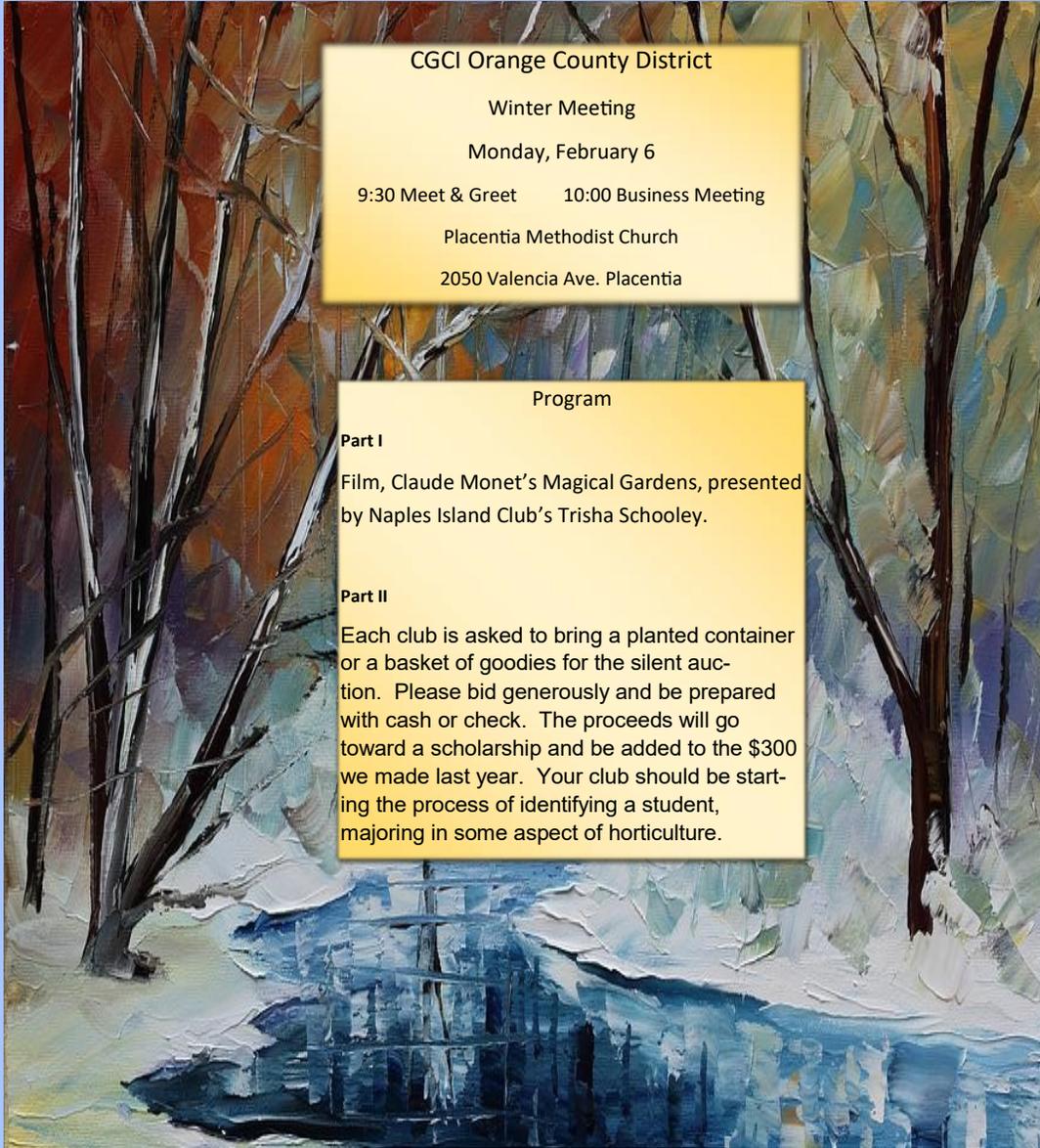
- 31 Clematis Slowianka
- 32 Clematis Anita
- 33 Clematis Roogoja
- 34 Clematis Clochette Pride
- 35 Clematis Starfish
- 36 Clematis texensis
- 37 Ipomoea (Mina) lobata
- 38 Cissus discolor
- 39 Clerodendrum splendens
- 40 Aristolochia gigantea Brasiliensis
- 41 Clematis Royal Velours

Clematis For Beginners link to PDF: <http://clematisinternational.com/cfbeniss20.pdf>
 Clematis Pruning Guide: <https://www.brushwoodnursery.com/pages/how-to-prune-clematis>



Clockwise from left to right:

- Clematis Romantika
- Hydrangea Petiolaris
- Lonicera sempervirens Native Honeysuckle –John Clayton, Magnifica, Major Wheeler
- Madame Alfred Carriere Rose



CGCI Orange County District

Winter Meeting

Monday, February 6

9:30 Meet & Greet 10:00 Business Meeting

Placentia Methodist Church

2050 Valencia Ave. Placentia

Program

Part I

Film, Claude Monet's Magical Gardens, presented by Naples Island Club's Trisha Schooley.

Part II

Each club is asked to bring a planted container or a basket of goodies for the silent auction. Please bid generously and be prepared with cash or check. The proceeds will go toward a scholarship and be added to the \$300 we made last year. Your club should be starting the process of identifying a student, majoring in some aspect of horticulture.

Valentine Container Auction Next is Next Month

The highlight of our February meeting is the annual Valentine Container Garden Silent Auction Fundraiser. Money raised at this event supports the school gardens at 3 local schools. Bring your credit card or checkbook! For more information contact Lynette LaRoche lynette1021@gmail.com



Water District and Gallery Q sponsor water-wise classes and art show – with a call for artist submissions on Jan 12th

The Laguna Beach County Water District and the Gallery Q at the Susi Q (380 Third Street, Laguna Beach) have joined forces to present a series of classes, called the Art of Conservation, on water-wise gardens and an art show that captures the beauty of the gardens. Gianne de Genevraye will travel from Paris to lead a workshop on January 20 and a free lecture on January 21. Gianne de Genevraye is a native California who paints and exhibits worldwide, focusing on plants in climates similar to that of Southern California, Baja California, and the Mediterranean region.

“Art and water have been influential in shaping the history of our city,” said Renee Hinchey, general manager of the water district. “Due to the state’s ongoing drought conditions, saving water has become part of

our lifestyle. As a result, Laguna Beach has begun to embrace the aesthetics of sustainable plants and water-wise gardening.”

Gallery Q has announced a call for adult artists to submit their artwork. The theme is Plant a Seed, featuring the beauty of water-wise gardening. Formats include paintings, mixed media, photographs, jewelry, sculpture, textiles and ceramics. Entries may be submitted from 5 to 7 p.m., Jan. 12 and from 3 to 5 p.m., Jan. 13 at the Susi Q.

[Download a PDF entry form for Plant a Seed artists here](#)

“We are excited to partner with the water district and highlight waterwise gardens in this era of drought,” said Laurie Smith, co-arts director at the Susi Q. Both student and adult winners will be exhibited in the gallery from Jan. 14 through Feb 24.

Susi Q Classes will be held Jan. 20 and 21.

- An artist-led tour of the Hortense Miller Gardens for a \$75 fee. Reservations required through mailto: Gianne@Gianne.org
- California–friendly landscape training, from 9 a.m. to noon, Jan. 21; no charge, but call (494) 342-1432 for reservations
- A conversation with artist Gianne de Genevraye from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Jan. 21 – no charge.
- An artist’s reception will follow the Art of Conservation opening exhibit – no charge.

For more information, www.lbcwd.org

*Barbara Diamond – Stu News
Bryce Alderton – Daily Pilot*

Taken from from Stu News and Daily Pilot article (condensed by Lynn Jax)





Darling December Centerpiece

Maggie Siegel's woodland Christmas tree decorated the treats table at the December meeting. Maggie originally made this critter filled tree for her mother to have at her home during the holidays.

Hedgehogs, possums and other cute animals swung from the branches of this naturally colored Christmas tree.

We look forward to the January design by Bill and Elizabeth Kramer!

Recognition Awards

We are creating four new awards to recognize club members and their tremendous efforts that support the club. All members are encouraged to nominate a fellow club member to take notice of their activities and volunteer efforts in which they participate.

Nominations will be accepted at the **April 14, 2017** general meeting. Forms will be forthcoming. Be prepared to write a short explanation for your nominee. The winners will be awarded at the **May 12, 2017** general meeting.

Categories are:

1. Club Member of the Year
2. Rookie Member of the Year
3. Gardener of the Year
4. Garden of the Year



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