



# Weeder's Digest

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Debra Prinzing *presents*

"AMERICAN BEAUTY: THE SLOW FLOWERS MOVEMENT, FROM THE FIELD TO THE VASE"

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This month's meeting:  
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April 10, 2015

"American Beauty: The Slow Flowers Movement, From the Field to the Vase"

Presented by:

Debra Prinzing

Laguna Presbyterian Church  
Tankersley Hall  
415 Forest Ave.  
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

10 a.m. - 12 noon

 Plan to arrive at 9:30 a.m. for our pre-meeting social, which includes refreshments, visiting our plant & boutique tables, meeting other members, & the opportunity to sign up for our **Member's Tour & Green Thumb Project** (more information on this, on page 9).

**Debra Prinzing** is a Seattle and Los Angeles-based writer who can credit her happy existence writing about gardens and home design to great preparation: a degree in textiles and design and a long career in journalism. She has been called: "... an impassioned advocate for a more sustainable flower industry."

Debra scouts, writes about and styles gardens, interiors and floral design projects. She is contributor to *Better Homes & Gardens* and her articles on interior design, architecture and gardening topics appear regularly in the *Los Angeles Times*.

She has lectured on gardening topics for major flower and garden shows in Seattle, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Atlanta.

Debra has also appeared as a guest designer on HGTV's "Outer Spaces" with Susie Coelho.

A Master Gardener, Debra has studied landscape horticulture and design at South Seattle Community College. Debra is current president of Garden Writers Association and a member of the Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers.

Her avid "helpers" in her Seattle garden efforts are sons Benjamin (20) and Alexander (16), who love to learn botanical names for plants. Their current favorite is "Kniphofia." Her husband, Bruce Brooks, pushes a mean lawnmower and can't quite figure out how this all happened.

She is the author of seven books, including:

- *Slow Flowers: Four Seasons of Locally Grown Bouquets from the Garden, Meadow and Farm* (St. Lynn's Press, 2013)
- *The 50 Mile Bouquet: Seasonal, Local and Sustainable Flowers* (St. Lynn's Press, 2012), created with photographer David E. Perry
- the Garden Writers Association award-winning *Stylish Sheds and Elegant Hideaways: Big Ideas for Small Backyard Destinations* (Clarkson Potter/Publishers, 2008), created with photographer William Wright
- *The Abundant Garden*, created with photographer Barbara J. Denk (Cool Springs Press, 2005).





# President's Message *from Jorja Puma*

OK, this is it, the last month to **Inform and Invite EVERYONE** to purchase tickets for our 2015 Gate & Garden Tour (G&GT). You can proudly promote this Tour, " 'cuz, it's gonna be fab."

It's an adventure through a back section of Wood's Cove. A short walk through a few blocks of history, transitions and today's interpretations of one of Laguna's eclectic niches. An intimate experience with charm.

The Tour begins in the lovely gardens of Arabella Laguna in North Laguna, which, once again, Connie Maxsenti has graciously donated for our registration, refreshment, and raffle area. It is a lovely piece of Laguna's history; a one-of-a-kind in this unique City.

From there, with an icy bottle of water and a homemade cookie or two, ticket holder's and volunteers will board a luxury bus, complete with guides to Woods Cove.

On your way, you will travel along a piece of Heisler Park, a beautifully defined edge of Laguna's coastline and enjoy a view of the newly dedicated Sister City Garden in which we take so much pride.

This year, the tour ends with a plant and craft fair organized by our Ways and Means energetic bunny, Elaine Davis. You will have the opportunity to purchase many one-of-a-kind items. The boutique will be open to the public, so pull out your bullhorns and invite "one and all."

Incredibly talented Carolyn Bent is putting together our brochure this year. I am extremely excited to see how she interprets her photos of the gardens and pairs them with the fascinating facts told by Nancy Englund. This year's cover will be in full color and will introduce the official G&GT Logo, designed by Bill Atkins. 2015's tour guide of Wood's Cove will be a keepsake, for sure!

Bookmarks with all the information needed for purchasing tickets have been printed in abundance and are available for members to help promote the tour. We will have them at the April meeting, or you can pick them up now by contacting Nancy Englund or Jeanne Yale.

LET'S SELL THIS TOUR OUT! That would be a wonderful first. Not only would the revenue we collect continue to support our many contributions to our community, education, and ecological projects, but it will also open the door to new projects for our club to embrace. And besides that, 600 individuals will have had a wonderful peak into a quiet neighborhood of Laguna and memories to last a lifetime.

So, we've had this garden for almost 30 years, and this was the first time we have had "hummingbird moths" or more correctly, White Lined Sphinx Moths visit.

Seriously, I thought I had dwarf hummingbirds at first, but then I remembered hearing something about Hummingbird moths. So, I visited Google.

They were here for no more than 3 weeks, and then poof, gone. I don't get it. I couldn't find an answer to their sudden disappearance. I talked to someone else who had the same thing happen to them in Central California. But we don't know why. Just visiting, I guess.

What I did read is that the rain pattern in our local deserts this winter was so widespread it was conducive to a lush desert growth. This growth means it will be a big year for both Caterpillars and adult White Lined Spinx Moths in our area.

So, perhaps they will be back? Do we want them?

## *Tidbits from our Garden:*



## LBGC Directors 2014-2015

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Garden Tour

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**Vernetta Lieb**  
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**Nancy Lawrence**  
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**Jeanne Yale**  
Past President



Please  
*welcome*  
our  
**New Members**

**Cheryl Bartetzko**  
**Christine Greve**  
**Myrna Silverman**



**Our Club is a  
MEMBER of:**



**Orange County District**  
[www.ocdistrict.org](http://www.ocdistrict.org)

**California Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
[www.californiagardenclubs.com](http://www.californiagardenclubs.com)

**NEXT MEETING:**

CGCI's 84th annual convention will be held June 8-12, in Reno, NV.

**Pacific Region**

[www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org](http://www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org)

**NEXT CONVENTION:**

Pacific Region Garden Clubs annual convention will be held April 20-22, in Eugene, OR.

**National Garden Clubs, Inc.**

[www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

**NEXT CONVENTION:**

NGCI annual convention will be held May 12-18, in Louisville, KY.

**APRIL  
6**

**O.C. District Meeting**



**SHERMAN GARDENS**

**2647 East Coast Highway**  
**Corona del Mar, CA 92625**  
**949-673-2261**  
[www.slgardens.org](http://www.slgardens.org)

**10:00 a.m.** Business meeting  
and installation of new Orange  
County District Officers

**11:30 a.m.** Lunch

It is always a pleasure to visit  
Sherman Library and Gardens.  
After lunch the library and  
gardens will be open for you to  
enjoy on your own.

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May for the members of the

Ashley King, Editor



Additional information about the club can be found at:



[www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org](http://www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org)

Please contact **Elaine  
Davis** for more OC  
District meeting  
information.



# PHOTO CONTEST GOING ON NOW!

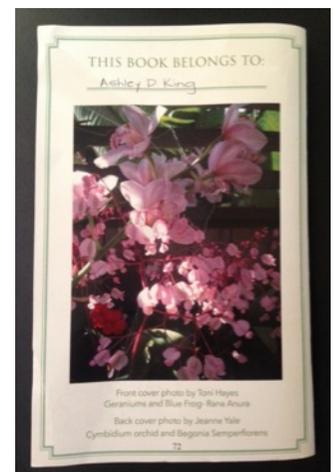
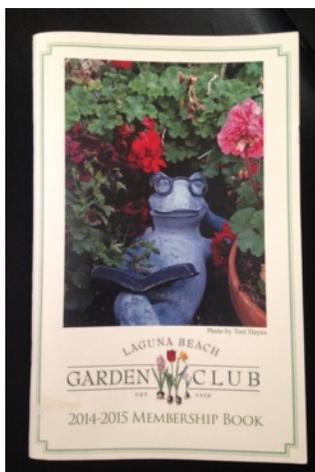
It's that time again!!! Our annual photo contest is in full effect! Every year we put out a request for our members to submit photographs from their gardens. The first and second place entries are featured on the front and back covers of our membership directory. The winner of the ninth annual contest is Toni Hayes' relaxing comical frog nestled amongst some colorful geraniums. Second place was awarded to Jeanne Yale's beautiful array of pink begonias and cybidium orchids.

## PHOTO CONTEST RULES

1. Photo entries are due to the contest committee chair, Laura McCants, on or before April 17, 2015. Any entries received after April 17, 2015 will not be included in the contest.
2. Only one entry per garden club member is allowed.
3. The entry can be either vertical or horizontal format, though vertical is preferred.
4. If entered via U.S. mail, no identifying information (regarding the submitter) should be written on the back of the photo.
5. The entry must be a recent photo of some part of the member's garden.
6. By submitting the entry, the member declares that he/she owns the right to the photo.
7. Entries will be judged at the April 27th Board meeting.
8. The winner's photo will be featured on the front cover of the 2015-16 membership book, and the second place winner will be featured on the back cover.

For information, contact:

Laura McCants  
144 Westport  
Newport Beach, CA 92660  
[lauramccants@cox.net](mailto:lauramccants@cox.net)  
910-0411





## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership forms for the 2015-2016 year are now out and ready to be completed! Completely fill out your membership form, as well as pay your membership dues (\$45) on or before our April meeting and be entered into a drawing to win a beautiful centerpiece to take home with you!



Check out our awesome new logo!!

## April's Refreshments

\* Don't forget! \*



Joyce Hill  
Gayle Whitaker  
Shirley Case  
Maggie Owens  
Jorja Puma

Nancy Boone  
Fay Bowman  
Birgitta Schoen  
Pat Acree



*Centerpiece...*



*Dalynn Malek*

has generously offered to bring in the centerpiece for our April meeting. Thank you!



## Gate & Garden Tour Volunteers

For those of you who are interested in volunteering for our annual Gate & Garden Tour, please sign up at our April meeting. For the wonderful folks who have already volunteered, your assignments will be passed out at the April meeting. If you are unable to attend the April meeting, your assignments will be mailed to you. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!!!

## BOUTIQUE TABLES

Whether *gifting yourself, a loved one or a friend*, our boutique tables will provide you with many different options! In addition to our famous gloves, aprons and Gate & Garden Tour books, there are always other awesome & unique items available for purchase. Be sure to stop by and check it out!

Spread the *Love & Sunshine...*



If you know of a member who might need a little cheering up - **a little sunshine** - because of illness or any other reason, please contact our Sunshine Chairperson, **Dee Koski**, and she will send them a note to let them know we are thinking of them. Dee can be reached at (949) 494-1459 or at [kl.koski@cox.net](mailto:kl.koski@cox.net)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Don't worry...  
We've got you  
covered.



RECAP

To see more images from the parade, please visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Laguna-Beach-Garden-Club/122398214486940?fref=ts>

## Patriot's Day Parade - March 7, 2015

By: Ashley King

Every year, Laguna hosts its annual Patriot's Day Parade. Last year, the parade was cancelled due to expected rain. What a difference a year makes! This year's parade was held on a BEAUTIFUL, sunny, Southern California morning. The sun was out bright and warm. We'd put out a request at one of our meetings, asking any members if they were interested in volunteering their vehicle to be decorated and represent our club. I didn't know much about the parade and its history, but I couldn't allow us to NOT have a float, so I raised my hand to volunteer one of our vehicles. I didn't know which one it would be, because we have a Tacoma and a Tahoe, neither of which I imagine to be decorated as a float, but hoped that one would do.... I talked with my parents who own a soft-top Jeep, and a green one at that (how fitting for our GARDEN club). After speaking with Carolyn Bent, our club member and float designer, she decided the Jeep would be the best choice. We

removed the top and took it over to Dixie Henry's home on the Friday before the parade to be decorated by Carolyn and her daughter Katie. When we came back, early Saturday morning, we were blown away by how beautifully arranged everything was. Every last flower was meticulously placed. The Jeep hadn't even looked so beautiful! Jason (my husband) volunteered to drive, Lewie offered to be Captain America (in honor of it being the "Patriot's Day Parade") and said he'd wave to every person he could. Taylor offered to hold the banner with Tom Hensel. Some of our members arrived at Dixie's, early that morning to learn their drill routine and put on a fabulous little performance many times throughout the parade route as "The Rakettes.." Other members were dressed as beautiful butterflies and handed out bookmarks to folks along the route. Another year, another trophy for our wonderful club as we placed 3rd in this year's parade! Such an honor! Such a huge thank you to Carolyn & Katie Bent for their beautiful float design, to everyone who marched, performed, passed out bookmarks & supported our club & also to Doug Miller for capturing such great images of our club! Thank you to everyone!!!



## Volunteers of the Month...

You, too, can win recognition for anything you do that benefits the club. We want to cast a wide net and catch any member who volunteers time. For instance, we expect you all to fill out a ticket stub with your name at the meeting.

Remember activities such as the Pocket Park, Hortense Miller Garden, Library Planters, the school gardens – all qualify you to win a pin & special prize.



Thank you,  
Lynn Jax

**WINNER for March 2015** – Gloria Manders was one of our winners for February. She drew our Volunteer of the Month for March at our meeting. Congratulations to our Volunteer of the Month, **Karen Nelson**, our wonderful volunteer of the month! Your time and dedication to our club is very much appreciated!!!



**MARCH'S**  
centerpiece was  
brought to you by

*Jeanne Vale*

Thank you for  
your willingness to  
help! We are so  
grateful for you!



Thank you to these  
wonderful folks for all  
of the tasty  
refreshments they  
provided for our  
March meeting.

Nancy Pink  
Chris Ranabargar  
Bonnie Smith  
Sally Pack

Pat Acree  
Lisa Mahar  
Maggie Siegel  
Diane Lannon

## PENNY PINES (REFORESTATION PROJECT)



At each of our monthly meetings, we collect loose change from those members who wish to donate to this wonderful cause. At March's meeting, we collected: **\$90.21.**

Thank you, Kathleen Kane, for your help and dedication to this wonderful cause!

Member Tours & Travel :  
Member's Home Gardens



Each year, a few of our members open up their yards and gardens for us to stop by and visit.... For March, Tom arranged for us to view some lovely gardens and we have just a few photos to share. We were all so busy enjoying our surroundings and company.



**Please visit & "Like" our Facebook page for all updates and photos of our Tours & Travel events and more! Please feel free to tag yourself in any of the photos you are in and share any you may have as well!**

Green Thumb Project:  
"Not-for-stepping-on" Stepping Stone



Our Green Thumb Project for the month of March was presented by Miss Elaine Davis. She helped our members create their very own "not-for-stepping-on" stepping stones.... These projects are ALWAYS a wonderful time to gather with other members in a casual setting to get creative or share and learn ideas with one another. Thank you Elaine for a



**Please visit & "Like" our Facebook Page to see all of the photos from our Green Thumb Projects and more! Please feel free to tag yourself in any of the photos you are in!**



## UPCOMING *events*



### GREEN THUMB PROJECT

  
SIGN UP AT  
OUR APRIL  
MEETING!

Our monthly Green Thumb Project will be held on **April 17, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.** We will be planting on driftwood, presented by Mrs. Natalie Harlow-Alison..

Where: The Home of Natalie Harlow-Alison  
(see pg. 33 in our membership directory)

R.S.V.P: Sign-up at our April Meeting

Cost: \$20



  
SIGN UP AT  
OUR APRIL  
MEETING!



### MEMBER TOURS & TRAVEL

On **Friday, April 24, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.**, join Tom and other Garden Club members on a docent guided Tour of the South Coast Botanic Garden on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Sign ups & details will be provided at our April meeting.

APRIL  
11 & 25

Garden Walks with

LAGUNA NURSERY'S *Ruben Flores*

Come join Laguna Nursery's Ruben Flores on yet another amazing Garden Walk (or 2)! Venture along as Ruben takes us through beautiful parts of Laguna Beach with all of his knowledge, energy and humor! \$10 purchase at the nursery serves as your ticket to join. Always a great time!!!

Where: Laguna Nursery  
1370 S. Coast Hwy.  
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Time: 10:00 a.m.  
(arrive a few minutes early)



Laguna Nursery

2015's

GATE & GARDEN TOUR

Woods Cove

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Title: **Gate & Garden Tour of Woods Cove**

presented by the  
Laguna Beach Garden Club

Date: Friday, May 1, 2015

Time: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tickets: \$45 in advance,  
\$50 on tour day

Description: A self guided walking tour of  
cottage gardens in historic Woods  
Cove near Bluebird Park.



Gate & Garden Tour





# Helping Hands

“Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.”  
-unknown

Many of us want to help, but aren't exactly sure what to do, how we can help, or where our help is needed. This section, called "Helping Hands," is here to help inform folks about many of the projects our wonderful club is a part of, while also sharing the areas where help may be needed and, of course, always appreciated!!! We have such an incredible group of individuals and volunteers who give so freely in so many different areas. All of what we do and all that we are wouldn't be possible without you!!!

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!



Our biggest fundraising event of the year, our **Gate & Garden Tour**, is coming up on **Friday, May 1!** The gardens on this year's tour are incredible and we need your help to pull it all together! We are especially needing volunteers for the afternoon time slots. As a volunteer, you will be invited for a pre-tour a few days prior to the actual tour date and also

allowed complimentary access the day of (May 1)! What a treat!! **Volunteer sign-up sheets will be passed around again at our April meeting.** We are SO excited for this event and hope you will join us! Please contact Jeanne Yale, [jeanne.yale@cox.net](mailto:jeanne.yale@cox.net).

 SIGN UP AT  
OUR APRIL  
MEETING!



## GOT COOKIES??

If you love to bake and love to share, we can use your help! Each year, some of our members bake up some incredible treats that are passed out to our **Gate & Garden Tour** guests. This has added a fun and delicious element to our **Gate & Garden Tour**. Please volunteer to contribute 2 dozen fabulous, homemade cookies for our guests. There will be a sign-up sheet at our next meeting, or you can, email Jackie Knauer: [jackie.knauer@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.knauer@gmail.com) or Jorja Puma: [paja143@me.com](mailto:paja143@me.com) and we will make sure your name gets on the list. Thank you in advance!

## 2 MORE BY-LAW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED



We are looking for 2 more members who are interested in joining our By-Law Committee. Our Vice President, Lynn Jax, will be heading this committee. If you are interested, please email **Lynn Jax** at [jax@cox.net](mailto:jax@cox.net) or **Jorja Puma** at [paja143@me.com](mailto:paja143@me.com).

## FOR THE PLANT & BOUTIQUE TABLE

Gloria Manders is requesting **flowering plants and plastic bags with handles** for our plant table. Feel free to bring in anything that you think our members will enjoy. We always look forward to these treasured finds! Please contact Gloria Manders at (949) 494-4593 with any questions. Thank you so much!



Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.  
-John Wooden