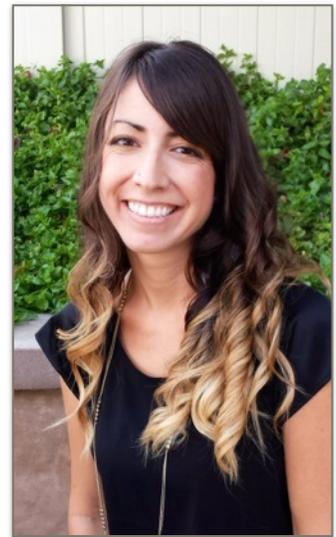




A Note from the Editor:

A big “Hello” to everyone! “Welcome” to our new members and “Welcome back!” to those returning! I’d like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Ashley King and what a wonderful opportunity I’ve been given, to join the board as your Newsletter Editor for this upcoming year! I get pretty excited about things (you’ll soon learn this), and quickly accepted when I was asked to take over the newsletter. Immediately, upon accepting the position, the nerves set in! “Oh no! I’ve got to fill Jorja’s shoes! She’s done a fantastic job and I have absolutely no idea what I’m doing!” I love this club! I love gardening. I love to write and I’m willing to learn. That’s got to count for something, right? Well, here I am! I am very much looking forward to a wonderful year together, full of learning, gardening, sharing, laughing and getting to know each other. If we haven’t yet met, please come find me at one of our meetings and introduce yourself! That would make me so happy.



Feel free to share your feedback, comments, what you’d like to see more of, less of, and everything in between. You can reach me at ADKblog@gmail.com. I can’t promise you’ll love what I write, but you have my word, I’ll do my best and give it all I’ve got. We’ve got an exciting year ahead of us, full of intelligent and inspiring guest speakers. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a passionate and dedicated Board of Directors who genuinely care so much about this club and the community. It is truly a blessing for me to be a part of it! Here’s to many new friends, ideas, flowers, fruits, smiles, gardens, adventures and laughter ahead, together! I can’t wait!

Happy Gardening,

Ashley King

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Laguna Beach Garden Club
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Laguna Beach, CA 92652
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This month's meeting:

September 12, 2014

"Fire Friendly Landscaping"

Presented by:

Laguna Beach Fire Dept.

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 & glove/merchandise tables, meeting other members, & the opportunity to sign up for our **Member Tour** and **Green Thumb Project**. (more information on these, on page 7).

Message about Programs for 2014-2015

As your Vice President, I'd like to first welcome you all to another new and exciting season for our Garden Club. When you receive your new Membership Book, you'll see we have a terrific line-up of speakers so these next nine months promise not to disappoint. Starting with September 12 our very own Laguna Beach Fire Department will present "Fire Friendly Landscaping" and possibly bring their fire engine (barring any unforeseen incident). As California is still experiencing a severe drought (three years to date) and as part of life living in a drought, this program should be beneficial to all of us.

Secondly, remember to take advantage of free or low cost parking available in Laguna. Free parking in the lot along Laguna Canyon Road for spaces 300-422. All day parking for \$3 in the same lot in spaces 185-228 and in the Lumberyard Lot next to City Hall. That way you don't have to worry about moving your car to avoid the ever-diligent meter maids.

And lastly, as a gentle reminder in consideration of our speaker and audience, please refrain from conversations during the presentation. Also during the Question and Answer period at the conclusion, please be respectful of those who ask questions and those who want to hear the answers. And please **NOTE***, if you must leave prior to its end, please sit in the rear of the hall and exit quietly. Your fellow Garden Club members will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Looking forward to another great year,
Lynn Jax



President's Message from Jorja Puma

I want to begin by thanking Jeanne Yale for her exceptional service to Laguna Beach Garden Club as president for the past two years and for her continued service as a valuable member of our board and club.

During the summer, Jeanne presented scholarships from LBGC to Laguna Beach High School students, refreshed the Pocket Garden at the Presbyterian Church, and organized and worked the Green Day Event at the Sawdust Festival. She delivered flowers to Heisler Park for Memorial Day and both the Laguna Beach Library and Susi Q Senior Center during Garden Week. Jeanne also attended multiple community events representing our organization and volunteered to help water Thurston's school garden. She is an invaluable member of our club and has been especially important to me as a regarded mentor and friend. Thank you, Jeanne.

Jeanne was not alone in working throughout the summer. I would like to extend my gratitude to all who participated these last few months to insure the character of our club as well as the success of our upcoming season.

I am also extremely grateful to Ashley King for taking on my vacated position as Newsletter Editor of Weeder's Digest. This year the newsletter will be offered not only through email, but also on our website and Facebook pages. Make sure to read the newsletter; it is an important source of information for our members. Ashley is full of enthusiasm for our club and a welcome member on the board.

During the summer, Ashley put together and emailed you an outstanding recap of our 2014 Gate & Garden Tour in Crescent Bay. If you missed the recap, you can find it on both of our Facebook pages and our website.

Your Membership Book is another great source of information where you will find an answer to almost all of your LBGC questions. I rarely go a day without referring to mine. Please be sure and pick up your copy at our general meetings.

It is my privilege to serve as president of LBGC and its amazing collection of members and incredible board and committee volunteers. You make our club extraordinary. Thank you.

I am fortunate to have met many of our members and look forward to cultivating our relationships as well as acquainting myself with those I have not yet met. Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts, observations and suggestions.

In the next two years, I look forward to working alongside our board members and committee chairs to continue the spirit of our club's generosity. We will continue the charitable attitude of LBGC through the promotion and education of gardening and our support for environmental and beautification projects.

For those of you who don't know, my husband, Robb, and I have a hillside garden that is filled with wonder and delight as well as many challenges. Every month, I plan to share a tidbit or two of interesting happenings in our small piece of heaven.

The Coffee Bean Tree:

Ruben Flores planted a coffee bean tree approximately three years ago at the top of one on the inclines in our yard and the tree is unusually prolific this summer. Our son Anthony, with the direction and help of our club's very own coffee expert, Mary Williams, and his little helpers, twins, Isabella and Cadence, harvested, roasted and brewed delicious coffee from mature beans. For Anthony, the process has been time consuming, but well worth it. So far, we have been rewarded with more than a pound of delicious coffee! Anthony has so enjoyed the process and the rewards that he wants us to plant more coffee bean trees. Who knows, Puma's Laguna Coffee Roast may be available on our plant table soon?

Jorja





2014-2015 Membership Books

Our new directories will be available for pick-up at our September general meeting. When picking up your membership book, you will be asked to sign a roster indicating you have received your book. Also, be sure to sign the back cover of your Directory so it can be returned to you if lost. Thank you, Dalynn Malek, for all your hard work on these!

This month's centerpiece will be brought to you by

Linda Humes

Thank you in advance, Linda!



The refreshments for this month's meeting will be provided by the Board Members.



Gate & Garden Tour Info for 2015

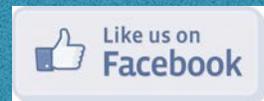
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Title:** Gate & Garden Tour of Woods Cove presented by the Laguna Beach Garden Club
- Date:** Friday May 1, 2015
- Time:** 11am – 4pm
- Tickets:** \$45 in advance, \$50 on tour day
- Description:** A self guided walking tour of cottage gardens in historic Woods Cove near Bluebird Park.

For more info, please visit www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org

There are still some remaining copies of our beautifully designed Gate & Garden Tour (of Crescent Bay) hardback books. Check out our Glove Table at our first meeting to purchase yours!

\$50



"Gate & Garden Tour"

PLANT TABLE

Please bring in plants, pots, misc. items and plastic bags for our first Plant Table Sale of the year!



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

GLOVES & GOURDS

Yes, we will be selling gloves at the September meeting. Visit the table where our Glove Guru Girls, Mary Williams and Lynette LaRoche, are ready to help you find the right fit and the right colors. You will also find a decorated gourd donated by Gourds Gone Wild and offered for purchase.

UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



GREEN THUMB PROJECT

Join us this month & make your very own
Fabulous Succulent Wreath!!

HOSTESS: Jeanne Yale
WHEN: **September 19th, 2014** at 9:30 a.m.
WHERE: 502 Pearl Street, Laguna Beach
(949) 497-9400
COST: \$15.00 at time of sign up

 You will need to bring succulent cuttings and/or plants for your wreath. You should make your cuttings 3 to 4 days before the event. All other materials will be furnished.



Succulent Wreath
made by: Jeanne Yale

MEMBER TOUR

On, **September 26, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.**, join Tom and other Garden Club members as we venture out on an O. C. Nursery Safari, including a brand new location for an old favorite, a guided tour around the largest nursery in Orange County and perhaps lunch afterwards.

Laguna Hills Nursery

1829 N. Tustin Ave.
Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 542- 5600

Village Nursery

1582 N. Tustin Ave.
Orange, CA 92867
(714) 441-9062



Let's go
on an
adventure
together


SIGN UP AT
OUR SEPT.
MEETING!



South Laguna Community Garden Park's 5th Anniversary



The South Laguna Community Garden Park will be celebrating its five-year anniversary at The Ranch at Laguna Beach. This is an event you don't want to miss! With the purchase of your ticket, you will gain admission to the event, see a variety of live musical performances, & the opportunity to join in on the Silent Auction fun, all while helping to support a wonderful cause! A BBQ dinner is also included. Yum! What better way to spend a beautiful Sunday evening than this? We hope to see you there!

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Where: The Ranch at Laguna Beach
31106 Coast Hwy.
Laguna Beach, CA

When: Sunday, September 7, 2014 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$75.00

R.S.V.P: (949) 499-1751 or visit southlaguna.org/garden

Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale

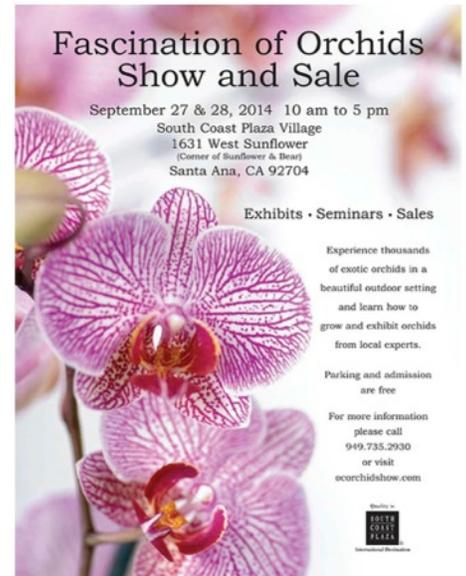
September 27 & 28, 2014
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

South Coast Plaza Village
1631 West Sunflower
(corner of Sunflower & Bear)
Santa Ana, CA 92704

For more information,
please call **949.735.2930** or visit ocorchidshow.com

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FREE
Parking &
Admission



UPCOMING DATES



Laguna Beach County Water District's 2014 Smartscape Info/Expo

Located at: 306 Third Street
Laguna Beach, CA

JOIN US AT THE 2014 SMARTSCAPE INFO/EXPO ON:
Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday, September 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Laguna Beach County Water District hosts an annual *SmartScape Info/Expo*, which highlights and promotes the benefits of using California native plants and efficient irrigation techniques in residential and commercial landscape settings.

Throughout the two-day event, residents can meet with experts covering topics such as: Landscape design, irrigation system design and construction, sprinkler retrofit and repair, irrigation timer scheduling, drip irrigation system installation, selecting and caring for California natives, hummingbird and butterfly habitat construction, and container garden building. California native plants and the latest efficient irrigation products are spotlighted in exhibits provided by local nurseries and irrigation manufacturers.

 All info copied from lbcwd.org.

GET READY! ↘



NOVICE ROSE SHOW

Bring in your best roses and you could win the "Best of Show" prize! Now is a good time to fertilize your roses in preparation for the Laguna Beach Garden Club's Novice Rose Show, which will be held on **October 10, 2014** at our regularly scheduled meeting. Detailed information will be coming as an email and also in the October Weeder's Digest. For more information, please contact: **Vernetta Lieb** [310-750-6857](tel:310-750-6857) vernetta2@cox.net



AND LAST,
but certainly not least....

one of a kind

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 GARDEN WALKS with
RUBEN FLORES exploring
Landscapes & Gardens in &
around Laguna Beach....

Saturday, September 13
Saturday, September 27

Meet at **Laguna Nursery**
at **10 a.m.**

Mark your calendars!

www.LAGUNANURSERY.net

GARDEN CABARET

Join Saif Edden & Friends
"Music of the Night"

Friday, September 19
6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Get your tickets
\$45 in advance
\$55 at the door

Tickets available by calling the
nursery at **949.494.5200**

No cost for this class!

THE POTTING SHED

401 W. CHAPMAN AVE.
ORANGE, CA
714.941.9672

Plant your very own Birdcage Garden!
You can join in on the next class being
held on:

Sunday, September 14, at 10 a.m.

There will be birdcages for purchase or
feel free to bring your own. Call the
store for details. **714.386.3284**



Sharing Seeds of Knowledge....

The miracle is this... The more we share, the more we have. - *unknown*

This "Sharing Seeds of Knowledge" Section is where members will be able to share information they believe will be beneficial to any or all other members of the Garden Club. If members have any garden-related questions or are looking for any particular plants, etc., that information can be listed here as well. Hopefully this will be a fun place to share, learn and grow together!

Please contact Ashley at ADKblog@gmail.com or **949.923.8940**



Going Green?

By: Elaine Davis

I have joined the crowd, taken out a lawn, brought in a 2200 pound rock, laid down artificial turf and commissioned Succulent Stories to do 4 potted gardens. I love the results and want to share them with you.



Our lovely Lynn has recommended a fantastic blog by Cindy McNatt, www.dirtdujour.com. There are some wonderful, recent posts, containing such useful information. We hope you'll take a look!!



Two more

bright stars in the sky....

Brownie St. Clair,

April 2014

&

Martha "Martie" McCluskey,

July 2014 - (pictured below)

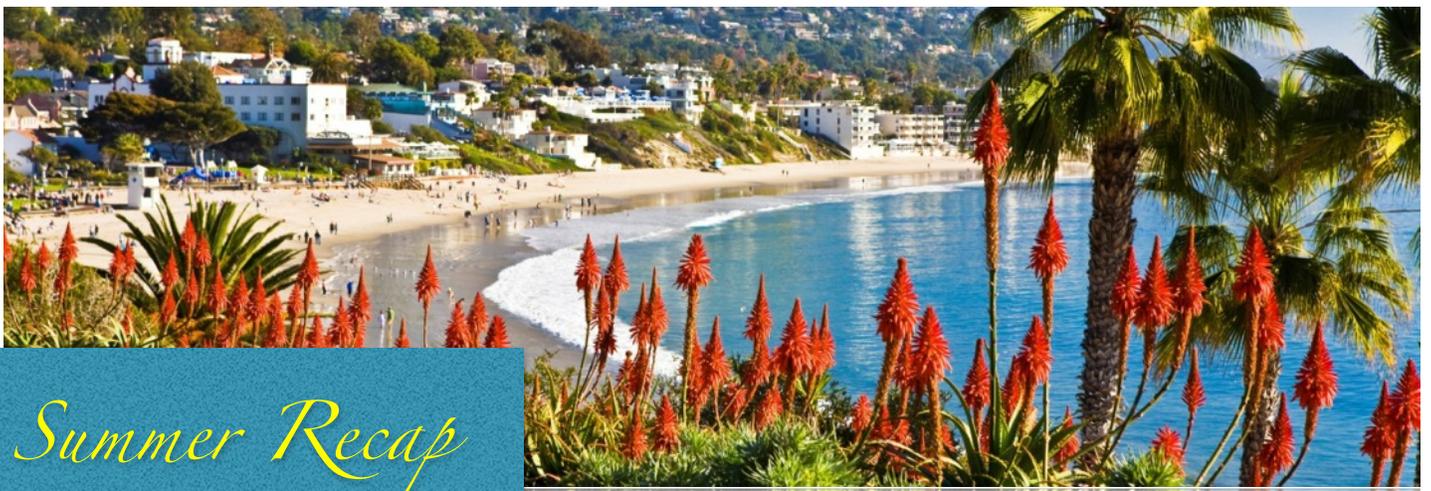


Our hearts were heavy to learn that another beloved member of our Garden Club, Martie McCluskey (pictured to the left), passed away on July 19. Martie joined the club in 2001. She passed the Penny Pines basket for three years and she and her husband, Jim, cared for the Pocket Park for about three years as well.

To read Martie's entire Obituary, please visit www.lagunabeachindy.com/martie-mccluskey/.

Earlier this year, in April, we lost, beloved former member of our Garden Club, Brownie St. Clair. We are saddened that we do not have a photo to share, but many of you may remember Brownie, as she joined the club in 1997 and helped at the attendance/name tag table for seven years.

Our deepest condolences go out to both families of these wonderful women.



Summer Recap

Laguna Beach Garden Club at the Sawdust Festival

By: Ashley King



On Saturday, July 19th, members from our Garden Club came together to volunteer for the Sawdust Festival's annual "Green Day," which promotes "going green," and preserving the resources that we have.



Our booth was set up near the main deck and clock tower where we were able to greet plenty of happy visitors and hand out many

FREE succulent cuttings! We were so surprised to learn how many people had no idea what succulents are and how to care for them. It was an honor to be able to teach them about these water-wise and drought-tolerant plants, especially with our current water shortage.



We had our sample Olla on display with directions on its use and where to purchase one.

(Please see Vernetta's article on Ollas on page 14 for more information).

Wyland was present on the main deck, with a beautiful mural, teaching guests all about ocean preservation.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated cuttings to make this day so successful and so much fun!

Memorial Day at Heisler Park



This past Memorial day, May 26, Jeanne Yale (past President) delivered this beautiful arrangement to Heisler Park on behalf of the Laguna Beach Garden Club. We thought everyone would like to see our club's contribution. A huge thank you to Jeanne and also to Bev at **The Flower Stand** on Forest Ave. for making this arrangement for us!

(theflowerstand.vpweb.com)



No-one has
ever become
poor by giving.

~Anne Frank



In Honor of National Gardening Week....

June 1-7, 2014 was National Gardening week. Laguna Beach Garden Club donated this lovely bouquet of flowers to the Susi Q Senior Center, right here in Laguna Beach. How did *you* celebrate?

WHAT IS AN OLLA?

“An OLLA is an unglazed clay pot fired at a low temperature. This allows the pot to remain porous. The OLLA is buried in the ground with neck exposed and periodically filled with water. The water seeps into the soil at a rate that provides adjacent plants with a constant water source at the roots.”

(<http://drippingspringsollas.com/about-ollas/>)



Photo by: Vernetta Lieb

Be sure to check out the photos from our summer visit to the school gardens, online!

OLLA EXPERIMENT- Elaine's Report

By: Elaine Davis

Are you interested in Ollas? Do you want to learn more about them? Would you like to try one in your own garden? During the summer, LBGCC donated Ollas to Hortense Miller Gardens, Thurston Middle School and El Morro Elementary School.



Jeanne Yale, Jackie Knauer and I also tried them in our own vegetable gardens.

With the variety of settings and plantings used in our experiment, and monthly progress reports, we have gathered a lot of answers

and even some new questions. Online, we have found YouTube videos, blogs and websites where we are picking up useful information.

Perhaps we could even start sharing our own experiences on our website.



OLLA SUMMER PROJECT- Vernetta's Report

By: Vernetta Lieb

Laguna Beach Community Foundation's \$360 grant money is used for Olla summer trial project for water conservation. The use of Ollas, (pronounced O-yahs), is a primitive irrigation technique for water conservation. Some of our Garden Club members used this summer as a trial project to determine the Ollas value for watering plants.

The Board approved the purchase of 12 Ollas from Dripping Springs Ollas at \$30 each. (<http://drippingspringsollas.com>) Participants in the water conservation trial project included: El Morro's Elementary School Garden, Thurston's Middle School Garden & TOP's School Garden.

The terra cotta pores are what prompt the Olla to leak moisture. The Olla works with water pressure. It's best to keep the pot full for two reasons. When the unglazed pot is full and the soil pulls, water seeps through the pot walls to hydrate roots where the water is best utilized. Keeping the pot full of water also prevents salts from accumulating on the sides, which makes the pot less efficient by blocking the water flow.

Generally, participants filled the Olla twice a week and thought that the plants in a 36 inch circumference around the Olla did well.

When the Garden Club has 48 people who are interested in purchasing an Olla, we can order a pallet at a discounted price. Please email Elaine Davis at edavis1@cox.net to let her know you are interested.

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Next DISTRICT Meeting
9:00 a.m.

Environmental Nature Center
1601 E. 16th Street
Newport Beach, CA

www.encenter.org

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Ashley King, Editor

Additional information about the club can be found at:



www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org



Standing Committee Chairpersons and Assistants

You see.... All these wonderful individuals come together; they work together and create this incredibly solid group.... Our "Standing Committee Chairpersons and Assistants"
THANK YOU for all of your hard work and dedication!

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<i>Table Centerpieces</i>	Linda Humes
<i>Tours & Travel</i>	Tom Hensel

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

CALENDAR SUMMARY



Dates to Remember this Month

- 🌿 **Thursdays, Every Month, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** – Get dirty on Thursdays at Hortense Miller Garden. Bring your own tools, water & lunch! It's for a great cause!
- 🌿 **Sunday, September 7, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.** – Come celebrate South Laguna Community Garden Park's 5th Anniversary down at The Ranch at Laguna Beach (see pg. 7 for details)
- 🌿 **Friday, September 12, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.** – Monthly Club Meeting at Laguna Presbyterian Church, Tankersley Hall (see pg. 1 for details)
- 🌿 **Friday, September 19, 9:30 a.m.** – Green Thumb – Succulent Wreaths at Jeanne Yale's home (see pg. 6 for details)
- 🌿 **Saturday/Sunday, September 20/21 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** – Smartscape Info/Expo (see pg. 8 for details)
- 🌿 **Monday, September 22, 9:30 a.m.** – Board of Director's meeting at the home of Lynn Jax
- 🌿 **Friday, September 26, 9 a.m.** – Member Tour – Join Tom and other members on this wonderful tour to Laguna Hills Nursery and also to Village Nursery. (see pg. 6 for more details)
- 🌿 **Saturday/ Sunday, September 27/ 28 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** – Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale (see pg. 6 for more details)
- 🌿 **Monday, October 6, 9:00 a.m.** – District Meeting @ Then Environmental Nature Center in Newport Beach. (for more information, see pg. 15)