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GROWING &

Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest



MARCH 2018
MEMBER NEWS

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

For each petal on the Shamrock
This brings a wish your way
Good health, Good luck & happiness
For today and every day

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

This edition of the *Weeder's Digest* is filled with lots of opportunities to: visit the lovely Huntington Botanical Gardens, tour the iconic mid-century home of Hortense Miller, celebrate succulents in Bonsall, take a tour of Lotusland in Santa Barbara or celebrate the City of Laguna Beach's first annual Arbor Day. Sometimes we need to give ourselves a little push to go somewhere we are unsure about. Last month I had the wonderful opportunity to go on a sketching and painting tour of Cuba with two

girlfriends. This is me in Havana with one of the thousands of 50's cars that serve as taxis all over the country. I'm proudly wearing my LBGC sun hat!



COME JOIN IN
THE FUN

Events This Month

General Meeting March 9

Chris Epting
*It Happened Here-
Orange County
Edition* (see page 3)
Laguna
Presbyterian
Church • 9:30 am
social 10:00 am
meeting



Green Thumb March 16

Terrariums
Natalie Harlow-
Alison • 194
Acacia Dr.
Laguna Beach •
9:30 am



Tours & Travel March 23

Huntington Gardens

Visit the world famous gardens in Arcadia for a guided tour. Dinner in Pasadena for those who wish to stay & avoid the traffic.



President's Message

Changes Bloom as Spring Approaches

As Spring arrives so does the glorious changes of weather even here in Southern California with fluctuating weather and temperatures from brisk cold and wind to unseasonable sunny hot and dry days. Yes, folks we experience it all.

At our February 9 meeting, we celebrated the 90th Anniversary of Growing and Giving! The celebration included a delicious cake made by Connie Maxsenti and a beautiful centerpiece fashioned by Nancy Skjerven. The Laguna Beach City Council presented a Proclamation to Laguna Beach Garden Club, read aloud on

February 6 and read to the general membership at the February 9 meeting.

Congratulations to us!

I will not be able to attend the March 9 meeting as I am having surgery early in the week and the recovery time will be quite long. So I will see you all again in April.

Planting Your Spring Garden

For the Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of Peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peae of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip

2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce be Faithful
2. Lettuce be Kind
3. Lettuce be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

1. Turnip for Meetings
2. Turnip for Service
3. Turnip to Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

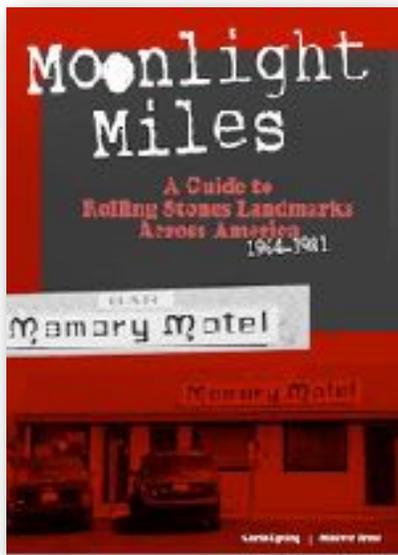
1. Thyme for Each Other
2. Thyme for Family
3. Thyme for Friendship



March Speaker Chris Epting Will Share Secret Places and Histories of Orange County

On Friday, March 9, the Laguna Beach Garden Club will present author and award winning journalist **Chris Epting**, one of the hosts of the documentary series called “It Happened Here” on the Reelz TV Network, which traces little-known landmarks and hidden pop culture histories around America.

His presentation will reveal many facts about locations from movies, music, baseball and much more. Chris has written 28 books including “James Dean Died Here” and “Teddy Roosevelt in California” as well as contributing to the Los Angeles Times and Travel + Leisure. He lives in Huntington Beach.

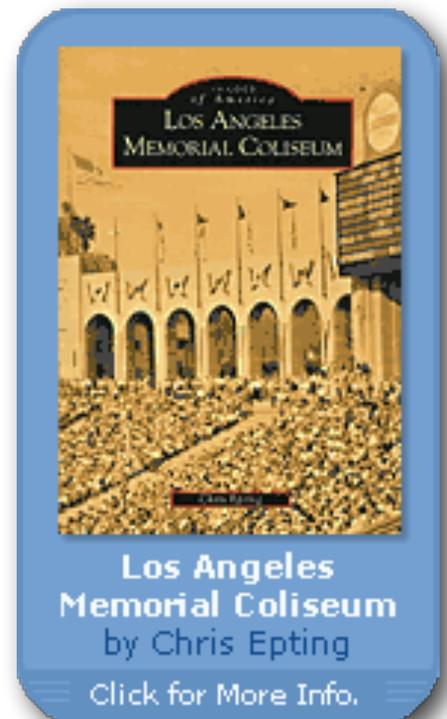
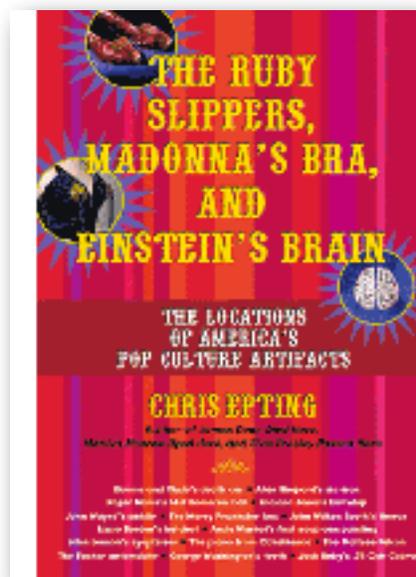


He will have a special presentation for us on Orange County that will reveal many things from right here in the OC,



Chris is a frequent featured guest on numerous radio and television programs such as National Public Radio’s “All Things Considered,” “The Savvy Traveler,” “Access Hollywood” and FOX TV’s the “Best Damn Sports Show Period,” plus international programs in Australia, Japan and the U.K.

from movies to music to baseball and lots more, including some incredible stories about the history right here in our own backyard. <http://chrisepting.com/>



IN FEBRUARY WE TOURED HORTENSE MILLER'S HOME & GARDEN



A group of 15 intrepid gardeners braved the chill wind and toured the Hortense Miller Garden and the Mid-Century Home on Friday, February 23.

The views were spectacular: white caps, sea, and sky forever!

We were led through the gardens by our own **Diane Lannon** as docent and **Sherry Stephens** as an additional fount of information.

The gardens are mostly native and drought-tolerant plants. Many plants are blooming. There has been a ton of work done on the grounds lately and everything is beautiful.

After our tour, a few of us ate in the dining area of the home while chatting and gazing at the beautiful views.

Do not miss the Open House at the Hortense Miller Garden and Home on March 24, 2018. There should be many more plants in bloom. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy it while wandering the grounds!

-Synthia Scofield



March Tours & Travel Takes Us To Huntington Library's Botanical Gardens

Tours & Travel - March 23 - meet at St. Catherine's Catholic Church on Temple Terrace at 8:45 AM - leaving promptly at 9:00 AM

Visit the world famous gardens in Arcadia for a guided tour. Join us for dinner in Pasadena if you wish to stay & avoid the traffic.



**You are invited to join the
Friends of the Hortense Miller
Garden
to Celebrate Spring!**

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **Continuous shuttle bus service from the First Church of Christ Scientist at 635 High Drive, Laguna Beach.**
- **Reservations are not necessary**
- **Bring your families and cameras**
- **Walking shoes recommended**
- **Donations gratefully accepted**

OPEN HOUSE



**Friends of the Hortense Miller Garden
P.O. Box 742
Laguna Beach, CA 92652**

**For information, visit
www.hortensemillergarden.org
or call 949 244-2010**

Facebook: Hortense Miller Garden

**The Hortense Miller Garden and its original
Mid-Century Modern home is on the
City of Laguna Beach Historic Register.**



CLUB NEWS

February's Centerpieces Deliciously Celebrated Our 90th Birthday

Connie Maxsenti baked the beautiful Valentine Day centerpiece for our February meeting. Slices of the delicious cake were shared with the members as we celebrated the 90th anniversary of the garden club. The lovely Hydrangia floral centerpiece that completed the table was designed by **Nancy Skjerven**. Thank you Ladies!



Volunteer of the Month

Etta Cannon was the winner of the *Volunteer of the Month* drawing in February. She was presented a Starbucks card by Vice President **Lisa Fecteau**.



Helpful Ideas

Have you visited our club website of late?

Tell me where a visitor to our club website could find a biographical blurb about Sue Goetz. The first member who emails me the correct answer will receive a gift at our March general meeting.

edavis1@cox.net Elaine Davis,

Garden Contest at Rogers Gardens



<http://www.rogersgardens.com/seminar-event/california-friendly-gardening-solutions-contest-3/>



2018 Gate & Garden Tour

Fancy to Fanciful Gardens of South Laguna

This year's walking tour on Friday, May 4 will take place along the charming tree-lined streets of South Laguna — where fancy to fanciful gardens grace a winding, three-quarter-mile downhill route toward the ocean. The event date falls on the “Eve of Cinco de Mayo,” so we will be celebrating with margaritas and Mexican food as well as free homemade cookies, complimentary refreshments and a raffle of prizes from local artists and businesses. In addition, plein air artists will be painting in several gardens.

The Gate & Garden Tour is the Club's major fundraiser. Proceeds go towards edible gardens at local schools, scholarships for high school and college students, civic beautification projects and environmental initiatives.

The self-guided tour is from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and starts at Arabella Laguna Historic Cottages, 506 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Laguna Beach. Shuttle buses will take tour goers from Arabella Laguna to the first garden and back at the end of the tour. The last shuttle bus leaves Arabella Laguna at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. Contact Nancy Englund for information nenglund@LagunaBeachGardenClub.org or go to www.LagunaBeachGardenClub.org.



**GATE & GARDEN
T O U R**



Calling all
Volunteers: All
hands will be
needed to
volunteer on
tour day to
make the
fundraiser a
success.
Volunteers can
take the tour
for FREE either
before or after
their shifts!

Valentine Container Auction Showcases Members' Creativity and Raises Money For Scholarships

On February 9, ninety club members attended our annual specialty event we call the Valentine Container Auction, where fellow club members create unique and one of a kind planters for others to bid on in a silent auction. What a huge success! Nearly 60 containers were donated along with three fabulous raffle items, which rounded out the event. Once again another fantastic auction. Thank you to all who brought in your creations and to all of who you bid on items to grace your home or to give to a friend. All the profits made will go to fund the school gardens and scholarships.



The variety of beautiful Valentine containers created by our members made for a lively silent auction. Four raffle ticket items also added to the array of amazing items to buy. **Elaine Davis** made the fabulous hot air balloon planter that was the hit of the raffle. The mosaic planter by **Marlo Bartels** also had many tickets in its #4 bag.



		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

Final Budget 2018 - 2019

Please review the Final Budget for 2018-2019. **We will be taking a vote at the April 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

Laguna Beach Garden Club is Honored by the City of Laguna Beach For 90 Years of Growing & Giving



PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LAGUNA BEACH GARDEN CLUB 90th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Laguna Beach Garden Club was established October 26, 1928 as an official garden club; and

WHEREAS, the original members of Laguna Beach Garden Club planted trees and advocated against the placement of billboards along the highway; and

WHEREAS, Laguna Beach Garden Club provides mentorships for students studying environmental science for Laguna Beach High School students, horticultural students at Saddleback College, and students at Laguna College of Art & Design (LCAD); and

WHEREAS, in 1999 Laguna Beach Garden Club began maintaining the Pocket Park on Forest Avenue as a civic beautification project after Walter van Grouw could not continue to care for the park he donated as a tribute to his wife and motherhood; and

WHEREAS, Laguna Beach Garden Club provides financial support and numerous volunteer hours to help maintain the historic Miller Garden; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 Laguna Beach Garden Club collaborated with Laguna Beach Beautification Council and Sister Cities Association to plant and maintain the Sister Cities Garden in Heister Park; and

WHEREAS, Laguna Beach Garden Club donates time and financial support for the three Laguna Beach school gardens at Top of the World, El Morro, and Thurston; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Laguna Beach, I hereby recognize the Laguna Beach Garden Club in all its endeavors to commemorate 90 years of service to the local community.

DATED: February 6, 2018

Kelly Boyd
Kelly Boyd
Mayor



In early January, President Lynn Jax sent an email to all members of the Laguna Beach City Council requesting a proclamation to acknowledge a milestone for Laguna Beach Garden Club in recognizing the club's 90th anniversary. At the February 6 City Council meeting Rob Zurschmeide, Mayor Pro Tem, read the Proclamation aloud to all in attendance, including some 15 club members. Congratulations to all of us in the club for keeping up the tradition of Growing and Giving, started in 1928.



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 2017-2018 membership directory. The winner of the eleventh annual contest was **Gayle Whitaker's** photo of Pelargonium & Sweet Broom that brings a spark of color to her beautiful garden. **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 **April 13, 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 23th 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.

For information contact:
Laura McCants
lauramccants@cox.net



Valentine Plant & Planter Sale

On February 10, LBGC hosted our first annual plant sale, held in Tankersley Hall and the patio area of Laguna Presbyterian Church. Fifteen vendors sold a variety of items ranging from succulents, cactus, pelargoniums, air plants, bromeliads, tentacle pots, gourds, unique pots, decorative vases, plant sticks, decorative rocks, turned wooden items, garden art, jewelry, pearls, products made from honey, and so many more things. In addition, our club sold plants, planted containers, and refreshments. The school gardens presented an interactive booth. We also held a raffle. A big thank you to the nearly 35 club members volunteered their time to ensure the success of this event. This is another stunning example of members of our club coming together to help out. All the profits made will go to fund the school gardens and scholarships.



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**1ST ANNUAL
ARBOR DAY**

Wednesday
MARCH 7, 2018

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
JAHRAUS PARK
Cliff Dr. & North Coast Hwy.

Event Activities:

- Tree Planting Ceremony
- Free tree advice on planting and caring for trees
- Free composting advice
- Meet your local community garden groups and tree advocates
- Fun activities for kids
- Gardening and planting giveaways
- Music

Recognition Awards

Four awards to recognize club members and their tremendous efforts that support the club are open for nominations. 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 13, 2018** general meeting. Forms will be forthcoming. Be prepared to write a short explanation for your nominee. The winners will be awarded at the **May 11, 2018** 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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